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No. 1.

The Railway Mail Service.

MANY of our readers are doubtless unaware of the vast amount of systematic work done by the postal clerks in railway post offices and the great improvement in rapid transit and delivery of mail matter, since the reorganization of this branch in 1874. We are indebted for much of our information to a description by a postal clerk, to the writer, a few years ago.

No correct idea of the nature of the duties of a railway postal clerk can be obtained from a word painting, he must be seen in his overalls and cap, that comprise his uniform in the car, with the table literally covered with mail matter, or at the door taking away from the many caravans, used in conveying them from the post office or depots, cumbersome sacks and piling the same.

Take a trip in fancy with us from Boston over the Boston, Springfield and New York night line, and your crude notions may be broadened.

The Boston, Springfield and New York railway post office is by far the most important of all lines that run through into New England. It is the main duct for all our Eastern States from New York, the South and the West, and is one of the most important in the country.

There are employed regularly on this line 72 clerks, 48 on the night line and 24 on the day lines. The importance of the night line cannot be better indicated than by the fact that twice as many men are needed to handle its vast mail. For this night line two regular mail cars are required, and one fitted up for storage, making a total of 170 feet of car space used for postal purposes, and every inch is utilized to advantage.

There are four crews, two on the road and two laying off. Each crew runs six nights and lays off six, which time he is expected to devote to rest and study. The former is absolutely necessary, the latter, as much so for success. But to our trip. At 6.30 p. m. the clerks are at the cars, which stand in the yard of the Boston and Albany depot all ready for business.

Convenient of access to the big lumbering mail wagons, which come rumbling up almost incessantly, until starting time.

The two mail cars measure 60 feet in length. They are heated by steam from the locomotive and well lighted by gas. Both are fitted up for the distribution of letters and papers.

In the immediate center of each is a long table occupying nearly two-thirds of the entire car, and on either side running the full length of the table is the rack on which the sacks and pouches are hung.

All the matter to be worked is dumped upon this table and thrown off into the sacks and pouches labelled for its destination. The farther ends of the cars are fitted up with letter cases ranged along the sides and ends, containing nearly 2000 pigeon holes, or boxes, into which the letters are placed for packages. Over each of these boxes is marked the town or route for which the mail is intended.

The rear car is known as the Massachusetts car, designated so by the clerks from the matter worked on the East-bound trip. In this car is found the clerk in charge. His position is scarcely an enviable one, even to his fellow clerks: he has much responsibility and many reports to make out daily, and on the car often works as hard as any of his men. Besides the supervision of the crew, he "works" New York State letters.

Next to him on the letter case is the "way clerk" who handles Connecticut and all packages addressed to the line made up by small offices and lines that do not have enough to make packages of cities and States. On the table are four men, whose duty is to separate the packages for the letter workers and throw off those made up for large cities and States not worked on the train.

One of the four men on this table is responsible for all the registered matter received and distributed. The forward car is known as the Maine

and New Hampshire car. In this car is the New York State paper man, who also handles Pennsylvania letters; a clerk for Connecticut papers and Western and Southern States: a New Jersey clerk, who works letters and papers for the Mosquito State.

And three city clerks, whose duty requires them to be familiar with the streets and street numbers, the large box holders and location of the banks, theatres and large buildings of the great metropolis. New York city letters are so distributed as to be ready for the early morning delivery from the general post office and its many stations. Just before 10.30 p. m. the registry clerk comes with his valuable load, which is scarcely stowed away before the puff from the locomotive and the grating of the wheels announce the start.

The mail has all been piled for delivery and distribution, and such a mass that would scarcely be believed by an ordinary observer to be only mail matter, but the clerks know and at a glance, how much is to be worked, and at once assume their respective places, and now the letters and papers begin to fly, as it were, to their destination. A scene presents itself at once remarkable and interesting.

The clerks carry a list of post offices at their wits' end of no less than 4000 or 5000, and quick as the eye rests on an address it is delivered to the pouch labelled for the route on which it is located with accuracy and certainty. At South Framingham the first stop is made for the mail from all points that centre here.

Then on to Worcester, where more is added to the working pile. The

clerks have now been at work six hours, but are yet six more from the terminus. Springfield is the next stop, and here is allowed a few minutes for chickory and the railroad sandwich, with another "dose" of mail.

Between Springfield and Hartford six miles before reaching the latter city and just opposite the office of this paper, the companion East-bound train is met with a similar hard working crew and one-half the journey is accomplished.

At Hartford, is taken on, besides the local and R. P. O. mail that terminate here, the back mail, that is mail given to the east-bound train for offices lying west of Hartford. This mail is generally disposed of before New Haven is reached, and now begins the process of tying and pulling out. Every letter package is tred out and pouched.

The pouches and sacks are taken from the racks securely locked and piled for delivery at New York city and if time allows, the cars are prepared for the return trip. At New York fresh life is infused into the scene: about the city still slumbering an occasional individual may be seen but in the station all is life and bustle, officials, porters and drivers all vie with each other in their endeavor to get the mail away from the cars and make their connections with all out-bound trains; some of them are very close and every minute counts.

At 6.30 a. m. the mail is all out and twelve long hours of hard labor completed. The weary clerks now seek their various resting places to fit their tired frames for the trip home, equally interesting, but gen-

erally harder; 5.30 p. m. finds them on hand again, and the mail also, and from this time till the "Hub" is reached the next morning, the busy brains and fingers of the clerks travel faster than the "flying mail."

On the return the same twelve trusty clerks, but vastly different matter. All the New England States are to be supplied now, and all its States worked into cities and routes, and the mail for each forwarded from the car from the most convenient points. Boston city is prepared for its boxes, banks, carriers and stations. It frequently occurs that the mail is not all distributed when Boston is reached: in that case the clerks must stay right there and finish it, hard task after a hard night's work.

The work of the day trains is to a large extent similiar to the night work, though of course, there is less work and bulk, but quite as much life as all the smaller stations along the line are supplied while the train speeds on, and with the assistance of a catcher placed at the door, a mail pouch is at the same time snatched from a crane placed conveniently near the track.

This work requires quick action as the stations are often less than a mile apart, and the pouches must be opened and dumped out and mail for the next station abstracted before the clerk is ready for the land mark that apprise him of the proximity of his next "throw and catch."

We have seen the clerk at his best. No account is made of the dangers of his calling during the run of 40,000 to 50,000 miles that he averages annually. All our readers will admit that a day or a night

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J. F. DODGE,

Editor and Proprietor,
Windsor, Conn.

WE trust that this little paper will meet with as favorable a reception as has been accorded the society of the same name, recently organized and which we trust every collector, who reads this, will join' if he (or she) is not already a member.

We make no apology for our appearance. The Nutmeg State is small, but there are many collectors and dealers within its borders; the former class comprising merchants, bankers, business and professional men, many of whom, we are sorry to say, hide their light under a bushel and insist in keeping in the back ground, comparatively unknown to the philatelic world. Ye editor, who is a member of most of the leading societies, has succeeded in securing applications for many however, and we intend to keep up the good work.

Within the confines of this little State, which we believe hasnot yet

furnished a regular publication for any length of time. There ought to be a good philatelic magazine. For two years we have furnished all the stamped envelopes needed in the country, and for several terms, the postal cards, and we think much interesting information, from official source, can be furnished from month to month.

Our first number is got out under considerable difficulties, but we shall get out of knee breeches soon and vie with our big brothers for the honors of philatelic journalism. If you like us, write us to come to see you every month. If you want to buy stamps, see the good offers from reliable dealers in each issue. If you want to sell any stamp, we will place your add. before our readers for a small consideration, in our advertising colums or trade notes. If you want to exchange use our exchange column. If you have anything of interest to the science, let us have the information you possess to assist our brother collectors. If you know of any fraudulent practices by collectors or dealers, acquaint us with the facts, for the benefit of others, and we will try to give you all the information we can, and think the oftener we come to see you, the better you will like us.

During the month of March, we shall present free to every person, sending 15 cents, for a years subscription and 2 cents for postage an obsolete U. S. Envelope, priced by Scott at 10c., to every fifth, one catalogued at 20c. and to every 25th, one catalogued at 75c. The list will be sent to any subscriber desiring it. Moral. Send your subscription.

Railway Mail Service.

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on a moving train is a tedious journey. The postal car is without even an ordinary chair; indeed, the clerks have no use for one; they are obliged to perform their labor on their feet, floundering about with a handful of letters, from side to side, distributing between the jars, jerks and constant noise of the speeding train.

Clerks are required to attach to each package of letters or sack of papers that they make up, a slip bearing the name of his R. P. O., date and train number and the name of clerk. The line or post office receiving the same is his censor, and if in distributing an error is found, a report is made to the supernintendent, to be sent to the clerk with a monthly statement. Thus his work is under the constant supervision of postmasters and railway post clerks throughout the country, and must speak for itself. How well it does is shown by the last annual report of the general superintendent; one error to 4194 pieces handled correctly.

It has been demonstrated that the business is a scientific profession. To be successful, a man must be above the ordinary in intelligence and physical developments, quick to think and act, and above all endowed with a ready and reliable memory, tact and application are also necessary features. Men do not become proficient in a month or in years; their study of schedules and schemes never ceases. To no public office is the phrase "Public officis a public trust" more directly applicable than to the railway mail service.

THE END.

LOOK OUT!

For the following persons, who are reported as frauds by our subscribers. A longer list will appear next month. If you know of any send in their names and addresses.

No chestnuts please, or petty quarrels.

F. Comyr, Box 716, St Thomas, Canada.

Percy Robertson, Box 915, St Thomas, Canada.

Geo. Little, Box 16, Y. M. C. A. St Thomas, Canada.

A. A. Thompson, Laconia, N. H. Chas. C. Rogers & Co., N. Y. City.

A gang who give good references is also working in Seymour, Ind. H. B. Woods is one of the names they work under. Thompson is missing. He secured admission to the S. of P. and N. E. P. A. Read article on "Our Societies" and you may see how it was done.

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Why dont you buy your U. S. Stamps of Geo. M. Frame, Haverhill, Mass? Others do, Why dont you?  
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FOR every U. S. adhesive stamp sent me, catalogued over 25c I will send a fine pair of the 2c, two dies from plate 170. I have also a few, left side plates No- of same, to exchange.

E. G. BERGER,

103 N. Marshfield Ave.
Station B. CHICAGO, ILL.

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**Stamp Hinges.** 1,000, 8cents,  
10,000, 50c.

Foreign Stamps on approval.  
Agents wanted at 50 per cent commission. List free.

**CHARLES B. RAUB,**

New London, Conn.



## COMMENTS

In Mekeels News we find a scathing rebuke of the Scott Co. for including the Seebecks in their new catalogue. The rebuke is all right, but when the Mekeel Co. stop selling the trash it will have more weight.

The Semi-Monthly International Stamp has appeared from Minneapolis. It is well got up and contains some trite "Impressions by the Way" by W. Liorel Moise. An article by "Yours truly" on the different dies of the 1c Columbian envelopes. "Introduction of the Postal Card" by E. R. Aldrich, and quite an array of interesting notes.

Eastern, Evergreen Springfield, Penn. and Seneca Philatelist, the latter, official organ of the Philatelic Dealers Ass'c. have been received.

### THE PHENIX STAMP CO.,

Damilton, Conn.

Offer, Cut sq. U. S. Envelopes.

|                               |        |     |
|-------------------------------|--------|-----|
| 5c blue on blue '87 - cat.    | 25 for | 05c |
| 5c ' ' o. buff ' ' 25 ' ' 13c |        |     |
| 4c red 'white ' ' 10 ' ' 05c  |        |     |
| Postal service blk. on white, |        | 05c |

Entire unused Envelopes.

|                             |      |     |
|-----------------------------|------|-----|
| 1c blue on orange '74, cat. | 10 - | 05c |
| 2c brown ' ' '70, ' ' 40 -  |      | 25c |
| 2c vermilion wrapper die C, |      | 06c |

### PACKETS.

|                                 |     |
|---------------------------------|-----|
| 10 U S used and unused at 50, - | 25c |
| 15 Mexico, S. & C. America,     | 15c |
| 10 European catalogued at 20,   | 10c |
| 10 Asia " " 20,                 | 10c |
| 10 Africa " " 15,               | 08c |
| 5 Australian " " 15,            | 08c |

Above six packets for .70 post-paid. Orders less than .25, postage extra. We send good approval sheets, if you send bank or commercial reference. List free. O. K. 1.

We congratulate Kissinger on his mammoth edition. The only fault we find with the entire 128 pages was Beardsleys slush and a trifle to much EGO.

## Exchange Notices.

I want to exchange for or buy Neb. stamp papers not in my library. Send stamp for combination rates on stamp and cycle papers. L. Brodstone, Superior, Neb.

A good many philatelic papers to exchange for stamps. Write me. Stamps for str m s. Make me an offer if you have any kind of bargains in stamps. H. G. Earle, Milwaukee, Wis.

Envelopes entire unused to exchange for stamps of any kind. J. F. Dodge, Windsor, Conn.

## Trade Notices.

FINE packets, large variety. Stamps at 50 per ct com. Collections bo't. N W Stamp Co, Freeport, Ill.

50 Varieties U S, only 20c; 10 var. Canada revenues 15c; 100 var. stamps 10c; set of Chili tel. 5c; Postage extra. F. P. Gibbs, 31 Summit St, Batavia, N- Y.

### HOW IS THIS?

Scotts 56th catalogue mailed post free stamp and years subscription to this paper for only 60c., money order. Fine approval sheets for good reference. You can get the most for your money of

WATERBURY STAMP CO.,

Waterbury, Conn.

THE COLUMBIAN STAMP CO.,

Box 112, Hartford, Conn.

BARGAINS. Postage Extra.

|                                 |        |
|---------------------------------|--------|
| Set unused war, complete        | \$3.50 |
| 10c. Brown, 1882, unused,       | .30    |
| 15c. Orange, Scott price 2.50,  |        |
| our price unused,               | .70    |
| 10c. Orange Special del'v. unu. | .15    |

Fine line of approval sheets.

Must mention this paper to get the above prices.

## The Columbian Philatelic Society.

The Columbian Philatelic Society numbers now nearly one hundred members, covering some 25 states.

We find our space so taken up in this issue that we will be obliged to leave over until the next, much interesting information to members.

Members are warned to be careful, in dealing with, W. F. Cherrington, of Viroqua, Wis., who has charges preferred against him.

## Other Societies.

The editor of the Philatelic Californian, states that he has the evidence to prove beyond a doubt that the French Colonials, sold by Geo. Carion, are genuine, and that therefore, he was wrongfully suspended by the American (?) Philatelic Association. There has been so much scandal about the election and methods of this Society, that it seems to us, it is time for some of the members, who are not in sympathy with those on the banks of the Mississippi, who control it, to take decided action to make it AMERICAN in fact, as well as in name.

The P. S. of A. is still on the war path for members and had 78 applications to publish in Dec. number of the "Pennsy."

Mr. John F. Seybold, of 904 Butternut St., Syracuse, N. Y., a well known Dry Goods dealer, began collecting stamps when a lad of twelve years and has the most valuable collection in that city. It is very strong in early Swiss, New South Wales, British Guiana and Hawaiian Stamps.

He has been offered \$1000. for the Swiss stamps alone. Three years ago he bought a \$5.00 State Dep't. for \$7.60 and he has secured many other similar bargains. He has about 300 in his U. S. collection, which, however, includes many varieties.

We hope to see Mr. Seybold's name among the new members of the enterprising C. P. S. at an early day.

## The S. of P. Hand Book.

Is a neat pamphlet of about 120 pages, filled with interesting information to S. of P. members, and others as well. You will be pleased with it. Send 15c. for a copy.

H. A. Bricker, Bellevue, Pa.

**Standard Stamp Co.**  
Business Est. 1885.  
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Why not give US a trial? We have very good Approval Sheets at 25, 33½ and 50 per cent discount; which kind do you want? Our new illustr. 80 pp. Price List is FREE. STANDARD PACKETS are GOOD; every bookseller in the U. S. & Canada sells them. Insist on getting STANDARD Packets.

**IF** you have good U. S. stamps to sell or exchange; write to me, before disposing of them elsewhere. It will be for your benefit to do this. Send stamps or list, with prices wanted. Leon G. Young.

St Albans, Vt.

## BARGAINS. SETS.

|                                        |     |
|----------------------------------------|-----|
| 6 Switzerland unused                   | .06 |
| 4 Canada, ½, 5, 6 and 8c.              | .07 |
| 10 Bulgaria, 1889 comp. used & unused, | .30 |
| 1000 Stamp Hinges,                     | .10 |

All post free  
D. W. STEELE STAMPS & PUB. CO.,  
New Britain, Conn.

## Our Societies.

The rapid growth of our societies has been a matter of surprise to many and while we are all pleased to have a legitimate increase of trustworthy members, the fact remains that their growth, fostered by selfish political ambition of leaders is too rapid for their ultimate good. Almost every week I get a small bundle of applications from a brother member of some one of the societies to which I belong, with his name signed as first reference, requesting me to send them out to my correspondents, signing as second reference. Now each one of my correspondents is supposed to be a trustworthy person, but if he or she, cannot obtain a reference from a business man in his or her place of residence, or is unwilling to go to that trouble, we can afford to see them stay out until they do. It is a farce for a members name to appear on an application of a party he doesn't know and in many cases never heard of, but you will see it in looking over our official organs every day, and that is where they slip in. Another thing, members of societies are not careful enough to look over the list of applications each month in the official organ.

Some six months ago a dealer in Kansas, denounced a party on the coast as a fraud. The same name, with a different address, appeared as an application in the last issue of the official organ, and we bet dollars to dimes, it is the same person, and that he will be admitted. Let the members awake, and guard their portals and while our societies may not have so rapid a growth it will be a legitimate increase.



## What about postage DUES?

I can offer 30c. and 50c., 1891 @  
 50c. and 70c., the pair for \$1.10  
 The set, 1895, (7 varieties) 1.75  
 30c. 1894 unw 65c. Block of 4 2.50  
 50c. " " 75c. " " " 3.00  
 (All lightly cancelled.)

## U. S. Bargains.

|                 |      |            |      |
|-----------------|------|------------|------|
| 30c. black 1890 | 38c. | Block of 4 | 1.60 |
| 90c. orange "   | 1.05 | " " "      | 4.25 |
| 50c. unw. 1894  | .58  | " " "      | 2.50 |
| 15c. " "        | .20  | " " "      | .75  |
| 6c. " "         | .09  | " " "      | .40  |
| 4c. " "         | .07  | " " "      | .30  |
| 3c. " "         | .05  | " " "      | .20  |

1c. a whole sheet with border Plate  
 No. 119 for best offer.

All the above unused, o. g.

Big lot U. S. Entire unused Envelopes.

Orders under 50 cents respectfully declined.

**J. A. Wilson,**

**BEVERLY, MASS.**

**B. P. S. 141.**





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## HONEST ADVERTISING.

BY J. F. DODGE.

We read in Philatelic Journals all over the world of the dangers with which our science is surrounded and the mistakes to be avoided, but how many times has the reader found anything upon the above subject? We do not here intend to suggest a remedy, but the Philatelic press should be outspoken against the practice of misleading advertisements, as well as aim to exclude the advertisements of unknown patrons. A short time ago we received a sample copy of a Philatelic Journal containing the advertisements of two frauds and looking at the Editorial page we found that the paper claimed a circulation of 2,000. Are we justified in believing the statement in view of the fact that the Journal is not entered at the post office for transmission through the mails at second class rates? Our attention has also been called recently to the advertisements of an American dealer. Though we regularly receive over 50 American Stamp publications we never see his advertisement in any of them, but he advertises in a large number of foreign papers after this style. "Fine U. S. mixture containing at least 60 sorts 1847 to date, the 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 12, 24, 30 and 90 cent values a great many grills, the 7 dues,

special delivery, newspaper and old confederate states &c., at \$7.20 per 10,000." Now how many 5c. 1847, 12, 24, 30 and 90c. postage, 30 and 50c. dues would you naturally expect to find in such a mixture? If there were one of each of the 5 stamps mentioned they would be worth one third of what he gets for the 10,000. Again he advertises "Columbus, 9 sorts, \$1.20 per 1,000." How many 3, 6 and 15c. stamps? To clinch his hold on the unsuspecting victim he adds "These lots are very low and give tremendous profits, being composed of fine specimens of scarce and desirable stamps in larger variety than other dealers."—*Evergreen State Philatelist.*

## WHERE ARE WE AT?

In an article entitled "our Societies" in our last issue I pointed out the danger of promiscuous wholesale distribution of applications with ready signed references, and now as a member I wish to impress on the officers and members of the P. S. of A., S. of P., and L. of A. P. the necessity of checking this practice which will inevitably bring these societies as well as all others into disrepute if persisted in. I referred to a Kansas dealer and a western applicant to one of the above societies last month and as soon as I saw the

name as applicant I immediately wrote the dealer to communicate with the Secretary with the object of preventing his admission, but haven't heard from the dealer yet and the party was admitted. I stated then that I believed it was the same party the dealer advertised as a fraud, and believed he would be admitted. Who was he? why Frank Koenig, alias Frank Wooge, &c., now in jail in San Francisco, for frauds upon dealers. A prominent Canada dealer recently mailed to me and several of my friends, presumably because he saw our names as members of some other societies, applications to the Dominion Philatelic Society with his own name and that of the Secretary signed as references. A good reason for not joining a society that adopts such methods. Now officers and members, don't crowd in everybody you can, just to see your name in print as a reference or to make votes for yourselves or friends at the next convention or because the officers want 1,000 or 1,500 sure by convention time, but if you know a reliable philatelist sign for him and have him get a reliable business man of his own place of residence (not a stamp dealer whom he has bought a few dollars worth from) and build up our societies with good material for quality is what we need not quantity.

Considerable discussion has been going on in Philatelic papers about the 3c. green as to date of its issue on ribbed paper. It appears that it was in use from 1873 to 1876. From an examination of over 100,-

000 specimens recently, we are of the opinion that while it is a scarce stamp, it is priced too high by Scott. \$1.00 is much nearer its value than \$2.00. It is found only in the rich dark green shade of color and as soon as collectors generally get interested in ribbed paper it will rapidly advance in price.

In looking over 100,000 2c. 1890, we found less than one per cent of the rich dark shade which Scott prices for the first time in the 1896 edition. As 2 cent stamps are unusually discarded as of no value, we think that the number saved was comparatively limited, and consequently fully worth the catalogue price.

The Pacific coast correspondent of the weekly Philatelic Era. wonders why the leading English catalogues do not mention the 1d. V. R. in upper corners. For the information of friend Jenney we would state that Gibbons prices this stamp under official stamps (No. 871, 10th edition) at £15 (\$73) unused and appends the following note, "This stamp was prepared for official purposes but never used. Obliterated specimens are those which were used for experimental trials of obliterating inks."

We beg to remind all intending subscribers that according to our agreement with advertisers, nearly all of the 1,000 copies of the first issue were mailed and we have only a few duplicates left which we hold at 25 cents each and consequently *all subscriptions must begin with current number.*

**PROCRASTINATION.**

H. B. BRIGGS.

"Procrastination is the thief of time" was the way the old philosopher put it, but perhaps you haven't heard the revised version of Mr. Worldly Wiseman (to borrow a character from Bunyans allegory) "Procrastination is the thief of Stamps." Hence all ye dealers and collectors put him on your black list, for he steals them outright and mid sorrow and dismay you blame yourself for listening to the voice of the tempter. It is the old story "Yet a little sleep, a little slumber" "So shall thy poverty come." Ah, Solomon was a wise man. He would not have told you there were plenty of one dollar Columbians that "you could get one just as well in a couple of months." The tempter perhaps said "Get the lower values first, take things in their order" and of course you didn't want to expend any money on the fifty cent value, expecting a package with one on it, but either the package didn't come or didn't have the fifty center on it and you finally had to buy the fifty center and the dollar value was out of your reach.

In perusing "Youngs Night Thoughts" from which the above quotation is taken, another line is quite appropriate "Be wise to-day; tis madness to defer." Was the poet looking far into the future thinking of bargains now on sale in our post-offices? Procrastination has no place in the make up of the wide awake philatelist. Watch the opportunities of to-day and you will have no regrets to-morrow.

**DISCOUNTS.**

A short time ago we sent a sheet of unused British Colonials to a customer marked at catalogue prices and 25 per cent discount and a remittance of \$2.00 was received with the advice that we ought to give a larger discount. In sending another selection we replied that he was so accustomed to buying 50 per cent stamps that he had unconsciously got the idea that no foreign stamps were worth more than half catalogue prices, and asked him if he would sell the foreign stamps in his collection for one half catalogue. We think the argument was sufficient and he has formed a better idea of the value of stamps. This idea is one that invades the cranium of many a collector. While there are many stamps worth much less than half Scotts quoted prices there are many medium priced stamps that are worth full catalogue and some even more as collectors will find while searching in vain for them on approval sheets. Nevertheless there are bargains on the sheets of most of our dealers and we find them there ourselves. I recently selected a Die B 2 cent envelope on white paper 1874 issue marked at 5 cents.

W. H. Kessler is about to publish a Hand book of Michigan collectors, which will be highly appreciated. Every State should have one. We are gathering the names for a similar book for Connecticut also for Massachusetts.



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The second issue of our paper is late but it has so improved in appearance that we think our readers will pardon the delay. The first issue received many compliments, but the writer who is accustomed to having things done according to the apostolic injunction “decently and in order” was not at all satisfied with it. With another printer this month we present a more creditable appearance and think you will want us to come and see you again. The features of this paper so at variance with most others, commend it to the independent—honest—collector and dealer. Dishonesty will be reported wherever we find it regardless of any loss of patronage, and we aim to secure only reliable advertisers,

requesting references where they were not previously known to us, and we can confidently recommend all of our advertisers to our readers, believing that no one dealing with them will have any cause for complaint.

The Columbian Stamp Co., of Hartford, was the first to engage advertising space, the Diamond Philatelist to announce our coming and H. G. Earle was the first subscriber.

We cannot undertake to review all the interesting papers received this month. Our space, our time and our health forbid it.

To every new subscriber enclosing 2 cents additional for postage we will present an unused obsolete entire U. S. Envelope catalogued at 10 cents. Every 5th, one priced at 20 cents and every 25th, one priced at 75 cents. This offer will be withdrawn May 15.

The Mekeel Co. seem to have taken offense at our criticism of the A. P. A. in last issue. Our readers will always find us speaking right out against dishonest or questionable methods wherever they exist. As devotees at the shrine of Philatelia, we cannot believe that the fair goddess has established a Vatican at St. Louis, or Reading, or that she has deputed the authority to the Mekeel-Kissinger combination to control our affairs.

The following post offices have been designated to receive the remainder of the two cent letter sheet

envelopes on hand at all other offices and the latter will soon receive orders to transfer them: Boston, Chicago, Cincinnati, Denver, New Orleans, St. Louis, San Francisco and Washington, D. C. This form of correspondence did not seem to attain the popularity that it has in other countries.

Now that the New Zealand postal authorities have awarded the prizes for the best designs for the new issue of stamps for that colony, we may soon expect to see a set of stamps that will excel all previous issues in artistic design and beauty.

### STILL AT IT.

"Badger Philatelist one year free for 35 U. S. stamps all different and not heavily cancelled. L. J. Williams, Viroqua, Wis."

This advt we clip from a Texas paper. Williams is the same party to whom we sent (in answer to his advt. to send 300 hinges for every stamp paper) 10 good stamp papers and received a sheet of newspaper not as good quality as this about 10x12 inches with an inferior gum on one side. By the way the Badger Philatelist comes to us with W. F. Cherringtons name as publisher. He has been reported as a fraud by 3 of our subscribers. Are they one and the same person? We take special pains to admit advertisements only of parties who can furnish us evidences of reliability and would that others would do the same.

### OUR CLUBBING OFFER.

We will give E. B. Jones's Comprehensive Check List, retail price 25c. and one years sub to the Columbian Philatelist, price 15c. for only 25c.



We present above a portrait that has never before appeared to the philatelic public, that of A. F. Wood, of Danielson, Conn. Mr. Wood conducts a highly successful business as embalmer and funeral director but thinks it will be a long time before he will be called upon to attend upon the obsequies of the Columbian Philatelist or the Columbian Philatelic Society of which he is an enthusiastic member. Some 4 or 5 years ago Mr. Wood became interested in postage stamps imbibing the enthusiasm of his step son Mr. Chas. T. Thayer, (who is also a member of the C. P. S.) his associate in the rapidly extending business of the Phenix Stamp Co. This company is known for its promptness and square dealing and indeed it could not be otherwise, under the management of one who holds a high position in the social and commer-

cial world. Mr. Wood is not quite 40 years of age and we trust that he will have 40 years more before him for philately cannot afford to lose him

### DELINQUENTS.

We have received the below mentioned names from our subscribers. Many of them are frauds. Others refuse to answer letters or give as a reason "sheets returned" or "lost in the mails." They are requested to read:

#### THE CLAIM OF SHEETS RETURNED.

In the case of George White, of Winsted, Conn., tried before the spring session of the U. S. circuit court, at Hartford, in 1895, it was decided that the claim of "goods returned and lost in the mails" was not available unless defendant held a registry receipt, and he was sentenced to 6 months in jail and a fine of \$100 imposed.

Robert Boyce, Oliveria, N. Y.  
"Moved no address." Amount \$1.59.

N. A. Wright, Greenwich, N. J.  
Amount \$2.20.

A. H. Hodgson, 251 Nashu St.,  
Winona, Minn.

Walter F. Slusser, Rochester, Ind.

H. E. Watrous, Leete Island, Conn.

Wm. Rady, 167 Mather St., Chi-  
cago, Ill.

Ike Katz, 165 State St., St. Paul,  
Minn.

P. F. Noyes, Augusta, Me.

Ferd Witherington, Jr., 122 Har-  
rison St., Paducah, Ky.

Star Pubg. Co., Dahinda, Ill.

Saml. Leverne, 139 Northampton  
St., Boston, Mass.

W. B. Carleton, Millers Falls,  
Mass.

We have others that we are in-  
vestigating that will appear in  
later issues. All dealers are invited

to co-operate with us and send  
their lists, omitting those who  
are simply slow payers and doing  
their best to settle.

### THE COLUMBIAN PHILATEL- IC SOCIETY.

ORGANIZED AUG. 17th, 1895.

Prest. REV. J. B. HUMMERT, Ear-  
ling, Iowa. Vice Prest. J. P.  
LACOUR, Morgan Park, Ill. Secy-  
Treas. LEO FRITTER, Columbus,  
Ohio. Exch. Supt. H. G.  
EARLE, Milwaukee, Wis. Auc-  
tion Mgr. N. R. LOWRY, Austin,  
Tex. Supt. Bureau of Informa-  
tion, J. F. DODGE, Windsor,  
Conn. Librarian, WARNER  
HAMMOND, Palmyra, N. Y.  
Counterfeit Detector, R. M. Bet-  
tesworth, Chicago, Ill.

The society has now over 125  
members and is having a steady  
healthy growth, and all reliable  
collectors are invited to join and  
co-operate with us. All depart-  
ments are in fine working order.  
The Exchange Department needs  
more names to be put on circuit,  
and members wishing to secure  
some fine bargains in stamps should  
notify Mr. Earle and notify him  
*Earley*. Every member should  
make an effort to secure at least  
one new member. The Editor  
thinks this should be an easy mat-  
ter as he has added 30 to the So-  
ciety so far, and intends to keep up  
the good work. We want 200  
members by May 1st, and if each  
member does his part, we should  
have them, but be careful to bring  
in good names as we can't afford to  
admit dishonest collectors or deal-  
ers. Better not grow at all than  
to get a large membership some of



whom are dishonest. Look over the applications carefully in the official organ and if you see the names of any objectionable parties immediately notify the Secretary with all particulars and he will not *Fritter* away any time in investigating the matter, and laying it before the Trustees for action. Holland, Mexico and Canada, are represented on our membership roll and we want a few more representative foreign members. A local branch is being formed in Milwaukee, and where there are enough members, this should be carried out in all cities. If you know of any frauds notify the Supt. Bureau of Information, and they will find they cant *Dodge* him. Don't report a collector who is in hard luck and tries his best to settle, but those dead beats who wont answer or refuse to settle. Our genial Auction Manager will hold his first auction May 15th, in which there are some desirable stamps. The next auction will be held June 15th, and members should send in their lots early. We trust these auctions will be a *gLowryous* success. We intend beginning in next issue to publish a history of the Society from its inception, also portraits of the officers who are not too modest.

The following letter may be of interest to some of our readers:

NEW YORK, N. Y., Jan. 21, '96.  
Mr. J. F. Dodge,  
Windsor, Conn.

Dear Sir:

We beg to inform you that the New Zealand Stamps with advertisement on back, are not priced in

our catalogue as the price has not yet been established.

Yours truly,

Scott Stamp and Coin Co. Ltd.

### SPECIAL OFFER.

Every reliable collector wishing to join the *Sons of Philatelia*, who will secure an application blank signed by me as first reference, (which can only be obtained from me, I do not send them broadcast) and send their fee (10c.) and dues for one year (25c.) with their application blank properly filled out, I will credit one years' paid up subscription to this paper.

This is a bona fide offer to secure members for the society, whose departments are in first class running order and the benefits a member secures from any of the departments will more than pay a years' dues. In addition every member receives regularly the "International Stamp" of St. Paul Minn., a semi-monthly paper (regular price 40 cents per year.) Send for application blank with reference if unknown to me now as this offer closes June 15th, 1896. Address the editor.

The article on our first page "Honest Advertising" being so much in line with the policy of this paper, we reprint it with the permission of Editor French. By the way the E. S. P. has many other independent articles each month well worth the price of subscription.

We are so crowded this month that most of our advertisements appear on the covers. It could not be helped, we may have to enlarge again soon. The advertisements are all well worth reading, and represent all parts of the U. S. and some foreign localities.

Some time since we received a selection of stamps on approval from B. S. Ross, 509 Wieland St., Chicago, Ill., on which was a New Orleans local 5c red marked \$600. It was a very poor counterfeit. We didn't buy it, we wonder if any one else will, and also if said Ross (whose sheets are printed "all stamps are guaranteed genuine") is in the habit of offering counterfeits.

Just as we are going to press we have a letter from J. W. Witty of Springfield, Mass., who writes that he bought from Ross for \$7.00 what purported to be a 1 cent 1851, broken circle, discovering a few weeks later that it was a rubbed specimen. He endeavored without avail to get satisfaction, Ross denying that he ever sold him the stamp.

The Halsey Stamp Co. of Brooklyn, N. Y., has favored us with a copy of their new 1896, American Standard Catalogue of 248 pages fully illustrated and listing all stamps ever issued by any government and pricing nearly all of them. It is intended for the general collector who will highly appreciate it.

**WANTED** Cheap Mixtures of South and Central America, U. S. A., Hawaii, etc., in exchange for British Colonies and Europeans. I can handle large quantities of these stamps. Correspondence solicited. Monthly list of wholesale offers on application.

EDGAR KNIGHT,

Member P. S. of A.

53 Britania Place,

Leeds, England.

Why is it that some of our papers continue to insert items to the effect that the S. of P. is dead when such is not the case? The society in our mind, was never in better shape. All the departments are in fine order, applications for membership coming in rapidly and a fine Official Organ published semi-monthly. The sooner a few Editors and publishers stop antagonizing this society, the sooner will their publications grow in public favor.—*Diamond Philatelist*.

Friend Shove voices the sentiment of a large number of people both within and without the Society. We know of many who are withholding patronage from papers and writers who persist in maligning this worthy organization.

## Monthly Bargain List.

### FOR SUBSCRIBERS ONLY.

Postage extra under 25 cents.

#### ENVELOPES CUT SQUARE.

|                   |     |
|-------------------|-----|
| 10 varieties used | .05 |
| 15 " "            | .08 |
| 5 " unused        | .05 |

#### ENTIRE ENVELOPES UNUSED.

|                                     |     |
|-------------------------------------|-----|
| 1c. dark blue 1895 on manilla.      | .16 |
| 4c. green 1883, manilla.            | .14 |
| 2c. green 1887, die a, white paper. | .32 |

#### U. S. ADHESIVES.

|                               |     |
|-------------------------------|-----|
| 3c. 1873, ribbed paper, used, | .53 |
|-------------------------------|-----|

Advertised as a bargain by a New York firm at \$1.25.

|                                        |        |
|----------------------------------------|--------|
| 1, 2, 5, 10c. 1895, dues, wmk., unused | .22    |
| 30c. same,                             | .42    |
| 50c. " "                               | .62    |
| Pair,                                  | \$1.00 |

Remember if you are not a Subscriber your subscription must accompany the order.

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## Bavaria and Wurttemberg Historical-Postal Matters.

BY PH. HEINSBERGER.

As an introduction to my article I will go back to the year 1782. At that time both countries were duchies, and in 1803 were elevated to kingdoms and both were members of the Holy Roman Empire of German Nations. In consequence of political events Francis II., an Austrian Prince and Emperor of Germany had to abdicate (1804,) but Bavaria and Wurttemberg remained independent. Formerly the postal service of both countries was conducted by the celebrated postal family the princes of Thurn and Taxis. But at the end of the 17th century both countries adopted an independent mail service and issued their own postage stamps, Bavaria in 1849, and Wurttemberg in 1851. During the Prussian-Austrian war 1866, Bavaria and Wurttemberg sided with Austria, but were defeated. Smart Prussia although victor left Bavaria and Wurttemberg independent, and both countries became allies to Prussia. The mail service of Bavaria and Wurt-

temberg remained. Meantime came the year 1870, and the Franco-German war, and Bavaria and Wurttemberg this time sided with Prussia. As in 1871 the united German troops entered the conquered French capital Paris, there happened remarkable matters. In the imperial castle at Versailles (France,) where formerly Kings and a Emperor of France had been crowned, there Louis II. King of Bavaria nominated William King of Prussia as German Emperor (the second German empire) in consequence of this fact united Germany issued imperial German postage stamps, but Bavaria and Wurttemberg kept their own mail service and issued their own postage stamps, which of course could circulate only within their territory. These stamps were not recognized in other German independent states and German stamps neither in Bavaria and Wurttemberg. This singular mail service was and still is inconvenient for the public. Some time ago were made some arrangements to better things a little! If someone posts a letter or postal card,

bearing an imperial German stamp, the postal authorities of Bavaria or Wurttemberg will forward the mail (within the German empire) but the receiver of the letter has to pay a small cash difference. It is and remains a nuisance. Mail matter posted in Bavaria and Wurttemberg and directed to foreign countries must be prepaid with Bavarian or Wurttemberg postage stamps, and no German stamps are allowed!

### CONSISTENCY.

The Mekeel Co. do not deign to exchange with our humble publication, but they occasionally mail us a sample copy for our delectation(?) The copy for April 30, has been received which contains some very useful notes in the Inquiry Dept. conducted by Rev. L. G. Dorpat, and some other interesting news for beginners, and medium collectors and a large space given to the Lubeck error which will scarcely be read by the majority of its readers, but is interesting for the specialist and advanced collector. As we always read a philatelic paper even to the advertisements we note that there are 215 inches of advertising *17 1/4 of which or more than 80 per cent. are Mekeel's own ads.* Among them we find one especially devoted to exploiting the stamps of Greece, commemorating the Olympian games (comparing them to our own issue of Colum-

bians by the way,) and Nicaragua, Honduras, Salvador, etc., in abundance, and an inch ad. in another part of the paper mentioning discounts, and to impress on the unwary collector the cheapness and desirability of these bargains(?) adds "Dealers not supplied at these discounts."

The dealer who would want to buy at these discounts even, it would be hard to find. This statement reminds us of the printed circular of a quack doctor who moved into the city of Brockton, Mass., a few years ago. The circular was quite elaborate, treating of the remarkable benefit of his treatments and wound up at the end with the announcement in large letters "The public are respectfully informed that under no circumstances will we receive patients for treatment on Friday, as that day is set apart for the physicians of the city who may wish to consult with us on cases that they as ordinary physicians do not understand." Well we really must not give up our reading columns to advertise the monumental gall of anybody, but we can't help recalling the fact that the Mekeel Co., rebuked Scott for catalogueing the Seebecks and in a fit of morality sometime ago refused to deal any more in unused postage due and periodical stamps on the plea that it was encouraging dishonesty.



**VALEDICTORY.**

To the readers of the Midland Philatelist;—Owing to lack of time, insufficient advertising patronage, etc., I have decided to discontinue the publication of the Midland Philatelist.

This paper will fill unexpired subscription and advertising contracts.

Our readers will not lose but rather gain by the change. I have endeavored to get a superior publication to fill unexpired contracts and how well I have succeeded, I leave you to judge.

Thanking both subscribers and advertisers for their kind assistance and hoping for the success of the Midland's contemporaries, I take my bow from the field of philatelic journalism.

Yours in Philately,  
F. R. HURST.

**DELINQUENTS.**

We have a large list of delinquents we are investigating, as we don't intend to publish any delinquent who is honestly disposed. Ferd Witherington, Jr., of Paducah, Ky., seems to be still in the business, as nearly half the lists sent in contain his name. We wrote the P. O. Inspector, reporting the facts, and he wrote that W. was 14 or 15 years old, the son of a widow, who would not countenance any wrong doing on his part, and that he had referred my letter to her.

We received a letter from a correspondent of ours who thought we were hasty in publishing the facts regarding B. S. Ross. Six members of the Columbian Phila-

telic Society have objected to his membership in that body, and we have received word from many others who have had dealings with him who commended our course.

**Do You Lack any of These Plate Numbers ?****UNWATERMARKED.**

Nos. 2, 4, 9, 10, 11, 13, 19, 20, 25, 26, 28, 30, 32, 34, 45, 48, 49, 57, 58, 60, 71, 75, 90, 100, 109, 123, 147, 159.

**WATERMARKED.**

60, 71, 72, 75, 81, 85, 105. Nearly everything in the one's and two's. Write me for prices.

**Chas. H. Stone,**

Box 718,

Concord, N. H.

**IF** you have good U. S. stamps to sell or exchange; write to me before disposing of them elsewhere. It will be for your benefit to do this. Send stamps or list, with prices wanted. Leon G. Young, St. Albans, Vt.



P. O. Box 2457.

**RARE STAMPS**

Bought and Sold For Cash

Established 1879.

**GEORGES CARION,**  
Philatelic Expert.

SAN FRANCISCO.

300 varieties Foreign Postage Stamps \$1.  
60 varieties " " \$1.  
50 varieties Foreign Postal Cards \$1. Coin curiosities, Books, Papers, Libraries, Sheet Music (8 var. \$1.) Toys, Magic Tricks, Patents, Debts collected, merchandise any kind shipped. In the national Bureau Est. 1850. Price lists free for return postage.

**PH. HEINSBERGER,**

15 First Ave.,

New York, U. S. A.

The advertising space on the outside of front cover is for sale at 50 cents per inch each insertion in spaces of 2, 4 or 8 inches and will be awarded to those who engage it first accompanying copy with cash.

## The Columbian Philatelist

Issued on 20th of each month.

Subscription: U. S., Canada and Mexico, 15 cents per annum. All other countries 30 cents.

Advertising rates:

|                          |      |
|--------------------------|------|
| Per inch, one insertion, | .25  |
| “ col. “ “               | 1.40 |
| “ page, “ “              | 2.50 |

Liberal discount on 3, 6 and 12 months contract.

Exchange (2 copies) desired with all Philatelic papers.

J. F. DODGE,

Editor and Proprietor,  
Windsor, Conn.

Entered at the Post Office at Windsor, Conn., for transmission through the mails at Second class rates May 11th, 1896.

Our readers will notice by the date of this number that we have skipped a month, not caring to give this two numbers and two dates, or on the other hand be so far behind Father Time. The editor has been and is in extremely poor health, which demands that the greater part of his time be spent in the open air, consequently this paper as well as his extensive correspondence must suffer. The loss of a month will not at all interfere with subscriptions or advertising, and we trust that our readers will overlook this hastily prepared number.

We have received numerous complimentary remarks upon our second issue. Our modesty as well as our space, (chiefly the latter) will allow of only a few, selected at random, which we publish, partly that our printer may receive due credit.

“A great improvement has taken place in the COLUMBIAN PHILATELIST since we announced its first number; a neat and tasty cover has been added, the paper, the typography, and the contents have been greatly improved, and the C. P. will be a very popular little paper if the standard set by No. 2 should be maintained, which we trust will be the case.”—*S. B. Hopkins, in Mekeel's Weekly.*

“Neatest and *most sensible* paper I have ever seen.”—*Chas. B. Hesse.*

“Enclosed find subscription for your A No. 1 paper.”—*Louis Gerst.*

“How can you furnish it for 15 cents a year?”—*Miss M. F. L. Browne.*

“It must now rank among *the* papers of the land.”—*Leo. Fritter.*

We must ring off. We think our printer did very well, and it would be hard indeed to find a typographical error.

Our exchanges arrive in almost every mail and we have decided that we cannot spare the space even to list them, much more review them, and trust that none of them will feel hurt in conse-

quence We shall, however, from time to time borrow what we consider of especial interest, giving due credit, of course, and shall criticize freely, and hope they will do the same. We claim to be fearless and independent, as this and future issues will show.

In the first two numbers of this paper appeared the advertisement of Chas. B. Raub of New London, Conn. Twice we have sent him bills requesting payment, without eliciting a response. As we have heard recently that he was expelled from the Boston Philatelic Society, we have dropped his advt. and demanded an explanation, which is not yet forthcoming.

A certain large western stock company that deals in stamps and stamp publications had a recently discovered Millbury sent them on approval, which they claim to have lost and then had the "cheek" to give its owner five dollars for.

The same firm sold a Millbury a very few weeks after the above occurrence for something like \$1,000.—*Weekly Philatelic Era*.

Now friend Jewett we presume you make these statements from facts in your possession. If so why do you withhold the name of the company and injure the other western stock companies by throwing suspicion on them? And again if the *Era* is "published in the interest of stamp collectors" you are neglecting your duty by not exposing the matter thoroughly that others may not be duped by trusting their stamps to the rascals.



George B. Klebes whose portrait appears above, was born at Coxsackie, N. Y., in 1867, and began collecting stamps at the age of 15, and has evinced an active interest in the science ever since. While Mr. Klebes has been an ardent student of philately and done hard work to build up our societies his naturally retiring disposition has prevented his attaining the notoriety possessed by many others. It was with reluctance that he was prevailed upon by his friends to accept the nomination to the vice-presidency of the P. S. of A. but those who know Mr. Klebes as we do, have no hesitancy in stating that no better man could be found for the position. There are politicians who could pull the wires better, but if genuine honest worth counts, Mr. Klebes will be

elected by a large majority. Mr. Klebes was an early member of the P. S. of A. and has held the office of Res. Vice-Pres. for Connecticut ever since its organization, and was instrumental in organizing Waterbury Branch No. 7, and is now its Secretary. He is also Hon. Vice-Prest. for Connecticut of the Columbian Philatelic Society. In 1894 in company with J. H. Davis, (another P. S. of A. and a valiant worker for the cause of philately) the Waterbury Stamp Co., was organized. This proved to be a paying venture and a large mail trade is the result and they have become very popular with their patrons on account of their promptness and reliability.

#### CAMPAIGN NOTES.

R. W. French publisher of the Evergreen State Philatelist has been widely named as candidate for president of the L. of A. P. Where could we find a better man? And by the way now that the Michigan Philatelist has been merged with Beardsleys apology, why not choose the Evergreen as official organ, and again if Kessler is yoke-fellow with High Collar B. how many sensible people among our membership will vote for him for any office?

The *Weekly Philatelia* endorses Clarence L. Thurston for Exchange Supt. of P. S. of A. He is a bright young man and doubtless would make a good officer.

H. D. Ruehlman of Sharon, Wis., also wants the office. We have'nt heard anything against him, but as far as Rareshides candidacy goes, we emphatically say no!

## To Collectors of Entire Envelopes.

I offer the 2c. Brown on Manila size 7 knife 45 second P. O. D. Watermark unused and fine condition

**\$10.00 Each.**

Cash with order.

**CHAS. H. STONE,**

Box 718,

Concord, N. H.

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#### OUR CLUBBING OFFER.

We will give E. B. Jones's Comprehensive Check List, retail price 25c. and one years sub to the Columbian Philatelist, price 15c. for only 25c.

Š. A. D. Cox replies to Crawford Capen, in the last number of the Eastern Philatelist regarding date of issue of 3c. green on ribbed paper, claiming that 1873 was the date, and not 1875. We have seen them bearing cancellation of 1874, and think Mr. Cox is correct. Perhaps our readers would be more interested in owning one of these stamps than they would in ascertaining its date of issue. Those who, as new subscribers, enclose in addition to the subscription price (15 cents) a further sum of 20 cents, will receive with their first number a copy of this stamp. This offer is only made to increase our subscription list, only 50 copies will be so distributed, and old subscribers can only secure one by enclosing an additional new subscriber, or extending their own subscription one year.





Mr. Erard Le Royd Etiolles, Ex-President of the French Philatelic Society is requested to give us some information in regard to the unpaid unperforated stamps 1, 2 and 5 francs black, of French Colonies which he is offering in his price list, but which it is said have never existed in any French Colony.

An Italian journal says "Le Courier des Timbres Postes," is advertising reprints of the two Argentine Columbian stamps. These so called reprints are counterfeits of the worst kind (International Stamp.)

### OUR SORTING TABLE.

We have found the following stamps since our last issue.

Great Britain, 1 penny red, large crown, *plate number 167 one side and 166 the other side.*

Cape of Good Hope 1 penny red brown wmk. crown C A *inverted.* Have any of our readers seen similar stamps? Let's hear from S. B. Hopkins.

In sorting 50,000 2c. green envelope stamps for die a, the result was; 3 on white, 1 on amber, and one on manilla. Latter is a lightly canceled copy with extra large margin.

Our correspondent purchased for us at the Chicago post office 75 of the Kellogg 2c. brown, rounded corner bust, Scott's 807 a, all they had left in stock. We have just learned that the Scott Co., asks \$15 each for them. Are they worth it? We don't think so.

### The Texan Philatelist

has been changed to a monthly. It consists of 12 pages each month. Subscription 15c. per year. Ad. rates 50c. per inch. Special to those who send us 20c. we will send the T. P. one year together with a packet of 10 var. U. S. and foreign stamps that cat. over 25c.

THE TEXAN PHILATELIST,  
Abilene, Texas.

### New Brunswick

Unused O. G.

|                   |       |        |
|-------------------|-------|--------|
| 1800, 17c. black, | - - - | 20c.   |
| " " " pair,       | - - - | 45c.   |
| " " " block of 4, | - - - | \$1.00 |

F. R. GOODWIN,

L. Box 36, Spring Hill, N. S. Canada.

### LOOK HERE!

|                               |      |
|-------------------------------|------|
| 10 dif U. S. env. cut square, | 15c. |
| 5c. Green Conf. 1862.         | 45c. |

Approval sheets 50 to 75 per cent com. for references.

C. & C. STAMP CO.,

Box 11, Brems Bluff, Va.

Fine approval sheets at 50 per cent discount.

30 stamps FREE to every new agent.

Reference required.

Good prices paid for collections.

### W. P. KELLY,

3324 Peery Ave., Kansas City, Mo.

**75** all different stamps 10c.  
Approval sheets upon application.  
Address.

UNIVERSAL STAMP CO.,

51 Penn St.,

Camden, N. J.

### BRONCHO BILL

wants to buy your duplicates. Send copy of stamp and number you have with lowest cash price. A bargain. Confederate 1863-2-10-20c. My price 25c. send silver. No stamps taken. Address

H. C. LEITNAKER,

Austin, Texas.

Franz Wooge, (with many aliases) has just been convicted and sentenced to one years imprisonment at San Francisco, for frauds upon dealers.

Two dies of the 2c. green envelope stamp have recently been rejected, the one with a V-shape nick in the neck of Washington and the latter with a white mark one millimeter in length projecting from the inner oval into the green background opposite the chin of Washington. Of the latter only 500 were printed on oriental buff paper and about 5,000 on white, being a die that had just been introduced.

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WINDSOR, CONN., U. S. A., AUGUST 20, 1896.

No. 4

R. J. Russell whose portrait appears below has just completed his 38th year. His early education was obtained in this country. He afterwards pursued his studies in England, Germany, Switzerland and France graduating at the French Military Academy, Heidelberg Medical University and later at the Maryland University School of Medicine. He became interested in stamps while abroad, but not until 1891 did he become much attached to our "hobby."

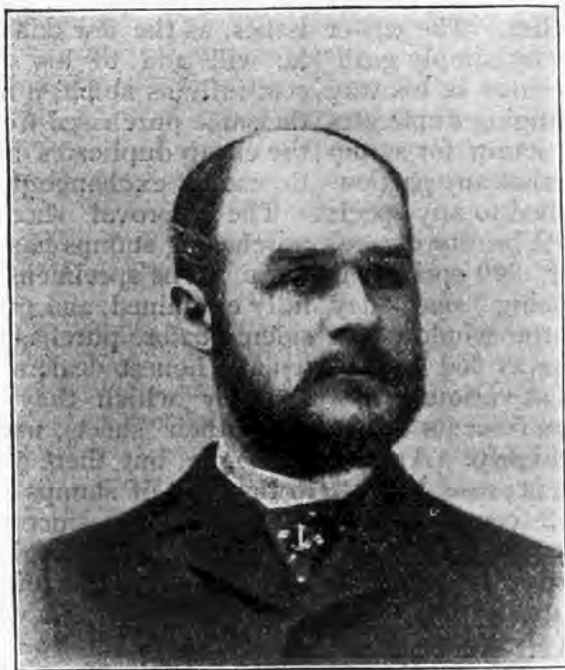
In 1891 he joined the Sons of Philatelia and in 1892 was elected International Secretary. In 1893 he was elected president but after one term, he declined further use of his name for that office and

since then has served his society acceptably as International Secretary being re-elected at the Gettysburg convention. He resides in Hanover, Pennsylvania, where he has a lucrative practice in his specialty, dis-

eases of the throat and lungs.

He is president of the Board of Health of the city and has recently received a State Commission as agent for the Pennsylvania State Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

Dr. Russell is well versed on the questions of the day as well as upon phil-



R. J. RUSSELL.

atelic subjects. He is an enjoyable conversationalist, convincing in argument yet genial in manner and leaves with all a striking impression of his strong personality.

### THE BEGINNER.

In this article there is nothing to interest the advanced collector. We are not addressing anyone but the novice, the person old or young who is just stepping through the gates and the one who has just passed the portals and desires a guide through the temple of philately. We do not feel competent to guide him very far, and if we find that he is bound to investigate the "crystal maze" perforations, grills, watermarks, plate numbers and minor varieties we will hand him over to a guide who is well versed in all the mysteries connected with this portion of the temple. The varied experiences of each one who started a collection of stamps is always recalled with a great deal of pleasure by a true philatelist. The writer began a collection by simply gathering what stamps came in his way without cost, exchanging duplicates for others, usually stamp for stamp and was not aware that any particular value was attached to any specimen, except from its beauty or age, until some 200 or 300 specimens were secured. Seeing one day some specimens in the window of a stationery store he was led to purchase a few stamps at various prices ranging from 2 to 5 cents each, and prizes them highly. Among them are the 3 cent rose 1861, 3 cent green 1882, 2 cent claret, 2 cent green and 1 cent stamps of the 1882 and 1887 issues U. S. and 5 cent Nederland (green) and the two-pence-halfpenny current Great Britain. It was several months afterward before he learned of the existence of a catalogue and for a long time paid full catalogue prices for such as he needed for his collection, with one exception. The exception was a packet containing 1000 stamps and containing 100 varieties

and most of the duplicates he has still on hand. In our opinion the packet is a poor investment for any collector unless it be a packet containing no duplicates purchased from a reliable firm at the beginning. We say "reliable" firm as there are many dealers who without regard for honesty, their own business reputation, or future gain, include in their packets a great many reprints, unused Seebecks, worthless locals and foreign revenues, or on the other hand find in their packet trade a good opportunity to work off heavily cancelled and damaged stamps.

After the purchase of one variety packet, it is usually of very little use to invest in other packets except specially prepared packets of new issues, as the few odd varieties that he will add to his collection will cost fully as much if not more than the same purchased from sheets, and the cheap duplicates are of very little use for exchange purposes.

The approval sheet method of purchasing stamps has many advantages. The specimens may be seen, fully examined, and price duly considered before purchasing. All systematic honest dealers have a standard by which they price stamps upon their sheets, usually Scott's catalogue, but there are exceptions in the case of stamps that have advanced in value since the catalogue was issued. The beginner wonders why discounts are offered from the catalogue prices and what regulates these discounts.

The price in the catalogue is the price for a single specimen of a single stamp, while the dealer who sends sheets on approval hopes to dispose of many stamps and this is one object of the discount.

But this is not the only reason for the discount. In addition to com-



petition, the main reason lies in the fact that however carefully the large dealer compiles a list of prices, they are not all absolute values, even for single specimens, and if so, could not remain so for a year to come. In the market reports of grain you read of the visible supply. The compiler of the catalogue (if honest) prices the stamp in the catalogue, from the stock of that variety he has on hand, and from his estimate of the same variety on hand and for sale by other dealers, compared with the demand for the same, and if he makes an incorrect estimate the price is at fault. The law of supply and demand as surely governs the values of stamps as it does other commodities, and consequently in looking through the advertisements in this or any other magazine you will see price lists of certain varieties by many dealers, some of which are below and some far above the catalogue price.

The discounts on sheets are usually arranged according to actual value of the stamps, from 60 per cent discount to net catalogue prices and even above.

As stated above, supply and demand regulate the value. A fresh supply of any variety decreases the value (as in the case of the Spanish and Cuban remainders thrown on the market last year) unless the demand increases in the same proportion, and an increased demand, without a new supply appearing adequate to the demand will advance the value, as in the case of certain U. S. Revenues at the present time.

In naming a price the supply considered is the visible supply on the market, not what may be known to be in the hands of speculators who intend to hold them. If such are thrown on the market as in the case

of the 50 cent and \$2.00 Columbian it is no fault of the compiler of the catalogue who could not foresee it.

The beginner will soon learn what class of stamps should be sold at this, that or the other discount and at net prices if he is a careful student of philately and reads its literature. In selecting stamps from sheets, the condition of the specimen should be taken into account, though in our opinion a slight defect in a scarce stamp at 50 per cent discount should not deter him from purchasing if the stamp in question is worth 25 to 50 per cent more in a perfect condition. We have several times passed such specimens and they never came our way again until the price had advanced 100 to 300 per cent. In selecting stamps from sheets the collector will find some spaces in his album hard to fill, as the stamps belonging in such spaces seldom appear on sheets. If he is a member of a philatelic society, and every collector should belong to one or more, he will in all probability find some stamps in the exchange department that will complete sets at a fair price, the duplicates of other members, and a perusal of auction catalogues will doubtless repay him in finding other specimens that he needs. Another time we may treat of other matters that may be of interest and assistance to the young collector.

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THE publishers of "The Pennsylvania Stamp" take the liberty of quoting word for word our sketch of Mr. Geo. B. Klebes without giving the COLUMBIAN PHILATELIST proper credit.

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PLEASE mention this paper every time you write to our advertisers.

### The Purcell Envelopes.

I notice an advertisement of a neighbor of mine in the "Evergreen State Philatelist" in regard to the 5 cent die B 1894 envelope on amber paper and were it not for the fact that Editor French makes editorial mention of it I should hardly waste time in alluding to it. His statement that The Scott Co. ask 10c for the entire unused envelope is incorrect as they price only the used cut square specimen at 10c and do not price the entire or cut square unused.

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The statement that the Purcell Co. gave up the contract is incorrect. They would forfeit a bond of \$200,000 if they did. They made a sub-contract with the Plimpton-Morgan Co., the old contractors, and the die is in the hands of the government agent, but not in use and will not be, unless the old die should break or wear out and that is highly improbable. The number states as being printed, is nearly correct, 63,000 being printed on amber and 119,500 (instead of 119,000 as stated) on white paper. There were about 20,000 of the amber on hand when the E. S. P. advertiser obtained his 8000 and he afterwards sold half of those he bought to a collector friend who still has them. They were on sale at Washington, D. C., and Boston, Mass., until recently and as dealers have frequently used them in postage to me, I judge that many of them secured a small stock at least.

While on the subject of the 5c envelope I will digress a little as possibly what I have to say may be new to many of the beginners. Entire envelopes are fast becoming popular among collectors and the study of die varieties, flaps, watermarks, sizes and gum is very interesting.

Many however only collect the varieties of die and color of the ink. The envelopes made by the Purcell Co., at Holyoke, Mass., consisted of a limited number. The left flap lays over the right on the back, just the reverse of the Plimpton manufacturer, and the impression is much clearer. The dies of the 2c and 4c are so nearly identical with the Plimpton dies that Scott makes no mention of them in the catalogue. The die of the 1c is also nearly identical with that of the Plimpton dies but by error the ink used in printing the 5c envelopes (viz. dark blue) was used in printing the 1 cent. But 100,000 were printed on white paper, 5000 on amber paper, about 68,000 on manila paper and a small quantity of wrappers. Thus it will be seen that the amber is worth many times the catalogue value. It has been generally understood that the Purcell Co., printed all the 1c envelopes in dark blue. The writer however was surprised to find recently a small quantity in a New Hampshire post office printed in the regular color, light blue. These were on white paper. In looking over the large stock of C. H. Stone, of Concord, N. H., I also came across a few of the same on amber paper also manila paper. They will of course be of interest only to collectors of the entire envelopes unused as with the exception of the flap as before mentioned, there would be a difficulty in distinguishing them from the regular Plimpton issue. The die of the 5c referred to in the beginning of this article is materially different from the Plimpton die in that the beard lays against the bust showing no neck, while the Plimpton shows the neck plainly. The "no neck" die will some day be quite scarce.—J. F. DODGE, in "American Collector."

## THE CONVENTIONS.

The S. of P. Convention was called together at 11.30 A. M. Aug. 4th. at Hotel Gettysburg, Gettysburg, Pa., by the vice pres. B. P. Thomas, of Pemberton, N. J. Pres. Luhn not being in attendance.

The convention was harmonious throughout and the following officers were elected:

Pres., B. P. Thomas of New Jersey.  
 Vice Pres., J. E. Zahn of Colo.  
 Secy. R. M. Miller of Md.  
 Treas., P. L. Messer of Md.  
 Int. Secy., R. J. Russell, M. D. of Penna.  
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 Supt-Sales., Chas. E. Shaw of Mass.  
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 Pur'g Agt., Leon G. Lambert of Minn.  
 Ctf. Det., F. Noyes of Texas.  
 Attorney, J. A. Wainwright of Mass.  
 Trustees, Messrs. Parks, Ward and Dunkhorst of Washington, D. C.

Hereafter the age and occupation of each applicant will be published in the official Journal. A movement set on foot by C. W. Kissinger to make the "Pennsy" official Journal was promptly voted down. Out of 299 votes cast for president, Kissinger received 65 a little over 1-5. Roy F. Greene who illegally holds the S. of P. library and refuses to turn it over was handled without gloves, and the attorney was instructed to secure the library or its money equivalent \$100.

The members including writer were shown over the battle fields by Capt. Jas. T. Long and enjoyed themselves immensely.

The gathering of the members of the A. P. A. at Lake Minnetonka, Minn., on Aug. 11 resulted in the election of F. F. Olney of R. I. as president, Messrs. Vanderlip, Toppan and Kilban of Mass., as vice presidents. J. F. Beard of Iowa, Secy.; N. W. Chandler of Ill., Treas.; H. B. Phillips of Calif., ass't secy.; E. Doebelin of Penn. international secy.; G. D. Mekeel of Mo., Supt. Sales and Purchasing Dept. C. W.

Kissinger had the second largest number of votes, but finding that a movement was on foot to expel him from the association for cause, he had Mr. McDermot his private secretary in a few well chosen words withdraw his name as candidate for any office. W. C. Stone though he had a larger number of votes than many others elected was declared ineligible as he resided in the same State as the three vice presidents. The dues were raised to \$1.80 per year which in our opinion will largely decrease its membership and the "boy" who wants to join will hereafter furnish a bond. Mekeel's weekly was again made official organ, (the apples always drop on their side of the fence). Georges Carion was expelled, and publishers who are members of the association are requested to refuse advertisements from dealers known to be frauds or who had been expelled from any society. Boston or vicinity seemed to be almost the unanimous choice of the members as next convention seat. The west is always noted for its open arms hospitality and visitors to the convention found this no exception.

The P. S. of A. convention was called together just after the close of the former and resulted in the selections of Oney K. Carstarphen, Colo., as president, R. W. Ashcroft of New York, vice president, Chas. Beamish of Penna., secretary, C. W. Kissinger of Penna., treasurer and Roy F. Greene of Kansas, international secretary, H. D. Ruellman of Wis., exchange Supt., L. H. Lambert of Minnesota, purchasing agent. Atlantic City, N. J. was selected as the convention seat for 1897. Dues were raised to 50 cents per year and minors will be obliged to furnish a guarantor. The board being Kissinger 3/4 to 1/4 we think that gentlemen can find no fault—as he will virtually control the association.

### Entire U. S. Envelopes.

There seems to be a general awakening among collectors on the above subject and many of those who have heretofore treated this branch of philately as of little or no consideration are now deeply interested in watermarks, sizes, gums and varieties of paper and wonder why such a highly interesting study has escaped their notice. The writer is yet a novice, having but recently secured a copy of that instructive treatise on "The Stamped Envelopes, wrappers and Sheets of the United States" edited by Messrs. Tiffany, Bogert & Reichert. We advise any of our readers who may be interested in envelopes to secure at once this invaluable aid. The dealers are not slow in noticing this increasing interest in envelopes and scarcely a philatelic paper of any account appears but advertisements of entire envelopes appear therein. The editors of these papers also are many of them gathering much information of interest and serving the same up to their readers. In this connection we would say that we have reproduced from "The American Collector" an article on "The Purcell Envelopes" that will be of interest to many of our readers.

### MICROBES ON STAMPS.

Having successfully disclosed the hygiene dangers adherent to the kiss, the telephone receiver and the towel, medical science has now turned its attention to the perils that beset the philatelist's art. According to Dr. Unna, a patient was recently attacked by a peculiar parasitic growth in the beard. On making a minute examination of some of the hairs the doctor recognized the disease as "piedra," which is chiefly met with in British Columbia, but he fre-

quently received letters from correspondents there, and, being a collector of postage stamps, he was in the habit of removing them from the letters. In Dr. Unna's opinion, the gum on a postage stamp is an excellent material for retaining any disease germs that it may receive from the application of the tongue, and in removing stamps, even when moistening is done with a sponge, there is always a danger that the collector's fingers may receive and communicate the contamination.—*Science News.*

### "Church" Stamps.

A Chicago dealer who has been called down in the Philatelic papers for selling counterfeits and altered stamps, advertises in a western paper a few barrels of "church" stamps. We presume he will find fools enough to believe that they are "unsorted," "just as received," etc., but we wonder how long before the philatelic papers will refuse to insert at any price the advertisements of such dealers.

If the dealer mentioned above has "stamps to burn" we know of two at least of our correspondents who would be better off, if he had burnt stamps sent to them on approval before he sent them, and we think the dealer himself would also have avoided a great deal of trouble past and future. One of his latest schemes is to send selections on approval and claim on their return that stamps had been substituted. Two highly respected Boston dealers were charged with substituting stamps on his sheets.—*American Collector.*

We can guess who you refer to "Bob." By the way you don't see the advertisement of B. S. Ross in our columns do you?



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IF this paper reaches you in a wrapper marked "Sample Copy" it is a request to subscribe. The P. O. Dept. will not allow us to mail other copies and the price is so low that you can afford it. See?

WE have received from H. D. Reuhlman a copy of his "Standard Catalogue," and from W. H. Kessler, Jr., a copy of the "Hand Book of Michigan," for which the publishers have our thanks.

CHAS. B. HESSE, an active member of the S. of P. and C. P. S., is a candidate for the position of Secretary of the I. of A. P. whose convention is being held as we go to press. We wish him success.

MR. J. M. BARTELS in the "Daily Stamp Item" refers to the 5c envelopes Die B current issue. This die has not been current for at least a year and a half. Possibly Mr. Bartels may find something of interest in an article by the editor of this paper entitled "The Purcell Envelopes" in the August number of "The American Collector."

MESSRS. J. M. BARTELS & Co. have our thanks for a copy of their catalogue of U. S. Plate numbers. This catalogue is invaluable to a plate number collector and is worth only 50 cents.—"Dixie Philatelist." We do not agree with you friend Chappell. These gentlemen sent us a copy and we think it is well worth \$1.00 though we believe they sell them at 50 cents each.

WE understand that Mr. G. L. Toppan asserts that the 2 cent 1884 Die B (Kellogg) envelope on blue paper does not exist. Mr. Joseph Rechert informs us that he possessed two used specimens some time ago, but that they are not now in his possession. Another correspondent writes us that he has this die on oriental buff paper but we have not seen it yet.

THE Editor desires to thank 119 S. of P. members who cast their ballots for him for purchasing agent at the convention at Gettysburg. He was not aware that he was a candidate until the ballots were printed, being away from home at the time, and under the circumstances could not, even had he wished, make any effort for the office. His opponent, L. G. Lambert, will doubtless make a good man for the position and he has our congratulations.

PINEY CREEK, MD., Aug. 20, '96.

The writer is getting this issue of his paper under a great many difficulties and trusts that any short comings will be overlooked. Early in June under physicians advice he hied himself away to the New Hampshire hills, but a sojourn there did not seem to be productive of very much benefit and since the convention of the S. of P. at Gettysburg, Penna., he has been the guest of the genial "Bob" Miller at the above address and sees a gradual improvement, physically, which would no doubt be more decisive but for his large correspondence, much of which has to be attended to. He desires herewith to thank subscribers and patrons for their patience and expressions of good will, and as health improves, will make decided improvements in the make up of what has become a popular little paper. We have been urged by other publishers to advance the subscription price to 25 cents per year but have steadily refused, as we prefer to have 1000 subscribers at present price to 500 at 25 cents. The present price brings it within the reach of all and subscriptions are coming in steadily, notwithstanding the delays in publish-

ing. The numbers for June and July are omitted and this August number (4) follows the May number. A years subscription consists of 12 numbers, so every one will get just what he pays for. We are compelled to advance the rates of advertising, but at the new rates they are much less than other magazines of same size and circulation and our advertisers appreciate the value of an honest circulation. This is not like other papers. We do not believe in following the beaten ruts pursued by others, but a cut across the fields where we can gather something that will be appreciated by those accustomed to eating the dusty berries that grow by the roadside. We trust that this and succeeding issues will be found interesting. Several new advertisers have furnished us with their patronage and their "ads" are well worth reading.

How nicely S. B. Hopkins echoes the wishes of his employers in his reputed "Reviews!" A paper that says anything complimentary of the Messrs Mekeel or their publications gets a nice write up, while anything disparaging brings a storm of abuse. We took occasion to point out the inconsistency of this firm in our last issue, and were highly commended by leading philatelists everywhere, but Mr. Hopkins says: "Its contents will have to be greatly improved before it will become popular." Great changes (which will never be made) might make it popular with Mr. Hopkins and his employers but we are looking for no favors from that direction. But honestly, Mr. Hopkins, we enjoy your criticisms. It would be monotonous to have everybody complimenting us. Do so some more.

WE have received from the Raynor Hubbell Stamp Co., of Buffalo, N. Y., a copy of their new "Price List of Postage Dues" for which they have our thanks. We take the liberty of copying from it the following as it may be of interest to some of our readers:

"It was also decided, upon the suggestion of the Bureau of Engraving & Printing, to make a change in the design of the postage due stamps, the change consisting of a reduction in the size of the stamps and some immaterial changes in the general design. The denominations of the stamps are those of the old series, and the color was intended to be the same, but owing to some difference in the character of the engraved plates the former color has not been exactly preserved; the new color is somewhat deeper than the old, and some of the earlier issues of the stamps have even been printed a bright red."

{ Report of the Postmaster  
General for 1894.

THERE seems to be a movement all along the line to again interest the boys and gain recruits to our ranks. The "Stamp" Publishing Co. of New York, in which all the large dealers are interested, will shortly issue a paper that, under the editorial management of Crawford Capen, and carefully circulated by the able management must interest many in the study of philately, who have hitherto passed it by as a matter of ephemeral interest or ignored it altogether. Without the beginner (and the right time to begin is in childhood and youth) philately would soon be on the decline. The joint publication of a catalogue ignoring watermarks, perforations and minor varieties by the Scott and Mekeel Co's will be another

great benefit for the beginner. With prospects as bright as they are now we can certainly look for a bright future for our science, and consequently a good business for the dealers. But if dealers will persist in floating worthless Seebecks, reprints and speculative issues on their sheets, they will have only themselves to blame if they find a reaction.

### The S. of P. Library.

The State of Kansas has a nice climate and in looking over an agricultural paper we find that they raise good crops, and that it is a good soil for cabbages. Possibly this accounts for the appearance on the public arena of such people as Jerry Simpson and Mrs. Lease with their wild opinions on finance and other public questions. Roy Farrell Greene lives down in Kansas too and attempts in his "Personal Remarks" in the last issue of the "Philatelic West" to explain why he doesn't turn over the S. of P. library that he has been illegally holding for 3 years. His idiotic ideas of business are on a par with Jerry and Mary. He says Lang, who has an alleged claim against the S. of P., told him to hold the library and he is obeying Lang. If Lang had a legal claim against the S. of P., he could have attached the library long before this or he could have tied up the money in the treasury as over \$100 has been on hand at various times and the treasurer lives right in his own city but the fact is Lang hasn't any claim against the S. of P. Some years ago, Lang bought from R. M. Miller the official organ "The Collector" for \$125 agreeing that Miller should collect monthly the amount due from the society in its capacity as official organ until the full amount was paid, and if

Lang discontinued the publication of the paper it should revert to Miller without any return of amounts received by Miller from the Society. The contract is still in existence signed by Lang. Lang ran the paper four months and Miller got about half of his money from the society; Kissinger went down to Baltimore one Sunday and bought "The Collector" to break up the S. of P. Then Lang wanted the \$67 Miller had received on account AND THAT IS HIS ALLEGED CLAIM AGAINST THE SOCIETY. He owes Miller \$58 instead of Miller or the society owing him \$67.

Roy's poetry, we read, was greeted with prolonged applause at the P. S. of A. convention. He is nothing if not sentimental. His mind is continually soaring above ethereal clouds and cannot grasp such base sordid matters of earth such as we groveling mortals have to attend to, and we would advise the P. S. of A. members who have just elected him International Secretary to appoint his earthly administrator and buy him a ballon that will take him to an altitude of a mile or so above the earth where the atmosphere will be more congenial to his aesthetic nature, AND KEEP HIM THERE.

### Other Societies.

In our last issue we announced the organization of a new society, The American Stamp Exchange, but through an error in the copy, "The Weekly Philatelic Era" was named as the official organ instead of "The Boston Stamp Book." Dr. M. K. Elmer, of Bridgeton, N. J., has been elected president to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of U. R. Lowny. The society is prospering nicely. The exchange

department is in excellent shape under the management of the efficient Dr. Mabel Cornish and they made a happy selection as official organ. Application blanks and further information will be cheerfully furnished by the editor or by H. Smith, Secy., 5 Almont-st., Medford, Mass.

The S. of P. since their harmonious convention at Gettysburg seem to be prospering nicely. Sec'y Miller published about 20 new applications in the last official journal.

The published reports of the P. S. of A. convention, spoke of the harmony that prevailed especially at the close. We await the verdict of Editor Drown, I. E. Patterson and B. J. Bishop whose violins we understand, are a little out of tune on account of some of the strings being cut by C. W. K. without the knowledge of the owners previous to the convention. C. W. K. used to be a successful band master, but this year probably from an attempt to lead four different bands at once he was a woeful failure.

We read with surprise in the "Daily Item" of the organization of The Connecticut Philatelic Society. The choice for president Mr. Geo. B. Klebes, of Waterbury, was all right, but the secretary has too unsavory a reputation to predict success for the society.

If you are a subscriber and you receive an extra copy of this paper, it is intended for your friend. Remember that every one you induce to send in a subscription will add to our list and enable us to furnish you a larger and better paper.



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The society is growing rapidly  
 and on its first birthday, August  
 17th, the Secretary had received  
 201 applications. Among late ap-  
 plicants are Frank P. Brown, A.  
 Batchelder, Gardner P. Kennedy,  
 Benj. P. Thomas, R. J. Russell, M.  
 D., W. H. Emmert, Rev. W. A.  
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# The Columbian Philatelist

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WILLIAM H. EMMERT, whose portrait appears on this page, was born in Hanover, Pa., May 7th, 1861. Shortly afterward the family

removed to New Oxford, Pa., where he has since resided. In '69 he became interested in stamps, but soon transferred his collection to his brother. In 1879 he started his present collection of United States stamps which at present numbers about 2500. The postal adhesives are nearly complete, departments are complete except dollar values of the State Department, and all



*Yours Truly*  
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except 12c Agriculture. The unused first issue of perforated revenues are complete with many rare imperfor-

ate and part perforates and the second and third issues lack only the 3 higher values. His collection of match and medicine stamps is not

surpassed by many and the same might be said of his U. S. and Confederate locals and envelopes cut and entire. He was an early member of the Sons of Philatelia (No. 25) and for 3 years was Exchange Superintendent. At that time he was doing a good stamp business. He declined a reelection and gave up his stamp business on account of ill health and other business. He is a mem-

ber of the firm of Emmert & Bro. who are the leading dealers in dry goods boots and shoes and ready made

clothing in New Oxford. He takes an active interest in educational, charitable and religious work and holds a high position in the esteem of his townspeople and all with whom he is brought into social or business contact. He is a Past Master Mason. Last Summer when stamps could be bought cheap, Mr. Emmert laid in a good stock and begins dealing once more, and certainly cannot fail of meeting with the success that he deserves.

### The Stranger Within Our Gates.

If Minerva, Goddess of wisdom, has left a descendant upon this world of ours he or she is urgently and earnestly requested to come forward and enlighten us poor befogged mortals upon a subject now before the collecting public, viz., how it happens that the United States 1c 1861 should be found imperforate at the sides, or at the top or bottom. Several such specimens have been found unsevered and upon the original cover, yet there is no record of the postal department having authorized their issue, and as a consequence the fortunate owners are puzzled to know whether these strangers within the philatelic gates should be classed as fish, flesh or fowl. But these stamps are not the only ones our government has issued in a partially perforated condition for I have a distinct remembrance of having seen or owned unsevered pairs of the 3c 1872-73, and 2c and 4c 1883, each of which lacked the usual perforation at the sides, but at that time my philatelic knowledge was far less than at present so the pairs, though voted odd, were not saved and are now untracable. Besides these there is still another value known to exist imperforate as the following extract from the letter of a collecting correspondent will

prove. "Did I tell you," she writes, "of my find last summer? An unsevered pair, unperforated, of the 2c horsemen 1869! Prof.— offered me \$25. for them which I refused, and later \$50. which I finally accepted." This is the only instance I know of where any stamp of this issue has been found imperforate, but it is quite probable that there are others also.

Now what caused these errors, for surely that is the class to which they must belong. Many think they were due to some sheets escaping perforation one way, but is it not just as likely they were caused by carelessness in placing the sheet for perforation by some disorder of the machine itself? A very little thing in the way of disarrangement of complicated machinery will often, as everyone knows, make a vast difference in the results produced, and there is no reason why stamps should be more exempt from this law than other things. These suggestions were brought to mind by the recent purchase at the post office here of a block of fifteen current 2c some of which, but not all, bore upon the back plainly visible horizontal and vertical rows of perforation circles a short distance inside of the perforation proper; on the face the paper showed no sign of having been cut, yet so unusually plain was the impressions on the reverse that I actually poked with a pin (not a hair pin please note, they are not in such universal use among my sex as Puck and Judge would have you believe!) to see if the circles could be pushed out, but they objected and so I good-naturedly forebore.

You will probably think this is the "perforation grille" lately noted and ridiculed; perhaps it is, but I think not. Partly because only the two upper rows of the block (four



stamps in each row) were so marked, but more particularly because I afterwards saw another group of stamps bought soon after my own purchase and therefore probably from the same sheet, in which some of the false perforations—called so for want of a better name—had cut in places clear through the paper and on holding the group up to the light we could trace on some of the other stamps where the impressions seemed deepest, a decided thinness corresponding to the circles as though the paper had here and there been partially cut through. Unfortunately I did not think to apply this test to my own specimens then, and they are now not available.

Since commencing this article it has struck me that it would be a good thing to beg, buy or borrow that cut group and forward it for the editorial gaze, so yesterday I tried to do it, but found to my chagrin that it had long ago been made to do postal duty. "I thought that double perforation was queer, certainly," said the owner, "but you know I don't pay any attention to little oddities and so didn't consider them worth saving. You could have had them as well as not if you had said you wanted them: I wish you had." So do I,—now!

Now why isn't it possible that some such thing as this should be responsible for the imperforate pairs sometimes seen? This sheet, we are inclined to think, must have gone into the machine in an uneven manner for there are places where the false perforations ran into the true; perhaps the mistake was discovered and the sheet readjusted before the first holes were punched completely through, and following the branches of this supposition it is quite easy to imagine that years ago when the methods in use were much inferior

to those used now it might have been both possible and probable that an occasional sheet should receive merely the impress of the intended perforation in perhaps a very light degree instead of having the holes punched entirely through, and should have been issued to the public with the mistake unrectified. We all know that our old issues are not famous for being evenly centred, and perhaps even this fact will add its bit of proof to the theory—a mere theory to be sure—that I have ventured to set forth. AMY L. SWIFT.

### THE BEGINNER.

Continuing on this subject that we treated of in last issue, we trust that young collectors may find something of interest here. The subject of "perforations" is one that often bothers many a beginner, many of whom for a long time count the perforations across the bottom of a stamp and if they find 15, and the catalogue says "perf 15" are satisfied they are correct, not knowing that it is the number of perforations in a space of 20 millimeters or 2 centimeters. A good perforation gauge can be obtained of reliable dealers at a small outlay and to a ready mind we need not explain the method of using. The perforated stamps of the U. S. are all 12 except the first perforated issue which were 15, but those of foreign countries vary largely, so that a perforation gauge will come into constant use, as with it many counterfeits are detected, and dates of issue, consequently values, determined. With the millimeter scale, the mysteries of the grill 11x13, 13x16, 9x11, etc., are determined. "Reprints" are stamps reprinted from the original plates generally by some person authorized to do so by the government.

They are usually of no philatelic value in our opinion not being receivable for postage. Often perforated differently, sometimes printed on different shades of color or on paper of a different texture, the careful collector will be able to detect most of them without assistance. The counterfeit detector of the society he belongs to will assist him with the others at a nominal fee. "Seebecks" so called are issues of the 5 Central American countries, also Venezuela and Ecuador under a contract with the Hamilton Bank Note Co. of New York which Col. N. F. Seebeck is president and manager. This contract gave all stamps, envelopes and postal cards remaining on hand at the close of the year to the aforesaid Co. to reimburse them for supplying those required by the government for legitimate postal purposes during the year, not being available for postage thereafter. Thus it will be seen that the Bank Note Co., could make the number of remainders large or small, and have a lot of pretty labels of Salvador, Honduras, etc., to sell to the large stamp companies (and through them to the collectors) that never saw the country that they were printed for. Unused "Seebecks" are therefore something that the young collector should avoid unless he can buy them at the price of the cost of printing and paper. Some dealers obligingly cancel these stamps for collectors, but the cancellation is usually done in such a bungling manner that it would deceive but few. Ecuador has cancelled her "Seebeck" contract and its government will hereafter issue its stamps at home. A strong effort was brought to bear upon the Scott Stamp and Coin Co. to induce them to omit these stamps from their 56th

catalogue, or at least give the public a description of their true philatelic character, but without effect. Doubtless the coming catalogue will be more generous to the young collector.

### A SOLILOQUY.

(With Apologies to Roy F. Greene.)

Years ago in the S. of P., I aspired their leader to be, but alas I wasn't yet of age. I got mad and wouldn't play, went and formed P. S. of A., began a war against the S. of P. to wage. I made fun of S. of P. called it "busted," "dead," "N. G.," but they prospered though I treated them so rude. While the "Pennsy" cut and slashed, at every point my hopes were dashed for all this time the S. of P. was sawing wood. I was at Gettysburg this year, (do you think I was sincere?) and I had the nerve to ask for—can you guess? I was 21, you know, and I thought I'd have a show to be leader, president but nothing less.

But they coolly turned me down said I couldn't wear the crown, but all through the session I appeared quite content for I had a little scheme where I'd skim some golden cream but it didn't seem to work worth a cent, "Pennsy" couldn't be O. J. so I softly stole away crest fallen with other loads of care. I had met my Waterloo and I felt it keenly too and thorns were present everywhere.

My pet P. S. of A. had a certain Oney K. with lieutenant H. C. B. They were bound to take my scalp unless I got more help and the animals had me "up a tree." Then the A. P. A. last year thought in me they found a peer of the quiet though faithful "Billy" Stone. The pet of the Mekeel's I followed at their heels and they often threw

me out a marrow bone. But I played some naughty tricks my masters were in a "fix" and they dropped me, (perhaps they were losing honest trade) and all the men in Boston town, (except my dear friend Drown) to speak their minds right out - were not afraid. Then that wicked wicked Sherman and Grenmel that artful German printed pages full of cold, cold facts, so what was I to do? I couldn't then pull through. I had got it where the chicken got the axe. Glad I'm out of A. P. A. Mac D. had his little say, they agreed to keep those little matters quiet. I might have been elected, and promptly been ejected, for they had the proof that I had tried to buy it. P. S. of A. I'm second fiddle (leave you to solve the riddle) but I have the sweet companionship of Roy F. G. His songs will cheer my way through many a weary day and I've soothed the injured feelings of H. C. B.

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|             |                     | NEW    | USED  |
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|             | 10c.....            | 3 00   | 50    |
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|             | 24c.....            | 7 50   | 5 00  |
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|             | 90c.....            | 27 50  | 40 00 |
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| (Sept.)     | 1c.....             | 35     | 06    |
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|             | 5c.....             | 50 00  | 8 50  |
|             | 10c.....            | 1 75   | 15    |
|             | 12c.....            | 2 00   | 40    |
|             | 24c.....            | 10 00  | 1 50  |
|             | 30c.....            | 6 00   | 60    |
|             | 90c.....            | 20 00  | 4 00  |
| 1862-66     | 2c.....             | 60     | 06    |
|             | 5c scarlet.....     | 100 00 |       |
|             | 5c chocolate.....   | 20 00  | 3 50  |
|             | 5c brown.....       | 6 00   | 40    |
|             | 15c.....            | 7 50   | 50    |
|             | 24c gray lilac..... | 4 00   | 40    |
| 1867        | 3c [grill all over] | 40 00  | 17 50 |
|             | 3c 12x14.....       | 20 00  | 2 50  |
|             | 1c 11x13.....       | 6 50   | 1 50  |
|             | 2c.....             | 2 50   | 30    |
|             | 3c.....             | 1 00   | 05    |
|             | 10c.....            | 5 00   | 1 00  |
|             | 12c.....            | 5 00   | 75    |
|             | 15c.....            | 25 00  | 5 00  |
|             | 1c 9x13.....        | 6 50   | 1 25  |
|             | 2c.....             | 1 25   | 30    |
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|                                  | 6c.....                   | 4 00       | 85     |                                                | 6c.....             | 2 00  | 05    |
|                                  | 10c.....                  | 7 00       | 1 00   |                                                | 10c.....            | 1 00  | 04    |
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|                                  | 15c [Picture framed] ...  | 7 50       | 2 00   |                                                | 90c.....            | 7 50  | 1 25  |
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|                                  | 2c.....                   | 10 00      |        |                                                | 10c " brown...      | 50    | 01    |
|                                  | 6c.....                   | 10 00      |        |                                                | 10c " black brown   | 2 50  | 25    |
|                                  | 10c.....                  | 12 50      |        | 1887                                           | 2c green.....       | 08    | 01    |
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|                                  | 3c.....                   | 2 50       | 03     |                                                | 5c.....             | 12    | 04    |
|                                  | 6c.....                   | 15 00      | 4 00   |                                                | 15c.....            | 25    | 25    |
|                                  | 7c.....                   | 15 00      | 4 00   |                                                | 30c.....            | 50    | 50    |
|                                  | 10c.....                  | 35 00      | 10 00  |                                                | 50c.....            | 80    | 80    |
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|                                  | 90c.....                  | 25 00      | 7 50   |                                                | 5.00.....           | 6 00  | 6 00  |
|                                  | 1c 8½x10½.....            | 5 00       | 50     | 1894                                           | 2c triangle II....  | 20    | 05    |
|                                  | 2c.....                   | 5 00       | 20     |                                                | 2c " III .....      | 15    | 03    |
|                                  | 3c.....                   | 2 50       | 03     |                                                | 10c.....            | 20    | 02    |
|                                  | 1c no grill.....          | 3 50       | 15     |                                                | \$1.00.....         | 3 00  | 2 00  |
|                                  | 2c.....                   | 2 00       | 05     |                                                | 2.00.....           | 5 00  | 2 50  |
|                                  | 3c.....                   | 2 50       | 05     |                                                | 5.00.....           | 8 00  | 6 00  |
|                                  | 6c.....                   | 5 00       | 20     | 1895 (wink)                                    | 2c triangle I ..... | 08    | 01    |
|                                  | 7c.....                   | 8 00       | 75     |                                                | 2c " II.....        | 15    | 02    |
|                                  | 10c.....                  | 20 00      | 20     |                                                | 2c " III .....      | 03    | 01    |
|                                  | 12c.....                  | 12 50      | 75     |                                                | 4c.....             | 06    | 01    |
|                                  | 15c.....                  | 6 00       | 50     |                                                | 10c.....            | 12    | 01    |
|                                  | 24c.....                  | 17 50      | 2 00   |                                                | 50c.....            | 60    | 25    |
|                                  | 30c.....                  | 10 00      | 75     |                                                | \$1.00.....         | 1 25  | 75    |
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THE editor has again undertaken the task of getting out an issue of his paper while away from home. The last issue had many short comings which we very much regretted. Our printer was rushed with work, the pages were wrongly numbered and the paper warehouse sent him the wrong paper and cover. However we hope this issue will be an improvement over the last. Advertisers are well pleased and subscriptions are arriving daily. The rates for both subscriptions and advertising are kept down to "hard pan" and are duly appreciated.

We are obliged to exceed our usual size of 8 pages and cover again this month, and it will probably be permanent.

IN this connection we would say that we have published more history than any of our contemporaries dared to publish, but we intend to live up to our motto.

AS WILL be seen by another column Mr. S. M. Hamilton is publishing an "Inside History of the Late P. S. of A. Campaign." It will doubtless amuse many of the members.

MESSRS. COOK & DUNBAR have favored us with their latest Price-List of Revenues and Mr. Richard R. Brown with his Wholesale List for Dealers both of which are well worth sending for.

IF this paper reaches you in a wrapper marked "Sample Copy" it is a request to subscribe. The P. O. Dept. will not allow us to mail other copies and the price is so low that you can afford it. See?

EDITOR JEWETT of the *Weekly Era* has not answered our question as to the identity of the "large Western stock corporation that deals in stamps and stamp publications" that he stated offered \$5 for a "Millbury" stamp sent them on approval that they claimed that they had lost. We attempted to probe the matter the last time we were in Boston, but all that we found out was that the "stock corporation" had offered some \$300 to settle for the stamp they lost (?) but the original owner would not agree to accept that sum.

WE have received several private letters recently from various parts of the country that inform us that many recruits to the ranks of philately in their vicinity invested some time ago their savings in a cheap album and a quantity of stamps under a flattering offer of a "beginners outfit." They took pleasure in their album when the stamps were nicely mounted, until older collectors informed them of the value of many of the stamps contained therein, and that most of these beginners are now so discouraged with collecting that they have thrown aside their albums in disgust.

We noted in our last issue that The Scott Stamp & Coin Co., and the Mekeel Co., have joined forces in publishing a beginners catalogue also a beginners album. We hope that the latter company has sold out all its "Seebecks" and will furnish beginners something of more value than these labels. We allude to this, as last January when they criticized the Scott Co. so severely for including Seebecks in their catalogue, they made the statement that as soon as their present stock was exhausted they should not deal in them any more.

P. S.—We have just glanced over the advertising columns of our contemporary and find Nicaragua, Honduras, Salvador, etc., still offered. Query, how many million did they have, and how many collectors are assisting them to unload by purchasing them?

*Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News* is we believe the first philatelic paper to admit an article into its columns bearing on the political campaign. Granting that Mr. Plank's arguments in favor of a gold standard are correct, we believe that it is bad taste for philatelic papers to meddle with national politics.

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IN an article by Miss Amy L. Swift in another column she refers to a pair of imperforate 2c 1869 which were purchased by the head of a large stamp firm. The business of this firm as well as all other firms would be enhanced if in a case like this the news were given to the public, but as far as we are able to ascertain no mention was made of the fact. A year ago at the time when the secret works of the 1873 U. S. adhesives were first published in Scott's catalogue, it was ascertained that many dealers had known of these for years but, selfishly kept their knowledge to themselves that they might the more easily detect counterfeit grills. The philatelic public didn't need any protection of this sort, oh no! They must find out these things for themselves, and meanwhile the dealers were gathering in the desirable stamps. Now this is all wrong, the business of the dealer is dependent upon the collector, and the latter looks to the dealer who has the experience to aid him and his collector friends in the pursuit of his hobby.

THE editor made a flying trip to Baltimore and Washington recently, where he found the dealers doing quite a good business and looking for a brisk fall and winter trade. Mr. Townsend was at the ball game and Mr. Rothfuchs out of town. Mr. Bartels showed us a fine array of plate numbers embracing many of the early issues, also some quite interesting entire envelopes, including a fine albino of the 3c 1861 on buff. His price list No. 6 just issued is quite neat and contains some good bargains. Mr. Dunkhorst's collection of over 10,000 varieties is worth traveling a good many miles to see and Mr. Dunkhorst extends a hearty welcome to visiting philatelists. He has a large stock of desirable stamps and says he has all the business he can attend to.

The Chesapeake Stamp Co., of Baltimore, are having a good trade, and carry a good stock of stamps but do not deal in envelopes. Mr. J. M. Schafer who is proprietor of an extensive photographic studio has very little time for stamps, though he has a very large stock. He confines his business chiefly to the wholesale trade. Wm. v. de Wettern is doing a good wholesale business also, but unfortunately for us he had gone on a fishing trip the day we were there. He has written us that he had a good "find" (of fish not stamps). B. V. Jenkins had not returned from his vacation, our limited time denied us the pleasure of calling upon the other dealers and collectors.

WE notice the advance sheets of the new catalogue sustain Crawford Capen's opinion and place the date of issue of the ribbed paper stamps as 1875 instead of 1873, as catalogued last year. This is wrong. We have them canceled in 1874.

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MR. B. S. ROSS, of Chicago, Ill., has been refused admittance to the Columbia Philatelic Society. He was objected to by six different members, five of which were owing Mr. Ross for stamps ranging from 60c to \$1.11 each. The trustees after examining the charges took it for granted that Mr. Ross was a fraud and reported adversely on his admission. Mr. Ross was never consulted on the charges, and never had a chance to defend, which shows how the Columbia Philatelic Society is conducted. The worst criminal has a chance to defend himself in any case, but Mr. Ross was not allowed this.—*Evergreen State Philatelist*.

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We are somewhat surprised at the statements in the above article. We presume Editor French means the *Columbian Philatelic Society*. Regarding objections to Ross we know of only three, one the editor of this paper, paid \$3.50 (less 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ ¢) for a counterfeit New Orleans stamp from Ross' sheet we have not asked him to refund the amount as we want it for another purpose and consider it cheap if we can rid philately of one source of danger. One party in Milwaukee writes me that he was



beat out of a small sum and another bought from Ross what purported to be a 12c 1851, but which proved to be a clipped 12c 1857, and there are others. Really Mr. French, the C. P. S. scores one for honesty any way. Neither of the three mentioned owed Ross a single cent. We judge that Ross furnished the information to the E. S. P. We can then readily account for the falsehoods contained therein.

WE do not intend to admit advertisements of questionable character to the columns of this magazine, and would consider it a favor if any reader would advise us of any unsatisfactory dealings with any of our advertisers. The following explanatory letter was recently sent to a wouldbe advertiser:

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WE have just had the pleasure of looking over the "Favorite U. S. Album" published by Messrs. R. F. Albrecht & Co. and described by their adv. in this issue. It is bound to be a "Favorite" and will have a large sale. To encourage beginners we will if desired place 50 selected varieties of stamps in their proper spaces in one of these albums (in-

cluding 1 to 15 cents of the 1890, 1893 (Columbian) and 1894-95 issues) and mail securely packed to any address and include one years subscription to this paper for 75 cents.

*The Minnesota Stamp* has appeared, H. D. Ruehlman Editor and Hart (C. G.) & Ruehlman, publishers. Under editorials we read, "We would ask all who wish the Exchange Department of the P. S. of A. in the hands of a competent man to vote for H. D. Ruehlman. Mr. R. is capable of filling the office in the best possible manner and we hope to see him come out with a rousing majority. We would say Ruehlman first last and all the time." Well if that isn't refreshingly honest! The editor must have taken a pattern from the "*Penny*" which is called "*The Pennsylvania Journal of Praise*" by the *Stamp Collector's Fortnightly*.

## The Columbian Philatelic Society.

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| 2c 1884 brown on fawn, July.....         | .10    | .06        |
| 4c 1887 carmine on manilla.....          | .25    | .18        |
| 2c 1884 red on blue, June.....           | .75    | .50        |
| 2c 1883 red on blue, Nov.....            | .40    | .20        |
| 2c 1883 red on fawn, Oct.....            | .40    | .25        |
| 2c 1883 red on blue, Oct.....            | .25    | .18        |
| 5c 1876 brown on white.....              | .20    | .15        |
| 2c 1886 brown on manilla amber.....      | .25    | .16        |
| 5c 1887 blue on oriental buff.....       | .25    | .16        |
| 4c 1883 green on amber.....              | .20    | .14        |
| 30c 1887 chocolate on amber.....         | 2.00   | 1.30       |
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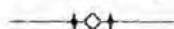
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|      | 5c brown, amber p (749)               | 14   |
|      | 1c dark blue, orange p (763)          | 38   |
|      | 1c light blue, orange p (765)         | 05   |
|      | 1c blue, fawn p (775)                 | 18   |
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|      | 2c red, fawn p (785)                  | 25   |
|      | 4c green, white p (791)               | 12   |
|      | 4c green, amber p (792)               | 18   |
| 1884 | 2c brown, fawn p (799)                | 45   |
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|      | 5c blue, blue p (858)                 | 16   |
|      | 4c carmine, buff p (851)              | 16   |
|      | 5c blue, buff p (852)                 | 16   |
|      | 90c purple, amber manila p (872)      | 2 25 |
| 1883 | 1c blue, (873)                        | 02   |
|      | 2c violet, (874)                      | 03   |
|      | 5c chocolate, (875)                   | 07   |
|      | 10c brown, (877)                      | 13   |
| 1885 | 1c dark blue, white p (878)           | 20   |
|      | 1c dark blue, manila p (880)          | 75   |
|      | 1c blue, white p                      | 25   |
|      | 1c blue, amber p                      | 75   |
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|------|----------------------------------------|----|
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| 1864 | 3c pink on white                       | 15 |
| 1864 | 3c " buff                              | 15 |
| 1870 | 6c carmine on white                    | 35 |
| 1874 | 1c blue on fawn                        | 18 |
| 1874 | 2c vermilion on fawn or amber<br>die C | 10 |
| 1874 | 3c green on cream, bl. or fawn         | 15 |
| "    | 6c carmine on white                    | 25 |
| "    | 10c brown "                            | 30 |
| "    | 10c " on amber                         | 40 |
| "    | 2c brown on orange Die B3              | 40 |
| 1876 | 3c green on white                      | 30 |
| "    | 3c red on white                        | 45 |
| 1882 | 5c brown on white                      | 12 |
| "    | 5c brown on amber                      | 15 |
| 1883 | 2c red on blue [November]              | 25 |
| 1887 | 30c chocolate on buff or blue          | 25 |

### Purcell Envelopes.

|      |                        |    |
|------|------------------------|----|
| 1895 | 1c dark blue on white  | 25 |
| "    | 1c light " "           | 25 |
| "    | 1c dark " on amber     | 50 |
| "    | 1c light " "           | 50 |
| "    | 1c dark " on manila    | 50 |
| "    | 1c light " "           | 50 |
| "    | 5c blue on white die B | 25 |
| "    | 5c blue on amber die B | 40 |

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|     |               |                 |        |
|-----|---------------|-----------------|--------|
| 4c  | Carmine       | Fine Mint State | \$ .10 |
| 4c  | Green         | " " "           | .10    |
| 3c  | Vermilion     | " " "           | .10    |
| 5c  | blue Garfield | " " "           | .10    |
| 1c  | Justice       | " " "           | 1.50   |
| 3c  | Justice       | " " "           | 1.50   |
| 30c | black 1890    | " " "           | .45    |
| 90c | orange 1890   | " " "           | 1.25   |

### Hawaiian Islands.

|     |             |                 |      |
|-----|-------------|-----------------|------|
| 1c  | blue [45]   | Fine Mint State | .15  |
| 1c  | green [46]  | " "             | .03  |
| 2c  | rose [57]   | " "             | .12  |
| 5c  | blue [49]   | " "             | .23  |
| 6c  | green [51]  | " "             | .23  |
| 15c | brown [61]  | " "             | .45  |
| 18c | rose [62]   | " "             | .45  |
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# The Columbian Philatelist

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## The Other Side.

We study the faces of our stamps with scrupulous care taking note of every variation in print, lettering, impression or design, and pounce with unconcealed joy upon anything resembling an error even if the difference consists of nothing more decided than a slight break in one of the shading lines, but we give very casual attention or else none at all, to a portion of the stamp just as worthy of study, viz. the Other Side.

The most universal belonging of the Other Side is of course original gum. On used stamps the gum is generally lacking, or at best partly so, and in some cases unused are no richer owing to the belief of some collectors that it is better to wash it off, but where it remains in its full glory there is a large field ready and waiting for the entrance of the gum specialist. I have seen several varieties of gum, dark and light, thick and thin, smooth and cracked, some nearly tasteless and some almost as bad in that respect as a drop of cod-liver. (Needless to say these last are foreign: our own country has more consideration for the palates of her children.) Many philatelists denounce with scorn the practice of washing original gum from unused stamps, but personally I

rather incline to the opinion that the idea is a good one although I so far yield to the will of the wireacres as not to do it myself. I believe that some gum preparations are liable to change the color of the stamps, and also that many stamps thus decorated will curl and crack when the album is left open any length of time in a warm room. I lost several Austrian by that cracking process, so am speaking partly from experience.

But original gum is the least of the interesting things to be found on the Other Side—to me, that is—though perhaps it supplies the most ground for connected study. The texture of the paper is more easily examined from that point of view as also are the watermarks and grilles. So too a tear invisible on the face will reveal its presence by the doctoring the Other Side must inevitably show in the shape of a tiny patch or carefully gummed up rent. But these are all such well known recommendations that most collectors have long since found them out for themselves; besides they are not what I particularly wish to draw attention to.

To begin with, take for illustration a recent issue of the Azores since that country leads alphabetic-

ally. Two values of that issue have recently come into my possession, and though the S. S. S. does not approve of them they are pretty enough and large enough—being about the size of our Columbian issue—to be worth looking at. Each value bears the figure of a monk quite appropriately too, for on the Other Side there is the following inscription printed in tinted ink.

“Sentenario de Santo Antonio MCXCV \* MDCCCXCV, O lingua benedicta, guae Dominum semper benedixisti et alios benedicere docuisti; nunc perspicue cerniture quanto meriti fueris apud Deum.”

S. BOAVENTURA.”

Now isn't that a nice little Latin lesson for the school-boy collector? He must study it out for himself, for I am not going to spoil the good effect by supplying the translation, and then he can tell the next scoffer at our hobby that stamp collecting is an aid to the study of Latin, and in fact of other languages too, for almost every foreign stamp bears at least a word or two of its native lingo.

The early issues of Greece are interesting also, for many of them are adorned on the Other Side with double lined figures of medium size printed in colors, whose object, as far as I know has not been determined. In most cases the figures correspond with the face value, but I fail to see any reason why it should have been necessary to put the value on both sides. Then there are the Queensland stamps of 1895 with moirée on the back; the Sweden of 1886-91 with bashful post-horns in the same place; the Mexicans, whose reverse bear lines ruled in blue, and the Spain of 1875 whose Other Side is entirely covered with a quaint blue design enclosing a rectangular space containing pret-

tily shaded figures that have to be reflected in order to be easily read. These figures are different for every stamp in the sheet, and may have been used as a guard against counterfeiting just as were the letters in the 1d Great Britain, or the whole design may be a device of the engraver in order that he might identify his work.

Finally—in this list at least—may be mentioned the set of thirteen New Zealand issued in 1893 each of which bore upon its Other Side an advertisement extolling the merits of some object of commerce, usually soap. (Now you need not think from that that New Zealand is an unusually dirty place, for it is not. I have been there and know.) The contract for this advertising was sold for a year, but does not seem to have proved of much profit, for it was not renewed when the year expired. Perhaps the unlucky number 13 had something to do with that, but we will give it the benefit of the doubt however.

All this surely tends to show that there are still depths of wisdom awaiting the plunge of the philatelic explorer. Many of us would be far more interested in learning what all these things on the Other Side were intended to betoken, whose idea they were, why they were given up and similar things concerning them than we are in the countless numbers of die differences, thick and thin shading, etc. that the specialists are continually bringing forward. All those things are interesting in their way, especially to specialists, but a good share of collectors are not fond of specialism to such an extent, and would welcome with delight less talk about the face of their stamps, and more about the oddities of the Other Side.

AMY L. SWIFT.



**The New Song.**

[Tune—"The "Old Oakken Bucket.""]

**The Collector's View.**

How dear to my heart are the scenes of  
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When my album's blank spaces present  
them to view;  
The ninety cent justice, the sixty-nine  
issue,  
And all the dear stamps that my in-  
fancy knew.

—*Badger Philatelist.***The Publisher's View.**

How dear to my heart is the old silver  
dollar,  
When some kind subscriber presents  
it to view;  
The bright silver dollar, the scarce silver  
dollar,  
The old silver dollar we all love so well,

—*Texan Philatelist.*

It don't take a dollar, nor even a quarter  
To have the C. P. twelve time in a  
year;  
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write us,  
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Next?

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BY S. ESTLE MILLER.

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And are not these Revenue stamps beautiful? Show me the beauty then of other stamps. Many of them are exceedingly attractive in colors, presenting many shades and combinations, and all of them are attractive in design. They are excellent productions of the designer's and engraver's skill. No set of stamps are more so.

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Salvador—\* 1895, Prov. 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 11, 20, 25, 50c, 1p, 10 \$ .50. (and many others.)

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Please note that 1896 stamps are offered in spite of the published statement in January or February, 1896, to the effect that as soon as their present stock was exhausted they should not deal any more in this class of stamps, which, as long ago as July, 1895, they termed "rot," "abominable rubbish," etc. Wise collectors will take them at their word and rather burn their money than buy this "rot" which they offer?

**Among the Crooks.**

The publisher has been endeavoring for some time to get H. M. Porter of Philadelphia, Pa. publisher of *Philadelphia Stamp News* to refund 92 cents for some counterfeit stamps purchased of him. Mr. Joe Beard of Muscatine, Iowa, sent some \$6.00 worth of stamps registered to H. M. Porter, 863 N. 48 $\frac{1}{2}$  St., Philadelphia, about a year ago. The above Porter claimed that he never received any mail at that address, but finding that he joined the Sons of Philatelia at that address and that the letter to Mr. Beard requesting the consignment was in the same handwriting as that of the publisher of the *Philadelphia Stamp News* and of S. of P. No. 1593 we have placed the case before the trustees of the S. of P. demanding his expulsion, and upon the return of the papers shall place them in the hands of the Post-office Inspector.

F. W. Parker of Oxford, Ind., wrote last month to Mr. J. P. Lacour of Morgan Park, Ill., for a selection referring to C. E. Dudding vice pres. A. M. A. Shortly after C. E. Dudding wrote to him giving as reference F. W. Parker, Mr. Lacour asked Parker for further references and the reply in an entirely different-handwriting informed Mr. Lacour that he (Parker) had a small capital of \$2,000 in the Oxford Bank "and would like to see some of your good and rare stamps. Never a sheet of good stamps leaves my hands without some being taken off." The reply Mr. Lacour gets from the Oxford Bank is brief "Mr. Parker is a boy about 15 or 16 years old and has no money on deposit with us and never did have."

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The Columbian Philatelist

when answering ads.

**Art of Putting on a Stamp.**

"When you put a postage stamp on an envelope," said a precise man to his son, "you should put it on square and true, in the upper right-hand corner, and as near as possible to the margin of the envelope. You put it on at the right-hand corner for the convenience of the stampers in the Post Office, so that it may be uniform in location with the stamps on other envelope and so more conveniently and expeditiously stamped; you should study the comfort of others as well as yourself. You should put it as near as possible to the corner, so that the canceling stamp will be less likely to deface and perhaps obscure the address on the envelope.

"You should put it on square and true because that is the methodical and proper way to do. Many persons are disturbed by the appearance of a stamp put on in a careless and slipshod manner. And I can easily imagine that such a practice might work positive injury to you. You might have occasion to write to a man on a matter of business that was of importance to you. You might compose and write this letter with faithful care and set forth what you had to say with commendable clearness and precision, and yet upset it all by slapping on a stamp carelessly; the recipient might judge you by the one slight act done naturally rather than by the studied work done with a purpose.

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|-----------------------------------|--------|
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| 12c 1873, purple, used.....       | .50    |
| 90c 1875, carmine, used.....      | .50    |
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|                                           |        |
|-------------------------------------------|--------|
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| 1c pale blue on white.....                | .25    |
| 1c blue on manila, penalty watermark..... | .50    |
| 4c scarlet on white.....                  | .25    |
| 4c scarlet on amber.....                  | .25    |
| 5c blue on white rejected die B.....      | .25    |
| 5c blue on amber " ".....                 | .50    |

I have others. Send me your want list. I accept 2 cent stamps in payment to any amount same as cash.

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|                                   | NEW     | USED |
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| Same dark blue...                 | 20 00   |      |

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|                            |       |    |
|----------------------------|-------|----|
| 1875-79 12c, 24c, 36c..... | 3 00  |    |
| 48c.....                   | 7 50  |    |
| 60c.....                   | 6 00  |    |
| 72c.....                   | 10 00 |    |
| 84c.....                   | 15 00 |    |
| 96c.....                   | 10 00 |    |
| 1895(wmk) 1c.....          |       | 10 |
| 2c.....                    |       | 15 |
| 5c.....                    |       | 20 |
| 10c.....                   |       | 25 |

## Continental Bank Note Co. Print.

|                         |       |       |
|-------------------------|-------|-------|
| Agriculture '73 1c..... | 4 00  |       |
| 10c.....                | 7 50  | 6 50  |
| 12c.....                | 10 00 | 8 00  |
| 15c.....                | 4 00  | 3 50  |
| 24c.....                | 5 00  | 4 00  |
| 30c.....                | 5 00  | 4 50  |
| Executive, 1c & 2c..... | 10 00 | 10 00 |
| 3c.....                 | 7 50  | 7 50  |
| 6c.....                 | 20 00 | 20 00 |
| 10c.....                | 12 50 | 12 50 |
| Interior, 1c.....       | 25    | 25    |
| 2c.....                 | 30    | 15    |
| 3c.....                 | 25    | 10    |
| 6c.....                 | 50    | 05    |
| 10c.....                | 75    | 50    |
| 12c.....                | 60    | 40    |
| 15c.....                | 75    | 50    |
| 24c & 30c.....          | 1 00  | 75    |
| 90c.....                | 3 00  | 2 50  |
| Justice 1c.....         | 2 00  | 2 00  |
| 2c.....                 | 4 00  | 4 00  |
| 3c.....                 | 2 00  | 75    |
| 6c.....                 | 2 50  | 1 00  |
| 10c.....                | 3 50  | 3 00  |
| 12c.....                | 3 50  | 2 50  |
| 15c.....                | 7 50  | 6 50  |
| 24c.....                | 20 00 | 20 00 |
| 30c.....                | 25 00 | 25 00 |
| 90c.....                | 60 00 | 60 00 |
| Navy 1c & 2c.....       | 1 50  | 1 50  |
| 2c.....                 | 65    | 65    |
| 2c green error....      | 40 00 |       |
| 3c.....                 | 40    | 20    |
| 6c.....                 | 60    | 50    |
| 7c.....                 | 15 00 | 10 00 |

|                               |         |         |
|-------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Navy 10c & 12c.....           | \$ 2 50 | \$ 2 00 |
| 15c.....                      | 3 50    | 3 00    |
| 24c.....                      | 5 00    | 4 00    |
| 30c.....                      | 5 00    | 3 00    |
| 90c.....                      | 15 00   | 10 00   |
| Post Of. 1c & 2c.....         | 25      | 25      |
| 6c.....                       | 30      | 15      |
| 10c.....                      | 2 00    | 2 00    |
| 12c.....                      | 1 00    | 75      |
| 15c.....                      | 1 50    | 1 00    |
| 24c.....                      | 1 25    | 1 25    |
| 30c.....                      | 1 00    | 1 00    |
| 90c.....                      | 2 50    | 2 00    |
| State 1c.....                 | 3 50    | 3 50    |
| 2c.....                       | 7 00    | 6 00    |
| 6c.....                       | 1 00    | 1 00    |
| 7c.....                       | 3 50    | 3 00    |
| 10c.....                      | 3 50    | 2 50    |
| 12c & 15c.....                | 5 00    | 4 50    |
| 24c.....                      | 10 00   | 8 50    |
| 30c.....                      | 8 50    | 8 00    |
| 90c.....                      | 15 00   | 13 50   |
| \$2.00.....                   | 25 00   | 25 00   |
| \$5.00.....                   | 135 00  |         |
| \$10.00.....                  | 70 00   |         |
| \$20.00.....                  | 60 00   | 60 00   |
| Treasury 7c.....              | 2 50    | 1 50    |
| 10c & 12c.....                | 50      | 25      |
| 15c.....                      | 50      | 30      |
| 24c.....                      | 12 50   | 5 50    |
| American Bank Note Co. Print. |         |         |
| Agriculture '79 3c.....       | 1 00    | 50      |
| Interior 1c.....              | 1 50    | 1 50    |
| 10c.....                      | 1 50    | 1 00    |
| 12c.....                      | 3 00    | 1 50    |
| Justice 3c.....               | 75      | 75      |
| 6c.....                       | 1 50    | 1 25    |
| Treas'y 10c.....              | 50      | 25      |
| 30c.....                      | 3 00    | 1 00    |
| 90c.....                      | 5 00    | 2 50    |
| War 30c.....                  | 35      | 25      |

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AS WILL be seen by the change in address above the Editor and publisher of this magazine has removed with his family to the Keystone State, and with improving health he hopes to make the COLUMBIAN PHILATELIST which is now a regular and welcome visitor to hundreds of homes, still more popular, and its influence in promoting true philately more widely spread. The work of editing a magazine under the difficulties we have experienced in our travels can only be known by those who have tried it themselves, and we trust that our readers will be patient until we get our sanctum in proper order. Our advertising columns seem to have attracted many new dealers and they have something interesting to tell you. If you are a dealer and haven't used these columns, the

rates are low and we believe it would pay you as our advertisers are writing us of the increasing trade they are receiving.

ONE of the leading New York dailies recently made this astonishingly frank statement, "This is first and last a purely commercial enterprise." A majority of the philatelic papers and magazines of this and many other countries could with perfect truth make this statement. This may seem at first blush a sweeping allegation, but when a person with an unbiased mind scans the contents of publication after publication, he cannot fail to come to the same conclusion. The freedom of the Editor's pen is hampered by the glitter of the almighty dollar and must not by any means offend his advertisers; but more than this, whether merited or not, must give them a flattering write up regardless of truth, or refer to the excellence of their wares, even if he knows them to be devoid of merit and that the business methods of the advertiser are seriously open to question. This also enters into "Reviews" in many of our papers and magazines, and one can't help thinking that these Editors should adopt the motto "Pat my back and I will pat yours." We intend to run this magazine without admitting advertisements of questionable dealers; we cannot afford to write flattering notices of our advertisers to keep them with us; we shall exercise the right of criticising the methods of any one when he deserves it, whether he favors us with a big "ad." or not. We shall give our readers much that will not be found in other papers, and our advertisers honest circulation with no promised (and not fulfilled) 5000 or 10,000 editions, and we hardly think that any one

who glances at the price of subscription and rate of advertising will consider our paper much of a success as a commercial enterprise. The Editor started this paper as a vent to his utterances on certain matters connected with philately *that other papers would not publish*, yet he found them universally commended by collectors everywhere when they appeared in this paper. The subscription is so low that subscribers are being added to our lists daily, and the influx of new advertisers to our columns has made it necessary to largely increase the size of the publication.

WE are some 10 days late in going to press this month, one reason being the mixed condition of affairs consequent upon the removal of the Editor to his new home, and the other waiting the arrival of an electro which will now have to go over to next month. Some regular advertisers have also omitted to send copy, probably being busy preaching their political faith. However, we have advertisements enough for one issue. Right here we would remark that some advertisers show queer taste in selecting papers who have a very small subscription list, and have no larger circulation than the C. P. and nine-tenths of the copies mailed sample copies. On the other hand nearly one-half of the copies we print go to paid subscribers, and good results are sure to come from a well worded advertisement.

SCOTT'S 57th Catalogue will not be sold at a discount this year, but will cost 58 cents postpaid. If you place your order with us now we will send you one as soon as issued and include a years subscription to this paper for 65 cents. Moral.—Place your order now.

WHILE the presswork of No. 1 of the *New York Philatelist* could be improved, the contents are all right, and the publishers write us that a new printer will make a fine appearance of next number. We want good papers; we have plenty of the other kind, and from our knowledge of the publishers we believe that Messrs. Beringer & Herbst will furnish a paper that will attract more than ordinary attention.

IN the sketch of Mr. Emmert in last issue, the displacement of a word made a sentence rather obscure. His set of Departments is complete, except dollar values of State, all unused except 12c Agriculture. Mr. Emmert has also a complete collection of Confederate general issue and his collection of Confederate Money and U. S. Shimplasters is equalled by few. He also has several hundred varieties of the patriotic envelopes used during the War by the Union Sympathizers and nearly as many Confederates.

WE have received several requests every month to begin subscriptions with No. 1 in spite of the fact that we have stated in each issue that we cannot do so. Very few back numbers are in stock and the revised prices below are the best we can do. We would like to buy a few No. 3 and No. 4.

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This issue completes Vol. I and we want to mail the first issue of Vol. II to 100 new subscribers,

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### The Press.

*The Post Office* has reduced its subscription price to its former figure 25 cents per year. This will certainly add largely to the subscription list of this excellent magazine.

*The Philatelic Newsletter* is again a welcome visitor. We always did find something of more than passing interest in this magazine and much regretted its temporary suspension. This number (Oct. 15th) is no exception and we regret that our space will not allow us to copy some of the good things found therein.

The *Maryland Philatelist* No. 1 has been received and is quite a neat little magazine.

The *American Collector* for October is just at hand as we go to press with a new heading, cut and riveted a great improvement in its make up. If friend Miller would reduce it to a magazine form we should like it better. However the contents are good, and it seems to be well patronized by advertisers.

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### Parable of the Sower (Revised.)

LOS ANGELES, CAL., June 1, '96.  
EDITOR OF *Printer's Ink*.

A business man went forth to sow advertisements, and as he sowed some fell by the wayside (sign-boards on fences), and the sun and fog faded some of them so that they could not be read; others were torn down and used to kindle fires by the "Knights of the Road." Some fell among thorns (advertising columns

containing questionable ads.), and these sprang up and choked them. Some fell on stony ground (sample copy editions), and these bore some fruit, but, because they had no paid circulation, they soon ceased their usefulness. Others fell on good ground (reputable newspapers of known circulation), and brought forth paying results—some a hundred fold, some sixty, some thirty. Moral: Sow your seed in the fertile advertising columns of journals of known circulation, whose advertising as well as reading columns inspires the confidence of readers.

W. D. CURTIS.

Los Angeles, Cal.

—*Printer's Ink*.

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### The Beginner.

Regarding the choice of an album that is a question not easily answered.

If collecting only U. S. without regard to varieties of watermark and grilles, the "Favorite" album is a good one for the beginner, containing as it does spaces for all postal adhesives, envelope stamps, revenues and telegraph stamps and sold at a price within the reach of all. If any other album is chosen it should be one printed on but one side of the paper as stamps are easily damaged where mounted on opposite pages. In my own collection I mount the stamps from the left hand side. If an album printed on both sides is used we would advise that those on the right hand page be mounted this way and those on the left hand page vice versa. The advantage of this is readily seen on closing the book. The large hinges that readily peel from the stamp as well as from the page should be used. Nearly any reputable dealer supplies these upon request.

The blank album has many advantages for the medium and advanced collector, as the stamps can be mounted in any manner pleasing to the taste and one don't see those annoying spaces forever blank marked "2c green, error, (navy)" "3c scarlet," "24c 1851" and last but not least a Mekeel's "5c 1890 error color of 4c."

### The Columbian Philatelic Society.

ORGANIZED AUG. 17th, 1896.

Prest. J. P. LACOUR, Morgan Park, Ill.; Vice Pres. J. A. WILSON, Beverly, Mass.; Secy-Treas. LEO FRITTER, Columbus, Ohio; Exch. Supt. H. G. EARLE, Minneapolis, Minn.; Superintendent Bureau of Information, J. F. DODGE, New Oxford, Pa.; Librarian, WARNER HAMMOND, Palmyra, N. Y.

The publishers of the *Bay State Philatelist*, the official organ of the society have not issued their paper since July which has caused considerable dissatisfaction among the membership and it is more than probable that some other paper will be selected as official organ very soon. The membership is now about 220.

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**Leon G. Young,**

St. Albans, Vt.

### VARIETY PACKETS.

|                                               |        |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------|
| 100 different stamps.....                     | \$ .08 |
| 500 " " " no Revs., post's or trash           | 2.00   |
| 1000 " " " " " " " " " " " "                  |        |
| A regular \$10.00 Packet.....                 | 6.00   |
| 50 different U. S. Postage.....               | .25    |
| 25 " " Revenues.....                          | .25    |
| 1000 well mixed foreign, inc. Mex., Sweden... | .18    |
| 1000 mixed U. S. Including 1861, etc.....     | .22    |

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Address either paper.

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For collectors in general, and beginners in particular. Send for sample. 10c will bring it 6 months.

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(6-8)

PLATE numbers of English stamps at large discount off cat. prices—good clean specimens. 127 different cat. over \$6. for \$2. cash.

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—UNUSED—

|                               |                            |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 2c red brown, 1872.....\$1.00 | 50c Columbian.....\$ .60   |
| 2c dark brown, 1873 1.50      | 1,2,3,4,6Per'l Indian 1.75 |
| 6c P. O. Dept..... .20        | 5c blue, Garfield..... .35 |

—REVENUES—

|                            |                       |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| \$3.00 Manifest.....\$ .25 | \$10 Probate of Will, |
| 3.00 Charter Party. .18    | unsevered pair.\$2.00 |

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|                                                  |            |
|--------------------------------------------------|------------|
| United States 1894, \$1 no watermark, 5s 6d each |            |
| " 1894, 5 "                                      | £ 1 0 each |
| " 1895, 1 with "                                 | 12 0 doz.  |
| " 1895, 2 with " rare                            | 4 0 each   |
| " 1895, 5 with "                                 | 5 6 each   |

All stamps are in good condition. Terms cash with order. Wholesale price list post free. Correspondence and exchange desired abroad.

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Canada's Revenue Stamps are getting very scarce and are in great demand by wide-awake collectors. My new price list contains some grand bargains in these rare and beautiful stamps. Sent free. Agents wanted. 20 var. Can. Revs. 25c; cat. val. \$1.50. 30 var. Can. Revs. 50c; cat. val. \$3.50. 14 var. Quebec Laws, first issue, complete set, for only \$3.00; cat. val. \$11.60. 100 good foreign, 1000 perfect hinges, 25 blank approval sheets, for 25c. A. F. WICKS, 372 Horton Street, LONDON, ONTARIO. [6-11]

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10 var. U. S. Dues, none watermarked 12¢.  
Good Foreign on approval at 50% discount. Reference required.

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Send for price list.  
A. F. COOK,  
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## The Advanced Sheets

Are out, but we are still selling at the old prices.

|                                   |      |
|-----------------------------------|------|
| 40c Interior, unused, o. g.       | 30   |
| 2c " " " "                        | 06   |
| 1c War " " " "                    | 01   |
| 2c " " " "                        | 06   |
| 6c " " " "                        | 01   |
| 12c " " " "                       | 20   |
| 15c " " " "                       | 25   |
| 24c " " " "                       | 50   |
| 1c Proprietary, red.              | 01   |
| 2c " orange.                      | 1 50 |
| 1c black and green.               | 10   |
| 2c " " " " 01   3c bl'k and green | 05   |
| 2c " " " " 01   3c " "            | 10   |
| 2c Playing Card                   | 20   |

Cash with order. Add 2c for postage on orders under 25c.

MEEKER & LUCAS,

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is not translatable but these prices are

|                |       |                |       |
|----------------|-------|----------------|-------|
| 1861 1c blue   | \$ 05 | 1870 3c green  | \$ 03 |
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## The First Postal Service.

If Cyrus, king of the Persians, who lived and reigned some 600 years before Christ, was alive today we should probably consider him a heathenish old heathen worthy in many respects of being classed with the present Sultan of Turkey, but looking back at him as we do through the mists of more than 2000 years his defects are shadowed and his virtues shine out so bravely that we are obliged to believe him quite a good and wise sort of a chap after all even if he did view life and death rather too lightly to suit those who chanced to fall under his displeasure. He was a great warrior and a wise king, for all of which he gets due credit, but he did one thing which should make us philatelists hold him in our hearts forever, yet so seldom is his name mentioned in connection with it that comparatively few among the collectors of medium wisdom seem to have any knowledge that his was the first brain—as far as we have record—which conceived and established a postal service, though perhaps this service would be better described by calling it a Pony Despatch Post.

Cyrus had one gift which is generally supposed to be the sole prerogative of the feminine sex, viz. he was inquisitive. It is not always a bad gift to have either; in

his case it was probably that very thing which enabled him to rule over such a vast empire and keep every part of it so nicely under his thumb. His inquisitiveness took the form of wanting to know just what was going on everywhere in his dominions, and in order to accomplish this he gathered together plenty of good horses, found how far they could be ridden at a time, then had stables built all over the empire at equal distances apart and distributed the horses among them. Each stable was in charge of an official, a regular postmaster in fact, whose duty it was to see that the letters brought by one set of riders and horses should be immediately transferred to another set and hurried on to the next post toward their destination. The exhausted messengers, biped and quadruped, were entertained and recuperated at these stations until duty started them on again. (What a fine chance for gossip those postmasters must have had! I should not wonder if they supplied the place of newspapers to the whole neighborhood.) Thus day by day, perhaps hour by hour, through sunshine and storm, cold and heat, darkness and daylight, the post was continually carrying to the great Persian monarch news from even the most remote of his provinces and skurrying back to the rulers thereof with letters explaining the

royal wishes, expectations and demands—all one where kings of that date were concerned—upon every subject that needed consideration.

Whether or not the common people were allowed to participate in the conveniences of this old time postal line I have not been able to discover although I have dived as deeply into the history of Cyrus as circumstances would permit hoping to unearth something which would throw a little light upon the subject. The only thing I did find, however, was that Darius, the last king of ancient Persia, was a sort of post-master general or superintendent of the line before he mounted the Persian throne. Oh yes, there was one thing more! It seems pretty certain that stamps of some sort were used even in those days though perhaps they would only be called government seals now. I found in several places where messages to and from the royal palace were "sealed with the signet" of the government, district, or even the individuals from which they came; these could not be called stamps with the meaning given the word at this day, but they were certainly government seals and thus in a sense revenues or local stamps. If there were collectors of such things in those days,—and why shouldn't there have been?—they must have had almost as large a field to explore as Mr. Seebeck would be glad to supply for the collectors of this day, almost but not quite, for the world was much smaller then than it is now, or rather much less of it was known, and it seems to have been only the officials and upper class of people who held such seals.

All this was more than 2000 years ago. Cyrus, Darius and the mail carriers have long been in another country from which not even the

splendid genius of the two kings can find a way to send a messenger back to this. The post office established at so much expense of time, money and life, for there must have been many deaths on those lonely roads either from accident or enmity, has long since ceased its duties and has so faded into oblivion that to us of today it is as a thing that had never been, a bit of ancient history no more real than the story of Cleopatra or of that misanthropic gentlemen who preferred the company of his tub and his thoughts to that of his king. Yet vague as is the memory there is no doubt but that such a post office arrangement really existed, and crude as it seems to us, who is able to say that our own postal facilities will not seem just as slow and clumsy to those descendants of ours who will people the earth 2000 years from now?

AMY L. SWIFT.

#### A. P. A. Justice.

In these days when the majority of philatelic papers seems to be run in the interest of large advertisers and dealers, it is about as hard to find certain matters treated in their proper light as it was in campaign times to know which political party was best fitted to run the country. We only intend here to touch upon one matter, a matter that we referred to in the first number of this magazine. It is the old case of the under dog and the bystanders (the philatelic press) have stood by some of them cheering the upper dog, some afraid to open their mouths, while a few, a very few ventured to sympathize with the under dog. But to come to the subject. Georges Carion who does a large stamp business in Paris and also in San Francisco was charged by a French Philatelic Society with selling fraudulent

lent French Stamps and the complaint being lodged with the August American Philatelic Association in 1895 he was suspended for one year, and ordered to go to Paris and see the society that brought the charge against him. Mr. Carion proved by the postmasters of the French Colonies that issued the stamps, that the stamps which were considered counterfeit were genuine, but he could not go to Paris and see the society because it had gone out of existence. Yet at the last convention this body of stamp collectors incorrectly called the *American Philatelic Association* expelled Mr. Carion after he had proved the charges false. The prime mover in the matter was Mr. Henry Gremmel of New York, who according to the report of the convention in two reputable papers influence the convention by referring to a San Francisco daily which stated that a warrant had been taken out against Mr. Carion. Mr. Gremmel in his paper says he did not but the report in the *International Stamp* a stenographic report says he did. Now what about this warrant against Mr. Carion by his former clerk Mr. Schiller? The Scott Stamp & Coin Co. completely exonerated Mr. Carion and Mr. Schiller can't give any reason why he made the charge. Was Mr. Schiller just at this particular time (just before the convention) influenced by Nassau-st., or St. Louis? How ridiculous to term Mr. Carion a fugitive from French justice when he carries on a large business there in his own name which the authorities would promptly close up if there was any case against him? It is no wonder in our opinion that the A. P. A. is growing backward instead of forward. Let them adopt justice as a motto and live up to it and the resignations would not come in so fast.

### The Press.

The *American Stamp* is announced. It will appear from Laconia, N. H. in January, a monthly at 25 cents per year.

We hear a rumor also that a new paper will appear from Red Lion, Penna., published by W. O. Smith.

The *New York Philatelist* is again with a great improvement over No. 1, smaller pages, (same size as C. P.) neater appearance and improved contents.

"Price List No. 5" of the Naumkeag Stamp Co. has just come to hand, also the "Revised Price List of Postage Dues" from the Raynor Hubbell Stamp Co.

Has the *Michigan Philatelist*, the paper with the red cover gone up again? We haven't seen a copy for some time.

The *Philatelic West*, *Omaha Philatelist* and *Trans-Mississippi* (why not *Trans-Missouri*?) *Stamp* are booming Omaha for the conventions in 1898 in true Western style. Well we passed a month there in Summer of 1891 and we enjoyed ourselves immensely, and admired the enterprise exhibited by the thriving inhabitants of this great western metropolis and we would like to go there again in 1898.

W. H. Emmert of New Oxford, Pa., had the good fortune to find a fine copy of the 12 cent 1870 on a sheet sent out by the American Stamp Exchange marked at the low price of 40 cents. Mr. Emmert was ninth on the circuit and it passed through the hands of many shrewd collectors.

The *Herald Exchange* seems to be improving with age. It will hereafter appear monthly instead of semi-monthly.

The American Stamp Merchants Protective Association has been organized at Detroit, Mich. Such an association is badly needed and we hope that this one will fill that want.

Just at hand, catalogue of First Auction Sale of Frank P. Brown to be held at Elks Hall, Boston, Dec. 10th at 7:30 p. m. The sale includes some fine stamps, and if you haven't a catalogue, Frank will mail you one for the asking.

A letter from the P. O. inspector at Philadelphia states that H. M. Porter has left the city and his present whereabouts are unknown. He left many mourners. Fred Witherington of Paducah, Ky., is at it again. Three cards requesting rare U. S. and stating that he had 3500 stamps in his collection were sent to us by as many dealers the past month and duly forwarded to the P. O. Inspector.

We have read the numerous philatelic papers as usual during the past two weeks but we regret that we haven't time to run over them again and pick out some of the plums for the delectation of our readers.

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It is only 10 days since we mailed our last issue as we go to press again. Not being comfortably settled and our papers and books being in somewhat of a chaotic state we are aware of many short comings in this number. Just at the last moment we receive the report of the Columbian Philatelic Society from the Secretary who asks us to make this magazine official organ until the coming election in January. This, though it rather interferes with many of our plans, is an agreeable task as the Editor has taken considerable pride in this society and introduced more than one third of the applicants since his own ad-

mission a year ago. It is a society that we believe to be well governed and no political clique appears among our membership to disturb us, and we will be pleased to send application blanks to all reputable philatelists who apply for them.

THE *Bay State Philatelist*, former official organ of the society, announced some time last spring that some 700 subscriptions and renewals were received in one month, and there must be wailing and gnashing of teeth among those 700 (?) at only getting one issue (July) during a period of six months in return for their 50 cents. The last heard of one of the Editors he was on his way to the provinces for a rest and it is feared he was *Drowned*.

To be in line with other philatelic publishers we ought right here to announce an Extra Sized issue, and an edition of 5000 or 10,000 copies, but we won't do any such thing. As we have over 200 more regular recipients of this magazine in the membership of the C. P. S. and nearly 100 new subscribers, we shall have 500 more copies printed and mailed, but we are not begging advertisers to "send copy early to avoid the rush." Wise advertisers know a good thing and send their copy along any way and if we get too much for our regular size, our printer usually has a few extra reams of paper on hand so that he can add 4 or 8 pages if necessary.

MISS AMY L. SWIFT has favored us with another interesting article, and has also sent to us a bright one for our Christmas number.

WE wish to state our position on a certain subject. The editor's pen is guided by his judgment as to what will benefit philately and philatelists and no amount of praise from any person or periodical will influence it in the least. That is one reason why we seldom review our contemporaries. Personal matters do not enter into account at all. If a man is a good friend of ours, and by his methods robs a hundred of our friends, we shall exercise our right to chastise him, and if he gives us a good big advertisement and expects us to overlook any dishonesty on his part he is sadly mistaken.

MR. GEO. L. TOPPAN, in the *Boston Stamp Book* expresses astonishment at the prices quoted by Messrs. Albrecht & Co., in their "Price-List of Entire Envelopes." They were indeed priced low and as the supply of some varieties was extremely limited they were soon gone. It has amused us a great deal to see how many collectors run away with the idea that this was a standard list of prices and not a temporary sale.

THE advance price on U. S. Envelopes were sent to our printer for the last issue, but there was no room for them so they will appear in this. We haven't seen these in any of our enterprising contemporaries.

THE near approach to the issue of the complete catalogue will make it unnecessary to list any further additions in next number.

THE offer of a U. S. adhesive stamp catalogued by Scott at \$2.00 in our last issue has thus far made a large addition to our subscription list. We only intended to give away 100 of these stamps but have decided to add another hundred making 200 in all. \$400 worth by Scott to our subscribers. Don't forget to add 2 cents for postage to your subscription if you want the stamp.

JUST as we are going to press we have a letter from Mr. Franklin S. Cook of Bridgeport, Conn., (enclosing his subscription) who informs us that he has sold his interest in the firm of Cook & Dunbar and will hereafter make a specialty of U. S. Revenues at Wholesale. Mr. Dunbar continues the business under the firm name of W. L. Dunbar & Co. We wish both firms the success merited by their enterprising methods.

WE are in receipt of a "Dealer's Address Book" published by Richard H. Bunce of Middletown, Conn. containing 412 names and furnished at 10 cents each, also the P. S. of A. "Official Souvenir and Year Book of the P. S. of A." which is painstaking production on the part of the compiler Mr. Lewis M. Lang of Baltimore, Md. and a book that will be valued by members of the society.

**THE NEW CATALOGUE.**

Collectors are now anxiously watching for the advance in prices in the new catalogue, and we will list as many as we have room for *that have advanced or declined in price.*

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Those of the above who have not sent their dues (25 cents) can do so at once, and their membership cards will be sent to them by return mail.

All others who are in arrears to the society should remit now before the election so that the accounts can be straightened up. All such who are still in debt to the society by the time my next report is sent in will be suspended until same is paid. I dislike very much to have to do so, but I am compelled to do so by the requirements of my office. Let each one pay up promptly. Let there be no delinquents in our society.

### APPLICATIONS.

I have received the following applications together with the accompanying references, since my last report:

Wm. A. McDonnell, 1646 Madison-ave., New York City. A. Herbst, M. Sternberg.

Will H. Fedder, Dansville, N. Y. H. D. Ruehlman, F. J. Stupfell.

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Chas. S. Pendleton, 810 S. Main-st., Findlay, O. Leo. Fritter, J. T. Carlin.

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Moses B. Page, Box 1061, Muscatine, Iowa. C. G. Hart, C. B. Hesse.

Rev. W. A. Carver, Dillsburg, Pa. R. M. Miller, J. F. Dodge.

Geo. M. Frame, 38 Lindel-st., Haverhill, Mass. J. F. Dodge, R. M. Miller.



Hezekiah Weed, 38 Summer-st., Stamford, Conn. J. F. Dodge, J. G. Hinghter.

Eben S. Martin, S. 2624 Dupont-ave., Minneapolis, Minn. R. M. Miller, J. F. Dodge.

C. A. Ribeiro, 43 Raffles Place, Singapore, St. Settlements. Leo Fritter, Lincoln Fritter.

C. A. Hall, Box 99, Salem, Mass. J. F. Dodge, H. E. Flint.

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J. E. Zahn, 829 17th-st., Denver, Colo. R. M. Miller, J. F. Dodge.

A. R. Vallee, P. O. Box 567, St. Hyacinthe, P. Q., Canada. H. G. Earle, F. Bartels.

A. D. Lathrop, 1001 E. 7th-st., Austin, Tex. N. R. Lowry, H. M. Gammel.

C. A. Atkinson, P. O. Box 388, Dorchester, N. B. Canada. M. E. Whitehead, C. L. Hanington.

Mary E. Carroll, Box 26, Stockton, Cal. J. F. Dodge.

The above applicants will be admitted to membership, if no sufficient objections are received by December 8, 1896. They will then be notified by postal card, and will be expected to remit their dues (25 cents) for one year without further notice. Remember that one reference must be that of a member, and the other that of a person who knows the applicant personally. The latter can be a member or a non-member. It is preferred that the member who acts as the reference knows the person applying for membership personally. These rules will be strictly enforced, as we aim to have a membership that is A. No. 1. Let all members closely examine the list of applicants each month and report any one whom they know to be a fraud or unfit person to become a member of the society.

#### CHANGES OF ADDRESS.

13 F. H. Adams, Beaver, S. Dak.

6 H. G. Earle, 1611 S. 4th-ave., Minneapolis, Minn.

20 J. F. Dodge, Box 14, New Oxford, Pa.  
153 Lieut. T. E. Madden, Silchar, Assam, India.

156 Woods Plankinton, 1529 Grand-ave., Milwaukee, Wis.

#### RESIGNATION.

Mr. N. R. Lowry being engaged with other business affairs, cannot find the necessary time to discharge the duties of his office, and therefore tenders his resignation to take effect at once. The Auction Department will therefore not

be in working order until after the election when a new Manager will be chosen by the society. We are sorry to know that we will not have Mr. Lowry with us any longer.

#### NOMINATIONS.

I am authorized by the President to notify the members that nominations for officers for 1897 are now in order, and that the election of such officers will take place in January. The following named officers will be elected then: President, Vice-President, Sec.-Treas., Exchange Supt.; Auction Manager, Librarian; Supt. Bureau of Information, Attorney, Counterfeit Detector, and three Trustees. Also, an official organ will be chosen at that time. Any member who is not in arrears to the society is eligible to hold office in the society. All nominations must be sent to the secretary or else they can not be published in my reports. All members should interest themselves enough in the election so that a competent body of officers are chosen for the ensuing year. The future welfare and prosperity of the society depend largely upon the board of officers which will be elected at this election. Let a set of men be nominated and elected who will steer our society onto greater success and usefulness. Attend to this important matter AT ONCE.

#### SECRETARY'S ADDRESS TO MEMBERS.

It has now been over four months since you have received an official report from me through the medium of our official organ. This was caused by the failure of the publishers of same to issue their paper. They have not issued a number of their paper since the July issue, which contained my last report to you. I have hesitated about making a change at this time, and also because I been unable to secure definite information from the Drown Brothers, the publishers, you can readily see why this delay has occurred. I am also convinced that to delay longer means the death of the society as far as membership goes, and therefore the COLUMBIAN PHILATELIST has been chosen to fill the vacancy, until a permanent official organ can be chosen at the coming election. No one regrets more the condition of affairs regarding the official organ today than I do, but I am convinced that there is a remedy. That remedy is for the members to take renewed interest in the society, and make it an aim that a reliable official organ shall be chosen at our election. Let not the members feel discouraged because things seem to be at a

standstill in our society. They will soon start up again if you as members will interest yourself to help along the society by your individual efforts. A glance at the accompanying report ought to convince the most skeptical that we are in a flourishing condition. Much better than could be expected under the circumstances. You should all remember that all new (and I might say old) societies have their ups and downs. All things can not go on smoothly all the time. An obstruction is sure to be met somewhere and sometime. This obstruction must be removed or gotten around before you can go on as before. As a result of the present condition in our society the members should take renewed interest in its welfare. Be LOYAL to your society in its hour of NEED. I for one promise to do all I can to bring us out of the chaos and into a brighter light. I assure the members that I am prepared to do their bidding. Hoping that I have made the situation clear and that as a consequence the members will take a renewed interest in its welfare, I am, Yours for the Success of the C. P. S.,

LEO FRITTER, Sec.-Treas.,

32 N. Grant-ave., Columbus, O.

November 16th, 1896.

#### SOCIETY NOTES.

Including the applications, the membership now numbers 211. It will be noticed that quite a number of foreign members are included in the last list of applications. This a good sign. Do not let the idea of numbers down your idea of quality. Only active, earnest and honest collectors are desired. A small band of devoted men is of more use, and can do more than an army of listless, inactive, and undevoted men. Remember our membership will be limited to some 500. Let every one of these be deserving of membership in our society.

Let a good man be chosen President as he is the most important officer in the list. I understand that our present one will not run for re-election. Neither will the present Librarian or Superintendent of Bureau of Information. As Mr. Bettesworth resigned as Counterfeit Detector, and Mr. Lowry as Auction Manager, new men will have to be elected to those places. Let there be an interesting campaign, not upon the Financial Question, but for the best good of the society.

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## U. S. 5c 1894.

A veritable puzzle to the uninitiated is the 5c., 1894, framed and not framed, the latter variety much the scarcer of the two. The back ground of the oval consists ordinarily of horizontal lines. Sometimes there is a cross-hatch of diagonal lines, but this said to be due to the printing and not to the engraving. There are also many who think that the difference between the framed and not framed varieties is due to the same or a similar cause. That they cannot be due to exactly the same cause is proved conclusively by the existence of the variety which is completely framed both without any sign of cross-hatch and with a most pronounced case of cross-hatch all over the oval. That they may be due to a similar cause is indicated or suggested by the fact that the framing may be more or less complete.

What is this framing then? Well, when the horizontal lines forming the back ground of the oval have their extremities joined all around, the variety is framed; when none of the lines are connected in this way, when the white spaces between them all open directly into the white space surrounding the picture, then it is not framed. Unfortunately, it is a case of more or less—all degrees of

openness are exhibited by various specimens. Many are to be found with only the little short line at the top separated from the others; then came two or three holes about half way down the right side, followed by one or two nearer the top on the left side, and so on until all the lines are free from each other.

If this is still not clear to you, get an 1890 (American Bank Note Co.) 5c. without the triangles in the corners; this is strictly without frame—the horizontal lines back of Grant's head are all distinct from each other, their extremities are free and the white spaces between them open directly into the white oval just inside the labels. Then buy a 5c water marked at the P. O.; this will be found to be framed all around—a colored line follows the outline of the white oval inside the labels and joins the extremities of all the horizontal lines, shutting in all the white spaces between them. Now you are prepared to look for the varieties among your used copies. You will doubtless find mostly framed ones, there will also be a goodly number with the little line at the top separated from the others and the others all joined together, there will be a few with half a dozen or less open spaces, but those with more than this will be very few and

far between. At least, this is the common experience.

Many theories have been devised to account for this peculiar variety but none of them seems to exactly fill the bill. It was at first thought that they had been re-engraved, that the American Bank Note Co. stamp had been followed in the first place and the frame introduced afterwards to improve the appearance of the design. This idea has been effectually disposed of by the collection of plate numbers, as it has been discovered that the first set of 5c. plates made by the Bureau all show the frame. The same is true of the third set, and unframed specimens come only from the second set (four) of 5c. plates.

Another theory, advanced by a prominent New York philatelist, suggests that the absence of the frame is due to an extremely light impression, very lightly inked. In support of this claim is made that none of the specimens which show no portion of the frame whatever can be found with the cross-hatch of diagonal lines. On the other hand as I have stated above, the stamps with the complete frame can be found both with and without the diagonal lines. Hence it would seem that this suggestion is not the correct one.

The most ridiculous thing I have seen in connection with this variety was a note in that most amusing of stamp papers the *Philatelic Era*. Not that the *Era* intends to be amusing, but it would seem that no editorial supervision is exercised over contributed matter; hence breaks of various kinds are constantly to be found in its pages, to the enjoyment if not to the edification of its readers. In regard to this 5c. stamp, its California correspondent wrote as follows:

I have looked through several

hundred of the five cent. brown 1894, but have failed to find any copies of the 'oval framed,' as listed by Scott. This is a variety(?) that will likely be omitted in the next catalogue."

It is evident that the writer of the above had not the slightest idea of what he was looking for when he was making his search. The variety has been omitted from the new catalogue, but that does not alter the relative scarcity of the two stamps.

I would offer the following suggestion and hope it will meet with favor and satisfactorily account for this appearance which has occasioned so much comment:—

The first plates having been framed, is it not possible that the frame was removed as an experiment in an endeavor to improve the appearance of the stamp. The desired effect was not produced, however, on account of the inconsistency of the unframed oval with the framed triangles in the upper corners; consequently, when the new plates in the third series were prepared, the frame was replaced as before and has so continued to the present time.

Copies from the second series of plates which show the frame, or portion of it, may be accounted for, under the above hypothesis, as coming from an impression which was too heavily inked. Thus it is possible to account for all the facts as we have them; whether it can be proven that any alteration actually took place in the plates, remains to be seen.

S. B. HOPKINS.

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## SANTA CLAUS' DILEMMA,

## And How He Overcame It.

'Twas the day before Christmas long  
years ago;

The stately North Pole was lost in the  
snow;

The sea was all frozen, the atmosphere  
too,

Till even the bears grew chilly and blue.  
'Twas bitterly, bitingly, freezingly cold!

And Mr. Kriss Kringle, who was fast  
growing old,

Shivered and snarled at his wife's gentle  
shake,

And said he'd "be darned" if 'twas time  
to awake.

"Get up yourself" growled the much  
vaunted saint,

"I'm chilly and tired and just a bit faint  
Don't bother me" he said with a snap,

Then curled down again for another  
short nap.

(The men are always tired, you know,  
Who live in the region of frost and snow,

That is, till their wives or the lady at  
hire

Has warmed up the house by making a  
fire.)

So Mrs. Kriss Kringle, not worried at all,  
Flew busily round 'twixt stable and hall,

Fed the rein-deer, and carefully packed  
away

The Christmas gifts in the Christmas  
sleigh;

Looked over the names Kriss Kringle  
had booked

To make sure that none had been over-  
looked;

Tidied her house from the attic down;  
Dressed little Noel and sent him to town

To stay with his grandmother old and  
gray,

While she and Kriss were both away;  
All this, and more than I could tell

Till everything was settled well.  
Then she brewed a pot of Christmas

cheer,  
Again woke Kriss, and said "My dear,

It really is almost time we started;  
The children all would be broken hearted

If Christmas Day should come and go  
And Santa Claus not come, you know."

The house was warm, the work all done,  
Nothing waiting now but fun,

So old Kriss yawned and rubbed his nose  
Then tumbled out and put on his clothes.

Then he ate his food and read the news,  
While his wife washed dishes and polish-

ed his shoes,  
Then she helped him into his over-coat,

Wrapped his muffler around his throat,

Found his mitts and churned some cream  
while he harnessed up the reindeer team.

Then taking her seat close at his side,  
They swept away o'er the frozen tide,

Dropping the presents softly down  
O'er sleeping village, city and town;

Scattering drops of Christmas cheer  
With lavish hands both far and near

Till the sun was well on its upward road,  
And the sleigh was empty of all its load.

"Why bless my soul!" cried Santa then,  
"I quite forgot that lame boy, Ben!

I meant to put him on my list,  
And don't see how I could have missed.

Deary me, what can I do!  
If I pass him by he'll feel so blue,

And yet I haven't a single thing,  
Not even a brassy finger ring!"

He shook the rugs and gnawed his beard,  
Explored his pockets, but as he feared

Of every gift he was bereft  
And there was really nothing left.

He stamped and scolded there on the  
roof

Till even the reindeer held aloof.  
But at last his rage cooled down a bit,

And saying "No use to wait, is it?"  
He stepped into the commodious sleigh

And began to sadly drive away.  
Not one word had his gentle wife

Said through all his noisy strife,  
But now she smiled and said "My dear,

I have a really fine idea!  
We can't neglect poor little Ben,

Nor can we go clear home again  
For other presents, since, alack,

It would be day e'er we were back;  
We'll just hunt up some letters old,

(Earth-folk write plenty, I've been told.)  
Take off the stamps of every kind

and every country we can find,  
Until we have a fine selection

Towards a postage stamp collection.  
They never will be missed, I'm sure,

And little Ben they will allure."  
Old Santa laughed and kissed his wife,

Said she was the joy of his eyes and life;  
Said her idea was the very thing,

And little Ben with joy would sing;  
And said next year they would remember

His claims quite early in December,  
So they hurried around till a very large

packet  
Was safely bestowed in Ben's little jacket.

You know what a very fine gift it proved  
You know how many boys it has moved,

But you didn't know to whom was due  
Our grateful thanks, now really, did you?

So thus to give honors where honors be-  
long

Is why I have sung you this gay little  
song.

AMY L. SWIFT.

### Emmert and the A. P. A.

Every fair minded member of the American Philatelic Association and every honest philatelist everywhere will have more than ordinary interest in what we have to say. In Vol. 1, No. 5 we presented a sketch and portrait of W. H. Emmert of New Oxford, Penna. and the sketch was written after a thorough knowledge of the subject and was strictly true in every respect. Mr. Emmert is one of the leading business men of the town and respected and honored by all who know him. Recently he applied to the American Philatelic Association for membership and thereby hangs a tale. Mr. Emmert was for three years Exchange Supt. of the Sons of Philatelia, resigning on account of ill health and there being some debts due to the department that he was unable to collect he turned the account over to the trustees with cash balance on hand for them to collect and disburse to the proper recipients. Now there happens to be a member of the S. of P. who had a few dollars due him from the exchange dept. who is also a member of the A. P. A. and while he was fully cognizant of the fact that Mr. Emmert had no funds belonging to the department sends in his objection to Mr. Emmert's membership. The facts controverting his, were duly furnished by Mr. Emmert to the board of Vice-Presidents and these three wise men of the East refuse him membership evidently for the reason that he would not put his hand in his own pocket and pay other people's bills. Now this is a serious matter to place a man of Mr. Emmert's standing in such a position, practically stating to all the world that he is not a desirable associate, dishonest and one to be avoided in social or business matters. This board of vice presidents, highly as

we respect them personally have made a great mistake, they have done Mr. Emmert an irreparable injustice, and they should at once make such amends as lay in their power. If they do not they increase the disgust and indignation that has already begun to manifest itself among philatelists everywhere, many of them staunch and well known members of the A. P. A. and a larger defection from their ranks may be expected than was caused by the injustice to Mr. Carion. The end is not yet, we shall have more to say upon this subject later. This paper will speak with no uncertain sound in matters of this kind. *Fiat justitia, ruat cælum.*

### The Philatelist.

The philatelist is a creature of development; he is not born a genius as some scientists are, neither is he made a philatelist in a day.

Most people are confirmed in the opinion that all stamp collectors are necessarily philatelists, but no greater error was ever made. It is by slow degrees that the collector becomes more than a collector.

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—WILLIAM H. MITCHELL, in *Daily Stamp Item*.

### The Bad People.

W. D. Wilson late of 270 Jefferson Ave., Detroit, Mich., who purported to be a representative of the California Canning Co., (which by the way existed only on Wilson's letter-heads) is a much wanted man, but where he is "the deponent sayeth not." In order that dealers and collectors may be on their guard if offered for sale we list a few stamps sent to him by Mrs. I. Disselhorst on Sept. 5th.

1½d. blue Jamaica, red used postally [104]

5c. brown on blue N. Orleans local.

24c. Treas. Dept. used.

10c. Confederate [Scotts 101]

2 1c. black city dispath [283]

§1. manifest imperf.

25c. warehouse receipt imperf.

§1. lease imperf.

A. J. Clifford of 210 S. Division St., Buffalo, N. Y., had some neat letterheads and might have been the same person mentioned above. He wanted some good stamps from the publisher, but didn't get them, but we understand that many others were not so fortunate.

Jas. R. Gooding wishes to warn dealers against N. A. Wright, of Greenwich, N. J.

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### THE PRESS.

The *Pennsylvania Philatelist* for Dec. is just at hand 88 pages and cover and does great credit to the printer. There are 4 or 5 pages of good reading matter for collectors, the balance being made up of advertisements, official matter of P. S. of A. and P. P. A. and sketches and pictures of its advertisers and the editor's personal friends.

The *Indiana Philatelist* is a neat little magazine hailing from Muncie, Ind., with W. Leslie Brand as editor and publisher, who guarantees the responsibility of every one of his advertisers. He has a big contract on his hands. We are very careful in admitting advertisement in C. P. but wouldn't care to make such a guarantee as that, and B. S. Ross hasn't an advt. with us either as he has in Friend Brand's paper. The reading matter is nearly all reprinted from other papers.

The Dec. No. of the *New York Philatelist* is a decided improvement in contents size and general makeup over previous numbers and surprises us with 16 pages and cover, 12 pages being very interesting reading matter.

Lyon's *Postage Stamp* though small is a paper that we should greatly miss, and trust it has a long lease of life. John gets some choice information and a bit of good advice in every number.

*Standard Philatelist* No. 2 has appeared and has some quite interesting reading. It is the organ of the Standard Stamp Co., of St. Louis, which we note has been incorporated, with a capital stock of \$25,000 paid up. we regret to mention the fact that they are still advertising "Seebecks" quite extensively.

The *Texan Philatelist* begins its 3rd volume with a colored cover.

The *American Collector* has a good article by Lillie H. Murray entitled "A Plea for the Boys" which we will reproduce in this number if we have room.

Mekeel's *Daily Stamp Item* ceased publication on Thanksgiving day. It is really too bad and we miss its daily visit. While the advertising columns up to a few weeks before its demise were occupied by Mekeel's own announcements almost exclusively it had news matter enough to make it worth its price to any busy collector or dealer. If the publishers instead of discontinuing had changed it to a tri-weekly or semi weekly it would we think have paid its way and been generally patronized, provided it contained concise up to date dispatches from wide-a-wake correspondents in all leading philatelic centres.

The *Weekly Stamp News* ought to profit by the discontinuance of the daily, but really we think that the paper does not contain as much of interest to the collector as it did a year or a year and a half ago. The publishers with the patronage that they claim for the weekly can afford to give us a page or two more of good reading matter, which they would have room for without increasing the size of the paper, by dropping a page or two of their own ads.

The *Halifax Philatelic Magazine* for Jan., 1897, is a new one published by Muirhead and Van Malder at the popular price of 15c per year. The contents might be improved as nearly 4 of the 8 pages are devoted to the Dominion Philatelic Association and most philatelists are tired of politics all the year round.

*The Stampman* by and for D. W. Osgood has arrived from Pueblo, Colo., in a 1 cent Purcell envelope on manila. It opens up with the statement. "This is not a stamp paper or even a philatelic paper but simply a trade circular," but nevertheless it has 2 pages of the 4 wholesome reading and that is better proportion than some of our papers that have 2nd class rates, several of whom might quote with perfect-truth the introductory statement of Mr. Osgood.

RECEIVED WITH THANKS.

Second auction catalogue of Geo. R. Tuttle. Sale held at collectors club Bdg., Dec. 16th.

Catalogue of 12th sale (private) of C. L. Moreau Dec. 16th.

Hurteg Bros. Dec. wholesale list for dealers, also Nov. wholesale list of Richard R. Brown.

Sample page of a blank album with light quadrille ruling, and approval cards from P. M. Wolsieffer both of which in our opinion are quite useful additions to philately.

Sample pages of Mekeel's Address Book of Foreign Stamp Collectors and Dealers.

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J. F. DODGE,

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NEW OXFORD, PA.

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WE had intended to be out on time this month and wish you all a Merry Christmas, but delay in receiving report from Sec. Fritter would not allow us to do so. The editor is still overworked and finds it impossible in this issue to make the improvements which are bound to come a little later. Two more societies have adopted this magazine as their official organ. The Connecticut Philatelic Society, just organized and the small but active, Ipswich Philatelic Society of Ipswich, S. Dak., and their reports will be found elsewhere in this issue. Our advertising columns are

quite generously patronized by active advertisers. Their announcements are worth a careful perusal. The independent policy of this paper is probably the reason why we haven't 6 or 8 pages more from dealers whose feelings are hurt by our criticisms. Never mind gentlemen we shall keep right on with our present policy, as it seems to suit the majority, and that is what we are aiming at.

"*Philatelic Rambler*" and also the San Francisco correspondent of the *Weekly Era* have been paying compliments to this magazine for its independent course and now *The Stamp Collector's Fortnightly* of London follows suit. Now we haven't the time space or disposition to quote. We have had just such compliments from hundreds of subscribers, and could fill a book with them. Of course it is all very pleasant, but we don't intend to hold our heads any higher on that account. But as some of these parties seem to think that we have a grudge against certain parties that we have criticized especially the Mekeel Co. we wish to correct that erroneous impression. We criticize what we believe is harmful to our beloved pursuit by whomsoever practiced and we shall continue to do so regardless of results. No threats, no loss of advertising has ever caused us to veer from the course we have marked out, and the continuous inpouring of sub-

scriptions leads us to believe that we are about right after all.

It has been a matter of surprise with many that the subscription price of this magazine has remained so low, but we think that we have made it plain to our readers that we did not publish this magazine for the purpose of acquiring a fortune. The plan of co-operation which we propose to carry into effect with our next number may emphasize this. The editor and publisher only wishes to receive a fair remuneration for the time that is taken from his business by this publication. Now after ascertaining cost of manuscript, his own time and postage and printing, it is an easy matter to know the net amount he should receive per page to pay the bills. Consequently with no losses (as our plan embraces cash with copy) advertisers will share in the co-operation, and will, we think, be pleased with it.

We have found a few more of those U. S. adhesive stamps that Scott prices @ \$2.00 each, and when sending your subscription you can have one for the asking *and return postage*.

This isn't a great big "boom" number. We are not mailing 10,000 or 5,000 copies, but about double our circulation of 2 months ago. We are obliged to add a few pages, the result of a natural growth. The kind words from our

advertisers lead us to believe that we shall keep on growing.

As previously stated we don't care to quote any of the many compliments received from subscribers, but one party who subscribed several months ago writes to ask if the publisher deals in stamps, and another writes us that he likes the magazine for its policy and the fact that the publisher has only one small advt. whereas other papers published by dealers are filled up with ads. of their own. Well it is odd isn't it? The fact is that the publisher does quite a little business in stamps, but he don't care to make a house organ out of his own paper, and enter into competition with his advertisers, but would rather pay other papers for space he needs, to show up his goods, and we rather think our advertisers approve of the plan.

We will pay the highest cash prices for good original manuscript. We do not measure the value of articles sent us with a yard stick, but will pay well for such as we can use. We also want wide-a-wake correspondents in all philatelic centres to furnish items of interest to philately.

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### PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

MORGAN PARK, ILL., Dec 21, 1896.

LADIES, GENTLEMEN AND FELLOW MEMBERS—In compliance with the signed petition of the requisite number of the members of the Columbian Philatelic Society, I hereby announce that the first annual convention of this organization will be held at New Oxford, Pennsylvania, on Tuesday, January 26th, 1897.

The election of officers for the ensuing year; the adoption of a constitution and selection of an Official Journal are among the important things upon which you will be called to act, and it is important that each member should take a personal interest in what is done there. All who can should not fail to attend and those who cannot should be represented by proxy sent to some member who will attend. No member can vote by proxy for officers.

Mail your votes to the Committee on Credentials, care of J. F. Dodge, New Oxford, Pa., in time that they may reach that place not later than the day preceding the meeting of the convention, and in sending proxies to those whom you wish to represent you do not fail to indicate your personal preferences on the main points affecting the welfare of the Society.

The following are appointed members of the committee on credentials: J. F. Dodge, W. H. Emmert, J. L. Sheetz, M. D., all of New Oxford, Pa.

I take pleasure also in naming the above gentlemen as a committee on arrangements to provide for the comfort of the visiting members and feel certain that they will do so with pleasure.

Wishing you an enjoyable, profitable and harmonious meeting, and assuring you that I will be present in person if other business matters allow me to do so I am  
Yours fraternally,

JEAN P. LACOUR, Pres.

### NEW MEMBERS.

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- 184 Dr. Emanuel Liska, Kremsien, Moravia, Austria.
- 185 (See note.)
- 186 G. R. Kennedy, 318 Warren-st., Roxbury, Mass.
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- 202 Hezekiah Weed, 38 Summer-st., Stamford, Conn.
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- 209 A. D. Lothrop, 1601 E. 7th-st., Austin, Tex.
- 210 C. A. Atkinson, P. O. Box 383, Dorchester, N. B., Canada.

211 Mary E. Carroll, Box H, Stockton, Cal.

(NOTE—Mr. P. M. Weiss' application has been objected to by several members, and his case has been put into the hands of the Trustees for action. The result of their investigation will be published in my next report.)

The above will be sent their membership cards upon the receipt of the dues for one year (25 cents). Those who have not paid same within three months from date will be suspended until same are paid. I trust that all will remit promptly and avoid me much needless trouble and expense. The list of "Delinquents" which I said I would publish in this report I have decided to lay over for one month more, and after notifying each one by mail, will publish such as are left still in arrears to the society. There are quite a number of these, and I am anxious for them to pay up in full. I will positively publish the list next month. Let there be no delinquents in our society.

#### APPLICATIONS.

I have received the following applications together with the accompanying references, since my last report:

William Bailey, Box 186, Roslyn, Wash.  
J. F. Dodge, W. P. Morgan.

Geo. W. Achard, 242 Boston Block, Minneapolis, Minn. H. G. Earle, Leo Fritter.

C. L. Moreau, 122 W. 48th-st., New York City. Leo Fritter, J. F. Dodge.

Jas. R. Gooding, 757 Fairmount-ave., St. Paul, Minn. J. F. Dodge, Leo Fritter.

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Wm. W. Neifert, Lock Box 11, Vineyard Haven, Mass. J. F. Dodge, Leo Fritter.

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Rev. G. J. M. Kelner, New Chester, Pa. J. F. Dodge, W. H. Emmert.

The above will be admitted to membership, if no sufficient objections are received by January 20th, 1897. They will then be notified by postal card, and

will be expected to remit without further notice, their dues for one year (25 cents). I must again caution the members upon the requirements of two references, one of whom must personally know the applicant. Watch the list of applications carefully each month and report any one whom you know to be an unfit person for membership in our society.

#### NOMINATIONS.

In answer to my request in last report some of the members have sent in nominations for officers for 1897. I give below a complete list of same as far as received up to the time of sending in my report. Let every member vote for the complete list of officers to be elected. Send in your votes at once. Let a competent board of officers be elected who can lead us onto greater success, and usefulness. If you desire to see a certain man get elected to a certain office, see to it that you cast your vote for him early. Let no ballots be thrown out because of lateness. The following are the nominations made:

President:

J. F. Dodge, Penna.

J. P. Lacour, Ill. [Declines the nomination.]

R. M. Miller, Penna.

[tion.]

Vice President:

Geo. B. Klebes, Conn.

J. F. Dodge, Pa. [Declines the nomination.]

J. M. Chappell, Jr., Miss.

[tion.]

Vice President for Canada:

W. K. Hall, Ontario.

Secretary-Treasurer:

Leo Fritter, Ohio.

Exchange Superintendent:

J. P. Lacour, Ill. [Declines the nomination.]

H. G. Earle, Wis.

[tion.]

Fred P. Holt, Conn.

Auction Manager:

Wm. B. Hopson, Neb.

H. Smith, Mass.

Librarian:

H. S. Adair, Ohio.

Supt. Bureau of Information:

Chas. F. Bridge, New York.

Attorney:

Geo. A. Katzenberger, Ohio.

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Chas. E. Newton } Conn.

Chas. S. Stearns }

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 Alfred E. Fritz }  
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 The Philatelic Free Lance, of Ohio.

CHANGES IN ADDRESS.

6 H. G. Earle, 507 Pabst Building, Milwaukee, Wis.  
 174 H. Hohrmann, 8-2 Stumpergasse 7 Vienna, Austria.  
 LEO FRITZER, Sec-Treas.,  
 Dec. 28, 1896. Columbus, Ohio.

The committee on arrangements for the coming convention, though they have but a short time at disposal wish to assure all visiting members that they will be under no expense whatever while visiting us. As they are the same committee that are engaged in writing up a constitution and by laws for the society they will be quite busy for the next few weeks but will be pleased to answer any queries about means of getting here. The spot can be reached from Harrisburg in about 2 hours, and from Baltimore in the same time and in about 4 hours from Philadelphia and we hope as many as possible will be present. Already nearly a score have signified their intention to be present.

J. F. Dodge }  
 W. H. Emmert } Committee on  
 J. L. Sheetz, M. D. } arrangements.

Connecticut Philatelic Society.

President—Geo. B. Klebes, Sharon Valley.  
 Secretary—Fred P. Holt, Hartford.  
 Treas.—R. H. Bunce, Middletown.  
 Official Organ—The COLUMBIAN PHILATELIST

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 Secretary—M. P. Beebe, Jr.  
 Treas.—Helen Smith.  
 Librarian & Auction M'gr—F. J. Petty.

The 20th regular meeting was held at the residence of the president on Sept. 28th when the new constitution was read and adopted. The president read an interesting article on "The Redemption of Mis-directed Envelopes" which was followed by an article from the Secretary on "The Downfall of Seebecks."

The 21st regular meeting was held on Oct. 26th at the residence of the Secretary. The application of Don D. Doolittle was read and he was elected to membership. The matter of official organ was brought up and the Secretary was ordered to investigate and report at next meeting, after a brisk auction sale meeting adjourned. The 22nd regular meeting was held on Nov. 30th at the residence of the president. Dues for the coming year were fixed at 10 cents. After report of Secretary, THE COLUMBIAN PHILATELIST was elected official organ. An unused \$2 Columbian was exhibited by one of the members.

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| 10,000 well mixed U. S. A. Postage..                                                            | .75   |

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| 1c " " white.....           | .11   |
| 1c " " manila.....          | .35   |
| 2c green on white.....      | .04   |
| 2c " " amber.....           | .04   |
| 4c scarlet on white.....    | .20   |
| 5c blue on white.....       | .20   |

### SCOTT'S 56th NUMBERS.

|                               |       |
|-------------------------------|-------|
| 710.....                      | \$.25 |
| 738.....                      | .30   |
| 831.....                      | .20   |
| 707.....                      | .25   |
| 799 [Scott \$1.00 57th].....  | .45   |
| 829.....                      | .25   |
| 823.....                      | .04   |
| 719 [Scott 50c 57th].....     | .30   |
| 749.....                      | .15   |
| 765.....                      | .04   |
| 791 [Scott 30c 57th].....     | .12   |
| 792 [Scott 30c 57th].....     | .15   |
| 807a [Scott \$5.00 57th]..... | 1.50  |
| 806a [Scott \$2.00 57th]..... | .50   |
| 652 [Scott 20c 57th].....     | .10   |
| 978.....                      | 1.50  |
| 1066.....                     | .07   |
| 1014.....                     | .05   |
| 1015.....                     | .12   |
| 1020.....                     | .04   |

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(Specimens in center of envelope.)

|                          |       |
|--------------------------|-------|
| 3c green on white.....   | \$.08 |
| 3c " " amber.....        | .08   |
| 3c " " cream.....        | .15   |
| 6c carmine on white..... | .50   |
| 6c " " amber.....        | .40   |
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|                               |        |                                                      |        |
|-------------------------------|--------|------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| 1861, 1c blue.....            | \$ .03 | *Interior Department 6c.....                         | \$ .05 |
| " 10c green.....              | .08    | " " " 10c.....                                       | .20    |
| 1863 2c black.....            | .03    | " " " 12c.....                                       | .30    |
| 1868 2c black.....            | .15    | *Treasury Department, 3c.....                        | .08    |
| 1869 1c buff.....             | .35    | " " " 6c.....                                        | .15    |
| " 90c carmine & black.....    | 15.00  | " " " 7c.....                                        | 1.00   |
| 1870 1c blue, grilled.....    | .40    | " " " 90c.....                                       | .75    |
| " 2c brown, grilled.....      | .08    | *War Department, 1c.....                             | .03    |
| 1873 10c brown.....           | .05    | " " " 2c.....                                        | .03    |
| " 12c purple.....             | .50    | " " " 3c.....                                        | .02    |
| " 15c orange.....             | .50    | " " " 6c.....                                        | .04    |
| " 30c black.....              | .18    | " " " 10c.....                                       | .20    |
| " 90c carmine.....            | .65    | " " " 12c.....                                       | .20    |
| 1875 5c (Taylor) blue.....    | .03    | " " " 15c.....                                       | .20    |
| 1888 30c puce-brown.....      | .35    | " " " 24c.....                                       | .30    |
| 1890 90c orange.....          | .60    | " " " 30c.....                                       | .25    |
| *1835c Columbian.....         | .70    | " " " 90c.....                                       | 1.00   |
| " 1.00 ".....                 | 4.00   | 3c Claret Dues.....                                  | .02    |
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| " " " 2c.....                 | .05    | " " " 807a, ".....                                   | 1.50   |
| " " " 3c.....                 | .03    |                                                      |        |

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|                   |     |                           |     |
|-------------------|-----|---------------------------|-----|
| 1c Telegraph..... | .15 | 2c Certificate, blue..... | .75 |
| 1c Express.....   | .08 | 5c Express.....           | .08 |
| 2c " blue.....    | .04 | 2.50 Inland Exchange..... | .08 |

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|                                           |         |                                     |      |
|-------------------------------------------|---------|-------------------------------------|------|
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| " " envelopes, 4 var.....                 | .25     | *War Dep't, 9 var.....              | 1.00 |
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| Post Office Dep't complete, 10 var.....   | 4.00    | " " 11 var., complete.....          | 4.00 |

## CONFEDERATE.

|                   |        |                          |     |
|-------------------|--------|--------------------------|-----|
| 5c on cover.....  | \$ .05 | *10c, unused, blue.....  | .03 |
| 10c on cover..... | .05    | *20c, unused, green..... | .15 |

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|                                  |     |                              |     |
|----------------------------------|-----|------------------------------|-----|
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| " 10c green.....                  | 35    |
| 1868 2c black.....                | 20    |
| 1870 1c blue .....                | 25    |
| " 3c green.....                   | 02    |
| 1872 7c vermilion.....            | 40    |
| " 12c purple .....                | 40    |
| " 24c " .....                     | 1 40  |
| Columbian 1 to 15c inclusive..... | 28    |

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|                                  |      |
|----------------------------------|------|
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| 2c Certificate blue, unperf..... | 25   |
| 1c Express unperf .....          | 4 75 |
| 2c Playing Cards blue.....       | 20   |
| 3c " " .....                     | 5 90 |
| 3c Proprietary .....             | 04   |
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| \$20 Conveyance.....             | 1 75 |
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| Horta, 8 ".....                                          | 60     |
| Ponta Delgada, 8 var. complete.....                      | 60     |
| Bavaria, 1895 6 var. Complete.....                       | 33     |
| Brazil, 1895, 40 reis, green.....                        | 04     |
| 40x30 reis ".....                                        | 06     |
| 80 reis violet.....                                      | 06     |
| 80x80 reis violet.....                                   | 10     |
| 100 reis red, LC.....                                    | 08     |
| 200 reis orange LC.....                                  | 15     |
| Bolivia, 1894, 3 var. complete.....                      | 13     |
| Brit. Central Africa, '95, 3 var. complete.....          | 22     |
| Bulgaria, 1896, Boris, 3 var.....                        | 18     |
| Cape G. H. 1894, 1/2 on ld.....                          | 10     |
| Ceylon 1894, 2c, 2x2c.....                               | 08     |
| 5c, 5x5c.....                                            | 15     |
| 1896, 2c biscre.....                                     | 08     |
| 1895, 5c, 5x5 LC.....                                    | 15     |
| Chile, 1895, 1c green.....                               | 03     |
| 2c carmine, LC.....                                      | 04     |
| Chefoo, 1894, 1/2c green, 1c red, LC.....                | 05     |
| Chinkiang, 1895, 1c brown.....                           | 03     |
| Cook Islands, 1895 1d blue.....                          | 06     |
| Cuba, 1896, 2c and 4c.....                               | 12     |
| Fiji Island, 1895, 5 var. complete.....                  | 43     |
| Greece, 1891, 5, 10, 10, 10, 10, 10, 10, 10.....         | 16     |
| Guatemala, 1895, 1c brown.....                           | 03     |
| Hawaii, 1893, 1, 2, 3c Prov. Gov't.....                  | 45     |
| 1894, 1, 2c.....                                         | 07     |
| Hungary, 1896, 2kr Millennium, 3aar.....                 | 15     |
| Labuan, 1894 1x1c, 3x3c.....                             | 16     |
| 1896 4 on 8c.....                                        | 15     |
| Luxemburg, 1895, 4 var complete.....                     | 20     |
| Macao, 1894, Prov. 4 var. ".....                         | 50     |
| Mauritius, 1896, 2c Prov.....                            | 05     |
| 6c new type.....                                         | 07     |
| 6x6c ".....                                              | 12     |
| Mexico, 1895, 2 and 3c 6 var.....                        | 45     |
| 1896, 2 and 3c 5 var.....                                | 30     |
| Netherlands, 1895, 5, 5x5c new shade.....                | 12     |
| N. S. Wales, 1896, 1/2d and 1/2d LC.....                 | 14     |
| Niger Coast, 1895, 1d carmine and black.....             | 10     |
| Oil Rivers, 1892, 1/2d, 1d rare.....                     | 75     |
| North Borneo, 1894, 1x1c, 3x3c.....                      | 16     |
| Norway, 1895, 3, 5, 5x5, 10 new type.....                | 18     |
| Orange Free State, 1895, 1/2, 1 1/2, 1 1/2, 3 var.....   | 45     |
| Persia, 1895, 4 var. complete.....                       | 38     |
| Peru, 1895, 3c blue and black.....                       | 15     |
| 1896, 1c on 5c red and black.....                        | 06     |
| 3c vermilion, LC.....                                    | 10     |
| Portugal, 1892-5, 6 var regular issue.....               | 45     |
| 1894, 10 reis, Dom Henrique.....                         | 08     |
| 1895, 10 reis, San Antonio.....                          | 05     |
| Roumania, Levant, 1896 20 para on 10 B.....              | 50     |
| Servia, 1895, 4 var. complete.....                       | 20     |
| 10p error, no arms.....                                  | 50     |
| S. African Repub. 1894, 1d (shafts).....                 | 08     |
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| *Corea 3 var.....                 |   | 20    | 60     | " 1894 200r orange and blk           | 20     | 1 50    |
| *Cuba 1877-81 10 var (cat 50)...  |   | 20    | 45     | " Unpaid 100r carmine.....           | 35     |         |
| Bolivia 1894 1 to 100c 7 var..... | 1 | 25    | 4 00   | " " 200a mauve.....                  | 60     |         |
| *Hamburg 10 var.....              |   | 15    | 40     | Belgium Sunday stamp with coupon.    | 05     | 25      |
| * " env. 7 var.....               |   | 15    | 40     | * " 1895 1s on 2s.....               | 10     | 75      |
| *Heligoland wrap. 3 var.....      |   | 15    | 35     | Chili Rev. 1c carmine.....           | 25     |         |
| *Porto Rico 1896 4 var.....       |   | 10    | 20     | Deccan ½ anna.....                   | 10     | 80      |
| *Samoa 8 var.....                 |   | 25    | 60     | Guatemala 10c red.....               | 20     |         |
| *Sardinia 6 var.....              |   | 10    | 20     | Japan 1892 50s brown.....            | 20     | 1 50    |
| *Servia 1881 complete.....        |   | 25    | 60     | Uruguay 1894 1c blue.....            | 10     | 85      |
| *Thurn & Taxis.....               |   | 60    | 1 75   | *Venezuela 5c green.....             | 05     | 30      |
| Austria 1890 12kr red.....        |   | 08    | 60     | N. S. Wales 1888 1p violet.....      |        | 15      |
| " " 2kr light brown..             |   |       | 15     | " " 2p blue.....                     |        | 15      |
| " " 5kr red.....                  |   |       | 15     | Egypt service 1892 brown on orange   | 10     | 90      |
| " " 10kr blue.....                |   |       | 15     | Italy Packet Post 50c red.....       | 10     | 75      |
| " " 15kr carmine.....             |   | 05    | 40     | Swiss 1fr.....                       |        | 30      |
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| " 1891 20kr olive green... 08     |   | 60    |        | * " wrap. ½ on 1p.....               | 40     |         |
| " 24kr blue..... 10               |   | 80    |        | *U. S. postal service black on white | 30     | 2 50    |
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From the Daily Philatelic News of  
June 2nd, 3002.

**Startling Discoveries! Philately of the 20th Century! Strange Philatelic find in the recent American Excavations! Professor Diggedea interviewed by our Special Correspondent!**

Professor Diggedea, Superintendent and Business Manager of the company now employed in excavating that part of North America known rather more than 1100 years ago as the City of New York, was in the metropolis yesterday for a few hours on business connected with the excavations. Learning of his arrival by the sightphone and identity register which connects the News office with the great Union depot your correspondent was immediately despatched to call upon him and obtain a more detailed account of philatelic find than has yet been given to the public. The Professor's electric flying bicycle was at the door indicating an intended trip away, but on learning that a lady was asking for him the great man courteously postponed the journey for a few minutes in order to grant her an audience.

"I really should not have admitted a man," he said smilingly, "for I am very hurried, but a lady has claims that must not be ignored. (That's why the editor chose

me,' decided the listener.) I have an engagement at ten o'clock with Mr. Riche who lives 500 miles from here, and as it is 9.15 now I trust you will pardon my abruptness in asking at once how I can serve you."

"By telling me all about that philatelic find of your company," answered the reporter promptly.

"Yes?" Said the Professor questioningly. He was evidently used to interviews, for putting his fingertips together he leaned back in his chair—a patent health invigorator by the way—and at once plunged into the desired particulars. "You know when the great earthquake of the 20th century struck ancient New York that city sank very much below its former level and was at once completely covered by the tremendous landslide due to the upheaval and changing of the Atlantic basin. A few of the inhabitants escaped perhaps, in fact the old records say so, but the majority probably perished as they stood just as it is said did the people of that fabled city, Pompeii. It is only within a year that the idea of excavation was mooted, but the great electric plows have served us well and are fast throwing off the hundreds of feet of earth which covered the city. Of the many strange things we found, first indi-

cating and then proving the extremely low development of the people of that age I need not speak since they have been fully given to the public as we went along; the find you inquire about was made last week when we cleared a street so queer in signs and contents that after only a short examination I turned it over to the care of our International Philatelic Brotherhood who of course had delegates on hand just as they always do when any such work is going on. Mr. Ernest Studente is in charge of it now; he and those working with him are preparing lists and descriptions of the things found, and arranging them for the International Philatelic Museum. He will, no doubt, give all items to the public as fast as they can be gathered and verified; meanwhile I must not say much but do not mind telling you that philately in those days was so vastly different from what it is now as to seem hardly the same thing at all. "Why, "and the Professor in his excitement broke the current of his health-invigorator and germ-killer chair by sitting upright,"—do you know there is proof positive that the stamp collectors of those days instead of proceeding on exchange lines such as we use, actually bought and sold their stamps for money,—money, think of it,—thus making them articles of barter and speculation. It is proved too that there were hundreds of men who made it their sole business to 'corner' desirable specimens in order to make money by forcing collectors to pay an outrageous price for them; another part of their business was to purchase foreign stamps at the home offices for a trifle, and then sell them to the collector at an immense advance on the price paid. There was no Exchange Bureau

such as we have now so the collector was obliged to buy at the dealers own prices if he wanted the stamps. They collected unused stamps too, thinking even more of them than of the used."—Oh the scorn in the Professor's voice—"and that of course nourished the spirit of speculation until many countries turned out new issues every few months just for sale to collectors. Some of those issues were only good for postage a few hours and were then declared obsolete. A pretty state of affairs, wasn't it?" and the Professor, quite exhausted, sank back in his chair seemingly unconscious of the reporter's patient sigh as she again changed the position of the audiphone to suit his movements in order that no word might be lost. When Mr. I. N. Vantor, who is experimenting upon automatic movements, perfects his device for the audiphone it will be a great relief to the interviewer of a restless great man.

"But how could you discover all that?" queried the astonished listener when matters were in good order once more.

"From the stamp papers mostly" he replied "the whole street seemed to have been a sort of rendezvous of stamp dealers for in nearly every building we found piles upon piles of such papers, all very small, mere pamphlets in fact, but all teeming with advertisements. There must have been over a hundred societies then for nearly every paper we examined was the official organ of one and all—societies and papers—bore different names. What would those benighted individuals have said, I wonder, to the daily editions of our one great paper published simultaneously in every city, and to its corps of specially trained philatelic writers!" Here the Pro-

fessor paused to chuckle at the thought but grew grave again as he continued.

"Some of the matter in those papers will be given to the public as curiosities and to show how very crude philately was 1100 years ago both in itself and its writers, but the majority of it is really not philatelic at all, while some is actually unfit for print, consisting merely of back-biting, snarling and quarrelling betwixt the managers and members of the different societies. We of this day settle such things personally and quietly, without a public airing, but of course we must make allowance for those who lived in the dark ages and must remember that their civilization was much inferior to our own."

At this point the Professor glanced up at the automatic time indicator, and understanding the polite hint the reporter gulped back the array of questions she had intended to ask, and asked only one.

"We know of course that a great many old stamps were found in the buildings, but it has not yet been given out what is to be done with them. If you can tell us that, Professor, it will settle a question of much interest."

"Mr. Ernest Studente and his assistants are at work upon them now making a complete catalogue of every stamp found," replied the Professor. "One of each variety will be retained and mounted for the International Philatelic Museum and will therefore be the property of the Brotherhood, the other will be turned into the general stock and will be distributed impartially among our members according to our usual rules and methods. This is all I am at liberty to make public just yet, but doubtless more will be given out very shortly. And now, I am

sorry to cut short our interview but you see my friend is getting rather impatient over something, probably because he finds I have not yet started," and the Professor pointed laughingly to the Distance Annihilator on the table where as he turned on the current, there came into view the portly well-known figure of Mr. Richie standing beside a similar instrument and shaking his fist wrathfully at the picture within which we well knew must show our room and the Professor still ensconced in his easy chair.

The reporter laughed and beat a hasty retreat knowing it might fall to her lot any day to call professionally upon the impatient gentleman in which case it would be just as well not to have aroused his ire beforehand, and the Professor, released from her presence promptly mounted his air bicycle and flew fleetly away to keep his appointment.

AMY L. SWIFT.

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#### "Emmert and the A. P. A."

MR. EDITOR:—If you will grant me space in your columns, I will have a word to say in behalf of my friend Mr. W. H. Emmert, of your town. Not that he needs any defense of his character or reputation with those who know him, but those to whom he is personally a stranger might feel disposed to think there was something crooked about him, or an objection to his becoming a member of the A. P. A., would not have been raised. The individual who presented the objection is unknown to the writer, but your statement concerning his relation to Mr. Emmert, while the latter was Exchange Superintendent of the S. of P., is enough to prove that he had a personal grudge to satisfy and was unmanly enough to make it the

basis of his unkind action towards him. As to the transactions of Mr. E. while in office in the S. of P., I am not in a position to speak authoritatively; but when it comes to speaking of him personally, I claim to be qualified to do so, for I was his pastor for two years, and had frequent association with him, both in and out of the church. I do not hesitate to affirm that Wm. H. Emmert is altogether above the suspicion of crookedness in his business transactions. He is not only thoroughly honest, but even generous in all his dealings, and I, for one, would not believe him guilty of dishonesty, if his objector would swear to it on a stack of Bibles as high as Eifel's tower, *unless he brought forward proofs that would sustain specific charges of fraudulence.* Mr. E., is not only ready, I understand, but has already made explanation of the trouble between himself and his objector, and it would be a burning shame, were he to suffer, either in his reputation or business, because of this unwarranted attack upon him. All this is entirely voluntary on my part, out of respect for a worthy friend and successful philatelist.

W. A. CARVER.

DILLSBURG, PA., 1-30-'97.

### A Plea For the Boys.

Having seen several articles of late in the different Philatelic periodicals, regarding the best methods of securing the trade of the boy collectors; reviving their interest in stamps, (which, judging from the plaint of said articles, has greatly decreased for the past year); also how to bring new recruits into the Philatelic army, thus infusing enthusiasm throughout the entire ranks; I would like to say that I am fully convinced

that it is the fault of the dealers themselves that this lethargy exists.

For some time it has been only too evident to the thoughtful and observant philatelist that many of the dealers considered the beginner or boy collector lawful prey. Assuming that he was not well informed on the subject, hence would more easily fall a victim to their schemes, they send out collections of bright colored stamps, very attractive to the novice such as the Heligolands, Hamburgs, Roman States, Samoan Express, etc., usually four or five sheets, purporting to be worth several dollars, but if the recipient will remit a certain amount of cash, (about 25 per cent of stated value as a general thing, though I have known them to fall as low as 16 per cent.) he may keep the entire selection, and they will send him a valuable stamp as a premium. This is usually an unused stamp, catalogue value from 5 cents to 10 cents. Of course he accepts this munificent offer—he has the utmost confidence in the dealers—why should he neglect so excellent an opportunity to secure a rapidly increasing collection at a small outlay of cash?

After a time he learns that he has been victimized! that his beautiful collection of which he was so proud is almost worthless, that his hard earned pennies have been spent for naught. Then, indeed he loses faith in all mankind. Oh, the pity of it that innocent youth must learn this bitter lesson. No wonder he loses interest in his favorite pursuit! No wonder that he ceases to buy! He knows not whom to trust, for all approval sheets bear the same inscription, "*All stamps guaranteed genuine.*"

Truly "honesty is the best policy," for the disgust, distrust and indifference thus occasioned, react upon the



dealer, for he loses a good customer, and through him many others who would have been influenced, had this collector not given up the pursuit.

I am glad to be able, from my own experience, to say that all dealers are not like those I have just described; that there are those who do business in an honorable way; but there are dealers and dealers as many collectors have found to their cost. A certainty in the South-west contains several stamp firms. Some of these firms claim in their price-lists to sell Reprints *only as such*. If this be true, why do they not label their approval sheets containing this class of stamps plainly, "Reprints," instead of "genuine?" Too well they know the boys would not buy them.

Brothers, sisters, this is not a fancy sketch, it is absolutely truthful. I often hear boys say, while looking at valuable U. S. stamps, "If I were only *sure* those were not Reprints, I would buy them." They have lost confidence in every kind. Can nothing be done to remedy this evil? Cannot unscrupulous dealers be taught that it is just as disgraceful to defraud a boy as a man? The boy collector of to-day will be the advanced philatelist of the future. Why not treat him accordingly? "Any kind of stamps" are not what he wants, but instruction, kind words of encouragement and honorable treatment. Surely our Philatelic organizations ought to be able to suppress this evil, lest it bring the orders themselves into condemnation.

LILIE H. MURRAY.

—In *American Collector*.

### Boston Correspondence.

BY E. B. HORN, JR.

The great craze after Plate Numbers, which for a time demanded so much public notice, seems to have abated somewhat. Here in Boston plate numbers are not so much talked of as of yore, but there are still many collectors who devote much time and attention to these varieties. Nevertheless the number of these are decreasing.

It would take many such discoveries as that made by the Hollis firm at San Francisco recently, to completely ruin the market for United States Revenues. If very many such large finds should occur, the entire bottom would fall out of the Revenue markets: as it is there are doubtless many great rarities awaiting, in some obscure place, some philatelist to unearth them.

The figures of the business transacted by the Post-Office at Boston may be interesting, though they have little connection with philately. The business done in 1892-3 figured at \$2,564,644. In the year 1894 there was a drop of \$90,000 in the amount of business carried on; but in 1895 the postal transactions exceeded those of 1893. The business for the year ending last June likewise exceeded that of 1893 to the extent of \$200,000. In 1893 the entire postal revenue of the country was \$75,896,933, and for 1896, \$82,490,208 showing a net increase of \$12,593,275.

The annual deficit caused largely by the transmission of second class mail matter figures up to \$19,000,000 and the figure grows at the rate of about \$1,000,000 a year. A reform in this matter is urgent. As these figures come from official sources, they may be fully relied upon.

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Philatelists in general will be glad to hear of the arrest of the thief who stole a part of Mr. S. A. Stevens collection at Portland recently. The culprit proved to be a W. E. Bailey who was quite prominent in philatelic affairs. Diligent efforts on the part of Mr. Stevens were made to recover his stolen treasures, and by chance his wife espied Bailey on the street and promptly had him arrested. We hope this crook will be made an example of, as there are quite frequent occurrences of such thefts.

Card Board Proofs, and Essays on India paper are coming into popular favor. Much attention is being tendered these of late, and good prices are almost invariably realized for them at auctions. Proofs of Revenue stamps are also being boomed.

Dealers in this locality report trade as rather dull. Especially in United States stamps. In all probabilities this arises from the cause that the new prices are "too big" and scare customers away, though the dealer is often willing to part with a specimen much below catalogue.

Some dealers are still marking their stamps at 56th prices. These are getting the most of the trade now, but they will probably raise prices soon.

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### The Press.

"Philatelic Messenger" from Oak Hill, N. B., is published quarterly by Matthew R. Knight, and although his own advertisements fill many columns, there is quite a little reading matter of interest.

"The Stamp Collectors Fortnightly" is always eagerly looked for. The editor has a mind of his own and don't seem at all afraid to express it.

"The All Around Stamp Advertiser" for December is printed with red ink.

The "Post Office" for December contains its usual amount of solid reading matter.

"The Philatelic Free Lance" seems to be improving with age.

"Stamp Lore" is indeed a handsome magazine and is quite readable.

"The Philatelic Canadian" Vol. I, No. 1, December has arrived. The editor states that this is his first grasp of the editorial quill, but if the breezy announcement he makes is a sample of what we may expect in future numbers it will always be a welcome visitor to our sanctum.

"The International Stamp" for November is at hand and we are pleased to hear that Mr. Marten is regaining his health after several weeks illness.

"The Eastern Philatelist" is as usual highly interesting. This is one of the few papers no collector should be without.

In the January "Am. Journal of Philately," the Scott Stamp & Coin Co., reply to criticisms upon their action in cataloguing the Greek Olympian Stamps. Since the stamps are now declared good for postage for an indefinite period and on sale to the general public, why should they not now be included among legitimate issues?

"Our Philatelia" has appeared 4 pages without cover, hailing from Providence, R. I.

"The Young Collector" from Red Lion, Penna., (8 pages and cover) starts out under favorable auspices, and we wish neighbor Smith the success we have met with thus far. We haven't seen the

"Lone Star Philatelist" until recently for several months. Oct. and Nov. Nos., are at hand and read. Really for instruction and amusement it captures the bakery. The editor has a certain independent way about him of imparting instruction to other editors and publishers and it so recalls our school days poring over Latin, Greek, rhetoric etc., that we could hug him for using phrases from the dead languages and such words as pessimistic iconoclastic, etc. *Haec olim meminisse juvabit.*

"The Inside History of the late P. S. of A. Campaign" is a book of 12 pages and well written. It is interesting to P. S. of A. members. May be had of the publisher at 25 cents or of us at same price. If ordered from us, one year's subscription will be given with it for the same price.

### Received.

January number of The Columbia Stamp Co., Washington, D. C., containing some desirable bargains.

3rd Auction Catalogue of U. S., and Foreign Stamps of Geo. R. Tuttle, Newark, N. J., held January 20th and 21st at 7.30 p. m., at Collectors Club Bldg. 351-4th Ave., New York City, in which we note some fine stamps were offered.

Catalogue of 6th Auction Sale of Baltimore Philatelic Society, held Feb. 6th at 3.00 and 7.30 p. m., at the Society's rooms. There are a fine lot of early U. S. in this sale.

Retail Price List—No. 12 in two parts, and Wholesale Price List—No. 15 of C. F. Rothfuchs, Washington, D. C.

A neat Revenue Want List [blank] for use of collectors, sent us by E. T. Parker.

J. M. Bartels & Co's., Price List of U. S. Stamps, No. 7.

January Price List of Joe. F. Beard of Muscatine, Iowa.

A neat Souvenir morocco bound pocket-memorandum book from Chas. F. Zaruba.

A Calendar, for the New Year bearing an excellent likeness of our genial friend Wm. K. Mix.

That ever handy desk Calendar issued by the Pope Mfg. Co., graces our desk by their thoughtfulness.

J. M. Bartel's 2nd Complete Priced Catalogue and Reference List of the Plate numbers of U. S., Adhesive Postage Stamps, 1847-1897 is a great improvement over the first. The prices are more conservative and we believe much nearer the actual value. He has reduced the price from 50c to 25c for this issue.

Priced Catalogue of P. M. Wolsieffer's Auction Sale of Jan. 30. Total of sale, \$2915.25. We have room to mention but a few of the prices. Revenues, unless extra fine went at about half list, and the same might be said of envelopes, locals and Confederates and Match Stamps at about  $\frac{1}{2}$  list. There was a fine lot of reprints and reissues of U. S., that brought fine prices, in many cases up to 90% of list. Unused U. S., Adhesives in good condition averaged about 60% of list. St. Louis 5c Die A Plate 1, brought full list \$2.50 and 10c Die C Plate 2 brought same price; 1c State unused o. g., brought \$4.00 [list 3.50] and 1c Justice went at \$2.05 [list 2.00.] Mr. Wolsieffer is to be congratulated on the success of his first sale.

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THE fact that the last number of this magazine containing nominations for officers for the Columbian Philatelic Society was in the printers hands for nearly four weeks and furnished us on the eve of the election has added many a wrinkle to the editors brow but the printer has promised better things. You see the boys went away on a ten days vacation thinking that business would continue dull on account of the agitation on the tariff which proposed a tax of \$1000 each on every philatelic paper, but when they got back from their vacation, they found that the long promised McKinley boom of prosperity had arrived and four mail cars were sidetracked filled with p. d. q. orders for printing and with the help of 100 more or less extra compositors and pressmen they are just getting eased up a little.

P. S. We don't know if we have got this just as the printer wrote us, but we read considerable between the lines.

By the way we think the A. P. A. at last convention instructed all its members who were publishers to refuse advts. from those who were expelled from the association. (Quite consistent when they have well known frauds in their ranks and expel honest men). How is it then that dozens of papers published by A. P. A. members carry Mr. Carion's advt. and further than this 3 at least have criticized the association for their injustice in expelling him? How is it also after he was expelled he was admitted a member of the Queen City Philatelic Society on Oct. 15th and no objection raised, though lots of members of that society belong to the A. P. A? We rather guess that putting proxy votes one side, there would be an overwhelming majority in Mr. Carion's favor.

WE have but a few of those U. S. adhesives which Scott prices at \$2.00 left to give away to new subscribers who enclose return postage, but will send a U. S. Stamp cat. 15c or more when they are gone. See combination offer in adv. columns.

THE editor of this paper who averages to work at his desk 12 to 15 hours out of 24 (he is writing this at 1.30 a. m. believing that there are others in the ranks of editors and dealers who with wearied brain and body often retire and find restless sleep, begs to advise any such that a hot draught of Hörlick's Malted milk just before retiring ensures sound restful slumber and a clear brain in the morning. Finding a slip in one of the packages we reproduce in our adv. columns for the benefit of any who may wish to test our experience with it. The editor is about to take a drink so good night or rather good morning.



It has been whispered into my ear that a rich set of stamps will be presented to me if I keep silent upon a certain affair of some interest to collectors. There are two reasons why I cannot come to terms, one is that I should not and would not keep silent when the general interest of collectors is at stake. Another is that the *bribe* is not sufficiently attractive. If we were only a pair of Post-Office Mauritius I might possibly become recreant to my duty to my fellow collectors. I do not say so positively, but I might possibly fall then into temptation, for alas! we are all human.—IBERIUS in *Weekly Stamp News*.

AH, would that we had more of the fraternity who would mark out and travel in the independent course pursued by our good friend. Inflated prices, crooked deals and sham auctions would disappear, and the fair goddess would not hide her face in shame at the doings of deceitful worshippers at her shrine.

If the proposed Loud bill passes this magazine will continue publication just the same. It might be necessary (which we should very much regret) to advance the subscription price to 25c if we paid 8 or even 4 cents per pound for postage. The paper with its present size (24 pages and cover) costs 2 cents per year postage, and at 4 or 8 times as much, one can easily see why an increase of price would be necessary. Besides we can always be satisfied with 24 pages. Even this issue may be an increase over that number.

OUR genial friend Lohmeyer has actually got the editor interested in postal card collecting and the editor's better half has also taken so much

interest in the collection since we got that nice Postal Card Album that we have to send frequent orders for some of the cards that Mr. Lohmeyer advertises in each issue of this magazine. We find however that he has hundreds that he don't advertise. Our non-philatelic callers are delighted more with our collections of postals and envelopes, than with the stamp collection.

WE believe we expressed ourselves on the advisability of admitting national politics into philatelic papers sometime ago, but the college editor of the *Lone Star State Philatelist* had the fever very badly. After such phrases as "absolute supremacy of truth and honesty over fraud and deceit" "mighty conflict" "resounding over the entire continent," we read "all Americans quaked and trembled at the immensity of the conflict. Even Europe stood aghast watching with concentrated interest in the duel between truth and dishonesty, between right and wrong between GOLD and SILVER," Whew! what elegant comparisons, what majesty of diction, what a magnificent outburst of eloquence! Alas! my friend had you gone forth in the last campaign, and unloaded your over-burdened breast, given vent to these pent up fires of oratory, "Willie Bryan L. L. D." whom you so condescendingly refer to, and all his associate thieves would have crawled into a cavity and pulled the cavity in after them,—but this is not philatelic journalism.

WE had intended to give our readers further facts in regard to the injustice done to Mr. W. H. Emmert by the board of vice presidents of the A. P. A. but we will wait until next number, when we shall have the matter in proper shape.

EVERY member of the Am. Phil. Association had the privilege of reading our last issue. We have received a great many subscriptions in the 10 days which have elapsed since mailing it and note that about 60% are A. P. A. members.

WE wish that so many of our subscribers new and old would not shower their compliments on us until we make some decided improvements in the make up of this paper. It makes us feel rather mean to have them call it a "model magazine" "best they ever saw" &c. when we know it falls far short of our best intentions. The editor is putting in an average of 15 hours a day at his business (which embraces the editing and publishing of this paper), and the improvements will be gradually added. By reducing the size of the type in this issue, we are able to give our readers much more reading matter than usual.

—The post office inspector has written us that he called upon Witherington at his home at Paducah, Ky., and thoroughly frightened him, and compelled him to return sheets to about a dozen different dealers. He writes that the U. S. District Attorney declined to prosecute on account of Witherington's youth. Witherington promised to stop pilfering but the inspector says he does not trust him. So dealers beware.

—The membership of the A. P. A. seems to advance about as fast as the frog in the well who jumped up one foot and fell back two. Is it any wonder?

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### PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

**FELLOW MEMBERS:** In accepting the important office to which you have called me, I wish to thank you one and all for the confidence you have placed in me in naming as for your leader for 1897. I trust I shall have the assistance not only of my brother officers, but of every member in making this the model society not only in members, but in quality. Let every member do his best to induce every reliable collector friend of his to join. How many members will pledge me 10 new members for 1897, or even 5? I made no pledge last year but added 71 to our ranks and will agree to better the record for '97. Next month I will name a list of vice presidents for the different states and countries, whom I think will do good work for our society in their various localities.

Yours in philately

J. F. DODGE, Pres.

### NEW MEMBERS.

212 Wm. Bailey, Box 186, Roslyn, Wash.  
 213 Note below.  
 214 C. L. Moreau, 122 W. 48th-st., N. Y. City.  
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 219 Wm. W. Neifert, Box 11, Vineyard Haven, Mass.

220 Note below.

221 W. F. Sheely, New Oxford, Pa.

222 J. W. Barnitz, New Oxford, Pa.

223 Rev. G. M. Ketner, New Chester, Pa.

(Note to No. 213 and 220. These persons have been objected to by members and the applications will be referred to trustees.)

The above will receive their membership cards upon receipt of the dues to January 1st, 1898 (25 cents.) I trust that all will remit promptly and without further notice. I also desire an early settlement from all those who are owing the society for dues, and who have not been suspended as yet for their delay in paying same. I will be compelled to put all delinquents upon the "suspension roll." I hope none have a desire for this honor. In the future all applicants should send their dues with their application, and initiation fee. This will make it much more convenient for each and every one and very much so for me. It will save the society much expense which is incurred in sending out notices of acceptance to all applicants, and also those sent to delinquents, which are not few. It will take the matter off of the applicant's mind and relieve him of any further responsibility. If same is accepted he will receive his membership card without any further delay. If it is rejected he will receive his dues back at once. Please observe this rule in the future.

### APPLICATIONS.

I have received the following applications together with the accompanying references since my last report:

Emil Miller, East Albany, N. Y. J. F. Dodge, A. D. Cole.

W. O. Smith, Red Lion, Pa. J. F. Dodge, D. B. Minnich.

W. vd. Wettern, Jr., 411 W. Saratoga-st., Baltimore, Md. J. F. Dodge, Leo Fritter.

Chris. B. Yule, 65 Main-st., Charlestown, Mass. J. F. Dodge, C. W. Kissinger.

Mrs. Charles L. Taylor, 5533 Ellsworth-ave., Pittsburg, Pa. J. F. Dodge, Mrs. C. S. Decker.

Philip S. Briggs, New Bedford, Mass. G. R. Kennedy, Thomas W. Macy.

J. C. Miller, Coal Valley, Pa. J. F. Dodge, R. M. Miller.

The list of applications this month is very small, and I hope that this is not to be the case in the future. Let us all try and see if we cannot increase this number in the next report to 25. Do some missionary work in your neighborhood

for the society. Organize a local branch. You would receive innumerable benefits which you cannot receive now. It would not take much effort upon each members part to bring into existence, an active and useful branch society which would help each member individually and the society as a whole. Try it and I am sure that you will succeed.

The above applicants will be admitted to full membership within one month from date, provided no sufficient objections are received. They will then be notified by postal card, and will be expected to remit their dues to January 1, 1898, (25 cents) without further notice.

#### SUSPENSIONS.

The following have been suspended from membership because of their refusal to pay their dues. Each one can be reinstated if no objections are made upon the payment of all the dues they owe. I trust that all above will have settled with me by the time my next report is sent to the printer.

(The list of all suspensions to date will be found in my annual report to convention.)

#### CHANGES IN ADDRESS.

67 Wm. S. Devlin, Chester, Pa.  
77 C. L. Thurston, The Cairo, Washington, D. C. [only temporarily.]  
206 Charles J. Endle, Kingsburgh Cottage, Boscombe, Hants, England.

#### RESIGNATIONS RECEIVED.

24 Charles G. Hart, Pipestone, Minn.  
84 W. H. Barnum, Cleveland, Ohio.

#### DUES NOTICE.

All members who joined this society before January 1, 1896, are hereby notified of the fact that their dues for the year 1897 [to the first of next year] are now payable, and I would be pleased if same would be settled at each member's earliest convenience, as it will save me much trouble and needless expense. I hope all who are affected by this notice will decide to remain in the society and give it their support. I can promise them many and more helpful benefits than they have received in the past, the first year of the organization. Many things have tended to prevent the full beneficial part of our society from being felt by the members. These could not be helped, but had to be surmounted and removed before the society could go on in its former way. I see no signs of such obstructions in the coming year, and believe that it will be the most successful year of the society's history so far. Do not wait for an official notice

other than this from me upon this matter, but remit as soon as you read this. The treasury of the society is not in a very flourishing condition. Some of that promised prosperity would not injure it in the least. Attend to this at once. Faithfully yours,

LEO FRITTER, Sec.-Treas.  
Columbus, O., Jan. 29, 1897.

#### AUCTION MANAGER'S REPORT.

As I am informed I have been elected Auction Manager of the Columbian Philatelic Society I beg to tender my thanks to our members for the confidence placed in me, for the honor conferred upon me, and will assure them that I will do my best to give them satisfaction during my term of office. I will see that rules are shortly prepared to govern this department, a copy of which shall be forwarded to each member. As a portion of the Official Organ will be set apart for the benefit of this department I shall be glad to receive entries at once for the next number as I desire to make this department a success. The first sale will be found advertised in this issue. Please send bids early.

H. SMITH, Auction Manager,  
5 Almont-st., Medford, Mass.

#### EXCHANGE SUPT'S REPORT.

FELLOW MEMBERS COL. PHIL. SO.:— I have just received a notification of my appointment as your Exchange Superintendent. Although deeply appreciating the honor, I want to say in the beginning that I can make this department a success only with your help. So want to ask for the hearty co-operation of each and every one. In order to get to business at once, will all those who wish to place stamps on circuit send for books to be filled at once; 8c each, or four for a quarter, and those who wish to be placed on circuit, send names to me as soon as possible.

Just as soon as I get a sufficient number of names and filled books I will start the books on circuit. Please state whether you prefer U. S. or Foreign. Thanking you for your support in the election just over, I am

Yours very truly

FRED P. HOLT.  
6 Ward-st., Hartford, Conn.

Since writing above, some 30 exchange books have been ordered by the members and several have requested me to place them on circuit. The exchange books hold 60 stamps each.

FRED P. HOLT, Ex. Supt.



## The Convention.

The first convention of the Columbian Philatelic Society was called to order at the office of W. H. Emmert, New Oxford, Pa., at 11.30 a. m. January 26th, by J. F. Dodge who was the only officer present. J. F. Dodge as chairman and R. J. Russell M. D. as temporary secretary were unanimously elected. W. H. Emmert, R. M. Miller and J. W. Barnitz were appointed committee on credentials. Adjourned to meet at the office of J. F. Dodge at 2.30 p. m. Called to order at 2.30 p. m. and the committee on credentials reported a total vote of 38, number of proxies held by the 8 members present 23, and the successful candidates as follows:

President, J. F. Dodge, Pa.  
 Vice President, Geo. B. Klebes, Conn.  
 Secretary-Treasurer, Leo. Fritter, Ohio.  
 Exchange Superintendent, Fred P. Holt, Conn.  
 Auction Manager, H. Smith, Mass.  
 Librarian, H. S. Adair, Ohio.  
 Supt. Bureau of Information, C. F. Bridge, N. Y.  
 Attorney, Geo. A. Katzenberger, Ohio.  
 Counterfeit Detector, Frank P. Brown, Mass.  
 Trustees E. G. Berger )  
                   J. P. Lacour - Illinois )  
                   A. E. Fritz )

Vice President for Canada, W. K. Hall.

Official Journal, COLUMBIAN PHILATELIST.

The annual report of the Sec'y-Treas. was then read and listened to with great interest. On motion the report was accepted and a vote of thanks extended to brother Fritter, who was unable to be present, for his efficient services.

The report of the Librarian was read, accepted and placed on file.

Committee on Constitution and By Laws submitted draft of same. Reading of same was waived, being the S. of P. constitution with modifications in which were embodied suggestions of the Secretary in his report. On motion same was adopted. The following resolutions were offered by Mr. Dodge (Mr. R. Miller in the chair):

WHEREAS, The American Philatelic Association at their last annual convention expelled from their ranks Georges Carion, an honored member of our society, after he had proved the charges against him to be false.

RESOLVED, That this society expresses its indignation at such injustice, and its confidence in Mr. Carion.

WHEREAS, The Board of Vice-Presidents of the American Philatelic Association have denied membership to W. H. Emmert, a highly respected member of our society, alleging dishonest acts which they cannot prove.

RESOLVED, That this society calls upon all its members to use their influence in reversing this unjust decision.

On motion the resolution were unanimously adopted. Letters from A. Herbst, W. O. Smith, Rev. W. A. Carver, Rev. G. J. M. Ketner, A. Hirsch, Wm. V. de Wettern, Jr., W. Hammond, F. S. Smith, M. D., Geo. M. Frame, G. R. Kennedy, F. P. Holt, C. S. Stearns, C. W. Kissinger, W. A. Smith, C. F. Zaruba, Wm. A. McDonnell and others were read expressing their regret at not being able to be present and wishing the convention and the society all possible success and a vote of thanks was extended to them for their interest and good wishes. Motion was made and carried that the date and place of holding next convention be named by the president at least 60 days before proposed convention is to assemble. Adopted. Adjourned sine die.

R. J. RUSSELL, M. D. Temporary Sec.

SECRETARY-TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT.

To the Members of the Society: I beg to herewith submit to you my first report as your Secretary and Treasurer, since the permanent organization of the society in January, 1896, and trust that some will prove satisfactory. Believing that a

few facts relative to the early history and growth of the society would be read with interest by many, I take the liberty of inserting same in my report.

The society was temporarily organized on August, 17, 1895, with the following officers, pro-tem:—

President—Rev. Jos. B. Hummert, Earlring, Iowa.  
 Vice " —J. P. Lacour, Chicago, Illinois.  
 Secretary-Treasurer—Leo Fritter, Columbus, O.

At this time the membership numbered about fifteen (15). No official organ was chosen then, or for some time afterwards. The society at that stage of development was only an experiment, and no one could look into the future, and foretell its fate, with any semblance of accuracy. So it was thought inexpedient to invest any money in an official organ until the result of the experiment was known. The members worked quietly but persistently among their philatelic acquaintances, but met with very discouraging support. And they kept at it with a determination born of a desire to help the cause of Philately, and at the same time, themselves. During the interval between the temporary organization, and the election for permanent officers, on January 8, 1896, there was added only about thirty (30) new members, or an average of about six (6) a month. But this was enough to convince the organizers of the society, that if it were run upon liberal plans, and with great care, it would one day grow into a useful and beneficial organization to the followers of the fair Goddess Philately.

In December an official organ was duly chosen, which first served in that capacity with its December issue. The paper chosen for this very important office was The Bay State Philatelist, published in Boston, Mass. It acted as such until July, 1896, which was its last issue, either as official organ, or as a regular publication. Upon this point I will have more to say further on in my report. The officers chosen at the first annual election were as follows:—

President—Rev. Jos. B. Hummert, of Iowa.  
 Vice President—J. P. Lacour, of Illinois.  
 Secretary-Treasurer—Leo Fritter, of Ohio.  
 Exchange Superintendent—H. G. Earle, Wis.  
 Auction Manager—N. R. Lowry of Texas.  
 Librarian—Warner Hammond of New York.  
 Counterfeit Detector—R. M. Bettesworth, Ill.  
 Superintendent Bureau of Information—J. F. Dodge of Connecticut.

Trustees—Thad Simmons, of Ohio; W. H. Christman, of New York; and Chas. B. Hesse Iowa.

Most of these have served their full terms, but some have found it necessary to resign, of whom I will speak in the proper place, immediately after the election the membership began to increase rapidly, and has done likewise, with some few exceptions monthly ever since. The number of members enrolled at this time is 211, with (16) applications unacted upon as yet, making a grand total of 227. But this includes those who have resigned, and also those refused admittance, together with those who have been suspended. After deducting these, the membership is about 200. I need only to add further that this is a very gratifying record for our first year of our permanent organization. If we do as well in our second year and our society continues to improve in its beneficial departments, we will have much to feel proud of, and it will be a great honor for those who were instrumental in its making, to have it said of them that they did such a good work for the followers of our fascinating hobby.

### RESIGNATIONS.

I have to report the following resignations as members of the society, which were received during the year. After publication of same in the Official Organ, and no objections being received, they were accepted with regret:

21 R. M. Bettesworth, Chicago, Ill.

35 L. J. Kramer, Elkader, Iowa.

Also the following, which has not been published at yet:

81 W. H. Barnum, Cleveland, Ohio.

The following resignations as officers were also received, and accepted:

Rev. Joseph B. Hummert, as President, whose successor, Mr. J. P. Lacour, was chosen by the Trustees to the vacancy.

Mr. R. M. Bettesworth, as Counterfeit Detector, whose successor has not been chosen.

Mr. Thad Simmons, as Trustee, whose successor, Mr. H. L. Gerding, was chosen by the Trustess, to serve until the next election.

Mr. N. R. Lowry, as Auction Manager, whose successor has not been chosen.

I am sure that all the members regret the necessity of these gentlemen resigning as officers of the society, and appreciate their good services for them while serving them in their official capacity. As the old adage "circumstances alter cases" is one universally recognized as an undeniable fact, the society was compelled to look elsewhere for manipulators of the reins of these several offices, and some they had to do without. Of those chosen, I desire to say that they have faithfully discharged the arduous duties of their offices, and deserve the thanks of all members. As I expect that the Trustees will render a complete report of their doings for the year, I will not go into further detail, except that they chose Mr. J. A. Wilson, of Massachusetts, to succeed Mr. Lacour, as Vice-President, and he has served in that capacity ever since. This long list of resignations might be considered a very gloomy harbinger of our future if the circumstances were not considered, but when they are all known, they shed a very different light upon the subject. Great care should be exercised in choosing the board of officers for the ensuing year, in that men who have all the time necessary for the proper discharge of the duties of their several offices are elected. It should be a condition imposed upon those accepting office that they promise to devote at least some time to the office. If this plan is followed out, it will be found to work much better to the welfare of the society, and to all concerned.

#### SUSPENSIONS.

The following members have been suspended during the year for non-payment of their dues. In each case great patience was used, and numerous notifications given to the delinquents, but little heed was paid to them. I am sorry to state that there are 28 others who are in arrears for their dues to the society, and who do not exhibit any desire to pay same. I have hesitated about suspending them, believing every month would see them pay up. But in this I have been disappointed. I have exhausted every means at my command to endeavor to secure a settlement from them but like the Sphinx, they are as silent as the tomb. The list of those suspended is as follows:

- 7 H. Clark, Washington, D. C.
- 14 E. J. Hedden, Palmyra, N. Y.
- 17 W. F. Cherrington, Viroqua, Wis.
- 30 M. C. Harris, Galveston, Texas.
- 39 A. J. Littlejohn, Seneca Falls, N. Y.
- 68 F. W. Kirk, Newark, N. J.
- 83 J. W. Sampson, Manchester, M. R.
- 86 N. E. Carter, Delavan, Wis.
- 94 Samuel Coons, Pittsburg, Pa.
- 97 H. H. Miller, Burlington, Kans.
- 98 C. W. Lawton, Patterson Mills, Pa.
- 102 S. P. Ballard, Sharon, Wis.
- 106 Victor R. Archambault, Sherbrooke, Can.
- 111 Herbert Stratton, Philadelphia, Pa.
- 114 F. D. Sawyer, Otisfield, Gore, Me.
- 118 E. L. Hickok, Auburn, N. Y.
- 121 W. C. Mann, Colorado, Springs, Colo.
- 122 L. F. Bruce " " "
- 124 W. A. Kerrison " " "
- 127 H. R. Delaney, St. Louis, Mo.
- 130 E. L. Correy, Oak Cliff, Texas.
- 132 L. K. Wright, Minneapolis, Minn.
- 134 C. R. Pyburn, Omaha, Neb.

#### OBJECTIONS TO MEMBERSHIP.

The application of B. S. Ross, of Chicago, Illinois, was objected to by some members on the grounds of his being a fraud, and after investigation by the Trustees, was refused admittance to membership. The application of P. M. Weiss, of Cincinnati, Ohio was also objected to by some, and the case was put in the hands of the Trustees for action. They have not rendered a decision as yet. These cases are a good illustration of the fact that the members are watching the list of applications monthly and reporting any whom they know to be unfit for membership in our society. I think it is a good sign for the future quality of our membership.

#### OFFICIAL ORGAN CHANGES.

As I have said before, The Bay State Philatelist as official organ ceased regular publication with the July, 1896 issue. I do not know the reason for so doing, as I have been unable to hear from them until the last week, definitely upon this point. In fact, although I have written them numerous times, I have never received any reply to my letters. In their letter which was received by me on the 20th inst., they state that they have suspended their publication for one year from last August, and requests to know if the society desires the amount due them for unexpired subscriptions or whether it desires to wait until next August, and then receive the unexpired subscriptions. To this communication I have answered saying that the society preferred the cash, as it has chosen a new official organ. I trust that this answer is satisfactory to the members. By their action the society was left in a very sorry plight, as its only official means of communication to the members was thus abruptly cut off, and the injurious effects of same will be felt for some time. At one time I feared that it would be the means of the failure of all we had done before to make the society a success. Numerous members were talking of resigning, believing that the lack of an official organ was due to the action of the officers, of the society, and not of the publishers of same. But by diligent effort upon my part, I think I persuaded most, if not all of those thus inclined, to remain in the society, until something was done in the matter. Owing to numerous circumstances, and because of a desire to not treat the publishers unfairly, the matter remained stationary for about four (4) months. Then believing that any further delay would be very disastrous to the society, the officers after mature deliberation chose as a temporary means of relief, "The Columbian Philatelist," which was to serve the society as such until the second annual election in January. In accordance with this decision the above paper has acted as the official organ, and in a manner well adapted to earn for it the well wishes of the members. If the members will pardon it, I desire to speak a good word for this publication, and I trust that the society will adopt it as the Official Organ for the ensuing year. I feel sure that it would treat the society fairly, and give them good service. I am sure that if this paper is chosen no mistake will be made. In conclusion I hope that the action of the officers upon this matter will meet with the society's approval. It was the only alternative.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS.

I desire to make a few recommendations, upon certain points, and trust that same will be favorably acted upon. In the first place I am in favor of adopting the plan in vogue in several other societies, viz—that of publishing with the applications the age and occupation of each applicant. This aids the members in many ways, and is a help to deciding whether the applicant ought to be accepted. Why should these requirements be demanded if they are never made use of? The secretary is the only person who sees them.

I also favor the rule that the dues should accompany the application, as it is a great aid to

the secretary-treasurer, and also avoids much needless expense incurred in notifying them of their acceptance, and in requesting delinquents to pay up, which is no small matter. I believe that the applicants would prefer this plan as it relieves them of any further responsibility in the matter. It takes the matter off of their minds. As a proof of its practicability, I need only to say that our principal societies are adopting the plan. If each member could act as secretary for a short while, I am sure that they would all be in favor of the plan. With this rule in force there would be no "eye sores" each month, as we have now in the list of "delinquents."

I am also in favor of a new membership card, and am sure that a neat and artistic one would help the society materially. We should also have new application blanks as those now in use are not satisfactory in any way, and they together with the membership cards now in use were only adopted as temporary requisites when the society was organized. Much information which I am obliged to furnish, ought to be given upon the application blank.

A great many members have written me desiring to know if a badge had been adopted, and if not to find out if the members desire same. I am in favor of having one, and believe that such a thing properly made would be an aid to the society in many ways. It would advertise the society wherever it was worn by a member. I hope that something will be done upon this matter soon.

#### FINANCIAL REPORT.

As your Treasurer, I beg to report the following receipts, and disbursements, for the year ending January 8, 1887, and also up to the 23rd of the same month, making practically complete report to the day of the election. The financial department of our society does not glow with as bright a light as the other ones. Being the first year of the society much more could not be expected. I have gone without many necessary things simply because of the lack of the necessary funds to buy them with. At no time were there a superfluity of cash on hand, and most always there was a dearth of same. But we should be thankful that no money was borrowed, and that we did not go into debt. The large postage bill was caused mainly by the repeated communications to those in arrears to the society, and in sending out the membership cards. Owing also to the lack of information upon the application blanks, much expense was incurred thereby. I have been as economical in this department as I possibly could be. I am sorry that there is no better showing made. But with the dues at so low a figure a much brighter showing cannot be expected. As it now is (and especially has been) almost every cent is expended upon subscriptions. Really not enough is left over to pay running expenses. I did as well as I could under the circumstances and trust that my record meets with approval. It is as follows:

| Receipts.                              |                |
|----------------------------------------|----------------|
| From Initiation fees.....              | \$17 10        |
| From dues 1886.....                    | 31 00          |
| From dues 1887.....                    | 50             |
| <b>Total</b> .....                     | <b>\$48 00</b> |
| <b>Total disbursements</b> .....       | <b>44 02</b>   |
| <b>Balance</b> .....                   | <b>\$ 3 98</b> |
| Disbursements.                         |                |
| For subscriptions to B. S. P.....      | \$16 02        |
| For " " to C. P.....                   | 4 16           |
| For postage.....                       | 18 19          |
| For stationary (paper, ink, pens)..... | 2 45           |
| For envelopes.....                     | 55             |
| For printing application blanks.....   | 2 00           |
| For express.....                       | 35             |
| <b>Total</b> .....                     | <b>\$44 62</b> |

In conclusion I desire to thank my fellow officers for their many aids in the discharge of the

duties of my office. I appreciate their thoughtfulness most highly, and I think that they deserve the thanks of the members for so faithfully doing that which was imposed upon them. For myself, I sincerely trust that my conduct while serving as one of your officers has merited no censure, as I have worked under many difficulties, among which those cited above are more prominent. I have acted as I thought best for the welfare of the society in all cases, and if I have erred, I have done so unknowingly. If what I have done for the society receives the approval of the members, I am well repaid for my trouble. Thanking the members, one and all, for their little kindnesses during the year, and wishing long life and prosperity to the society I remain, Yours for the Columbian Philatelic Society,

LEO FRITTER, Secretary-Treasurer.  
Columbus, O., Jan. 23, 1887.

#### ANNUAL REPORT OF LIBRARIAN.

PALMYRA, N. Y. Jan. 23, 1887.

Since I have taken charge of the C. P. S. Library there has been very little interest shown in it by members of the society but publishers have been very kind in sending publications regularly.

I have received yearly subscriptions from the following papers all of which have been received regularly as long as issued: Boston Philatelist, Rocky Mountain Stamp, Columbian Philatelist, Niagara Philatelist (4), Philatelic Journal of G. B., Philadelphia Stamp News (5), Metropolitan Philatelist. A large number of stamp publications from publishers of same which have been acknowledged in my monthly reports.

There are now some 250 copies in the library including some complete files of obsolete publications, price lists, auction catalogues, address books, etc. Yours fraternally,

W. HAMMOND.

#### BOSTON MEMBERS, ATTENTION!

Mr. Gardner K. Kennedy, of Roxbury, Mass., desires to hear from all members of this society, residing in the vicinity of Boston, who are willing to help him organize a local branch society for mutual benefit. I trust that all members who are residents of this district will give Mr. Kennedy their hearty co-operation. I am sure that the benefits accruing from such an organization will far outweigh any trouble caused in effecting the organization.

#### SOCIETY NOTES.

The delay in the appearance of the official organ (mailed Jan. 22) has caused considerable annoyance to the Secretary and the publisher. Report was sent to the publisher about Dec. 20th and copy sent to the printer 4 days later. The latter was so crowded with work that the delay was unavoidable. As however out of about 60 ballots mailed to members in season to vote only about 20 responded with their ballots it is reasonable to assume that not over one third would have voted had they had the opportunity. Let no one's interest flag on account of this vexatious delay. We have a board of officers that will, with the assistance of the members, make our society the leading society on the American continent.

The members would confer a great favor upon the officers if they would enclose return postage when writing to them, as the postage item amounts to many dollars in a year. The members should be willing to pay part of this. It would insure to them also a quicker reply to their communications. Try and remember this.

Shall we have a badge? I wish that we had, as it would advertise the society wherever worn by a member. A cheap but durable design could certainly be adopted, which would be bought by most all members. How many members will buy a badge, if not too high priced? Let me know at once.

## FIRST 1897 AUCTION SALE

OF THE  
COLUMBIAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

| Lot | Description                                                                                                   | No. of pieces |
|-----|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| 1.  | U. S. 1887, 90c on manila amber, entire unused Env.                                                           | 1             |
| 2.  | " 1887, 1c do do do                                                                                           | 1             |
| 3.  | " Postal Service black on white do                                                                            | 100           |
| 4.  | " 1895, 1c dark blue, Parcell white man. do                                                                   | 2             |
| 5.  | " 1874, 5c blue (Taylor) white paper Die B do                                                                 | 1             |
| 6.  | " 1874 5c " amber " do                                                                                        | 1             |
| 7.  | Mixed lot stamps mostly U. S. 1872 to date about one-fourth 2c red.                                           | 200,000       |
| 8.  | English 1/2d green, 1d brown, 1 1/2 red brown 1880, 1 1/2 red 1870, and 2c blue 1858-60, about equal of each. | 500           |
| 9.  | English 1d red 1864. Large variety of Plate numbers.                                                          | 1000          |
| 10. | U. S. 30c orange 1855-60 No. 48, fine used copy.                                                              | 1             |
| 11. | " 3c pink 1861 No. 59, used. Slight damage N. E. corner.                                                      | 1             |
| 12. | " complete set Columbian unused 1c to \$5.00.                                                                 | 16            |

Bids will be so much the lot and received until the 5th of March next. THERE ARE NO RESERVES ON ABOVE LOTS.

Rules to govern this Department are in preparation a copy of which will shortly be sent to each member.

Entries are solicited from members as soon as possible for the next sale.

H. SMITH, Auc. Mgr.,

5 Almont-st., Medford, Mass

## Ipswich Philatelic Society.

IPSWICH, SO. DAK.

President—Mrs. J. S. Smith.  
Vice-Pres.—A. G. Keene.  
Secretary—M. P. Beebe, Jr.  
Treas.—Helen Smith,  
Librarian & Auction M'gr.—F. J. Petty.

Report from the secretary had not been received up to date of going to press.

## Albany, N. Y., Philatelic Club.

OFFICERS FOR 1897.

President—Prof. J. Benton Tipton.  
Vice-President—Wm. L. Green.  
Secretary-Treasurer—Chas. F. Bridge.  
Exchange Superintendent—John Skinner.

The club now numbers 20 members. Meetings are held on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at the store of Mr. John Skinner, dealer in books and stamps. All collectors residing in Albany or vicinity are invited to join us for mutual benefit. Information and blanks cheerfully furnished by the secretary.

## Connecticut Philatelic Society.

OFFICERS FOR 1897.

President—Geo. B. Klebes, Sharon Valley.  
Vice-Pres.—Franklin S. Cook, Bridgeport.  
Secretary—Fred P. Holt, Hartford.  
Treas.—J. H. Davis, Waterbury.  
Ex. Supt.—Robt. C. Beers, Hartford.  
Official Organ—The COLUMBIAN PHILATELIST

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

FELLOW MEMBERS—This is the first time I have had the privilege of addressing you through an Official Journal upon the matters of the society. As you know in every new society it takes time and labor to get the organization upon a good basis. Am sorry to say that during the time since we organized we have had little draw backs but am glad to announce that we are now started

with a good board of officers and I feel safe in saying that The Connecticut Philatelic Society will prosper and be one of the strongest state societies going as we have enough good material in the state to do it. We invite all Connecticut collectors to join. Our secretary, Mr. Holt, will be glad to furnish you with blanks and information regarding same. Let each collector in the state send in his application and help us in the good work. Yours for the Connecticut Philatelic Society,  
GEO. B. KLEBES, Pres.

CHARTER MEMBERS.

- 1 Geo. B. Klebes, Sharon Valley.
- 2 R. H. Bunce, Middletown.
- 3 Fred P. Holt, 6 Ward-st., Hartford.
- 4 Arthur Hirsch, 9 Congress-st., Hartford.
- 5 J. F. Dodge, New Oxford, Pa.
- 6 Franklin S. Cook, Bridgeport.
- 7 William Bosler, Sharon Valley.
- 8 J. Harry Davis, Waterbury.
- 9 Wm. F. Palmer, East Hadden.
- 10 Rne C. Palmer, Hartford.
- 11 W. H. Bruce, "
- 12 Hezekiah Weed, Stamford.
- 13 Robt. C. Beers, Hartford.
- 14 Wm. F. Walton, Sharon.
- 15 Emma C. Klebes, "
- 16 Gena M. Holt, Hartford.
- 17 Richard E. Nichols, 45 Jefferson-st., Hartford.
- 18 Jesse C. A. Meeker, Bridgeport.
- 19 Herbert J. Meeker, "
- 20 Mrs. John E. Morris, 2 Ward-st., Hartford.
- 21 Miss Mary Francis, 101 Elm-st., "
- 22 Thos. B. Howe, Linden Bdg., "
- 23 H. A. Chapman, Hartford.

The above will be sent their membership cards on receipt of 25c. dues for 1897, and I trust there will be a prompt response from those who have not already sent the same. Let each member take a personal interest in the society and bring in at least one new member. FRED P. HOLT, Secy.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

|                                     | CR.   | DR.   |
|-------------------------------------|-------|-------|
| Jan. 21. Received to date from dues | 22 00 |       |
| Jan. 21. Printing applications      |       | 22 00 |
| Balance                             |       | 40 00 |

J. H. DAVIS, Pres.



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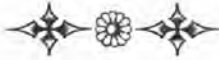
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# The Columbian Philatelist

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## The S. S. S. S.

Well aware of the fact that general opinion leans in favor of the society for the suppression of speculation stamps, in its principle and workings, after a careful survey of its influence on the stamp market and philately generally since its first organization. I am prone to say that its effect has been a damage rather than a good to philately, and that the damage is still going on.

Now while more can or will dispute the unquestionable good resultant from the closing of the Seebeck contracts for which the S. S. S. S. claim much glory, and while the society has been careful to keep from collectors, fraudulent and unauthorized issues, it has done many other things which have been as great a harm.

For instance, it has brought about a fashion to sneer at collections however well chosen and complete which contain the so called Seebeck issues.

The very wave of Seebeck in the production of any issue has the general and vague implication in the minds of collectors of fraud and cruel treachery. This has furthermore embittered many old time collectors who have these stamps within their collections and think them worthless and a disgrace to them

now. Now this whole impression is grossly absurd. The stamps of the Seebeck production though of only one year's duration in issue, are ten times more collectable than the new Tobago shilling error now the rage, which if used at all was used by the purchasing speculators in the island for purely philatelic purposes.

The extensive sale of remainders at give-away figures and the short duration of the Seebeck stamps in issue are the only pleas which opposing minds can bring to bear against them. But how about the stamps of Corea which were used only one day, if at all, and were sold in bulk for collective purposes only. There are many such illustrations. The Italy, 1889, 5 lira, offered by the Scott Co. in their 57th catalogue and by other dealers at less than face value forms an excellent example of a stamp considered purely orthodox selling, when obsolete, at less than face value for philatelic purposes. But the S. S. S. S. never reveals any little secrets of this sort, and it is just as well. For though this jobbery may be a mistake on the part of the Italian government in the fact that stamps would bring more money at face, it is clearly a snap for the collector who buys a copy of the stamp, and surely is nothing to complain about.

But collectors are always sorry for any helps of this sort. They must insist that they pay all they possibly can for dingy and unattractive stamps which happen to be considered fashionable by the masses whom prominent dealers lead about by the nose. It is foolish, sickening, to see this proper imbecility, that discards stamps however beautiful and well authorized at the time of issue if they are sold cheaply or less than face.

Then there is the cry against commemorative issues, but these stamps usually do good postal duty and if they please a collector's fancy and he wishes to buy them, need the act lessen his chance of a home in paradise? The S. S. S. S. says yea—philatelic paradise. Then why not slaughter United States or British speculative stamps just as earnestly as those of poor, down trodden Greece. Personally I should very much prefer a set of the Olympic labels than the chromos of our Columbian set, stamped as they are with the wails of idiotic, maniacal, masses of people who expected to get rich by their hoarding.

But if a collector desires these stamps and will pay for them he has a right to them for they have a rightful place in the postal issues of the world.

But the whole question narrowed itself down to the old theme—speculation, as stimulated by the leading dealing lights who create and feed demands to suit their own sweet wills. One who has a stock of lake Newfoundland sheets extols their value to the skies. Another who has Leewards and Windwards bought at about face but now obsolete, creates a stampede for them and the poor deluded people rush in and do him homage. And so it goes. But this will end in misery and

woe if carried to excess. At present these fashions have so narrowed the market and excluded to such an extent inexpensive but nevertheless attractive stamps that the ardor of the young collector is fast cooling, and there is little to attract the impecunious new one.

But there is a remedy—collect just what you please, very good philatelic brother, don't be deceived. A stamp is not necessarily unphilatelic if it does happen to be cheap, though at first it might seem so in the light of the present speculative mania. Collect just what you please. Don't be deceived. One postage stamp has just as much legal right to your attention as another. There is no reason why the 1sh stamp of New Brunswick is more of a stamp than the 10pf stamp of Germany. Your preference is the only law. Choose your yourself and let the S. S. S. S. *requiescat in pace*.

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### Stamp Collecting as an Investment.

Facts are stubborn things—that's a fact. Twenty one years ago, I began to collect stamps and each year, when I receive my catalogue, I feel like kicking myself over a ten acre lot, because my collection only numbers about 7,000 varieties of stamps, while it ought to be at least 17,000. Of course I feel pleased to see the price advanced on the stamps I own, but what makes me mad, the cataloguers never consult me a little bit, and advance the price of those stamps that I lack, twice as fast as they do the stamps I own. It isn't a fair shake, and I'm going to kick, I have invested in rail-road stocks, government bonds, bank stock, telephone stock, building and loan stock, real estate, coins, Indian relics, autographs and stamps,

and I must say for a good big interest, stamps, taken on the average easily lead all the others. Stamps, like everything else, have experienced several years of bad times, but, compared with other lines of trade, either manufacturing, wholesale or retail business, the stamp business has not begun to feel the effects of the bad times. Croakers tell us stamps have seen their best days and that from now on stamp collecting will die out. Stamp collecting will not die and I will tell you why: I live in a small manufacturing city being in the retail business. If all our mills shut down, there is no business, and we have to shut up shop or fail. Our trade comes from our own city and the country for ten miles around. The stamp dealer has the whole world for his customers. There is no limit to his trade if he has a mind to advertise and hustle. Business will not be dead in all countries at the same time, and if stamps dealers would advertise and put the vim into their business, that I have to in my line, in order to make a living, there would be no trouble.

I ran across an old Trifet's catalogue issued in 1879, while looking over a lot of old stamp publications a few days ago. I quote a few prices from that and the 57th, to give you an idea whether stamps have been a good investment for those who bought them 18 years ago.

|                                          | Trifet. | 57th.   |
|------------------------------------------|---------|---------|
| 1847 5 and 10c (both) unused.....        | \$1 25  | \$27 50 |
| 1861 5c yellow, used.....                | 40      | 8 50    |
| 1871 7c vermilion, used.....             | 03      | 4 00    |
| Agriculture Dept. complete, used.....    | 1 45    | 32 00   |
| Executive " " " ".....                   | 88      | 60 00   |
| Interior " " " ".....                    | 29      | 5 95    |
| Justice " " " ".....                     | 92      | 124 75  |
| Navy " " " ".....                        | 52      | 36 85   |
| Post Office " " " ".....                 | 32      | 8 66    |
| Treasury " " " ".....                    | 25      | 8 95    |
| War " " " ".....                         | 78      | 6 10    |
| Bahamas 1856 1p used.....                | 01      | 20 00   |
| Barbados 1862 blued paper, used.....     | 10      | 13 75   |
| Bavaria 1849 1kr, black, used.....       | 40      | 4 50    |
| British Guiana 1862, 1c pink, used.....  | 1 00    | 6 00    |
| British Honduras 1866, 6p rose used..... | 12      | 5 00    |

|                                       |      |       |
|---------------------------------------|------|-------|
| Cape of Good Hope 1853 1d triangular  | 15   | 1 25  |
| Ceylon 1857 6p used.....              | 25   | 4 00  |
| Gautemala 1872 4r mauve used.....     | 25   | 4 00  |
| New Foundland 1857 1p violet br. used | 06   | 6 00  |
| " " " " 4p vermilion " "              | 1 25 | 25 00 |
| New South Wales 1850 1p red used..... | 1 00 | 15 00 |
| Spain 1851 2c green used.....         | 2 50 | 11 00 |

The above are selected at random and show how stamps have increased in value, from 1879 to 1897. Don't you wish you had began 18 years ago and bought every stamp, and continued to have done so up to the present time? Wouldn't you have made money "hand over fist?" To be sure there is a better chance to make money in stamps now, than there ever was before in my opinion. I believe stamp collecting is in its infancy, today. I believe in 18 years from now stamps bought now will show as great a gain, as those bought 18 years ago show to-day. I never saw stamps sold at such discounts as they are now. Why? For the simple reason business has been dull for several years past. It has affected stamps, as well as all lines of trade. Dealers have big stocks on hand and must sell. It is a case of must sell with many dealers, in order to get enough to live on. It is the collector's opportunity. Send your want list to a dozen different dealers, and see who will fill it with perfect stamps at the lowest price, and then buy all you can. I do not mean to advise "speculation" by any means. One may invest \$1000 in one particular kind of stamp, and 18 years from now it may be cheaper than at the present time, but \$1000 invested in a collection, either U. S. or foreign, will bring good returns. I believe we are at the foot of the hill: that from now on business in all lines will show a steady improvement. This means higher prices for stamps as well as everything else. Buy now, buy all you can, and I am confident you will never regret it.

M. IRON.

### Detroit Correspondence.

For the past few years Detroit has been one of the "sleepiest" cities, philatelically speaking, for its size and population of all the American centers. The collectors are now waking up and beginning to realize the pleasure to be obtained from Philately.

The Detroit Philatelic Association has been organized and at the present time has a membership roll of nearly one hundred. The society meets the first and third Monday of every month and have from fifteen to fifty members in attendance who participate in the spirited auction sales that are held. In a month or two the D. P. A. will hold a mail auction, which sale will contain many valuable stamps not often met with. Any interested collector may secure a catalogue, when out, by giving his name to the secretary of the Auction Sale Committee, Mr. H. C. Beck, City Hall, Detroit.

Just five years ago Detroit became the home of the philatelic paper, *The Detroit Philatelist*, which for twenty-five months weathered the rough seas of philatelic journalism, but at last, in May 1894, it succumbed to the inevitable. Again Detroit shall become the birth-place of a paper devoted to our hobby; the *Detroit Philatelist* is announced to appear in April and may its lot be that of prosperity, progress, and long life. The *Michigan Philatelist* has been consolidated with the new *Detroit Philatelist*.

The City of the Straits is the home of many fine collections of which that of Mr. John Kay is the most valuable. Mr. Kay's collection consists of about 15,000 varieties of which his U. S. are complete; he has secured many of his most valuable specimens on his trips abroad where

he made visits, many and often to the different stamp shops. He values his collection at \$25,000.00. Mr. Kay is President of the D. P. A. and an A. P. A. member. Mr. Howard C. Beck has been collecting for the past ten or fifteen years and has accumulated many rarities. His collection numbers about 7000 and is especially good in U. S., Mr. Beck has a knack of stamp-hunting that no other Detroiter possesses; he has made many rich finds and owns a lot of stamps, other than his collection, that would make any dealer grow green with envy. He is a member of the Mich. Phil. Society and Sec'y.-Treas. of the D. P. A.

An organization has been formed here for the collection of bad debts and for a protection to the dealer. It is known as the American Stamp Merchant's Protective Association and is officered as follows;—F. H. Capper, Pres., A. S. Capper, Vice Pres. & Manager, H. J. Bradbury, Sec'y.-Treas., with offices at 308 Woodward Ave.

Among the new dealers advertising from Detroit we find J. F. Miller & Co., the management is in the hands of Jno. F. Miller who was formerly with the Crittenden-Borgman Co. of this city. Mr. Miller has many rarities and will, no doubt carry on a good business.

Taking it all in all Detroit collectors favor the United States British Colonials, and U. S. Revenues and these stamps find a ready sale in the CITY OF THE STRAITS. "DE-TROITER."

### Boston Correspondence.

B. L. Drew & Co.'s fifteenth auction sale was held in this city February 24. The attendance was fair and prices generally satisfactory.



This auction comprised a good collection of United States and German States stamps, besides a few good British Colonials. Their next sale is announced for March 25th.

The annual election and banquet of the Boston Philatelic Society occurred the 16th. of this month. Some good stamps were in the auction, and the members as a whole enjoyed themselves.

Still the American Philatelic Association loses members. By the time of their next convention there will only be about 800 or 900 members at the present rate of diminution.

The current 3 and 6 pies stamps of Sirmoor are surcharged "On S. S. S." It is said that there are twenty varieties of surcharge on the 3 pies and ten varieties on the 6 pies. It would have been far better to have surcharged them "S. S. S. S." wouldn't it?

United States envelope stamps increase in value slower than any other of the stamps of our country. Document revenues are gaining ground faster than any other class of United States stamps. A complaint has been made by several members of the Am. Phil. Association against the Sales Department and the method of its work. The trustees are to send a delegate to St. Louis to investigate matters.

A club house similar, to that of our New York brethren is among the possibilities at the Hub, and it might be added among the probabilities. Notwithstanding the fact that the members of the Boston Philatelic Society gave up the idea of obtaining suitable permanent quarters for their meetings, namely club rooms to be always open to the members, I think that before long a philatelic Club House will be a

reality here. There are many members of our society who are enthusiastic about getting such a house, and I hope we shall soon be able to boast of one.

In looking over a lot of about one hundred three cent green 1872 recently offered me for fifteen cents. I found two specimens on *ribbed* paper. Of course I bought the lot, and informed the collector from whom I obtained the lot. He then looked over about one hundred more which he possessed, and found another or *ribbed* paper. This variety is not very scarce, but it brings about \$1.00 which is half list price.

A new dealer has opened up on Washington St. in this city and another older one has opened a new office on Bromfield street.

EVERETT B. HORN.

In a circular to postmasters dated Nov. 18, 1893, the 3rd. asst. P. M. General says "It is found necessary to fill all orders for ordinary postage stamps for some time to come with those of the Columbian series. The Department will expect that these Columbian stamps shall be exhausted by postmasters before any orders are sent by them for additional supplies. The issue of the old series will be resumed on the 1st., of January next (1894). But alas they were not exhausted by that date as circular dated July 1st., 1894 says, "It is observed that some postmasters are disregarding the instructions directing that they ask for no more postage stamps of any denomination of which they have a supply of Columbian stamps" and states that postmasters are obtaining *by evasion* stamps of 1890 series while they had Columbians on hand. This accounts for the "long drawn out" supply of Columbians in many offices at this day.

### The Postage Stamp Peddler.

The postmaster-general has authorized letter-carriers to supply themselves with postage-stamps for the convenience of the people along their routes. We may soon expect to hear the postman saying something like this to the ladies who go to the door in answer to his ring at the bell:

"Can't I show you my fine stock of postage-stamps this morning, lady? Here are some lovely two-centers in red, color warranted not to run. Only twenty-four cents a dozen, ma'am. For a quarter I will throw in a postal-card: very handy when you wish to send a short message and do not wish to go to the trouble of writing a formal letter. My two-cent stamps, ma'am, are warranted to carry a letter anywhere within the limits of the United States; providing it weighs no more than an ounce. For two-ounce letters I have some very stylish-looking four cent stamps. They come in a rich seal-brown and bear a finely executed steel engraving of Abraham Lincoln. For especially heavy letters, such as love-letters, the six-cent stamps, in a delicate shrimp pink, cannot be excelled. They are worth all I ask for them, ma'am, and you need not hold off buying in the expectation of seeing a bargain-sale in stamps advertised, for the demand is such that it is not necessary to resort to such measures. Besides the regular letter-stamps which I have spoken of, there is a special-delivery stamp, which comes at ten cents, and which is a handy thing to have in the house, especially when you mail a letter on Saturday and it reaches the post-office of its destination on Sunday morning. Under ordinary circumstances it would wait until the Monday-morning delivery; but with

one of my justly-celebrated specials on it the addressee would receive it as soon as a special messenger could carry it to him. The color is that substantial blue which pleases all who have tried it. It is somewhat darker than the blue on the one-cent stamp intended for newspapers and circulars. You might need a few one-cent stamps today. What! no one-cent stamps? Nor two-cent stamps, either? Very well ma'am; no harm done. No trouble to show goods. I'll call again to-morrow. Perhaps you will need some stamps by that time. We strive to please. Good-morning, ma'am."—*Judge.*

### One Way of Slaughtering Rare Stamps.

At nearly all the fairs, which are up to date, you will see among the various pretty articles, the postage stamps used to decorate and form designs on china-ware. They will, in nearly all respects, so catch the eye that you will stop to examine, because you are interested in all things pertaining to the welfare of the mighty stamp.

Suddenly your attention is riveted on a special saucer among the group. Taking it into your hands you begin to examine the beautiful designs. A border, on the edge of the saucer, is composed of the figures "2" cut from 2c stamps of the Columbian Issue. Suddenly you nearly jump in amazement as you fasten your eyes on the head of Washington, which you instantly recognize as a copy of the rare 1843 U. S. 3c green valued at \$200, fastened in the centre of the saucer, and surrounded, in an oval shape, with the letters U. S. cut from 1890 2c carmine. A few minutes after you gain courage, and look again. Yes, it is true and the "stamp world," has lost a fine

specimen of the few remaining rarities. You leave the fair disgusted that you had not in some way prevented this loss.

Brother collectors, to you I appeal to use all your possible power to prevent this great slaughter of rare stamps. Common stamps make as beautiful designs, and can be procured at a very small sum. A Scott's catalogue would so enlighten some of these people, that at this very minute, they would reap a snug sum and in three cases out of five would probably join our ranks.

Philatelic papers have already greatly helped the situation, and if we collectors put forth extra efforts not only the uneducated philatelist, but all others in the stamp world, will reap a great benefit. E. H. C.

### Very Small Indeed.

"Have you anything worth as little as my undisputed claim of \$32 against the S. of P. Exchange dept. If so, write me, E. R. Aldrich, Benson, Minn."—*Adv. Columns Evergreen State Philatelist.*

Answering Mr. Aldrich in the name of all honest philatelists who understand the circumstances, I would say that we all have something much smaller and that is our opinion of you. Knowing that the Exchange Supt., was unable to collect all the debts of the department and turned them over to the trustees for collection and disbursement to you and other creditors. Knowing I say, that the Exchange Supt., had not a cent in his hands that belonged to the department you deliberately proceed to blacken the reputation of as honest a man as ever trod on God's footstool by virtually charging him with dishonesty and barring his entrance to the American Philatelic Association.

"Who steals my purse, steals trash—but he that filches from me my good name, robs me of that which not enriches him, and makes me poor indeed."

This great American (?) Philatelic Association whose members are all supposed to be honest has several members who owe money to this same Exchange department. *Little!* no we don't know of anything so small.

### The Press.

The "Philatelic West" has adopted the magazine form, its contents are improved and press work so much better that we can read it without a magnifying glass.

The "Canadian Philatelic Magazine" is at hand again as readable as ever.

The "Philatelic Advocate" comes to us printed in 3 colors. There is room for improvement in make-up and press work.

The "Omaha Philatelist" for Jan., was a make shift number composed of 4 pages and cover. The Feb. No. is at hand 20 pages and cover, about 11 pages being devoted to the booming of Omaha, with a number of good views of public buildings, etc.

The "American Stamp" has appeared from Laconia, N. H. 8 large 9x12 pages. It is quite readable and seems to be well patronized by advertisers.

The "Philatelic Canadian" No. 2 is at hand and contains some good points.

The "Halifax Philatelic Magazine" contains a reference list of the Stamps of Nova Scotia that is quite timely, and Mr. Van Malder writes a readable article on the stamps of British Columbia and Vancouver Island.

The "Allegheny Philatelist" for January is a decided improvement over previous issues.

"The Perforator" is the name of a bright little paper emanating from Hartford and published by H. A. Chapman, who being an expert compositor furnishes a paper almost perfect typographically and the press work is of the best. We are glad to see a paper spring up in the Nutmeg State to fill the gap caused by our removal here, and we wish it all success.

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WE are a trifle late in going to press, and may be two trifles late in reaching our readers if printer is rushed. But the old adage "better late than never" may be applicable to this magazine. The editor is contemplating lopping off some branches of his stamp business in order to devote more time to the C. P.

A WRITER in the *Rocky Mountain Stamp* suggests a consolidation of the Philatelic Sons of America, Sons of Philatelia, League of American Philatelists and Columbian Philatelic Society under the name of the Philatelic Sons of America. His arguments are very good in many ways but he has probably lost sight of the fact that the P. S. of A. and L. of A. P. are run too much in the interests of politicians to be congenial

to the S. of P. and Col. Phil. Soc'y. The P. S. of A. and L. of A. P. we believe contain many who are not philatelists at all but whose applications were rushed in for political purposes just previous to the election, and Political Sons of America would in our opinion be a good name for a union of the two societies. The S. of P. is carrying some "dead wood" which should be dropped, and they are laboring under a spasmodically issued official organ, but a gradual improvement is noticed in the quality of membership. The Columbian is practically a new society which in spite of its difficulties has assumed a front rank among all national societies, the average age and qualities of its membership being far in advance of either of the others mentioned. The editor is a member of all of these societies, but can see no prospects of union until there is a thorough weeding out process. We presume that the union of all would result in a grand scramble for office and appointments which would put the best national campaign entirely in the shade, and immediately after a splitting up into sections once more.

THE arrest of a certain H. F. Colman on the charge of stealing newspaper stamps has caused quite a sensation in philatelic circles. It seems his partner was A. C. Townsend of Washington, and R. F. Albrecht & Co. disposed of the goods, but afterwards returned them to Colman for Mr. Townsend. They



were claimed to be Bureau prints from the old America and Continental plates but since the arrest of Colman we understand Mr. Townsend claims that the government has no case against him, as the stamps were not original, but gummed and perforated proofs manufactured to deceive dealers and collectors. If this is the case what are we to think of Mr. Townsend? Experts are not yet decided as to whether these are stamps or proofs, the case against Colman is continued and we await the outcome which is of considerable interest to philately.

JUST as we were going to press with our last issue we received a copy of Scott's 57th catalogue, too late to give our readers any description of it. Since then we trust they have all seen it. It is nicely bound, the descriptive matter is a great help to the collector and the electrotypes of stamps are all that could be desired. The foregoing qualifications are not however what is especially desired. The catalogue is supposed to name a fair market valuation for the stamps listed. Instead, what do we find? nine tenths of the U. S. stamps are priced at double what they are selling for in the open market, and to claim that this is a "Standard," catalogue is the veriest farce.

THE editor of this paper has found in his mail recently several "confidential" letters regarding Mr. Carion in defence of the action of the A. P.

A. but alas no facts were given, only dark hints throughout. Well, we are investigating. If Mr. Carion is a bad man we want proof and when that is forthcoming we will be convinced and not be backward in saying so either. Our contention has been that Mr. Carion was not given fair play, and we proved it.

AND, too, confidential letters about Mr. Emmert rather threatening in fact. Well, gentlemen, if you have anything to say come right out and say it.

THE editor of the *Boston Stamp Book* has caused quite a little stir among his brothers of the quill, by giving a list of papers *he* thinks *he* could do without. This *he* has a perfect right to do, though we think it poor policy. *He* also gives a second list *he* could do without, but glad *he* doesn't have to. *He* could do without *The Post Office* but not without the house organs of the Mekeel's and Sellschopp & Co. Verily "*de gustibus non disputandum.*" Of course we did not expect to see the name of this magazine in either the first or the second list. There are a number of editors that don't like it, and again there are many who "love it for the enemies it has made."

By the way, the editor of the *Post Office* in alluding to the expressed choice of Editor Kiebon, takes the latter to task gently, and says *he* could not get along without the

*Boston Stamp Book.* Well we could get along without it, but quoting Mr. Kiebon "we are glad we don't have to."

IN another column "Clio" gives his views on Seebecks the "S. S. S., &c. While he does not hold just our views, he brings out many good points and our readers have a right to demand a fair discussion of the subject presented.

*The Weekly Philatelic Era* as we have often had occasion to note is quite a newsy and readable little paper. It is made so by the correspondents that the publisher has in various philatelic centers. The Editor has seldom anything of interest to say and often wastes a column telling what a good paper the *Era* is, and why all dealers should give it their advertising patronage. Occasionally he has a little spat with the Mekeel's or Mr. Hopkins, and he pays his compliment to the latter in his paper of February 6. He quotes Mr. Hopkins' article that appeared in this magazine and winds up by saying Mr. Hopkins refers to his paper "in an *obscure place* and manner." We are in a charitable mood and rather attribute this slur upon the C. P. from a billious attack of the editor which affected his eyesight also, so that he could not see beyond the little world embraced by the *Era*, and gave him the impression that the *Era* was the only philatelic

paper of any importance, and that this magazine was an obscure little sheet that very few ever saw. Well we don't publish any "holiday" Christmas "midseason" or other "big bona" editions mailed to thousands of dead names and we hope the Loud bill will pass and stop this work with all *boom* publishers and let each magazine stand upon the merits of its paid up subscription list.

As will be seen by our Detroit correspondence, another paper is announced to appear for the "city of the straits." It is to be hoped that the Peninsular state will now have a well established philatelic magazine. It has been unfortunate in this respect, but a state as large as Michigan and containing so many bright philatelists should be able to support such a paper. W. H. Kessler, Jr. is announced as the publisher and the *Michigan Philatelist* of Hart, Mich. is to be merged in the new paper which will be known as the *Detroit Philatelist*.

It is odd that New York as large a state as it is, and containing so many leading philatelic lights has never boasted of a state society. We understand that a movement is on foot to organize one, and the editor has been extended an invitation to join as a corresponding member. We hope to see a large and influential society in the near future resulting from this movement.

THE *International Philatelist* having resigned as official journal of the L. of A. P. the *Philatelic Newsletter* is now in possession, though we are not informed whether Boss Kramer did it or the trustees. The Eastern, Southern and Canada members are entirely ignored. No offices having been given to them at the late convention at which we understand there were only 3 or 4 members present.

THE *American Journal of Philately* publishes a list of the varieties of the Purcell Envelopes furnished by Mr. Joe F. Beard, who includes envelopes made at Hartford, for the information of Mr Beard and others we would say that no envelopes of the "Purcell Fold" were made at Hartford, as the Plimpton Morgan Co. have no machines doing this kind of work.

The petition to secure a 2 cent rate on letters in Canada has been unsuccessful. The annual deficit is about \$1,000,000 and would it is claimed be increased 50% if the 2 cent rate was adopted.

If the Loud bill becomes a law and we have to pay one cent each to send out each sample copy, we will be obliged to throw postal card requests in the waste basket.

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### Received.

1897 Price List of U. S. Stamps from F. E. Smith.

February Price List of Stamps in Packets and Sets from Scott Stamp & Coin Co.

Feb'y Bargain List of J. Krebs Stamp Co.

1897 Wholesale Price List of U. S. Stamps from A. C. Townsend.

1897 Price List of U. S. and Foreign Stamps, Packets, Sets, Albums, etc., from H. Gremmel. Also from Perrin & Co.

Catalogue of Bogert & Durbin Co.'s 79th Sale to take place at their New York Office on Mar. 18th.

Price List No. 7 of Chas. W. Cutler, U. S. Stamps only.

Price List of T. E. Madden, Silchar, Assam, India, and announcement of publication of annual report of N. W. P. Philatelic Club.

Edwards Philatelic Press List No. 4 a few month slate. Those advertisers who sent in copy in Sept. and October last will not care to fill some orders we think. The press work is very poor.

Catalogue of 13th Mail Auction Sale of C. L. Moreau, Mar. 16th.

Price List of U. S. Stamps from Wm. Leckie & Co.

Colorado State Philatelic Address Book with the compliments of Oney K. Carstarphen, containing list of collectors in the State, philatelic history of Colorado and sketches and portraits of a few people which "we have all seen before many a time."

Harry Helekes & Co., Ltd., wholesale Price List No. 1.

## The Columbian Philatelic Society.

OFFICERS FOR 1897.

Prest., J. F. Dodge, New Oxford, Pa.  
 Vice-Pres., Geo. B. Klebes, Sharon Valley, Conn.  
 Secy-Treas., Leo. Fritter, 32 N. Grant-ave., Columbus, O.  
 Ex.-Supt., Fred P. Holt, Hartford, Conn.  
 Auc.-Mgr., H. S. Smith, Medford, Mass.  
 Librarian, H. S. Adair, McConnellsville, O.  
 Supt. Bureau of Information, Chas. F. Bridge, Albany, N. Y.  
 Atty, Geo. A. Katzenberger, Greenville, O.  
 Counterfeit Detector, Frank P. Brown, Boston, Mass.  
 Trustees, J. P. Lacour, E. G. Berger, Alfred E. Fritz, Chicago, Ill.  
 Official Journal, THE COLUMBIAN PHILATELIST.

**COST OF MEMBERSHIP**—Initiation fee, 10 cents; annual dues, 25 cents. Membership outside of the U. S., Canada, and Mexico: initiation fee, 10 cents; annual dues, 50 cents. Members receive the official organ free

### PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

#### FELLOW MEMBERS:

Another month has passed by and with new application blanks and a renewed confidence in our newly elected board of officers success is assured. The selection of resident vice-presidents though not yet complete is being made with great care, as I wish only active members. The appointees from New York, Pennsylvania, and Michigan have pledged me their best efforts to secure 15 members each during the year, and our Wisconsin appointee has just written me that he expects to add 50 during the year. Right here I wish to say that I will give a \$10 gold piece to any member who will introduce more actual philatelists to our ranks fully paid up than I do during 1897. Branches are under way in various places and everything points to rapid increase of reliable philatelists to our ranks. Let each member secure a supply of application blanks at once and show his interest in our society. See offers I make elsewhere.

Yours for the C. P. S.,

J. F. DODGE, Prest.

New Oxford, Pa., March 3rd 1897.

#### RES. VICE PRESIDENTS.

Massachusetts: G. R. Kennedy.  
 Vermont: L. G. Young.  
 New York: A. Herbst.  
 Pennsylvania: Wm. S. Devlin.  
 Wisconsin: Wm. J. Parker.  
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 Ohio: Ben. L. Morris.  
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 Holland: R. Hollaar.  
 India: Lt. T. E. Madden.  
 Austria: H. Holirimmann.  
 Straits Settlements: C. A. Ribeiro.  
 Canada: W. Kelsey Hall.

The last named, there being a question raised as to whether the office was elective or appointive, I have confirmed by appointment, the expressed wish of the members. J. F. DODGE, Pres.

#### NEW MEMBERS.

220 Emil Miller, East Albany, N. Y.  
 221 W. O. Smith, Red Lion, Pa.  
 222 Wm. v. d. Wettern, Jr., 411 W. Saratoga-st., Baltimore, Md.  
 223 Chris B. Yule, 65 Main-st., Charlestown, Mass.  
 224 Mrs. Charles L. Taylor, 5533 Ellsworth-ave., Pittsburg, Pa.  
 225 Philip S. Briggs, New Bedford, Mass.  
 226 J. C. Miller, Coal Valley, Pa.

The above who have not paid their dues, will receive their membership cards upon receipt of same. The amount is 25 cents, and this pays the membership to January 1, 1898. Those who have paid same with application have received their cards. I trust that all will remit promptly. Let there be no more delinquents in our society. Please also remember when attempting to secure a new member, to inform him that the dues must accompany the application. This is IMPORTANT.

#### APPLICATIONS

I have received the following applications together with accompanying references since my last report; the age and occupation is given in each case.

Charles Wahl, 19 Brooks-ave., Rochester N. Y., 23, printer. J. F. Dodge, H. W. Sheuman.  
 H. Delecluse, 142 Mill-st., Newport, R. I., 51, steward. J. F. Dodge, Leo Fritter.  
 William L. Glenn, 1103 N. Eutaw-st., Baltimore, Md., 33, minister. J. F. Dodge, W. H. Emmert.  
 Frederic Noyes, Alice, Tex., 41, real estate dealer. J. F. Dodge, Leo Fritter.  
 M. C. Saunders, Johnson, Vermont, ass't P. M. Leo Fritter, B. T. Hunt.  
 Leon V. Cass, McGrawville, N. Y., 16, student. J. F. Dodge, Edgar Slocum.  
 Roy B. Bradley, Abilene, Texas, 19, publisher. J. F. Dodge, R. M. Miller.  
 Ralph L. Shepard, 2004 Wirt-st., Omaha, Neb., 18, publisher. Leo Fritter, W. B. Hopson.  
 John W. King, 518 Grant-st., Pittsburg, Pa., 17, Tinner. J. F. Dodge, John King.  
 L. J. Wittier, 25 gardener. Leo Fritter, Philip J. Neal.  
 Everett M. Bartlett, 39, carriage trimmer. Leo Fritter, Daniel F. Wilder.  
 Emil A. Stigeler, 22, merchant. J. F. Dodge, Leo Fritter.

The above will be admitted to membership within one month from date if no sufficient objections are received before that time. They will then be notified by postal card, and be expected to remit their dues (25 cents) to January 1, 1898, without further notice. Most of above have complied with the newly established rule requiring the dues to be sent with the application but some have not. The list is not as large as should be desired, but there is some improvement. Let each one do his best to bring into our society one (at least) new member during the year. If this is done, the membership will number about 500 at the end of the year, which is about as many as we expect to accept into membership, so all who desire to become members will find it convenient to join during the year.

#### CHANGES IN ADDRESS.

No. 8 Thad Simmons, Box 323 Clyde, O.

#### RESIGNATION.

No. 13 F. H. Adams, Beaver, S. Dak.

#### SUSPENSIONS.

No. 163 Chas. W. Gramm, New York City.  
 179 A. W. Batchelder, Boston, Mass.



The above have been suspended for non-payment of their dues. There are quite a number still who refuse to answer requests for the payment of their dues, and if same are still in arrears to the society when I send in my next report, I will be compelled to put them upon the "suspended" roll. Let there be no more persons in our society who are desirous of this honor.

#### DUES NOTICE.

The attention of all members who became such before July 1, 1896, is hereby called to the fact that their dues for the year 1897 (to January first, 1898) are now due and payable, without further notice from me. The amount is 25 cents. I trust that all who are included in this list will attend to this matter at once, as it will save the society much expense and help the society, financially, to an unmeasurable extent. The treasury of the society is in sore need of funds, as hardly enough to pay the subscriptions of the members to the official organ is ever at hand. The secretary is compelled to go without some very necessary things simply because of the lack of funds to buy them with. Each member knows, or ought to know, that a society of this kind cannot be a success if each one does not pay his obligations to the society promptly. The amount is very small, and every cent received is spent at once for subscriptions, printing, etc., there never being a surplus on hand. The society would have to go into debt if everything needed was purchased. But this I do not want to see. We have a fine official organ now, and every department is getting into working order, and providing nothing unforeseen occurs the present year will be the banner year of the society. It is at such times as these that persons loyal to an organization display their loyalty and let people know what is their object in belonging to such a society. Stand by the society and it will give to you its best benefits. Refuse to help it, and you display your real purpose in joining the society, namely, to secure the official organ (at a reduced price) and to seek publicity. If we have any such in our society, I am not aware of their presence, and further more, we do not desire their presence in our membership any longer. We want only active and principled members. Any others need not apply. Let each one attend to this matter as soon as they read this notice, and thereby help the society, and to a greater extent themselves. Don't wait for any other notice from me upon this matter. I will send notices to all who have not settled within a reasonable time. Let this number be a very small one. Help the good work by being among the first to comply with request. Attend to this matter TODAY.

Assuring the members one and all that I am for everything that is for the welfare of the C. P. S., I am,

Yours Faithfully,

LEO FRITZER, Sec.-Treas.

Columbus, Ohio, February 27, 1897.

#### SOCIETY NOTES.

Our new president has requested all members to pledge themselves to secure a certain number of new members during the coming year. I hope the members will respond heartily to his request, and that it will be the means of adding many new members to our roll of membership. Seek for quality rather than quantity. Also remember the rule relative to sending dues with application, as this rule will be rigidly enforced. All applicants falling to comply with this rule (through ignorance or carelessness) will be notified to remit at once the amount. Let each member take an interest in the society and the several departments. Patronize each one liberally. Show by your actions that you joined to receive some benefit from it. Let our society be the model of all other societies in this respect.

New application blanks, and membership cards are now being prepared and will be ready for distribution soon. The old style will be used until these are received. Do not put off asking some one to join, for this reason. We want the members, and the manner in which same apply for membership does not matter as long as it is proper and correct.

Some responses have been received to my requests for the names of all members who would pledge themselves to buy a badge provided it was neat and cheap, but not enough to justify any further action in the matter. Let me hear from all who desire an emblem for our society. Send designs. The best one will be adopted. Let some of the members display their artistic ability by making some designs for the badge. I would like to hear from all members upon this point.

Members, send your names to the Exchange Department to be placed upon a circuit, or better still send for some books and put some stamps upon the circuit. The Librarian will also send out circuits of fine papers and desires to hear from all members desiring to be placed upon same.

Send some bids to the auctions advertised in this paper by our Auction Manager.

Enclose return postage when writing to officers, and thereby confer a great favor upon them. It is not absolutely necessary, but it will save them much needless expense.

I will be pleased to send application blanks to all persons desiring same. State how many you desire.

#### REPORT OF LIBRARIAN.

McCONNELLSVILLE, OHIO, March 1, 1897.

FELLOW MEMBERS,

Having been elected by you to this office I take this means of thanking you. I will endeavor to make the library an honor to the C. P. S. I would request publishers to send us a copy of their journal, hand books, etc. Members having duplicates could send them to the library. We wish to try a new idea, that of putting the library papers out on circuits. Members wishing to be put on circuits should send their name to me. The Scott Stamp & Coin Co., have presented us with one of their fine \$3.50 albums. Mr. J. A. Wainwright having contributed 4 stamps to start a society collection and Mr. Dodge has added 115 more varieties. Contributions from other members are solicited. I have received the following papers thus far: American Journal of Philately, January and February 1897; Columbian Philatelist, January 1897; Funny Foolatelist and Weekly Philatelic Era, for which the publishers have my thanks. I have not yet received the library from my predecessor but expect to soon. Hoping you will respond to this call, I remain

Yours for the C. P. S.,

HENRY S. ADAIR, Librarian.

#### EXCHANGE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

The first circuit has been sent out, and another will soon be started (as soon as a few more filled books are received.) Those who wish to be placed upon circuit should send me their names at once. Those who wish to place stamps in the department can secure blank books to hold 60 stamps at 8 cents each, 4 for 25 cents. In pricing stamps if you wish quick sales remember that dealers are offering U. S. and good foreign at 40 to 60% below Scott's prices and you cannot expect fellow members to buy your stamps unless you place a fair market price upon them. U. S. Postage and Revenues, British Colonies and good South American are much in demand.

FRED P. HOLT.

6 WARD-ST., HARTFORD, CONN., March 2, 1897.

## PRIZE OFFERS.

To every member who adds 8 new members whose applications are published in the next 3 issues, the president offers an envelope priced by Scott cut square at \$1.00.

If 12 new members are secured an envelope priced at \$1.50 by Scott.

If 15 new members an envelope price \$2.50 by Scott.

All envelopes are entire and unused. The applicants must be fully paid, philatelists and not objected to by our membership.

In addition Wm. S. Devlin, our newly appointed vice president for Pennsylvania, offers one years subscription to the "Penny" to any who win the above prizes and Mr. W. J. Parker, vice president for Wisconsin, will also present to each successful competitor an unused 3 and 5c water-marked Due stamp. Now make the secretary hustle.

## AUCTION DEPARTMENT.

RULES.  
GENERAL.

1. Space not exceeding one column will be set apart each month in the Official Journal for the use of this Department free of charge.
2. A commission of 10% will be charged the seller on all lots sold to cover incidental expenses.
3. No lots will be forwarded until paid for.
4. All members are invited to send lots, but no lots will be accepted at less than 25c in value.
5. The Auction Manager will not be responsible for any loss or damage to stamps in the mails during transit, and they will be entirely at sellers risk until mailed from this Department, after that at the risk of the purchaser.
6. The Auction Manager will reserve the privilege of refusing any entry.
7. All letters of enquiry sent to Auction Manager must be accompanied by return postage.
8. Priced Catalogues of Sales can be furnished at 15 cents each.

## ENTRIES.

9. All lots for sale must be in the hands of the Auction Manager before the first of the month that a correct subscription can be given.
10. If the seller wishes any reserve placed upon his lots, he must state the amount at its time of entry and pay a fee of five cents for each lot so reserved. If the lot is sold this fee will be allowed out of the regular commission.
11. Lots will be entered in order received, and any entries crowded out one month will take precedence of those received for the following month.
12. No lot will be advertised more than twice, and all lots unsold will be returned at the expense and risk of the owner. If an entry fee has been paid, this will cover return postage.

## BIDS.

13. Bids must be sent in within 14 days after the mailing of the Official Organ.
14. Bids will be so much the lot.
15. Bidders will be notified by postal card when their bids are accepted. Amounts of purchase and postage must then be sent to the Auctioneer, and if necessary, sufficient to cover registration fee.
16. Printed postal cards for bids will be supplied by Auction Manager on application at 17 cents per dozen.

H. SMITH, Auc. Mgr.

5 ALMONT-ST., MEDFORD, MASS.

If you haven't paid your dues to the Society, please do so at once as it is to your interest to do so.

## Connecticut Philatelic Society.

## OFFICERS FOR 1897.

President—Geo. B. Klebes, Sharon Valley.

Vice-Pres.—Franklin S. Cook, Bridgeport.

Secretary—Fred P. Holt, Hartford.

Treas.—J. H. Davis, Waterbury.

Ex. Supt.—Robt. C. Beers, Hartford.

Official Organ—THE COLUMBIAN PHILATELIST

## SECRETARY'S REPORT.

## APPLICATION.

21. Fred Jackson, 95 James-st., Waterbury, Ct. Age 22. Refs., G. B. Klebes, F. P. Holt.

25. J. H. Woodward, 85 Elm-st., Hartford, Ct. Age 14. Refs., F. P. Holt, J. W. Woodward.

26. Edwin B. Woodin, 27 Sargeant-st., Springfield, Mass. Age 35. Refs., G. B. Klebes, F. P. Holt.

Will those who have not already sent their dues, please do so at once, so that I may send membership cards to them.

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

7. Wm. Bosler, West Cornwall, Conn.

FRED P. HOLT, Secy.

## FELLOW MEMBERS, CONN. PHIL. SOC.:

Having been appointed Ex. Supt. of this Society, I want to say in the beginning that I need the assistance of all members in order to make a success of this department. No doubt all of you have some duplicates you wish to dispose of and I am satisfied that you will find this department a great help. One of the best ways to complete your collection is by patronizing this department by having circuits sent you from which you can make purchases. Will all those who wish to place stamps on circuit send for sales-book at 5c each, six for 25c. And all those wishing to be placed on circuit send names to me as soon as possible, and just as soon as I have a sufficient number of names and filled books I shall start circuit. Please state whether you prefer U. S. or Foreign. Thanking you for the honor conferred, I am,

Truly yours, ROBERT C. BEERS, Ex. Supt.  
Box 227, Hartford, Conn.

## Ipswich Philatelic Society.

## IPSWICH, SO. DAK.

President—Mrs. J. S. Smith.

Vice-Pres.—Harold J. Barker.

Secretary—M. P. Beebe, Jr.

Treas.—Helen Smith.

Librarian & Auction M'gr.—S. E. Smith.

Counterfeit Detector—J. F. Dodge.

23d regular meeting of the I. P. S. was called to order on Dec. 28 by vice-president. Reports read and approved. Election of officers for '97 resulted as follows. Mrs. J. S. Smith, pres., Harold J. Barker, vice-pres., M. P. Beebe, Jr., Sec., Helen Smith, Treas., S. E. Smith, Librarian and Auction Manager, J. F. Dodge, Counterfeit Detector. Members read some short articles on stamps and adjourned. M. P. BEEBE, JR., Sec.

24th regular meeting of the I. P. S. on Jan. 31. Minutes of the last meeting read and approved. Sec. reported for the year '96, 12 members joined and 1 resigned. Treas. reported that the society had rec'd \$4.00 and balance on hand 50c.

Librarian reported 12 copies of International Philatelist, 15 copies Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News and 1 Standard Catalogue of Stamps of the United Kingdom, (compliments of H. L'Estrange Ewen.) Members talked about banquet to occur next month. M. P. BEEBE, JR., Sec.

**Albany, N. Y., Philatelic Club.**

**OFFICERS FOR 1897.**

President—Prof. J. Benton Tipton.  
 Vice-President—Wm. L. Green.  
 Secretary-Treasurer—Chas. F. Bridge.  
 Exchange Superintendent—John Skinner.

The club now numbers 20 members. Meetings are held on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at the store of Mr. John Skinner, dealer in books and stamps. All collectors residing in Albany or vicinity are invited to join us for mutual benefit. Information and blanks cheerfully furnished by the secretary.

**The Newport, R. I., Philatelic Club.**

**OFFICERS.**

Pres., Percival Parrish.  
 Vice-Pres., Winfield S. Sisson.  
 Secy., Chas. B. Marsh.  
 Treas., W. V. H. Rose.  
 Librarian, Miss S. S. Boweu.  
 Exch. Mgr., H. L. Taylor.

The club starts out with 17 charter members and the above board of officers with good prospects of a large and enthusiastic local organization.

**Second, 1897, Auction Sale  
 OF THE  
 COLUMBIAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY.**

| lot.                                                                                                                                                                 | No. piece. | Cat. value |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| 13 60 different For. (no Seebeck's or Chinese Locals).....                                                                                                           | 60         | \$4 05     |
| 14 50 different Foreign (no Seebeck's or Chinese Locals).....                                                                                                        | 50         | 5 08       |
| 15 U. S. 50c dues wmk. block of 4 unused fine.....                                                                                                                   | 1          | 3 00       |
| 16 U. S. 3c dues wmk. block of 25 unused, fine.....                                                                                                                  | 1          | 2 50       |
| 17 English 1c blk. 1810, 1c red br. 1841, 1c red 1856, 1/2 and 1 1/2c red 1870, 2c blue 1860, 1/2gr 1c red br. 1 1/2 red br. 1c lilac (14 dots) 1880, 5 of each..... | 50         | 2 30       |
| 18 English 1c red 1864, 100 diff. plate numbers.....                                                                                                                 | 100        | 5 41       |
| 19 U. S. entire env. 1861 3c on buff and 4c carn. on mauve amber both with Wells, Fargo & Co.'s frank.....                                                           | 2          | 85         |
| 20 U. S. dues 1c claret 1891, 2c claret 1891, 2c red br. 1889, 10 of each used fine.....                                                                             | 30         | 1 20       |
| 21 Mexico 1879 laid paper, 1, 2, 10c used 25, 50, 85, 100c unused no sur.....                                                                                        | 07         | 1 08       |
| 22 U. S. Interior, complete, fine 1, 2, 6, 10, 15c unused, 3, 12, 24, 30, 90c used.....                                                                              | 10         | 7 05       |
| 23 U. S. Env. □ 1c 1857 bl. on buff 2c 1863 blk on buff. Large margin, lightly can., fine.....                                                                       | 02         | 2 50       |
| 24 English 1s green 1847 uncut.....                                                                                                                                  | 01         | 60         |

BIDS so much the LOT, received until April 5th. Entries for next sale solicited and must reach me before April 1st.

**H. SMITH, Auction Mgr.,  
 5 Almont St., Medford, Mass.**

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|                                        | CAT. P. | MY P. |
|----------------------------------------|---------|-------|
| Newspaper 12c red new o. g.....        | 3 00    | 1 75  |
| 1851 3c new o. g. in blocks etc.....   | 2 00    | 1 25  |
| 1891 1.00 unwmk.....                   | 3 00    | 1 00  |
| 1864 2c black Die 2 wrapper unsd & ent | 2 50    | 75    |

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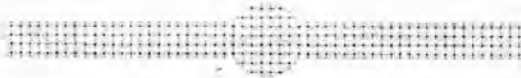
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The name Bosnia is derived from the river Bosna which runs through the country. In early times Bosnia was ruled by kings who also ruled the adjoining strip of land known as Herzegovinia. It was a powerful and prosperous kingdom. As the Turks invaded southwestern Europe they also conquered Bosnia and destroyed their kingdom. The emperor of the Ottoman Empire (Turkey) became the ruler of Bosnia. For many years Bosnia was a Turkish province and the Turkish governor (Pascha) misruled and oppressed the people. But still the unfortunate inhabitants remembering their former government were looking forward to a better future. Meanwhile the year 1878 had arrived and Russia had declared war against Turkey.

The Russian armies marched through the Turkish provinces, Roumania, Bulgaria, Servia, and Bosnia, and gave them the desired independence. While the Russian armies were on their way to the Turkish capitol, the jealousy of the leading European powers was aroused and Russia was obliged to relinquish her intentions. Peace

was declared at St. Stefano, and Russia, with the consent of the other powers authorized Austria to occupy Bosnia with an army. This was joyfully accepted by the Bosnians, and under the military rule of Austria the country has enjoyed an era of prosperity. As we have said Bosnia is only "occupied" by Austria. Under the oppressive rule of Turkey the mail service was very irregular and unreliable. Postal stations were only established in large cities and patrons were obliged to call for their mail. In the rural districts matters were in still worse condition as the roads were almost impassable. When the Austrians took possession, military postal stations were established all over the country, and since that time Bosnia has enjoyed a first-class mail service. In 1879 Austria issued the first postage stamps for Bosnia which have been in constant use ever since. They are of a singular design. In the center are the arms of Austria and in the upper corners the figures of value without however any indication of the value.

The word "novcic" or any abbreviation of it is not found on the stamp. It is equal to about 2-5 of our cent. Neither is the country named for which it is issued. This signifies that it is neither an independent country nor an Austrian province, but doubtless some day it will pass into the possession of Austria.

F. P.

## New York Jottings.

BY QUIZ.

The business in this town at present is quite slow, but just preceding the Summer this is not unexpected. The year 1897 so far has been exceedingly dull in comparison to the past year.

Where the fault lies is hard to place, but a few dealers generally blame the boom in U. S. Revenues, just before the issuance of the 57th Catalogue. This may be right as far as certain dealers are concerned, those who have never handled Revenues; but your correspondent, believes it to be the hard times and the scarcity of cash, that is depleting the ranks of Philately, not permanently, but only temporarily.

As far as I can judge, philately will not be promising, until the warm weather has passed.

Auction Sales as usual are booming. The sale of the Scott Stamp & Coin Co., held on March 15th and 16th, Monday and Tuesday respectfully, eclipses all others held this season. It was the entire collection of Mr. Joseph Leavy. The United States part was superb. The stamps were in the best possible condition, and perfect in every respect. Over two score prominent philatelists were present personally, or by proxy.

To go into detail and mention the entire list of prices, is out of the question, and space forbids, but I will mention a few. Very fine copies of the 15 cents, the 24 cents, and the 30 cents 1869 issue of United States, brought \$192, \$60, \$440 respectively. These stamps had the *centers inverted*. The fifteen cent value sold for eight dollars less than Catalogue value. A beautiful copy of the \$5.00 State Department sold for \$125, which is just ten dol-

lars below Scott's figures. Some very fine copies of U. S. Revenues were offered and in the majority of cases, very reasonable prices were procured. The price realized for a pair of 3c Playing cards *imperfected* in superb condition, was the enormous sum of \$116. This stamp is Catalogued at \$50, or equivalent to \$100 per pair. The sale comprized over one thousand lots, and the proceeds amounted to very near \$11,000.

A State Society for New York, has been a long felt want. Until recently no active preparation has been made to start such a society. Several collectors have taken it unto themselves to organize one. Why the Empire State should not be more progressive in matters pertaining to philately, is hard to comprehend. This state boasts of having more active philatelists than any other state in the Union. Come, wake up! ye New Yorkers, and show those westerners, that they are not the only hustlers in this land of Liberty.

Wm. A. McDonnell, 1646 Madison Avenue, New York City, is acting Sec'y Pro Tem, and any information desired relating to the above, will be cheerfully forthcoming, if you address him as above.

Mr. M. C. Berlepsch, who recently established himself as a dealer, was formerly employed by Henry Gremmel. Mr. Berlepsch, has one of the finest and choicest stocks of stamps in this country. One of the great rarities he is possessor of, is a block of twenty-one two cent green, Navy Department. He asks the modest sum of \$500 for the block. He has at least half a dozen sheets of one dollar Columbians. His stock of Department stamps is hard to equal, if not to beat. He takes the

greatest pride in his Match and Medicine stamps; these stamps are almost complete, and he has them neatly arranged in an album of his ideas and manufacture. He takes pleasure in showing his stamps to all interested collectors, even though nothing is purchased.

Many publishers have a special issue; the most common being the Christmas or Holiday Number; but it remains for the *New York Philatelist* to name the April issue the Easter Number. The new volume commences with this number, being Volume II Number I, or whole No. VII. This paper well represents this city in the field that it covers and it is needless to say, that it has been a success from the first Number.

The *Herald Exchange* also published in this city, is now the official organ of the prosperous Manhattan Philatelic Society. This local society has a membership of sixty active philatelists.

Unused Persian stamps are plentiful in this city, and can be had at twenty-five cents on the dollar. Unused Peru stamps in two months will be a drug on the market.

This enterprising South American Republic, has offered tenders to prominent dealers in all parts of the World to purchase the entire lot of postage stamps, (not the present issue) remaining on hand. These stamps comprise issue from 1860 including many rare surcharges.

Dealers report a brisk demand for entire envelopes; this interesting branch of Philately would be more popular, only on account of so many people mixing varieties, and so little difference between them.

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1 Cent.

| No. and paper     | Light blue | Blue | Dark blue |
|-------------------|------------|------|-----------|
| 2 White.....      | *          | *    | *         |
| Amber.....        | *          | *    | 0         |
| 3 White.....      | 0          | 0    | *         |
| Amber.....        | *          | *    | 0         |
| Manila.....       | *          | *    | 0         |
| Amber manila..... | *          | 0    | 0         |
| 5 White.....      | *          | *    | *         |
| Amber.....        | *          | *    | *         |
| 6 Manila.....     | *          | *    | *         |
| 11 White.....     | *          | 0    | 0         |
| 12 Wrapper.....   | *          | *    | *         |

2 Cents.

|                    | Yellow green | Blue green |
|--------------------|--------------|------------|
| 1 White.....       | *            | *          |
| 2 White.....       | *            | *          |
| Amber.....         | *            | 0          |
| Oriental buff..... | 0            | 0          |
| Blue.....          | 0            | 0          |
| Manila.....        | *            | *          |
| Amber manila.....  | 0            | 0          |
| 3 White.....       | *            | *          |
| Amber.....         | *            | *          |
| Oriental buff..... | *            | 0          |
| Blue.....          | *            | 0          |
| Manila.....        | 0            | 0          |
| Amber manila.....  | *            | *          |
| 4 White.....       | *            | *          |
| Amber.....         | 0            | 0          |
| 5 White.....       | *            | *          |
| Amber.....         | *            | *          |
| Oriental buff..... | *            | *          |
| Blue.....          | *            | *          |
| Manila.....        | 0            | *          |
| Amber Manila.....  | *            | 0          |
| 14 White.....      | 0            | *          |
| Amber.....         | 0            | 0          |
| 13 White.....      | *            | *          |
| Amber.....         | *            | *          |
| Oriental buff..... | 0            | 0          |
| Blue.....          | 0            | 0          |
| 10 White.....      | 0            | *          |
| 11 White.....      | *            | 0          |

Sides Over

|                    | Sides Over | Sides Over |
|--------------------|------------|------------|
| 7 White.....       | *          | *          |
| Amber.....         | 0          | 0          |
| Oriental buff..... | *          | 0          |
| Blue.....          | 0          | 0          |
| 8 White.....       | *          | 0          |
| Amber.....         | *          | *          |
| 9 White.....       | 0          | 0          |
| Amber.....         | 0          | 0          |
| 12 Wrapper.....    | *          | 0          |

4 Cent.

|              | Scarlet |
|--------------|---------|
| 7 White..... | *       |
| Amber.....   | 0       |
| 8 White..... | *       |
| Amber.....   | *       |
| 9 White..... | 0       |
| Amber.....   | 0       |

## 5 Cent.

|                     | light blue | Blue | Dark blue | * |
|---------------------|------------|------|-----------|---|
| 8 White Die B.....* |            | 0    |           | * |
| Amber ".....0       |            | *    |           | 0 |
| 5 White ".....0     |            | *    |           | 0 |
| Amber ".....*       |            | *    |           | 0 |

The above list has been kindly furnished by Mr. Joe F. Beard. Those marked \* he has in his collection, and no doubt he would be pleased to correspond with any one who has varieties that he lacks.—ED.

## Special Offer.

J. M. Bartels & Co.'s Price Catalogue of entire U. S. Envelopes referred to in another column will be issued at the time this issue of our Magazine reaches you. Its value to collectors is apparent. The price in imitation leather is 50 cents, in cloth \$1.00. We shall be pleased to receive orders for the same at publishers prices and as an inducement to increase the sale of this work and thereby add to the rapidly increasing number of Envelope collectors, we will send the catalogue postpaid on receipt of price include one years subscription to this magazine (new or renewal) and an unused Purcell Envelope priced at 10 cents or more. Order early.

Philatelists will be both interested and sorry to hear that the well-known stamp dealer and expert on postage stamps, Decker, of Hanover, is reported to have decamped. He was an acknowledged authority, both in and out of Germany, as regards the genuineness of postage stamps. Since his flight, accusations are said to have been put forward to the effect that in his expertises he replaced genuine stamps with counterfeit ones and great uneasiness and indignation are manifested by large private collectors in consequence.—*Philadelphia Press*.

Referring doubtless to Hermann Decker. ED.

## Boston Correspondence.

The monthly meeting of our Boston society occurred as usual the third Tuesday of the month. Mr. Pitman resigned as Superintendent of Sales, and Mr. Kilbon was unanimously elected his successor. The informal auction was about the same as all and the prices realized were very low.

Mr. B. L. Drew's 17th Auction will come off here March 31st. This sale like his 14th, is a "peach". Every stamp is in the finest condition and only rare stamps are included. The sale embraces something over 250 lots in all. Doubtless prices obtained for stamps in this sale will be much higher, than the general thing.

A branch of the Columbian Philatelic society for Boston has been proposed by Mr. G. R. Kennedy, Resident Vice-President for Mass. Now if all members of the Columbian Philatelic Society would take hold and push this, I see no reason why it should fail. Let all members living in the vicinity of Boston co-operate with Mr. Kennedy so as to make a thriving branch. If all the larger cities would take up this same matter, and form branch clubs, stamp collecting would be more enjoyable.

The same general cry of dullness pervades the atmosphere of philatelic circles. All are hopeful and confident but that is all. Some dealers are having steady trade all along while others have but little. The demand for foreign stamps continues to increase.

J. H. Lyons & Co., of this city, are to hold a mail auction sale April 10th. The catalog shows a good variety of desirable stamps both foreign and United States.



I recently found a 2c orange Prop. imperforate in a fifty-cent packet purchased of a large St. Louis firm. This stamp, which I believe is not catalogued, had very wide margins and could not have been clipped. Sometimes such bargains escape the keen eyes of our largest dealers even.

The discounts on United States Revenues are very large, owing to the well known causes. The 3c Playing Cards, which seems to be a popular specimen, brings about \$4 on an average, both in auction sales and elsewhere. It is the same way with most of the others.

It will not be long now before we are again pestered with philatelic politics, which must come every year. We hope to see less mud slinging this year than the previous one, and more harmony at the conventions than ever before.

EVERETT B. HORN.

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### Periodical Stamps.

There is, perhaps, no page in our stamp-album that is looked upon with more genuine pride, when each space is filled, than the one allotted for news-paper stamps; nor with more chagrin when but a few spaces are filled and the greater number of blanks tauntingly stare us in the face like an empty pocket book.

These twenty-five stamps which constitute the second series of periodical stamps (there being but four varieties in the first issue) are printed in eleven colors, and are the most elaborate and beautiful ever issued by the United States Government, yet the public in general never see them and their beauty is soon destroyed by the postal officials who use them merely for convenience in book-keeping. From 1875 to 1880 collectors had the privilege of purchasing these stamps from the post

office, many availed themselves of the opportunity, but of course dealers, at that time, were not aware of the importance of these fine sets and failed to lay in sufficient stock to supply the many collectors we have today. Each country belonging to the Postal Union has been supplied with two sets of these stamps, as well as of all other postal issues, by our government and many of these have found their way into the albums of collectors. And the card board proofs furnished by the department to Senators, Congressmen and others and by them given away to their friends, are welcomed by many who cannot afford the perforated originals. It is said that fully one half of the specimen stamps that are officially exchanged by the governments finally grace the postage stamp collections of private collectors.

The issue of periodical stamps that are now in use by the department differ in denomination quite a great deal from the former issues, there being only half as many in the series and running as follows; 1, 2, 5, 10, 25 and 50 cents, and 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50 and 100 dollars. While there are fewer in the set, they are none the less artistic either in design or engraving.

It is certainly unpleasant for us to know that this last series cannot be found in our postal albums unless through the leniency of the incoming administration or their sale to collectors by ignorant postmasters, for it seems that the commission appointed last year to intercede for philatelists in having newspaper stamps placed on sale, have hopelessly failed in their undertaking and collectors of U. S. stamps who have completed their first set of newspaper stamps will have to be satisfied in that alone, unless secured irregularly from postmasters.

It does seem strange that the government takes this stand (in what seems to us a trival matter) and the fact that they will not make any concessions should only strengthen the ardor of philatelists in striving to accomplish this result at some future time if not now. By selling newspaper stamps to collectors or those who saw fit to buy would not affect the working of the postal system in the least, but only tend to financially replenish the deficit that increases each year in the post-office department.

Not long ago I was shown four blocks of the present issue of newspaper stamps by a collector of plate numbers, now just how this party came into possession of these prizes I do not know but certainly suggest that they must have been obtainable in some irregular manner; this system will continue just so long as our government persists in refusing the sale of these stamps to collectors. A clerk employed in the land office in Washington, D. C. is now undergoing trial for having in his possession a few unused sets of periodical stamps, supposed to have been purloined from headquarters. We have all interestingly watched the progress of the trial of Colman et. al., in New York city and with one accord all acknowledge that some thing must be done to abolish this conjuring in newspaper stamps!

Collectors favor their being placed on sale and insist that this is the only proper and advantageous method for the government to adopt, and the sooner this is done the better for all concerned.

C. E. RANGE, P. C.

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### Notes on Stamp Designing.

The designing of postage stamps is somewhat different from that of bank notes, although the fact that the finest engraving process is necessary for the carrying out of both creates a good deal of similarity between them. That was a new departure of the U. S. government recently when it intrusted to three American artists the work of designing the latest issue of silver certificates. Edwin H. Blashfield, who drew the design which appears upon the new two-dollar bill, said:

"The designing of stamps differs from the work on bank notes chiefly in the size of the object. It must be constantly borne in mind by the artist that his drawing is to be reduced to very small proportions, and that, consequently, he must leave out much detail which could be put into larger work. In this country there has so far been almost no actual designing of stamps, in the sense of creating artistic subjects to be represented upon them. Most stamps bear the portraits of presidents or other famous men, and these heads are, of course, taken from paintings, photographs or busts. In the case of the Columbian issue the different scenes were copies of paintings. Some of the French stamps show excellent artistic work and have been designed by well known artists of that country. If our government should decide to pursue the same course with its stamps which it has just begun with the bank notes, there would naturally be much greater opportunity for varied and artistic work upon them."

The artist who draws a design for a stamp is obliged to make his sketch much larger than it is to be when finished. It is customary to have the drawing about five times its regular size, and it is then re-

duced to its proper dimensions by photography. Many designers work entirely in water colors, while others confine themselves to black and white at first, and arrange for the coloring afterward.

With the portrait stamps, of which the United States issues chiefly consist, the artist's work is more of a task of copying than of designing. The beauty of the stamp depends upon his selection of the most artistic portrait for reproduction, and also, of course, upon whatever lettering and conventional scroll-work there may be upon it.

The profile bust of Washington upon the carmine two-cent stamp of common use is after the well-known statue by Houdon, a noted French sculptor. He came to this country in 1785 with Franklin, for the purpose of modelling a statue of Washington for the State of Virginia. This statue is in the Richmond capitol, and it is said to be the best likeness ever obtained of Washington. The bust has been used for many years on earlier issues of U. S. stamps.

The head of Franklin, on the one cent blue is after Rubricht. The profile of Jackson, on the three-cent purple is after Hiram Powers.

The changing of the different portraits from a stamp of one denomination to that of another, is always done with the purpose of bringing the most prominent heads upon the stamps in commonest use. For instance, when the law in 1883 reduced the ordinary postage rate from three to two cents, the head of Washington, until then on the three cent stamps, was immediately transferred to the two cent stamps. It therefore displaced the portrait of Jackson, but that, as being less important, was put upon the four cent stamp. It is now on the three cent denomination.

U. S. A.

### S. S. S. S.

**Startling Statement. Sees Several Scores Sheets. Supposedly Scarce Stamps. Says Seebeck Stamps Supersede Speculative Surcharges. Sure Slump Soon.**

The following is an extract from a letter received by the editor, the writer requesting publication over his name. He writes from Montreal and states that he is on his way to the gold mines of British Columbia and will be at the United States Hotel, San Francisco, Calif. until about May 10th.

"I want to give you some information about the S. S. S. S.

What about the S. S. S. S.?"

Q.—What have they done during their life time?

R.—They have fooled the American stamp dealers and succeeded in discouraging thousands of collectors throughout the world.

Q.—What was their object in so acting?

R.—They wanted to force the stamp collectors to turn their eyes and money toward British stamps with which the English firms have been overstocked during the past ten years.

Q.—Do you mean that the S. S. S. S. is interested in this?

R.—Yes, the S. S. S. S. was formed by the largest firms in England while American dealers were doing a good business in stamps in general. Now the whole thing has fallen into the ditch except U. S. stamps, but this will not last long.

Q.—Who are the principal members of the S. S. S. S.?"

R.—The English Speculators.

Q.—Is there no money in British Colonial stamps?

R.—No! There are millions of all issues in stock across the sea. I have seen hundreds of sheets of all the Montserrat and Virgin Islands stamps unused and catalogued

as high as \$50. each, which are really worth about 75 cents a set. There will be a terrible *crash* very soon, and we will get British Colonials as cheap as the Nova Scotia remainders.

Q.—What about the Seebecks?

R.—They are as good a class of stamps to place in your album as any North, East and South British African surcharges, which are made by order of the S. S. S. S. through the postmasters of these colonies. There are not enough civilized people in those colonies to use so many stamps, and have surcharges ordered as often as every six months or so. They undertook war against speculative issues of America to destroy the American trade. Believe me, I know more about the S. S. S. S. and their connections with the English firms than any of you, as I am constantly travelling and studying all about stamps and last but not least *Seebeck Stamps are Still Shining*. Yours in philately,

C. CRAWFORD,  
Civil Engineer.

Pretoria, Transvaal Africa.

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### Personal.

R. M. Miller, publisher of *The American Collector*, passed a few days in New York and attended the sale of George R. Tuttle, where, he writes us, he invested about \$30 in decided bargains. Of course friend Herbst of *The New York Philatelist* showed him The Bowery, and took good care of him in Central Park, and will escort him safely to a seat in his special car on his return, for we should be awful sorry to have him get lost in the wilds of New York.

A. W. Batchelder, of Boston, visited the Albany Philatelic Club on April 4th and the members enjoyed a rare treat in looking over a \$30,000 collection which Mr. Batchelder is disposing of for a retired philatelist.

R. H. Bunce, of Middletown, Conn., who has been traveling in California at last accounts was at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

We have just noticed that Lewis Robie, the humorist, now hails from Washington, D. C. If you are a musician, this doesn't mean *Da Capo* (from the beginning), though it won't hurt you to read it twice.

Franklin S. Cook, formerly of Cook & Dunbar, of Bridgeport, Conn., is now conducting a stamp business on his own account at 246 Fifth-st., Louisville, Ky.

Our genial friend, R. M. Miller, secretary of the S. of P., and publisher of the *American Collector*, who has for a year been sojourning at Piney Creek, Md., 10 miles south of us, has removed to his old home at Newchester, Pa., 4 miles north of us. He intends to put in a "phone" and give us an earache occasionally.

Chas. W. Grevning who has passed a year or more in Denver, Colo., on account of his health has returned to New York City and advertises his business at 203 avenue B.

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### Received.

Catalogue of Geo. R. Tuttle's 15th Sale at Collector's Club, April 5th., 1897.

Catalogue of P. M. Wolsieffer's second Sale at Great-Northern Hotel, April 9th & 10th, containing some rare stamps, and many good ones.

Price List of Robert Osborne, Puerto de Santa Maria, Spain.

S. Stewart's *Stamp Collector's Almanac*, from Darlington, Eng.

Price List of the Keystone Stamp Co., Kittanning, Penna.

A neat "Want List of U. S. Adhesive and Envelope Stamps," from F. T. Parker, which is very neat and useful to collectors, who, by checking off the stamps they have, can tell at a glance what they need at any time. 10 cents will bring you one from Mr. Parker.

A neat price-list from The Stowell Printery, Federalsburg, Md. If you want *any* printing done from a visiting card to a newspaper, it would pay you to drop them a postal for price list and samples.

1897 Price List from the Hawaiian Stamp Co., A. F. Cooke, Mgr.

Catalogue of R. F. Albrecht & Co.'s 43rd Sale to take place at "The Collector's Club," April 28 and 29th.



### The Press.

"The Halifax Philatelic Magazine" asks us to explain ourselves when we said they devoted too much space to politics. We should have said philatelic politics the number we had before us being filled up pretty well with such. Yes, brothers of the quill, our paper is prosperous, thanks to generous patronage and we wish to thank you in behalf of all honest philatelists for your independence of expression in the Nova Scotia deal.

"The Philatelic Journal of Great-Britain" is a magazine one can sit down and enjoy reading, but space forbids an attempt to describe its good points.

"The Stamp Collector's Fortnightly" is still keeping up its war of words with Stanley Gibbons Ltd. ament Nova Scotia remainders and at last accounts seems to have the best of the argument.

"The American Stamp" No. 2 is at hand. Some of the news is a little old, but taken altogether it is pretty well gotten up, and a new printer having been secured the publisher assures prompt publication hereafter.

The "Pennsy" for March is at hand. The principal article (unsigned) takes a very melancholy view of the present financial crisis and predicts still harder times and tumbling prices. An article on "Advertising," "Philatelic Phases," complete the reading matter unless we include the Editor's "quillings" and society notes. We hardly recognized the changed appearance, as that pretty front cover is now almost entirely covered with ads. Cliff evidently believes economy is wealth.

"The New York Philatelist" is as interesting as ever. It is the official organ of the Empire State Philatelic Society.

"The Philatelic Canadian" seems to be holding its own. It is now the official organ of the Dominion Philatelic Association.

Many other interesting exchanges received but we haven't time or space to even enumerate them.

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THE editor has been a victim of *la grippe* the past month and even now realizes that there is considerable truth in the remark of our Celtic friend, "that it makes a man sick three weeks after he gets well." In addition a trouble with his eyes necessitated an enforced rest and an increasing pile of unanswered correspondence.

THE work connected with the publication of this magazine increases with each issue. At present it seems almost impossible to get to press before the first of the month succeeding the date, but we hope to gain that 10 days soon and a little later 10 more days so as to be out promptly on the date of issue.

THIS is no "boom" edition though several new advertisers have obliged us to exceed our usual size a little. Most of the old ones refuse to drop out to make room for the new ones, and we can't blame them if what

some of them write us is true. One of our large advertisers who patronizes about 25 other papers writes: "Of late THE COLUMBIAN PHILATELIST has given me better returns than all the other papers combined." another writes that he wasn't aware of a single answer to his advt. The latter run his advt. five times without change and advertised approval sheets. He has since made up his mind that "catchy" ads. offering what the people want at hard times prices will bring good results. The trouble with many advertisers is, that they don't spend time enough in preparing an advt. Many a time we feel grieved to read copy sent in, and feel like sending it back and writing the advertiser that it wouldn't pay him to run such an "ad". We advertise in 20 or 30 other papers, and run 2 or 3 little ads. in this magazine, and we know by experience about what kind of advertising pays.

*The American Journal of Philately* put the wrong heading on Mr. Beard's article last month, viz. "Varieties of the Purcell Envelopes" instead of "Varieties of the 1894-95 Issue of Envelopes." Had they not we should not have made a comment which placed Mr. Beard in a wrong light and we trust he will accept our apology. He has kindly sent us his list which appears elsewhere. It will be seen that he has nearly a complete collection of this interesting series.

IN this connection we would call the attention of readers to the announcement by Messrs. Bartels & Co., in another column of the early appearance of their priced catalogue of entire envelopes. The assistance of Messrs. Rechert, Toppan, Beard and other well known collectors of

entires has been cheerfully given the publishers, and while we do not look for absolute accuracy in the pricing of envelopes, it will be of great assistance to collectors in the interesting study of entires and a guide to their proper value. The popular price, 50 cents will place it within the reach of all.

IN the death of John K. Tiffany which occurred on March 3rd, philately suffers an inestimable loss. Mr. Tiffany was a thorough student, and gave the benefit of his studies to the philatelic public, by the publication of several books which have had a deservedly wide circulation. He was president of the American Philatelic Association from its inception until last August, and on several occasions piloted it through stormy seas and prevented it from going to pieces. As a lawyer, orator, philatelist, and social acquaintance, Mr. Tiffany will be greatly missed from our ranks.

MR. E. R. ALDRICH wishes us to state the threatening letters we referred to last month in the Emmert case were not from him which we do with pleasure. We can't help thinking that the board of vice presidents of the A. P. A. should read the words of a wise man of olden time who refers to a person who is "wiser in his own conceit than seven that can render a reason." After they had refused Mr. Emmert admission to their ranks *on evidence which was absolutely false*, after having abundant proof that Mr. Emmert turned over the books of his department and the cash on hand to the trustees *at their request* and they had cancelled his bond, they still insist that he is not worthy of membership. Their action in this matter as well as that of the last convention

in the expulsion of Mr. Carion *on charges which he successfully disproved* recall to our minds the words of the immortal Shakespeare.

"O Judgment! thou art fled to brutish beasts  
And men have lost their reason."

REGARDING the debts due by the exchange dept of the S. of P. under Mr. Emmert's administration, which the former board of trustees neglected, we are pleased to note that some are being paid from amounts collected from delinquent debtors to the department and due credit must be given to Sec'y Miller for his voluntary efforts to get the delinquents to pay up.

L. J. KRAMER, president of the L. of A. P. has written us regarding our remarks about the society and about him in our last issue. He is not at all pleased. We really did not say enough about the matter. The convention (?) held last September consisted of two members, Mr. Kramer and Mr. Swenson. At the first session, Mr L. G. Lambert and Mr. Geo. W. Achard were there, Mr. Achard acting as Secretary pro tem, and both Mr. Lambert and Mr. Achard were elected (?) to offices for the ensuing year. We don't find the applications of either published in the official Journal but we find Mr. Lambert's name as a new member in the first issue after the convention (September) and in October Mr. Achard was also irregularly listed as a member. After electing all their officers and official Journal from the west, (if a convention of two members can conduct an election, with one member and two persons not members as a credential committee) it certainly would have been policy for Mr. Kramer to have used his influence upon the resignation of *The International Philatelist*, to appoint some Eastern or Southern

paper as official organ, but no, he sends a list of papers to each officer asking his choice. This list we are reliably informed, comprised only western papers, and did not mention the *Newsletter* at all, but Mr. Achard's paper got the plum all the same.

CHICAGO is to be congratulated in the departure of B. S. Ross, and philately in general that he is out of the stamp business, and now our mail will not be increased by letters asking our advice as to the best method of getting even with him. Messrs. Burton & Burton, of Lake Geneva, Wis., took his stock of stamps and \$7000 in cash for a hotel valued at \$30,000, at Hurley, Wis., but we feel sure they will not adopt any of his methods. Good bye Ross.

SPEAKING of the Messrs. Burton, our attention was attracted to the letter-head of Mr. John E. Burton used by him in his correspondence. At the top we read in clear print "I believe in keeping the money of the world in motion like the life-blood of a healthy being." If more of our monied men believed and acted out their belief in this motto, better times would result.

THE collapse of the Mekeel Co., may be a matter of surprise to many but we have been expecting it for the past year or more. Their business methods have been severely criticised, financial depression increased their difficulties, and they have spent an enormous amount of money in a vain attempt to build up their business. The *Weekly Stamp News*, they inform us, is to be continued by Mr. I. A. Mekeel, and as in all probability it will no longer be a house organ it will, if well conducted, be a more welcome visitor

than it has been in the past, and Mr. Mekeel and his paper have our best wishes.

MR. BARTELS in *Mekeel's Weekly* attempts to give us some information about Purcell Envelopes and says we were wrong in the last issue in saying that the Hartford envelopes were not "Purcell" envelopes. Look again, Mr. Bartels, and you will see what we did say that no envelopes with the "Purcell fold" were made at Hartford. Certainly Mr. Purcell is the contractor, and the Plimpton-Morgan Co., the sub-contractors, but we have been so used to calling Holyoke envelopes "Purcell" envelopes don't ask us to change now, please.

WE occasionally read of some lucky "finds" in other places, but Mr. W. H. Emmert of this town has had a few windfalls recently. From an exchange book he selected a 12 and 15c, 1870, both used at 40c each, and taking a ride out in the country one day, he picked up a pack of 25 2c Keelogg Die B on white paper and 35 on amber paper envelopes at a post office. A little later at another post office he purchased at face value 81 unused 15c 1870, most of which are in fine condition and all well centered, and only two side stamps in the lot. The postmaster had them on hand a long time and was glad to get rid of them. Mr. Emmert is mourning because a part of the imprint is missing from the sheet. At one post office he secured a full sheet each of the 1 and 3c dues of the first issue with plate numbers intact. The postmaster hadn't used a single due stamp in nearly 20 years and probably didn't know how they were used. He said when anything was



short paid he attached an ordinary postage stamp and collected from the recipient.

MR. W. H. EMMERT and the Editor made a flying trip to the National Capital on March 30. Our time being limited we could not call on all the dealers. Those we did see reported business only fair. Messrs. Bartels & Co. were busy on their new catalogue of entire and cut square envelopes which they announce for April 10th. Mr. Rothfuchs reports an increase in receipts which he attributes to the publication of his price-list Part I and II some 2 months ago. He has just issued Part III, and from a hasty perusal we judge that his receipts will still further be increased even in these times of financial depression. We did not even have time to call on our old friend Mr. John Addison Porter, Private Secretary to the President.

R. F. ALBRECHT & Co., are compiling a "Reliable Philatelic Directory and Reference Book" of collectors. Each collector is asked to send his name with reference for publication. A work of this kind carefully compiled would be of great value, and we hope that it will be a success.

THE P. S. of A. political pot is boiling and the candidates are looming up. The address of Pres. Carstarphen in the current *Pennsy* is somewhat melancholy. Exchange Supt. Ruehlman who spent so many dollars to get his office has been removed because he has failed to furnish a bond, complaints against him and the former Supt. have been made, and against members for substituting on Exchange books. G.

D. Mekeel has been appointed to fill the vacancy. Only about  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the membership have paid their dues for 1897, resignations seem to come in faster than applications and the society is in debt to its treasurer some \$250.

THERE is one officer of the L. of A. P. that ought to be re-elected. His department is about the only redeeming feature of the Society, we refer to Mr. John Arbtin the Exchange Supt. He assumed the duties of his office and has built up the department under great difficulties, as mismanagement under the previous administration had discouraged most of the patrons. He has it in fine running order, and we doubt if any one could fill the position with better satisfaction to the membership.

IN another column we publish an extract from a letter received from Mr. C. Crawford. We are not in a position to affirm or deny his statements regarding the supply of British Colonial stamps, but for a long time we have held the opinion that most of the surcharges are made necessary by the collusion of speculator and postmaster, and Mr. Crawford (who is on his way to the gold mines of British Columbia) assures us that he can and will back up every statement he make with the necessary proof. If his statements are true, it is of vast interest to philately and we have written him for further information and proof.

WE are always pleased to send a sample copy to those who have never seen one, but we cannot undertake to send any special number. Those who request sample copy of this issue will be disappointed, but will receive

a back number instead, as we shall mail all but a limited number, which we reserve for new subscribers. See price of each number on front cover.

THE publisher of *Our Philatelia* explains why A. F. Sweet who advertised Scott's 57th at 43 cents post-paid could not supply them. Now if he will explain why publishers who have run his advts. can't get a reply from him he will confer a favor on some that we know.

THE convention of the Southern Philatelic Association will be held at San Antonio, Tex. on April 20. We judge from a perusal of the last issue of *The Lone Star Philatelist* that the society is carrying a deal of "dead wood." The case of A. M. Rareshide late exchange Supt. is to be investigated and it is hoped that he will be expelled if charges against him are true.

A PARTY giving the name of W. F. Morton who is believed to be none other than H. M. Porter is again "working" dealers giving his address as 4603 Parrish St., Philadelphia. The inspector (who wrote us some time ago that H. M. Porter had left the city) is investigating the matter.

WE notice among unpaid bills which friend Brodstone advertise for sale are those of Maro Button Co., Music Hall, Chicago, W. Perry Arnold, Stonington, Conn., and Edgar Knight of England. The Chicago Engraving Co., sent us a column advt of Maro Button Co. to run one year but we can not get any satisfaction from either Co. A letter to Edgar Knight at address given by him to our London Correspondents

is returned "not called for" and perhaps some kind friend will kindly inform us if Mr. Arnold is still on earth, and if not give us his street address in the country to which he has gone.

A SHORT time since we saw a report in a contemporary that the veteran dealer J. C. Miller was to retire from business. He writes us that it was his intention to do so, but numerous letters from friends have changed his intentions and he will continue, handling however U. S. stamps only. He is making a specialty of revenues of which he is handling large quantities. We are glad to know that he will still continue. We could better spare some other dealers than one of Mr. Miller's reputation.

THE editor of the *Texas Philatelist* referring to this magazine says it "is probably the foremost of any collector's papers in the United States." In one sense this is a collector's paper but if he means published by a collector, not a dealer, he makes a mistake, as the publisher probably handles more stamps and has a larger correspondence than any dealer outside of the large centers, and larger than many of those, but our Texas friend may be pardoned for the mistake as the publisher until the last two issues occupied only half a column for his own announcements but found it paid him so well that he ventured to increase his space to a little over a column, but, as stated before we think, he does not care to use much space, or advertise in such a way as to enter into competition with his advertisers, and we don't remember ever having any one to call this a "house organ."

## The Columbian Philatelic Society.

## OFFICERS FOR 1897.

Prest., J. F. Dodge, New Oxford, Pa.  
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 Counterfeit Detector, Frank P. Brown, Boston, Mass.  
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## PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

Another month has passed, and while illness has prevented my doing all that I desired to do for our society, I am pleased to see a list of applications that we may feel well proud of in these dull times, and a list that I think no other society can show. Look over the list and you will see that some of our members are assisting me. How many applications will you furnish for next issue? Another partial list of resident vice-presidents will be found below and I trust each will do his best to increase our ranks with reliable philatelists only. Remember 500 is our mark for January 1st, 1898, and the prizes offered will well repay you for your efforts. I will cheerfully furnish as many application blanks as you need (say how many) upon receipt of a postal and the secretary will do the same. If you haven't any, write today and give us at least one new member for next month.

Send me the name and address of any probable applicants and I will cheerfully mail sample of this magazine to each one.

The trustees elected at the last convention having failed to signify their acceptance of the offices to which they were elected within a reasonable time (with the exception of Mr. J. P. Laour who asks to be excused). I have deemed it for the best interests of the society to declare the offices vacant and to appoint Alfred Jungmann (chairman 529 12th-st.), Chas. Toelle, and H. W. Protzman, of Milwaukee, Wis., to fill the vacancies and these gentlemen are hereby appointed and confirmed trustees of the Columbian Philatelic Society to faithfully fulfill the duties of their offices, until their successors are duly elected and qualified. Trusting that my action in this matter may meet with the approval of the members, I am

Yours for the Col. Phil. Soc'y,  
 J. F. DODGE, Pres.

New Oxford, Penna., April 3rd, 1897.

## RESIDENT VICE-PRESIDENTS.

Iowa.—Moses B. Page.  
 New Hampshire.—M. C. Saunders.  
 Texas.—Frederick Noyes.  
 New Jersey.—Benj. P. Thomas.  
 Missouri.—H. L. Gerding.

## SPECIAL NOTICE.

If your dues for 1897 are unpaid and you wish to receive the next issue of this magazine you must send them to the Secretary at once.

## NEW MEMBERS.

231 Chas. Wahl, 19 Brooks-ave., Rochester, N. Y.  
 232 H. Delecluse, 142 Mill-st., Newport, R. I.  
 233 William L. Glenn, 1103 N. Eutaw-st., Baltimore, Md.  
 234 Frederic Noyes, Alice, Texas.  
 235 M. C. Saunders, 10 Waukenau-ave., Meredith, N. H.  
 236 Leon V. Cass, McGrawville, N. Y.  
 237 Roy B. Bradley, Abilene, Texas.  
 238 Ralph L. Shepard, 2004 Wirt-st., Omaha, Neb.  
 239 John W. King, 518 Grant-st., Pittsburg, Pa.  
 240 L. J. Whittier, Merrimacport, Mass.  
 241 Everett M. Bartlett, Newton, N. H.  
 242 Objected to by a member.

Most of the above have paid their dues, but there are a few who have not. Those who have done so have received their membership cards, and those who are still owing the society for their dues will receive same upon receipt of the amount, 25 cents, to January 1, 1898. I trust that all who have not remitted their dues will do so at once. The new rule relative to sending the dues with the application has been pretty generally observed, but there are still some who fail to act in accordance with the request therein set forth. I trust that next month there will be no one who has not complied with this rule.

## APPLICATIONS

I have received the following applications, together with the accompanying references since my last report; the age and occupation of each application is given in each case.

Jos. M. Reuber, 191 Arlington-ave., Pittsburg, Pa., 18, special delivery messenger. Leo Fritter, H. A. Hoffman.

Edward M. Waite, 17 Wilmot-st., Portland, Me., 21, clerk. J. F. Dodge, M. G. Larrabee.

Siegfried Schachne, 16 E. 87th-st., New York City, 37, merchant. J. F. Dodge, M. Borhardt.

Arthur W. Drew, Tempe, Arizona, 17, student. Chas. G. Hart, Ralph G. Hart.

Erwin L. Shove, Unionville, N. Y., 18, merchant. J. F. Dodge, W. A. McDonnell.

John Bisbee, box 1108, Stoughton, Mass., 18, student. Geo. B. Klebes, H. D. Ruchman.

W. W. MacLaren, 120 W. 14th-st., New York City, 25, minister. Leo Fritter, G. J. Bailey.

W. O. Boutwell, Orange Park, Florida, 31, Notary Public. J. F. Dodge, W. D. Ball.

Henry C. Crowell, box 50, Glenview, Ohio, 22 Attorney at Law. J. F. Dodge, C. Donahue.

Alfred E. Cole, Plainfield, N. J., 27, J. F. Dodge, Geo. E. Morgan.

Charles King, 105 E. 10th-st., New York City, 29, builder's Clerk. J. F. Dodge, R. W. French.

Henry A. Chapman, box 18, Hartford, Conn., 51, printer. J. F. Dodge, F. P. Holt.

Geo. C. Baker, 115 Lancaster-st., Albany, N. Y., 29, Attorney. Chas. F. Bridge, Leo Fritter.

Winfield S. Sisson, 325 Broadway, Newport, R. I., 36, outside salesman. J. F. Dodge, Chas. B. Marth.

W. Herman Wiseman, Millbury, Mass., 29, Jeweler. J. F. Dodge, E. J. Humphreys.

Dr. Atherton P. Mason, box 234, Fitchburg, Mass., 40, physician. Leo Fritter, H. Smith.

D. E. McCurdy, Crickmer, W. Va., 34, Exhibitor and Lecturer. J. F. Dodge, F. M. Kincaid.

Robert Schade, 619 Second-st., Milwaukee, Wis., 36, artist. Alfred Jungmann, F. Demien.

Herman Seyferth, 1119 Walnut-st., Milwaukee, Wis., 44, Lithographer. A. Jungman, August Kress.

William Gehrs, 544 20th-st., Milwaukee, Wis., 50, electrician. A. Jungmann, F. Demien.

Otto Demient, 950 Twenty-first-st., Milwaukee, Wis., 17, clerk. A. Jungman, August Kress.

John Arbtin, Des Moines, Iowa, 43, mailing clerk. J. F. Dodge, Moses B. Page.

R. P. Rickenbacker, 1213 G-st., N. W., Washington, D. C., 19, philatelist. J. F. Dodge, J. M. Bartels.

Jos. H. Pullen, Houna, La., 83, bank cashier.

J. F. Dodge, W. H. Emmert.

H. F. Willis, 12 Liberty-st., Brockton, Mass., 16  
newsdealer. J. F. Dodge, H. H. Willis.

J. M. Bartels, 489 Ninth-st., N. W. Washington,  
D. C., 26, stamp dealer. J. F. Dodge, Leo Fritter.

Frederick W. Bradley, 617 14th-st., N. W., Wash-  
ington, D. C., 33, stamp dealer. J. F. Dodge, J.  
M. Bartels.

H. C. Goetz, 1611½ Cold Spring-ave., Milwau-  
kee, Wis., 38, bookkeeper. A. Jungmann, H.  
Kalhart.

Emil Gerlich, New Braunfels, Texas, 21, stamp  
dealer. Leo Fritter, J. F. Dodge.

Geo. C. Tennant, 606 West 10th-st., Chester, Pa.,  
32, accountant. J. F. Dodge, O. L. Armour.

Frank L. Kerns, box 209, Richmond, Va., 40,  
journalist. R. W. DeHaven, Leo Fritter.

The above applications will be accepted, pro-  
vided no sufficient objections are received, within  
one month from date. Membership cards will  
then be sent to those who have paid their dues.  
Those who have not done so will be notified by  
postal card, and be expected to remit at once the  
dues to January 1, 1898 (25 cents). The secretary  
would consider it a great favor if remittances  
were made in silver or by money-order.

#### CORRECTIONS IN NUMBERS.

224 Emil Miller, East Albany, N. Y.

225 W. O. Smith, Red Lion, Pa.

226 Chris B. Yule, 65 Main-st., Charlestown, Mass.

227 Wm. v. d. Wettern, Jr., 411 W. Saratoga-st.,  
Baltimore, Md.

228 Mrs. Chas. L. Taylor, 5533 Ellsworth-ave.,  
Pittsburg, Pa.

229 Philip S. Briggs, New Bedford, Mass.

230 J. C. Miller, Coal Valley, Pa.

#### CHANGES IN ADDRESS.

32 Perry Boutlog, 3652 Magazine-st., New Orleans,  
La.

115 William F. Gorman, 62 Gates-st., South Bos-  
ton, Mass.

63 Eugene Snowden, 122 William-st., East Orange,  
N. J.

156 Woods Plankinton, 529 Grand-ave., Milwau-  
kee, Wis.

150 Frank P. Gibbs, P. O. Box 103, Olean, N. Y.

#### SUSPENSIONS.

142 William N. Beggs, St. Louis, Mo.

149 Miss Helen R. Thomas, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

159 A. S. Marland, Ware, Mass.

161 H. E. French, Grand Rapids, Mich.

171 W. A. Smith, Bridgeport, Conn.

The above members have been suspended for  
non-payment of their dues for 1898. Upon pay-  
ment of this amount and the dues for 1897 (or 50  
cents in all) they may be reinstated. I trust that  
all these persons do not covet the honor of being  
upon this roll of honor (?), and will therefore find  
it to their interests to retain their membership in  
the society. But the society cannot carry any one  
who is unwilling to pay the small amount of the  
dues. These cases might give the Resident Vice-  
presidents some work to do. Let them make an  
effort to get every one of those who have been  
suspended (see recent copies of the official organ)  
and who reside in their respective states, to pay  
up their back dues.

#### DUES NOTICE.

The attention of all members who became such  
before the first of July, 1896, is hereby called  
to the fact that their dues for the year 1897 (to  
January 1, 1898) are now due and payable at  
once, without any further notice from me.  
The amount is 25 cents. Please attend to this  
matter at once. The Treasury of the Society  
is in sore need of funds and you should not de-  
lay in settling this matter. All who are af-  
fected by this notice will stand suspended if

their dues are not paid within a reasonable  
time from date. Attend to this matter today.

Yours for the C. P. S.,

LEO FRITTER, Sec-Treas.,

Columbus, Ohio, March 27, 1897.

#### SOCIETY NOTES.

There is some talk of organizing local branches  
of this society in several places, and I sincerely  
trust that the talk will materialize into some well  
established branches of our society in our large  
cities. No one can dispute the fact that much  
greater benefit can be derived from membership  
in this society if small branches of the society are  
organized in the large cities, to which the mem-  
bers in that city can attach themselves. Now let  
us have at least one by this time next month.  
Who will have the honor of organizing Colum-  
bian Philatelic Society Branch No. One?

One applicant has paid his dues for four years  
in advance. If some of the older members, who  
have not paid their dues, would take as much  
interest in the society, it would make less work  
for me. Who will be the next one to pay his dues  
more than one year in advance?

#### EXCHANGE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

I have about 30 names on my circuit list, have  
received 25 books, valued at nearly \$300, and have  
sent most of them out, would like a few more  
members on circuit who have medium sized or  
small collections. Such would find many good  
stamps at very low prices in these books, would  
also ask for a better class of stamps for advanced  
collectors, which form the majority on my pres-  
ent circuit list.

FRED P. HOLT, Ex. Supt.

#### AUCTION MANAGER'S REPORT.

I regret that I am unable to make any satisfac-  
tory report on the working of the Auction Depart-  
ment, as I have received very little support or en-  
couragement from the members either by entries  
or bids.

I shall be pleased to receive entries for the 4th  
sale before 25th, April.

The Catalogue value of each lot will be given  
as far as possible, and I shall be glad to get any  
reasonable bids: H. SMITH, Auct. M'gr.

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#### REPORT OF LIBRARIAN.

MCCONNELSVILLE, OHIO, April 1st, 1897.

FELLOW MEMBERS:—

I hereby submit my monthly report. I have re-  
ceived the library from my predecessor and find  
it is in good condition. There are about 180 sepa-  
rate papers. I have received the following papers  
for the Library, American Journal of Philately,  
March, All Round Stamp Advertiser, Feb., New  
York Philatelist, March, Columbian Philatelist,  
Feb., American Journal of Philately, April, Mr.  
W. S. Devlin sends the following papers, Lone  
Star State Philatelist, Jan. '97, Columbian Phila-  
telist and Pennsylvania Phil. for Feb., 2 copies  
Philatelic Visitors No. 6, 2 copies W. F. Gregory's  
5th auction sale catalogues. The donors have my  
thanks. Members, haven't you got some dupli-  
cates. HENRY S. ADAIR, Librarian, C. P. S.

TO OHIO MEMBERS:

Having been appointed Res. V. President for  
Ohio, I desire your co-operation in placing Ohio  
at the top of the list in regards to members. I  
would like to hear from every collector in the  
state, and will cheerfully send application blanks  
and information. If you know any one who  
wishes to join, write me. Fraternally,

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| “ 90c.....                                              | 50    |
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| 12c 1851..... | 90    | 6c 1869.....       | 35   |
| 10c 1857..... | 20    | 10c 1869.....      | 49   |
| 12c 1857..... | 50    | 12c 1869.....      | 30   |
| 10c 1861..... | 08    | 15c 1869.....      | 1 00 |
| 12c 1861..... | 20    | 7c 1872.....       | 30   |
| 24c 1861..... | 20    | 12c 1872.....      | 30   |
| 30c 1861..... | 25    | 24c 1872.....      | 1 00 |
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|-----------------------------|------|-------|-------|
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| 2 10r yellow.....           | 50   |       | 50    |
| 3 20r straw.....            |      |       | 10    |
| 4 25r rose.....             |      | 08    | 05    |
| 4 50r green.....            |      |       | 20    |
| 7 100r mauve.....           | 07   | 20    | 10    |
| 8 200r orange.....          | 10   |       |       |
| 9 300r chocolate.....       | 15   |       |       |
| 13 40r yellow, 1881-85..... | 12   |       |       |
| 15 50r blue.....            | 08   | 08    | 05    |
| 22 100r brown, 1886.....    |      | 15    | 10    |

## Angra.

|                            |    |
|----------------------------|----|
| 3 15r chocolate, 1892..... | 05 |
| 4 20r lavender.....        | 05 |
| 5 25r green.....           | 05 |
| 7 50r blue.....            | 10 |

## Antigua.

1863, STAR.

|                      |      |    |
|----------------------|------|----|
| 2 1d lilac rose..... |      | 35 |
| 3 1d vermilion.....  |      | 40 |
| 4 6d green.....      | 1 00 | 60 |

1873 CROWN C. C., PERF. 12½.

|                     |      |    |
|---------------------|------|----|
| 5 1d red.....       | 85   | 40 |
| 6 1d vermilion..... | 1 75 |    |
| 7 6d green.....     | 85   | 40 |

1873-70, PERF. 14.

|                  |       |        |
|------------------|-------|--------|
| 8 1d red.....    | 40    | 25     |
| 9 2½d brown..... | 10 00 | *10 00 |
| 10 4d blue.....  | 85    | 40     |
| 11 6d green..... | 1 00  | 60     |

2nds marked with \* are unused; all others are used.

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| Denmark,      | San Marino,    |
| Germany,      | Wurtemberg,    |
| Holland,      | Barbados,      |
| Mauritius,    | Bolivia,       |
| Newfoundland, | Bulgaria,      |
| Salvador,     | Chile,         |
| Switzerland,  | France,        |
| Bahamas,      | Italy,         |
| Belgium,      | Japan,         |
| Brit. Guiana, | Natal,         |
| Cape G. Hope, | Portugal,      |
| Dutch Indies, | Sweden.        |

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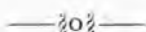
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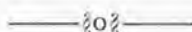
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|------------------------|-------|
| 5c 1847.....           | \$ 65 |
| 15c 1869.....          | 1 16  |
| 30c 1894 Post due..... | 42    |

### REVENUES.

|                            |    |
|----------------------------|----|
| 2c Certificate orange..... | 52 |
| \$10.00 Charter Party..... | 32 |
| \$10.00 Mortgage.....      | 62 |

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|                                                            |      |
|------------------------------------------------------------|------|
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| 1c Proprietary.....        | 03    | 25c Life Insurance.....   | 20    |
| 1c Telegraph .....         | 15    | 25c Protest .....         | 30    |
| 2c Proprietary, blue.....  | 04    | 30c Inland Exchange ..... | 05    |
| 2c " orange.....           | 1 25  | 40c " .....               | 05    |
| 2c Express, blue.....      | 03    | 50c Foreign Exchange..... | 40    |
| 2c " orange.....           | 07    | 50c Life Insurance.....   | 05    |
| 2c Playing Card, blue..... | 18    | 50c Mortgage.....         | 03    |
| 3c Foreign Exchange .....  | 05    | 50c Passage Ticket.....   | 15    |
| 3c Proprietary.....        | 07    | 50c Surety Bond.....      | 05    |
| 3c Telegraph .....         | 20    | 60c Inland Exchange.....  | 10    |
| 4c Inland Exchange.....    | 04    | 70c " .....               | 10    |
| 4c Proprietary.....        | 10    | 1.00 Life Insurance.....  | 15    |
| 5c Agreement.....          | 02    | 1.50 Inland Exchange..... | 12    |
| 5c Foreign Exchange.....   | 02    | 2.00 Conveyance.....      | 10    |
| 5c Express .....           | 05    | 2.00 Mortgage.....        | 15    |
| 5c Inland Exchange.....    | 01    | 3.00 Charter Party.....   | 18    |
| 6c " .....                 | 15    | 3.00 Manifest.....        | 25    |
| 10c Bill of Lading.....    | 05    | 20.00 Conveyance.....     | 1 75  |
| 10c Foreign Exchange.....  | 30    | 1.00 blue and black ..... | 10    |
| 15c " .....                | 60    | 1.50 " " .....            | 25    |
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|                                | Unused | Used  |
|--------------------------------|--------|-------|
| 1886 5 on 25c yellow .....     | \$1 00 | \$ 75 |
| " 5 on 25c " .....             | 15     | 20    |
| " 5 on 2c brown .....          | 15     | 15    |
| " 5 on 25c black on rose ..... | 15     | 15    |
| 1888 15-15 on 30c brown .....  | 15     | 20    |

**Unpaid Letter Stamps.**

**Diagonal Surcharge, "Choëchichine."**

POSTALLY USED  
IMPERF.

| 1894.               |       |  |
|---------------------|-------|--|
| 5c black .....      | \$ 20 |  |
| 10c " .....         | 30    |  |
| 15c " .....         | 1 50  |  |
| 20c " .....         | 75    |  |
| 30c " .....         | 75    |  |
| 40c " .....         | 1 25  |  |
| 60c " .....         | 2 00  |  |
| 1fr red-brown ..... | 4 00  |  |
| 2fr " .....         | 6 00  |  |
| 5fr " .....         | 10 00 |  |

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On French Colonies stamps of 1881.

PERF. 14x13½.

|                                     | Unused  | Used  |
|-------------------------------------|---------|-------|
| 35c black on orange blue surch..... | \$12 50 |       |
| On Diego Suarez Stamps of 1892.     |         |       |
| 1c black on blue, blue surch.....   | 10 00   |       |
| 2c brown " .....                    | 10 00   |       |
| 4c claret " .....                   | 10 00   |       |
| 5c green " .....                    | 10 00   |       |
| 10c blk on lavender " .....         | 11 00   |       |
| 15c blue " .....                    | 20 00   |       |
| 20c red on green " .....            | 11 00   |       |
| 25c black on rose " .....           | 11 00   |       |
| 30c brown " .....                   | 20 00   |       |
| 40c red on straw " .....            | 17 50   |       |
| 50c carmine " .....                 | 12 50   |       |
| 75c black on orange " .....         | 12 50   |       |
| 1fr bronze green " .....            | 14 00   | 50 00 |

**Tahiti.**

| 1882.                       | IMPERF. | New     | Used |
|-----------------------------|---------|---------|------|
| 25c on 35c yellow.....      | \$10 00 | \$10 00 |      |
| 25c on 40c red .....        | 40 00   | 37 50   |      |
| 25c on 1fr brown green..... | 12 00   | 15 00   |      |

| 1884.                      | PERF. 14x13½. |       |  |
|----------------------------|---------------|-------|--|
| 5c on 20c red, green ..... | 8 00          | 10 00 |  |
| 10c on 20c red, green..... | 8 00          | 10 00 |  |

**Diagonal Surcharge, "TAHITI."**

| 1893                     | IMPERF. |         |  |
|--------------------------|---------|---------|--|
| 1c blue.....             | \$10 00 | \$40 00 |  |
| 2c brown, buff.....      | 40 00   | 40 00   |  |
| 4c green, green.....     | 50 00   | 50 00   |  |
| 4c claret, lavender..... | 40 00   | 40 00   |  |
| 35c orange.....          | 50 00   | 60 00   |  |
| 75c carmine, rose.....   | 60 00   | 80 00   |  |

**TAHITI.**

| 1893                        | PERF. 14x13½. | New     | Used |
|-----------------------------|---------------|---------|------|
| 1c blue.....                | \$25 00       | \$30 00 |      |
| 2c brown, buff.....         | 25 00         | 27 50   |      |
| 4c claret, lavender.....    | 25 00         | 27 50   |      |
| 5c green, greenish.....     | 25            | 50      |      |
| 10c lavender.....           | 30            | 75      |      |
| 15c blue.....               | 25            | 30      |      |
| 20c red, green.....         | 1 75          | 1 50    |      |
| 25c yellow, yellowish.....  | 25 00         | 25 00   |      |
| 25c rose.....               | 35            | 25      |      |
| 35c orange.....             | 35 00         | 40 00   |      |
| 75c carmine, rose.....      | 1 50          | 1 00    |      |
| 1fr brown green, straw..... | 1 50          | 1 75    |      |

**Two-line Surcharge, "1893" TAHITI.**

PERF. 14x13½.

|                             |        |        |
|-----------------------------|--------|--------|
| 5c green, greenish.....     | \$4 00 | \$5 00 |
| 10c lavender.....           | 6 00   | 7 50   |
| 15c blue.....               | 20     | 25     |
| 20c red, green.....         | 1 25   | 1 25   |
| 25c rose.....               | 1 00   | 75     |
| 75c carmine, rose.....      | 1 00   | 1 00   |
| 1fr brown green, straw..... | 1 50   | 1 50   |

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**Diagonal Surcharge, "Tahiti."**

| 1893           | IMPERF. |        |  |
|----------------|---------|--------|--|
| 1c black ..... | \$4 50  | \$5 00 |  |
| 2c " .....     | 5 00    | 6 00   |  |
| 3c " .....     | 6 00    | 6 00   |  |
| 4c " .....     | 6 00    | 6 00   |  |
| 5c " .....     | 6 00    | 6 00   |  |
| 10c " .....    | 6 00    | 6 00   |  |
| 15c " .....    | 6 00    | 6 00   |  |
| 20c " .....    | 4 00    | 4 50   |  |
| 30c " .....    | 5 00    | 5 00   |  |
| 40c " .....    | 6 00    | 6 00   |  |
| 60c " .....    | 6 00    | 6 50   |  |
| 1fr brown..... | 6 00    | 7 00   |  |
| 2fr " .....    | 7 50    | 8 00   |  |

**Two-Line Surcharge, "1893" "TAHITI."**

IMPERF.

|                 |        |        |
|-----------------|--------|--------|
| 1c black .....  | \$6 00 | \$6 00 |
| 2c " .....      | 5 00   | 5 00   |
| 3c " .....      | 5 00   | 5 00   |
| 4c " .....      | 5 00   | 5 00   |
| 5c " .....      | 4 00   | 4 50   |
| 10c " .....     | 5 00   | 5 00   |
| 15c " .....     | 5 00   | 5 00   |
| 20c " .....     | 1 75   | 1 75   |
| 30c " .....     | 5 00   | 5 00   |
| 40c " .....     | 6 00   | 6 00   |
| 60c " .....     | 5 00   | 5 50   |
| 1fr brown ..... | 6 00   | 6 50   |
| 2fr " .....     | 7 50   | 7 50   |

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## The U. S. Stamps and Envelopes, Issue of 1870.

The following document was found in our post office a short time ago, and may interest some of our readers.

### Circular to Postmasters.

Post Office Department,  
OFFICE OF THE THIRD ASSISTANT POSTMASTER GENERAL,  
APRIL 9, 1870.

### New Series of Postage Stamps.

At an early day, in the regular course of business, the Department will issue to Postmasters postage stamps of new designs.

You are required to exhaust all of the present style on hand before supplying the public with the new; and in no case will you be allowed to make exchanges for individuals, or to return stamps to the Department to be exchanged.

The Stamps now in use are not to be disregarded, but must be recognized in all cases equally with the new ones. The stamps known as the series of 1861, of which a few are supposed to be yet outstanding, are also to be recognized. Those issued prior to the commencement of the War of the Rebellion were long since declared to be valueless.

Special attention is called to the fact that each sheet of all denominations of the new series contain but 100 stamps. This must be borne

in mind, to prevent mistakes in counting, as in the present issue some of the denominations have 150 stamps to the sheet.

Special requests for the new style of stamps will be disregarded until the stock of the present issue in possession of the Department is exhausted.

### New Series of Stamped Envelopes.

About the first of July next, the Department will commence the issue of a new series of stamped envelopes, and a new newspaper wrapper. The stamps will be of the same designs and colors as the new postage stamps of corresponding denominations. The shape of the stamps embossed on the envelope and wrapper will be oval. The new postage stamps are oblong.

As the new envelopes and wrappers will be issued under a new contract, it is expected that they can be furnished to the public of a superior quality, and at rates considerably cheaper than those now in use. It is therefore enjoined that you limit your orders from the Department for the current quarter to barely sufficient to last until its close; in the meantime using every effort in your power to dispose of your present stock.

A full description of the new envelopes and wrappers, with a schedule of prices, will be sent you upon

completion of the arrangements now in progress for their issue.

Postmasters are instructed to use all reasonable means to encourage the use of stamped envelopes with "return request" printed thereon. The utility of the "return request system" has been conclusively demonstrated, embodying as it does, "celerity, certainty, and security," and its general adoption will greatly relieve the public from annoying delays, and the Dead Letter Office of heavy labor and expense.

The new stamped envelope will be furnished in different varieties and qualities, and at such reasonable prices as will induce their use generally in preference to the ordinary unstamped envelopes.

#### Description of New Postage Stamps.

APRIL, 1870.

One Cent.—Franklin; profile bust, after Rubrecht. Color: Imperial Ultramarine Blue.

Two Cents.—Jackson; profile bust after Powers. Color: Velvet Brown.

Three Cents.—Washington; profile bust, after Houdon. Color: Milori Green.

Six Cents.—Lincoln; profile bust, after Volk. Color: Cochineal Red.

Ten Cents.—Jefferson; profile bust, after Powers' Statue. Color: Chocolate.

Twelve Cents.—Clay; profile bust, after Hart. Color: Neutral Tint (Purple.)

Fifteen Cents.—Webster; profile bust, after Clevenger. Color: Orange.

Twenty-four Cents.—Scott; profile bust, after Coffee. Color: Pure Purple.

Thirty Cents.—Hamilton; profile bust, after Cerrachi. Color: Black.

Ninety Cents.—Commodore O. H. Perry; profile but, after Wolcott's Statue. Color: Carmine.

W. H. H. TERRELL,

Third Assistant Postmaster General.

The semi-occasional appearance of *The International Stamp* places the Sons of Philatelia in a bad condition as regards publication of official reports. If the *International Stamp* does not appear regularly we think that the Journalship ought to be changed to a paper that will issue on time.—*Home Worker*.

Yes brother and there are many more kicking also. Most of them too would prefer a paper that has something more to recommend it when it does come out than 2 or 3 pages of reading and 2 colors of ink.

#### A Suggestion.

Comment upon the Colman case the editor of the *Philatelic Californian* say:

"When the Bureau of Engraving and Printing succeeded in obtaining the contract for printing the postage stamps, all plates, dies, rolls, etc., in the possession of the American Bank Note Company would necessarily be turned over to the bureau. To ascertain the condition of these plates a trial sheet would be struck off to enable the officers of the bureau to form a correct judgment.

It is these sheets that we believe have gone astray. This would make the stamps in question partake of the nature of proofs.

How many other plates of the various denominations besides those of the periodical stamps were tested in the same way is a query that we scarcely dare to make, because of the vast possibilities it opens up before us.

Some time ago large blocks of the lower values of the 1890 issues were offered imperforated and found ready sale. They were undoubtedly a similar lot of stamps that leaked out before.

Once before there was a similar occasion, when a large number of plates, dies, rolls, etc., were delivered to the government, and most likely a similar procedure was followed. In January, 1885, a special committee was appointed to destroy the stock of obsolete department stamps and uncurrent postage-stamps, and also to destroy all plates, rolls, etc., of such uncurrent and obsolete stamps, reserving, however, one working plate of each denomination and value, which were then waxed and sealed, and sent to Washington. This naturally suggests an inquiry into the status of the premier-gravures and the reissue of the 1870 set by the American Bank Note Co. and leads to the question "Were these possibly of a similar origin? We offer this as a suggestion and hope that the subject may be cleared up."

### About Reprints.

An important or interesting question about which a great deal has been written, is "Should Reprints be Collected?" We are sorry to say that the numerous debates that were held in reference to this subject, have not brought us to any result. Several large stamp firms have commenced lately to announce that they have the intention not to carry any reprints in future, but is such a proscribing procedure not too rude?

Though we do not desire to plead in favor of reprints it appears to us in no way reprehensible why a collector should not place a reprint in his album here and there on a space of a very expensive original which his financial ability would not permit to obtain.

It is natural that we mean those reprints only that are printed from the original plates and not the pri-

vate "Counterfeit reprints" (as for instance those of Alsace-Lorraine, Romagna, South African Republic, etc.)

At all events the collecting of reprints should take place in a limited proportion. If for instance for completing his collection at little expense and in a short time a collector fills his Heligoland spaces with but reprints, we have to condemn this action, but if a philatelist is in possession of a large number of the originals of this island, and puts a few reprints in the places of the more expensive values, (as for instance  $\frac{1}{2}$  and 1sh of the 1st issue) he should meet hardly any objection.

That the much abused reprints are by no means always such valueless pictures as which they are often represented the United States and France give us certainly evidence enough.

In our humble opinion this question in regard to reprints should be answered the best that the collecting of these impressions from original plates is not to disapprove at all *if kept within bounds*; then, how many collectors are not able to obtain certain stamps, for instance Antioquia 1st issue, Reunion 1st issue, etc., etc., in original and why should they not be satisfied "faute micux" with reprints?

Fully to condemn and most vigorously to suppress are the Fac-similes. Here we have to deal with worthless colored pictures which degrade a stamp-collection to a regular picture book. These counterfeits would be more preferable if for instance those fraudulent stamps of Naples are concerned which at that time passed the hands of the post-office-authorities *unnoticed* and provided with a genuine post-mark or cancellation are now attracting the attention of the philatelic world in so high a degree.

Whoever buys reprints and mounts them into the album should make a little mark below the stamp, perhaps a little R. Not only that it be an allusion for the owner himself, but also the connoisseur who is accidentally looking at such an album, will be acquiesced to learn that the possessor of this collection is well acquainted with his treasures.

When the first reprints have seen the light of the philatelic world they came into favor with the collector as well as the dealer. They were filling a long-felt want and of course were existing with the originals as equivalent.'

As long as the philatelic market was furnished with these reprints to a limited extent by the officials of the different governments, the matter was going on quietly and in peace and nobody considered a reprint as a stumbling block or still less as the bane of the album.

Not before certain authorities manufactured reprints in very large quantities for speculative dealers and original plates were sold to private parties who now were making reprints like sand in the ocean, the collector began to start at such kind of business.

As this side of the nature of reprints has certainly its shady side it was easy to declare war and in this way the storm became flowing which banished all reprints on account of a few.

EMIL A. STIGELER.

### Etchings.

Extract from a 20th century ghost story: And as I sat before the fire, gazing dreamily at the portrait of Washington on a fifty cent third issue revenue stamp, the night grew darker and the wind blew more frightfully outside. The gleams of light from the blazing logs flickering over the features of

the memorable George, seemed to cause expressions to come and go. It was as if he winked at me, as much as to say "between you and me." All at once as I gazed, the portrait began to turn as if on a secret hinge. I watched in amazement. Slowly around it swung until it paused half way around, with the head of the picture down, and before me appeared—an inverted medallion."

An essay on roast periodicals; Those who have read Charles Lamb's satire, "An Essay on Roast Pig" will appreciate the following which is not fiction but truth. A certain advanced collector in one of our large Western cities discovered at a small post-office a large lot of periodicals. The postmaster would not sell at first but as both parties were members of a secret society and they got enthusiastically warmed up with anecdotes and "days of '49" whiskey, gradually the wishes of the collector prevailed over the duty of the P. M. and when they parted the collector had in his possession several hundred dollars worth of periodicals. He had paid the postmaster face value and a nominal premium for these and there was an understanding between them that a small fire should occur in the post-office which should apparently destroy the periodicals, whereupon the postmaster could only be held liable to the P. O. D. for the face value of the stamps. Now that I have made known one of the many ways and means obtainable with honest (?) postmasters who will not plead ignorance of the laws, we may expect conflagrations all over the land, unless perhaps the recent fiasco at Washington has demoralized the periodical market.

Our inventive mind has of late been at work on perfecting a philate-



telic coat on which we shall probably soon apply for a patent. As a hunting-jacket is designed to meet all the needs of a Nimrod, so is this expected to fill a "long-felt want" of stamp collectors. Its chief feature, of course, is its pockets. On one side is a pocket designed to carry Scott's catalogue, while on the other side one is built to contain a stock book. Two breast pockets are fitted for the carrying of entire envelopes and postal cards respectively. The two inside pockets will be for approval sheets and packets, while two long and narrow pockets on either side near the lapel will conveniently hold a millimeter scale and a pair of stamp tongs. A belt consisting of flat links about the size of a large stamp and each one opening like a thin locket, encircles the coat at the waist and in it may be secured such rarities as traveling philatelists find necessary to carry with them. From this belt at one side depends a short sheath to hold a magnifying glass. As to the material of the coat, we have not yet just decided on it but it must be some gray or somber color that will not readily show the dust and dirt accumulated in searching among the cobwebs of old garrets for Brattleboros and Millburys. The buttons contain the initials of the society or societies to which the collector belongs. These are the principal details of my idea to which new ones may be added before model is sent to the patent bureau. I have no doubt that every philatelist will at once see the convenience and usefulness of such a coat and as soon as I am prepared to put them on the market shall expect heavy sales.

And if they had? As reported: "As the appointed hour drew near a vast concourse of people assem-

bled in the vicinity of the Electric Light works, the idea having spread that when the stamps were thrown into the furnace they would be drawn up the flue by the heavy draught of air and distributed over the adjoining country." The foregoing is in re the recent official holocaust of obsolete Hawaiian stamps. And if the expectations of the eager crowd outside had been realized and the stamps drawn up the smoke-stack and rained down like manna on the waiting Kanakas! What an interesting chapter would have been added to philatelic history! It would have far surpassed the late Nova Scotia fiasco and the history of the drop in prices of the Hawaiian provisionals and how the officials were foiled would years hence be told to our grand-children as a sample of what philately was in the olden time. But the draught failed to perform its part and all the indrawn breaths of the anxious outsiders failed to draw the stamps out and so an opportunity is lost, a story is spoiled, for all of which let us be truly thankful.

CHARLES E. JENNY.

#### Philadelphia Notes.

One of the stamps that you very seldom see except at auction, and very few of them there, is the Philadelphia Carrier 1c red—on buff—this is getting to be a very scarce stamp, and is hardly ever to be obtained in good condition.

This city holds quite a number of the 50c second issue inverted medalion. All dealers have them, and one dealer was offered as many as five in one week, all by different parties.

During the coming May term of Court H. M. Porter, of this city, will be tried on the charge of ob-

taining money and stamps and never making returns for them. To my mind this class of frauds are tempted and encouraged to a great extent by dealers who send out unsolicited approval sheets. While it is true that dealers on the whole are more careful than in the past, still there are plenty of collectors that receive selections of common trash, Seebecks and similar stuff, that never knew the sender was in business until they see his sheets.

At the first auction sale held in London on March 18th, 1872, the 30c, 1869, inverted medallion brought \$9.00. At the Leavy sale held on March 15 and 16, at the Collector's Club in New York City this same stamp brought \$440.00. Think of a jump of \$431.00 in 25 years.

The 82d sale of the Bogert & Durbin Co., was held on the 24th. Prices averaged very fair. Below are a few quotations of the better class.

|                                      |        |
|--------------------------------------|--------|
| Horseman car. 1 "sent" on cov        | \$9.25 |
| 90c 1860 unused                      | 9.00   |
| 3c grilled all over                  | 9.10   |
| 90c '69 used                         | 11.00  |
| \$1.00 Columbian unused              | 3.00   |
| 5c Newspaper, blue border            | 11.00  |
| 90c State unused                     | 7.75   |
| \$2.00 "                             | 15.00  |
| \$1.30 Foreign Ex. imp.              | 29.00  |
| \$2.00 U. S. I. R. imperf. cut close | 12.00  |
| Nova Scotia 8½c white paper used     | 1.80   |

A collector of this city was shown a good copy of the \$2.50, 3rd issue, inverted medallion, the other day. This is a very desirable stamp and is worth anywhere from \$100.00 to \$175.00.

The article by C. Crawford relating to the S. S. S. S. which appeared in the March number of this

magazine has created a little stir in gossiping circles, the idea prevailing here that Mr. Crawford has had "his corns tread upon." Perhaps he had a little interest in some issue that was condemned by the S. S. S. QUAKER.

### The Press.

The *New York Philatelist* begins a new volume with the April number just at hand, 12 pages and cover. It is always neat and newsy and deserves the patronage of honest collectors and dealers and we think is getting a good share of it.

The *Detroit Philatelist* has appeared, (8 pages and cover) edited and published by W. H. Kessler, Jr., and the official organ of the Michigan Philatelic Society. It has our best wishes.

Among other good solid articles in the *Philatelic Californian* we find a tabulated list of Department Stamps printed and the remainders destroyed by fire in February 1885, by order of the Third Assistant Postmaster General. We reprint portion of an editorial elsewhere.

The *Lone Star Philatelist* for March is at hand a decided improvement over previous issues.

The *Young Collector* seems to be prospering, and now comes to us in a lavender cover, with lots of interesting matter for the beginner.

The publishers of *The Philatelic World* of Calcutta, India, who had evidently forgotten to place us on their exchange list, have sent us the 6 numbers from July to December 1896, and we have been enjoying the contents. To get six pieces of pie at one meal is rather rich. We will try and find room in next issue for some of the plums we found.

### Received.

J. N. Bartels & Co.'s First Complete Catalogue and Reference List of the Stamped Envelopes, Wrappers and Letter Sheets, regularly issued by the U. S. 1853-97. This long looked for work will be hailed with delight by the collector of entires and the publishers must be congratulated for such a neat comprehensive and valuable publication. Of course,

like all other catalogues ever published, it cannot be absolutely relied upon in the matter of prices, as the latter vary with supply and demand. The Purcell Envelopes have been advertised at various prices for the past year and are here priced quite conservatively and we think, at very near their actual values.

Priced Catalogue of P. M. Wolsieffer's April 9th and 10th Auction Sale. Total of sale, \$3,145.95. This was the collection of Mr. Bingham. The unused block of 4-90c 1869, brought \$105, 3c scarlet \$42, \$2 state \$26.25, \$5 state \$124, \$10 state \$63.50, and \$20 state, \$61.55, and 90c Justice (off center) \$29.30. The unchronicled Antaugaville Provisional stamped Envelope brought the neat little sum of \$439.50. The revenues and foreign sold at fairly good prices.

"Philatelia," a philatelic novel by Herbert Irely Watts, is a well written pamphlet. Stamp collecting, adventure and love-making are bended together in a pleasing little narrative. The printer has made some annoying errors, but all in all it is quite creditable to the author.

The Year Book of The American Stamp Exchange, published by M. Cornish, with the approval of the Board. It is a neat and artistic production, contains a list of the membership of this conservative body of collectors (94) and the history, plans and purposes of the organization.

Catalogue of R. F. Albrecht & Co.'s 43rd Sale, April 28th and 29th, also Geo. R. Tuttle's 6th Sale, May 4th and 5th, both to be held at Collector's Club Building. William P. Brown's 3rd Sale, May 1st, 301 Broadway, N. Y.

Price List No. 7 of stamps, Packets and Albums, also catalogue of U. S. stamps from the J. T. Starr Stamp Co.

Neat Price List of Entire Stamped Envelopes from Joe F. Beard, cheerfully sent to any address for 2c postage.

### Personal.

Mr. J. N. Bartels will make a trip to Europe, starting about the middle of May. He will take along some good stamps and we shall all be interested in what he brings back.

Gardner R. Kennedy, who has been ill, writes us that he is feeling much better.

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J. F. DODGE,

Editor and Proprietor,

NEW OXFORD, PA.

Entered at the Post Office at New Oxford, Pa., for transmission through the mails at Second class rates November, 1896.

THOUGH only ten days have elapsed since mailing last issue, we are sending off copy for this issue to the printer so as to gain a little of the time lost from various causes. This necessitates neglect of some matters, and a smaller issue, as correspondents have not had time to cover their respective fields, and advertisers have not had time to get copy to us. The May issue will go to press about May 15th and advertisers should take note of this in order not to get left as some have been this time.

IN general there does not seem to be much improvement in the amount of cash sales reported. Some dealers report increased sales, while others still complain of poor business. We notice some of the latter class are those who advertise but little, or do so injudiciously, using a great deal of space in papers, a large part of whose circulation is

“sample copy” distribution and in which our own advertising has been very unsatisfactory. Offering what the people want in papers of established circulation, in an attractive manner and at a proper price, is bound to pay the dealer whether times are good or bad. But there is one thing further to consider in the choice of papers and magazines. One that has very little reading matter of interest to the collector and overflows with advertisements will seldom bring satisfactory results.

WE have noticed that a few publishers are laying great stress on the fact that they have seldom (if ever) allowed any reprinted matter to be published in their respective journals. Well we still continue to copy matter occasionally from other papers as we are not yet so conceited as to think some one else cannot write as good if not better articles than ourselves.

H. M. PORTER, alias W. F. Morton et. al., of Philadelphia, is at last behind the bars for which stamp dealers may congratulate themselves. We have done our best to hunt this scoundrel down and his threats of a libel suit did not worry us in the least.

AN unsolicited letter from one of our subscribers has some good things about it and we are going to give a few extracts from it. After congratulating the editor on the contents of the last issue, he writes, “I take a great many philatelic papers and nearly all of them seem to be conducted in the interest of the dealer and speculator. I don't know as I should include the really honest dealer, as his interests (if he



can only see them) are identical with the honest collector. My experience has shown me that nothing hurts an enterprise or a business so much in the end as to give it a boom. Work up unnatural demand and prices and when the reaction comes, everybody is disgusted and many quit the whole thing. Stamp collecting is no exception to the rule. Some few make it a science, but most of us use it as a pastime for amusement and recreation. Take for instance the late revenue boom; I, and I presume many others, can see the harm it has done already and the reaction has only commenced.

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"Collectors of limited means who have not the privilege of personal acquaintance with those who are better versed in the methods employed by the average dealer is urged to buy a set of Nova Scotia remainders right quick (as the price will be raised before you get your money in if you don't hurry) and the papers to keep the good will of their advertisers advise you in the same manner.

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"The poor collector of the small towns is continually being 'worked' (generally with the help of the papers) by his more fortunate brother in the larger cities.

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"A friend of mine who was not interested in stamps went to Africa last fall, and I instructed him to procure for me some of the surcharged stamps used and unused. Imagine my disgust when I got his letter saying he could not get any as they were all made for dealers in London, and that the postmaster advised him to send there to get them. He added that he would try

to get acquainted with some of the post office officials and ask them to save him a few out of the next lot they printed."

Now fellow collectors isn't this a sad commentary on the state of affairs in British colonies? Do you wonder at the lack of interest in the surcharged stamps of these countries and the varieties of perforations? The speculator-dealer is killing the goose that lays the golden egg.

PERHAPS you didn't see this item in the *Philatelic Monthly and World* which verifies what our friend writes us:

"We recently received a letter from a postmaster in South Africa, saying that he had no more of a certain kind of surcharged stamp but in the same envelope was enclosed another letter written in his private capacity saying he could supply the surcharged stamps desired at certain prices. Compared with certain postmasters, Mr. Seebeck is an angel."

The Tobago error (?) is something after this same sort we judge, and we are glad the matter is under official investigation.

WELL, well, our genial friend Kissinger after resigning from several other good societies, organizes a new one, The National Philatelic Association, C. W. Kissinger, president, of course.

WE are sorry to see the advertisement of the Cleveland Novelty Co., offering sensational books in a contemporary. We declined their ad. and had hoped that all other papers would do the same. The evil influences of this class of reading matter cannot be estimated.

THAT was quite a little surprise the sale of the collection of Mr. F. W. Ager, of Bangor, Me., to Stanley Gibbons, Ltd., at somewhere near a quarter of a million dollars.

“ISN'T it about time that a collector was placed in charge of the sales department of the American? There has always been more or less trouble and kicking when a dealer has been at the head of this important department and the recent investigation would tend to the conclusion that the present administration has been no exception to the rule. It is time the members elected one of their own number and it is rumored that a prominent collector of the twin cities, who has had considerable experience of the sort required, will make the run. Mr. Mekeel is out of it and will not seek a re-election.”

This is from the editorial columns of Mr. Achard's paper, *The Philatelic Newsletter*, and in another paper we read that Mr. Geo. W. Achard ought to step into Mr. Mekeel's shoes. Ahem! We believe Mr. Achard had “some experience” with the exchange department of the S. of P. some 3 or 4 years ago, but the last we heard was that he had not balanced his account, or shown any disposition to do so.

THAT breezy independent magazine from the other side of the pond, *The Stamp Collector's Fortnightly* has just arrived and we quote the following that should be of interest to all collectors.

“JUBILEE” RUBBISH FROM LABUAN

On the eve of going to press we received communication from one of our little birds in Labuan to the effect that on the occasion of the 50

years anniversary of the Island being occupied by England, 10,000 sets of the current issue were surcharged “LABUAN 1846, JUBILEE 1896,” and actually fifty sets were sold over the counter by the post office. 9950, however, were promptly sold to a London dealer, all *postmarked to order*, and are now being offered in this market.

They are *utter rubbish* and only made to sell, and we strongly warn our readers to have nothing whatever to do with them. We do not as yet know the name of the London dealer, but shall no doubt be able to give this gentleman's name in our next. We have a shrewd suspicion, however, that this is not the first transaction of a speculative kind engineered by this party.

THIS number completes our second volume and we wish to thank our readers and advertisers for their generous support, and their kind words of encouragement. We wish to make this magazine still more welcome to our readers and as additional support is received we shall endeavor to reciprocate by making it one that every honest collector will want as a regular visitor.

IF you like this magazine, show it to your friends, call their attention to the offer on the front cover or send us a list of names of those you think would be likely to subscribe, and we will be pleased to send to all such a specimen copy.

A FRIEND of ours has recently been offered the complete set of unused Newspaper stamps 1c to \$100.00 for \$100.00. Is there another Colman scandal coming to light.

## The Columbian Philatelic Society.

## OFFICERS FOR 1897.

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## PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

As only 3 weeks have elapsed since last report, society news is brief this month. Again illness has fallen to my lot and hindered society work. I am pleased to see some of our members adding new applicants to our list, and trust all of these will continue the good work and many others assist them. Two more of our applicants have been objected to, and the trustees will weigh the matter carefully. I feel encouraged in knowing the members are guarding the portals. We want a clean membership and I believe we have thus far a higher quality than any other society in America excepting only one, and fully equal to that one. Let every member take an active interest in securing only reliable additions.

Yours for the C. P. S.,

J. F. DODGE, Pres.

New Oxford, Pa., April 24th, 1897.

## SPECIAL NOTICE.

**If your dues for 1897 are unpaid and you wish to receive the next issue of this magazine you must send them to the Secretary at once. Look the matter up, or you may find your name among the list of suspensions in next issue.**

## NEW MEMBERS.

- 243 J. M. Reuber, 134 Arlington-ave., Pittsburg, Pa.  
 244 E. M. Waite, 17 Wilnot-st., Portland, Me.  
 245 Siegfried Schachne, 16 East 87-th., N. Y. city.  
 246 Arthur W. Drew, Tempe, Ariz.  
 247 Erwin L. Shove, Unionville, N. Y.  
 248 Objected to. Referred to Trustees.  
 249 W. W. MacLaren, 120 West 14th-st., N. Y. city.  
 250 W. O. Bontwell, Orange Park, Fla.  
 251 Henry C. Crowell, Box 50, Greenville, O.  
 252 Alfred E. Cole, Plainfield, N. J.  
 253 Objected to. Referred to Trustees.  
 254 Henry A. Chapman, Box 18, Hartford, Ct.  
 255 Geo. C. Baker, 115 Lancaster-st., Albany, N. Y.  
 256 Winfield S. Sisson, 325 Broadway, Newport, R. I.  
 257 W. Herman Wiseman, Millbury, Mass.  
 258 Dr. A. P. Mason, Box 24, Fitchburg, Mass.  
 259 D. E. McCurdy, Crickmer, W. Va.  
 260 Robert Schade, 619 2nd-st., Milwaukee, Wis.  
 261 Herman Seyferth, 1119 Walnut-st., Milwaukee, Wis.  
 262 William Gehrs, 544 20th-st., Milwaukee, Wis.  
 263 Otto Demien, 936 21st-st., Milwaukee, Wis.

264 John Arlt, Des Moines, Iowa.  
 265 R. P. Rickenbacher, 123 G-st., N. W. Washington, D. C.

266 Jos. H. Lullen, Houna, La.  
 267 H. E. Willis, 12 Liberty-st., Brockton, Mass.  
 268 J. M. Bartels, 439 9th-st., Washington, D. C.  
 269 Frederick W. Bradley, 617 14th-st., N. W., Washington, D. C.  
 270 H. C. Goetz, 1611 1/2 Cold Spring-ave., Milwaukee, Wis.

271 Emil Gerlick, New Braunfels, Tex.  
 272 Geo. C. Tennant, 606 West 10th-st., Chester, Pa.  
 273 Frank L. Kerns, Box 290, Richmond, Va.

Most of the above have paid their dues, but there are a few who have not. Those who have done so have received their membership cards, and those who are still owing the society for their dues will receive same upon receipt of the amount, 25 cents, to January 1, 1898. I trust that all who have not remitted their dues will do so at once. The new rule relative to sending the dues with the application has been pretty generally observed, but there are still some who fail to act in accordance with the request therein set forth. I trust that next month there will be no one who has not complied with this rule.

## APPLICATIONS

I have received the following applications together with accompanying references, the age and occupation of each being given:

A. J. Turner, Stockton, Calif., 38, Liveryman.  
 Mary E. Carroll, J. J. Quinn.

C. M. Weber, 125 Commercial Levee, Weber Pl., Stockton, Calif., 45, Real Estate. Mary E. Carroll, J. H. Weber.

Ray L. Alexander, Richmond, Ill., 22, Drugs, Books, &c. J. F. Dodge, W. E. Burton.

John D. Walker, 222 Hudson-ave., Albany, N. Y. Books and stamps. Chas. F. Bridge, J. F. Dodge.

R. A. McCulloch, Henderson-ave., New Brighton, N. Y., 22. Ben L. Morris, P. F. Irving.

A. J. Mietzel, 511 Main-st., Muscatine, Iowa, 26, Salesman. J. F. Dodge, Moses B. Page.

T. M. Drossner, 508 Bergen-ave., Jersey City, N. J., 49. Chas. E. Shaw, M. Drossner, M. D.

I. C. Green, Box 311, Fitchburg, Mass., 29, Supt. Ice Co., Fred P. Holt, Atherton P. Mason.

Robert C. Beers, Hartford, Conn., 26, Book-keeper. Fred P. Holt, Leo Fritter.

W. B. Wilkins, Box 585, Omaha, Neb., 43, Ass't chief clerk. J. F. Dodge, Geo. B. Eddy.

Edward Kilham, care of Crane Co., Los Angeles, Calif., 38, Book-keeper. J. F. Dodge, H. L. Hough.

Philip M. Wolsieffer, 201 So. Clark-st., Chicago, Ill., 38, Music Publisher. J. F. Dodge, Leo Fitter.

Theodore S. Kinn, 3019 No. Clark-st., Chicago, Ill., 21, clerk. W. J. Parker, E. Behles.

The above applications will be accepted, provided no sufficient objections are received, within one month from date. Membership cards will then be sent to those who have paid their dues. Those who have not done so will be notified by postal card and be expected to remit at once the dues to January 1, 1898 (25 cents). The secretary would consider it a great favor if remittances were made in silver or by money-order.

## RESIGNATIONS RECEIVED.

15 J. O. Jones, Wyman, Ark.

## DUES NOTICE.

The attention of all members who became such before the first of July, 1896, is hereby called to the fact that their dues for the year 1897 [to January 1, 1898] are now due and payable at once, without any further notice from me. The amount is 25 cents. Please attend to this matter at

once. The Treasury of the Society is in sore need of funds and you should not delay in settling this matter. All who are affected by this notice will stand suspended if their dues are not paid within a reasonable time from date. Attend to this matter today.

Yours for the C. P. S.,  
LEO FRITTER, Sec.-Treas.,  
Columbus, O., April 24, 1897.

#### EXCHANGE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

There is nothing particular to say about my department. In response to my appeal for more names for circuits. I have received one new one. Have sent out 11 circuits, and have closed 3, settled. Most of the members are very prompt in forwarding books and remittances, for which I wish to thank them. Have several low priced books on hand which I could use to advantage had I some more names with medium sized collections.

FRED P. HOLT, Ex. Supt.

#### SEE OFFER ON FRONT COVER.

##### PRIZE OFFERS.

To every member who adds 8 new members whose applications are published in the March, April and May issues, the president offers an envelope priced by Scott cut square at \$1.00.

If 12 new members are secured an envelope priced at \$1.50 by Scott.

If 15 new members an envelope price \$2.50 by Scott.

All envelopes are entire and unused. The applicants must be fully paid, philatelists and not objected to by our membership.

In addition Wm. S. Devlin, our newly appointed vice president for Pennsylvania, offers one year subscription to the "Penny" to any who wins the above prizes and Mr. W. J. Parker, vice-president for Wisconsin, will also present to each successful competitor an unused 3 and 5c water-marked Due stamp. Now make the secretary hustle.

### Connecticut Philatelic Society.

#### OFFICERS FOR 1897.

President—Geo. B. Klebes, Sharon Valley.  
Vice-Pres.—Franklin S. Cook, Bridgeport.  
Secretary—Fred P. Holt, Hartford.  
Treas.—J. H. Davis, Waterbury.  
Ex. Supt.—Robt. C. Beers, Hartford.  
Official Journal—The Columbian Philatelist.

#### SECRETARY'S REPORT.

##### NEW MEMBERS.

- 27 Leo Fritter, 32 N. Grant-ave., Columbus, O.  
28 T. S. Bronson, 58 Dwight Place, New Haven, Conn.  
29 Fred S. Smith, Chester, Conn.  
30 Edw. F. Weed, Rowayton P. O., Conn.  
31 E. H. Moody, 50 Niles-st., Hartford, Conn.

If those who have not already done so will send 25c dues, they will receive their membership cards.

##### APPLICATION.

Henry H. Wilson, Ansonia, Conn., age 29, book-keeper. Refs., J. P. Dodge, F. P. Holt.

If no objection is made within 30 days, the above will receive his membership card upon receipt of 25c dues.

FRED P. HOLT, Sec'y.

### Ipswich Philatelic Society.

#### IPSWICH, SO. DAK.

President—Mrs. J. S. Smith.  
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Secretary—M. P. Beebe, Jr.  
Treas.—Helen Smith.  
Librarian & Auction M'gr—S. E. Smith.  
Counterfeit Detector—J. F. Dodge.

Official Journal—The Columbian Philatelist.  
Twelfth-fifth regular meeting of the Ipswich Philatelic Society on March 1st. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. One of the members showed a fine collection of stamps. Some stamps were exchanged.

The twenty-sixth regular meeting of the Ipswich Philatelic Society was held on March 20th, minutes of last meeting read and approved. Several selections of stamps were shown. Sales list Harold J. Baker was dropped for non-payment of dues.

W. P. BEEBE, JR., Secy.

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Librarian, Miss S. S. Bowen.  
Exch. Mgr., H. L. Taylor.  
Official Journal, The Columbian Philatelist.

The club starts out with 17 charter members and the above board of officers with good prospects of a large and enthusiastic local organization.

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Exchange Superintendent—John Skinner.  
Official Journal—The Columbian Philatelist.

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|                         |        |
|-------------------------|--------|
| 1851, 10c on cover..... | \$ .45 |
| 1857, 10c on cover..... | .25    |
| 1851, 1c.....           | .15    |
| 1870, 1c.....           | .20    |
| 1873, 3c ribbed.....    | .25    |

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| 1000 " " " ".....                     | .25   |
| 1000 selected " ".....                | 1.00  |

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| 1c '75 to '82                  |           | " 10,000 | .....    | 1 50 |
| 3c '75 to '82                  | } Per 100 | .....    | 25       |      |
| 8c green, '72-73<br>hard paper |           | " 1000   | .....    | 1 75 |
|                                |           | per 100  | per 1000 |      |
| 1c 1887                        |           | \$ 10    | \$ 40    |      |
| 2c Columbian                   |           | 05       | 30       |      |
| 1c "                           |           | 10       | 75       |      |
| 1c 1872 (catalogue 15c each)   | per 10    | .....    | 15       |      |
| 1c 1873 " 5c "                 | " 100     | .....    | 25       |      |

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|--------------------------|--------|-------|
| 1886 5 on 25c yellow     | \$1 00 | \$ 75 |
| " 5 on 25c "             | 15     | 20    |
| " 5 on 2c brown          | 15     | 15    |
| " 5 on 25c black on rose | 15     | 15    |
| 1888 15-15 on 30c brown  | 15     | 20    |

**Unpaid Letter Stamps.**

**Diagonal Surcharge, "Cochinchine."**

POSTALLY USED  
IMPERF.

| 1894.         |  |       |
|---------------|--|-------|
| 5c black      |  | \$ 20 |
| 10c "         |  | 30    |
| 15c "         |  | 1 50  |
| 20c "         |  | 75    |
| 30c "         |  | 75    |
| 40c "         |  | 1 25  |
| 60c "         |  | 2 00  |
| 1fr red-brown |  | 4 00  |
| 2fr "         |  | 6 00  |
| 5fr "         |  | 10 00 |

**STE. MARIE DE MADAGASCAR.**

Provisional issue of April 1894. Name of the country in double circle surcharged in blue.

On French Colonies stamps of 1881.

PERF. 14x13 1/2.

| 35c black on orange blue surch. | Unused  | Used |
|---------------------------------|---------|------|
|                                 | \$12 50 |      |

On Diego Suarez Stamps of 1892.

|                               |       |       |
|-------------------------------|-------|-------|
| 1c black on blue, blue surch. | 10 00 |       |
| 2c brown "                    | 10 00 |       |
| 4c claret "                   | 10 00 |       |
| 5c green "                    | 10 00 |       |
| 10c blk on lavender "         | 11 00 |       |
| 15c blue "                    | 20 00 |       |
| 20c red on green "            | 11 00 |       |
| 25c black on rose "           | 11 00 |       |
| 30c brown "                   | 20 00 |       |
| 40c red on straw "            | 17 50 |       |
| 50c carmine "                 | 12 50 |       |
| 75c black on orange "         | 12 50 |       |
| 1fr bronze green "            | 14 00 | 50 00 |

**Tahiti.**

| 1882.                  | IMPERF. | New     | Used    |
|------------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| 25c on 35c yellow      |         | \$10 00 | \$10 00 |
| 25c on 40c red         |         | 40 00   | 37 50   |
| 25c on 1fr brown green |         | 12 00   | 15 00   |

| 1884.                 | PERF. 14x13 1/2. |      |       |
|-----------------------|------------------|------|-------|
| 5c on 20c red, green  |                  | 8 00 | 10 00 |
| 10c on 20c red, green |                  | 8 00 | 10 00 |

**Diagonal Surcharge, "TAHITI."**

| 1893                | IMPERF. |         |         |
|---------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| 1c blue             |         | \$40 00 | \$40 00 |
| 2c brown, buff      |         | 40 00   | 40 00   |
| 4c green, green     |         | 50 00   | 50 00   |
| 4c claret, lavender |         | 40 00   | 40 00   |
| 35c orange          |         | 50 00   | 60 00   |
| 75c carmine, rose   |         | 60 00   | 80 00   |

**TAHITI.**

| 1893                   | PERF. 14x13 1/2. | New     | Used    |
|------------------------|------------------|---------|---------|
| 1c blue                |                  | \$25 00 | \$30 00 |
| 2c brown, buff         |                  | 25 00   | 27 50   |
| 4c claret, lavender    |                  | 25 00   | 27 50   |
| 5c green, greenish     |                  | 25      | 50      |
| 10c lavender           |                  | 30      | 75      |
| 15c blue               |                  | 25      | 30      |
| 20c red, green         |                  | 1 75    | 1 50    |
| 25c yellow, yellowish  |                  | 25 00   | 25 00   |
| 25c rose               |                  | 35      | 25      |
| 35c orange             |                  | 35 00   | 40 00   |
| 75c carmine, rose      |                  | 1 50    | 1 00    |
| 1fr brown green, straw |                  | 1 50    | 1 75    |

**Two-line Surcharge, "1893"**

PERF. 14x13 1/2.

|                        |        |        |
|------------------------|--------|--------|
| 5c green, greenish     | \$4 00 | \$5 00 |
| 10c lavender           | 6 00   | 7 50   |
| 15c blue               | 20     | 25     |
| 20c red, green         | 1 25   | 1 25   |
| 25c rose               | 1 00   | 75     |
| 75c carmine, rose      | 1 00   | 1 00   |
| 1fr brown green, straw | 1 50   | 1 50   |

**UNPAID LETTER STAMPS.**

**Diagonal Surcharge, "Tahiti."**

| 1893      | IMPERF. |        |        |
|-----------|---------|--------|--------|
| 1c black  |         | \$4 50 | \$5 00 |
| 2c "      |         | 5 00   | 6 00   |
| 3c "      |         | 6 00   | 6 00   |
| 4c "      |         | 6 00   | 6 00   |
| 5c "      |         | 6 00   | 6 00   |
| 10c "     |         | 6 00   | 6 00   |
| 15c "     |         | 6 00   | 6 00   |
| 20c "     |         | 4 00   | 4 50   |
| 30c "     |         | 5 00   | 5 00   |
| 40c "     |         | 6 00   | 6 00   |
| 60c "     |         | 6 00   | 6 50   |
| 1fr brown |         | 6 00   | 7 00   |
| 2fr "     |         | 7 50   | 8 00   |

**Two-Line Surcharge, "TAHITI."**

IMPERF.

|           |        |        |
|-----------|--------|--------|
| 1c black  | \$6 00 | \$6 00 |
| 2c "      | 5 00   | 5 00   |
| 3c "      | 5 00   | 5 00   |
| 4c "      | 5 00   | 5 00   |
| 5c "      | 4 00   | 4 50   |
| 10c "     | 5 00   | 5 00   |
| 15c "     | 5 00   | 5 00   |
| 20c "     | 1 75   | 1 75   |
| 30c "     | 5 00   | 5 00   |
| 40c "     | 6 00   | 6 00   |
| 60c "     | 5 00   | 5 50   |
| 1fr brown | 6 00   | 6 50   |
| 2fr "     | 7 50   | 7 50   |

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| 1c Telegraph .....          | 15    | 25c Protest .....         | 30    |
| 2c Proprietary, blue.....   | 04    | 30c Inland Exchange ..... | 05    |
| 2c " orange.....            | 1     | 40c " .....               | 05    |
| 2c Express, blue.....       | 08    | 50c Foreign Exchange..... | 40    |
| 2c " orange.....            | 07    | 50c Life Insurance.....   | 05    |
| 2c Playing Card, blue ..... | 18    | 50c Mortgage.....         | 03    |
| 3c Foreign Exchange .....   | 05    | 50c Passage Ticket.....   | 15    |
| 3c Proprietary.....         | 07    | 50c Surety Bond.....      | 05    |
| 3c Telegraph .....          | 20    | 60c Inland Exchange.....  | 10    |
| 4c Inland Exchange.....     | 04    | 70c " .....               | 10    |
| 4c Proprietary.....         | 10    | 1.00 Life Insurance.....  | 15    |
| 5c Agreement.....           | 02    | 1.50 Inland Exchange..... | 12    |
| 5c Foreign Exchange.....    | 02    | 2.00 Conveyance.....      | 10    |
| 5c Express .....            | 05    | 2.00 Mortgage.....        | 15    |
| 5c Inland Exchange.....     | 01    | 3.00 Charter Party.....   | 18    |
| 6c " .....                  | 15    | 3.00 Manifest.....        | 25    |
| 10c Bill of Lading.....     | 05    | 20.00 Conveyance.....     | 1 75  |
| 10c Foreign Exchange.....   | 30    | 1.00 blue and black ..... | 10    |
| 15c " .....                 | 60    | 1.50 " " .....            | 25    |
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| 1874 30c black on white.....                             | 2.00           | 1.25           |
| 1874 90c carmine on white.....                           | 2.50           | 1.75           |
| 1879 1c blue on fawn.....                                | .75            | .40            |
| 1880 2c verm. on cream, die C.....                       | 2.50           | 1.00           |
| 1882 5c brown on amber.....                              | .25            | .15            |
| 1882 1c blue on blue.....                                | .40            | .25            |
| 1883 2c red on fawn.....                                 | .25            | .15            |
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 1874 6c " "..... .50 4.50

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| 1887 violet brown..... | .20    |
| 1888 blue.....         | .15    |
| 1889 olive.....        | .15    |
| 1890 purple.....       | .10    |
| 1891 puce brown.....   | .25    |
| 1892 vermilion.....    | .25    |
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| 30 var. revenues.....                                       | 50    |
| 20 var. dues.....                                           | 28    |
| 1c Treasury.....                                            | 08    |
| 2c ".....                                                   | 06    |
| 6c ".....                                                   | 05    |
| 10c ".....                                                  | 12    |
| 12c ".....                                                  | 08    |
| 2c Interior block of 4 unused.....                          | 30    |
| 1c War.....                                                 | 02    |
| 2c ".....                                                   | 04    |
| 3c ".....                                                   | 01    |
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|                    |    |        |
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|                                                  | Cat. Price. | Our Price |
|--------------------------------------------------|-------------|-----------|
| Peru 1883 5c Ver. unused                         | 25          | 10        |
| Argentine 1c p. 1892-5c unused                   | 35          | 12        |
| " " 1888-20c. used                               | 10          | 4         |
| " " 1890-6c. used                                | 10          | 10        |
| " " 1-90-15c used                                | 15          | 7         |
| Austria 1890-1gd. used                           | 5           | 2         |
| Hawaii 1893-1c. blue, unused o. g.               | 25          | 12        |
| " " -2c brown "                                  | 30          | 15        |
| British Guiana 1890-1c. on \$4 unused            | 35          | 15        |
| Costa Rica 1889-5c brown unused                  | 20          | 10        |
| " " 1887-5c. orange "                            | 20          | 10        |
| U. S. 1890-15c. used                             | 10          | 4         |
| " " 1891-15c used                                | 10          | 4         |
| Ecuador 1887-10c unused o. g.                    | 25          | 12        |
| New Brunswick 10c. ver. unused o. g.             | 30          | 15        |
| Straits Settlement 1887-3c on 32c. unused o. g.  | 25          | 10        |
| Straits Settlements 1892-1c. on 4c. unused o. g. | 25          | 10        |

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|--------------------------------------|-------------|-----------|
| U. S. 1882 4c. green on white        | \$ .20      | \$.09     |
| " " 5c brown "                       | .20         | .10       |
| do Postal Service, blue on blue      | .30         | .15       |
| do do do black on white              | .10         | 6         |
| Barbadoes 1d Registration            | .75         | .20       |
| All the above are entire and unused. |             |           |
| Confederate 2c. rose unused          | .25         | .16       |
| Unreserved pair of same              | .71         | .31       |
| Confederate 20c. green unused        | .13         | 8         |
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|-----------------------------------|------|------|-----|-----|
| *30c. 1888 o. g.                  | cat. | .85  | for | .55 |
| 1, 2, 3, 5, 10 P. Due '94         | "    | .15  | for | .08 |
| *2c. Interior o. g.               | "    | .10  | "   | .05 |
| *10c. War o. g.                   | "    | .30  | "   | .20 |
| *12c. "                           | "    | .30  | "   | .20 |
| *15c. "                           | "    | .30  | "   | .20 |
| *8c. Col. o. g.                   | "    | .15  | "   | .10 |
| *Off. sealed 1888 o.g Imprf. cat. |      | \$3, |     | \$1 |

## Envelopes Cut Square.

|                         |      |     |     |   |
|-------------------------|------|-----|-----|---|
| *5c. blue on white 1887 | cat. | .10 | for | 5 |
|-------------------------|------|-----|-----|---|

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|                                 |       |     |
|---------------------------------|-------|-----|
| 1c. light blue on orange Scotts | 765   | .04 |
| 2c. red on fawn                 | " 785 | .25 |
| 2c. red on blue                 | " 786 | .18 |
| 4c. green on amber              | " 792 | .15 |
| 4c. green on white              | " 791 | .12 |
| 2c. brown on buff               | " 807 | .06 |
| 2c. brown on m. amber           | " 830 | .18 |
| 2c. brown on orange             | " 697 | .25 |
| 1c. dark blue on white          | " 878 | .11 |

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|----------------------------------------------|--|--------|
| 1864 2c. black on orange die 1. size 3       |  | \$0 50 |
| 1870 2c. brown on orange, size 5             |  | .20    |
| 1874-82 5c. brown on white, size 4½ '82 wmk. |  | .10    |
| " 5c. brown on amber, " 4½ star wmk.         |  | .25    |
| " 10c " " white, size 7, '82 wmk.            |  | .25    |
| 1883, October, 2c red on white size 2        |  | .05    |
| " " 2c " " amber, size 2                     |  | .08    |
| " " 2c " " " " 3                             |  | .08    |
| " " 2c " " " " 4½                            |  | .08    |
| " " 2c " " fawn " 2                          |  | .20    |
| " " 2c " " " " 4½                            |  | .20    |
| " " 2c " " " " 7                             |  | .20    |
| " " 2c " " blue, size 3, star wmk            |  | .15    |
| " " 2c " " " " 4½ " "                        |  | .15    |
| " " 2c " " " " 4½ '82 wmk                    |  | .15    |

|                                          |  |     |
|------------------------------------------|--|-----|
| 1883, November, 2c red on white, size 4½ |  | .06 |
| " " 2c " " amber, " 4½                   |  | .10 |
| " " 2c " " " " 5                         |  | .10 |

|                                        |  |     |
|----------------------------------------|--|-----|
| 1884, May, 2c brown on white, size 3   |  | .08 |
| " 2c " " amber " 4½                    |  | .15 |
| June, 2c red on white, size 5, variety |  |     |
| 3½ links                               |  | .50 |
| " " 2c red on blue, size 2             |  | .40 |
| " " 2c brown on white size 2           |  | .06 |
| " " 2c brown on amber, size 2          |  | .15 |

|                                               |  |     |
|-----------------------------------------------|--|-----|
| 1888, 4c green on white, size 4½ '82, wmk.    |  | .10 |
| 1884, July 2c brown on blue, size 3, '82 wmk. |  | .05 |

|                                                   |  |     |
|---------------------------------------------------|--|-----|
| 1886, 2c brown on o. buff, size 3, 1st U.S. wmk.  |  | .10 |
| " 1c blue on manilla, size 4½ " "                 |  | .03 |
| " 2c brown on manilla, size 3, " "                |  | .05 |
| " 4c green on manilla, size 5, " "                |  | .15 |
| " 1c blue on manilla am., size 4½ 1st U. S. wmk.  |  | .30 |
| " 2c brown on manilla am., size 4½ 1st U. S. wmk. |  | .15 |
| " 4c green on manilla am., size 5 1st U. S. wmk.  |  | .15 |
| " 10c brown an manilla am., size 5 1st U. S wmk.  |  | .35 |

|                                          |  |     |
|------------------------------------------|--|-----|
| 1887, 2c green, die A on white, size 3   |  | .30 |
| " 5c blue on white, size 4½ 1st U.S. wmk |  | .08 |
| " 2c green, die A, on amber, size 5      |  | .50 |
| " 5c blue on amber, size 4½ 1st U.S. wmk |  | .08 |
| " 4c carmine on O. buff, size 9 2d " "   |  | .15 |
| " 4c carmine on blue, size 9 2d " "      |  | .15 |

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| " 767,   | .15        | .09       |
| " 775,   | .25        | .14       |
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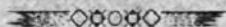
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| 03 Proprietary.....        | 07         | 05        |
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| 25 Bond.....               | 15         | 08        |
| 25 Life Insurance.....     | 20         | 12        |
| 25 Warehouse receipt.....  | 75         | 40        |
| 50 Life insurance.....     | 08         | 05        |
| 50 Mortgage.....           | 05         | 03        |
| 50 Passage ticket.....     | 25         | 15        |
| 50 Probate of Will.....    | 2 00       | 1 20      |
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| 1 50 Inland Exchange.....  | 05         | 04        |
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| 05 Inland Exchange.....   | 20   | 08 |
| 10 ".....                 | 20   | 10 |
| 20 ".....                 | 30   | 10 |
| 25 Certificate.....       | 30   | 10 |
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| 4c green, amber p (792).....                    | 18    |
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| 4c carmine, buff p (851).....                   | 16    |
| 5c blue, buff p (852).....                      | 16    |
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| 2c violet, (874).....                           | 04    |
| 5c chocolate, (875).....                        | 07    |
| 10c brown, (877).....                           | 13    |
| 1895 1c dark blue, white p (878).....           | 20    |
| 1c dark blue, manila p (880).....               | 75    |
| 5c dark blue, white p (881).....                | 25    |
| 5c dark blue, amber p (882).....                | 40    |
| 1874 3c P. O., lemon p (1014).....              | 06    |
| 6c P. O., lemon p.....                          | 12    |
| 1878 Postal Service, black, white p (1020)..... | 05    |
| Postal Service, blue, blue p (1023).....        | 15    |

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| 1 50 Inland Exchange.....  | .05        | .04       |
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| 05 Inland Exchange.....   | .20  | .08 |
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| 20 " ".....               | .30  | .10 |
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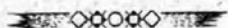
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| 04 Proprietary.....        | 10         | 06        |
| 05 Agreement.....          | 03         | 02        |
| 05 Express.....            | 10         | 05        |
| 05 Foreign Exchange.....   | 03         | 02        |
| 10 Bill of Lading.....     | 07         | 04        |
| 25 Bond.....               | 15         | 08        |
| 25 Life Insurance.....     | 20         | 12        |
| 25 Warehouse receipt.....  | 75         | 40        |
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| 20 ".....                  | 30         | 10        |
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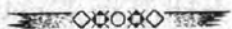
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| 10 ".....                 | 20   | 10 |
| 20 ".....                 | 30   | 10 |
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| 30 Inland Exchange.....   | 1 00 | 40 |
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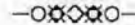
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| 02 Proprietary, blue.....  | .05        | 03        |
| 03 Foreign Exchange.....   | .05        | 03        |
| 03 Proprietary.....        | .07        | 05        |
| 04 Proprietary.....        | .10        | 06        |
| 05 Agreement.....          | .03        | 02        |
| 05 Express.....            | .10        | 05        |
| 05 Foreign Exchange.....   | .03        | 02        |
| 10 Bill of Lading.....     | .07        | 04        |
| 25 Bond.....               | .15        | 08        |
| 25 Life Insurance.....     | .20        | 12        |
| 25 Warehouse receipt.....  | .75        | 40        |
| 50 Life insurance.....     | .08        | 05        |
| 50 Mortgage.....           | .05        | 03        |
| 50 Passage ticket.....     | .25        | 15        |
| 50 Probate of Will.....    | 2.00       | 1 20      |
| 1 00 Foreign Exchange..... | .05        | 03        |
| 1 50 Inland Exchange.....  | .05        | 04        |
| 2 00 Conveyance.....       | .10        | 07        |
| 2 00 Mortgage.....         | .10        | 07        |
| 3 00 Manifest.....         | .15        | 12        |

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|---------------------------|------|----|
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| 05 Certificate.....       | .30  | 12 |
| 05 Express.....           | .30  | 12 |
| 05 Inland Exchange.....   | .20  | 08 |
| 10 ".....                 | .20  | 10 |
| 20 ".....                 | .30  | 10 |
| 25 Certificate.....       | .30  | 10 |
| 30 Inland Exchange.....   | 1.00 | 40 |
| 50 Conveyance.....        | .50  | 20 |
| 50 Surety Bond.....       | 1.00 | 40 |

UNPERFORATED.

|                           |     |    |
|---------------------------|-----|----|
| 02 Bank check.....        | .02 | 01 |
| 02 Certificate.....       | .50 | 25 |
| 10 Bill of Lading.....    | .75 | 45 |
| 25 Power of Attorney..... | .30 | 18 |
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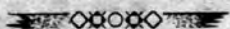
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| 05 Express.....            | 10         | 05        |
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| 25 Warehouse receipt.....  | 75         | 40        |
| 50 Life insurance.....     | 08         | 05        |
| 50 Mortgage.....           | 05         | 03        |
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| 3 00 Manifest.....         | 15         | 12        |

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|---------------------------|------|----|
| 02 Bank check, black..... | 50   | 15 |
| 05 Certificate.....       | 30   | 12 |
| 05 Express.....           | 30   | 12 |
| 05 Inland Exchange.....   | 20   | 08 |
| 10 ".....                 | 20   | 10 |
| 20 ".....                 | 30   | 10 |
| 25 Certificate.....       | 30   | 10 |
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| 02 Certificate.....       | 50 | 25 |
| 10 Bill of Lading.....    | 75 | 45 |
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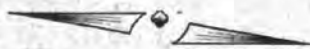
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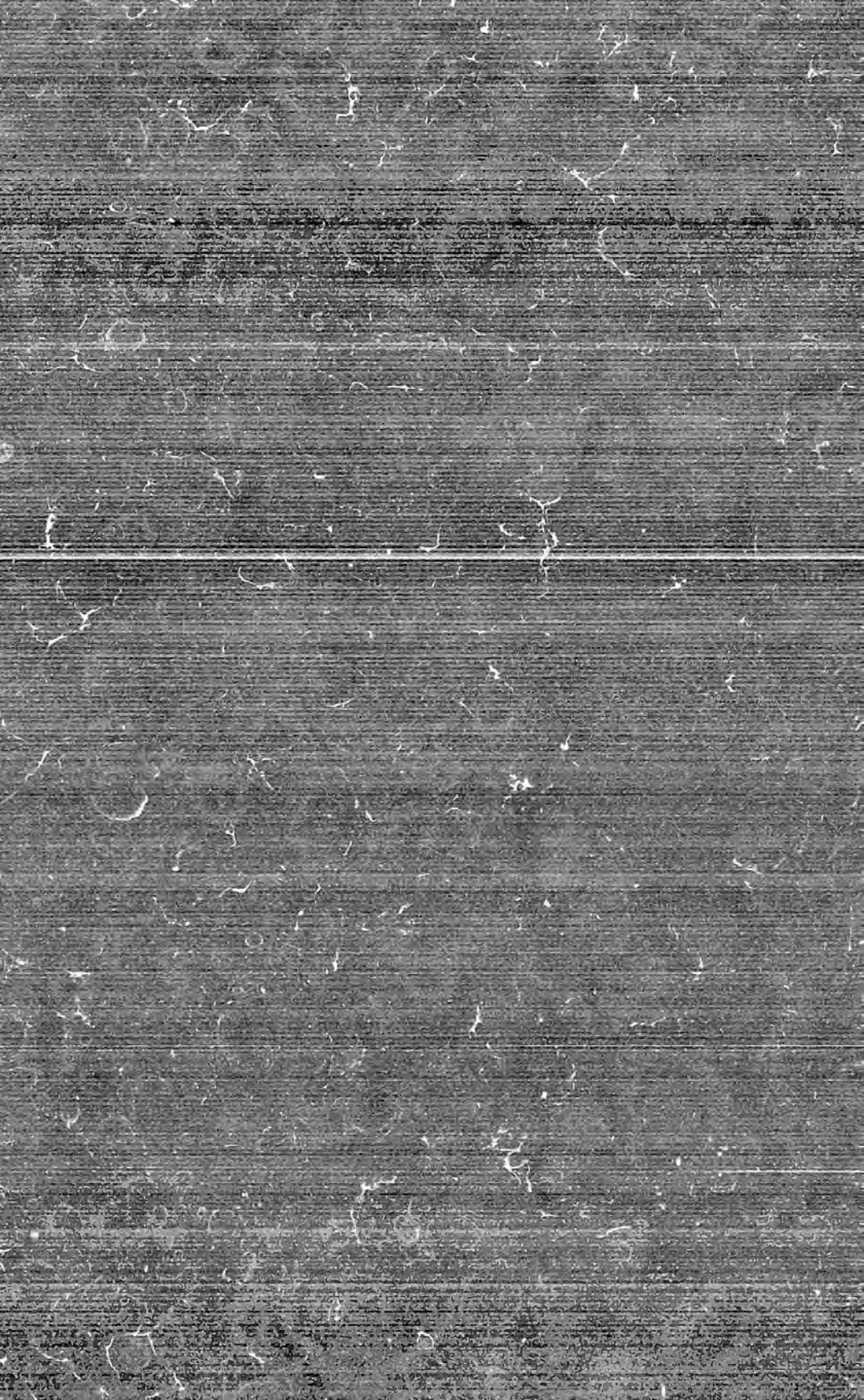




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Gardner R. Kennedy was born in 1876, of good old New England stock, and became interested in stamps in his boyhood days. He has had at various times three collections the last of which he disposed of in 1892 when he started out as a

dealer at Lowell, Mass. In 1894 he entered the employ of the New England Stamp Co. where he was an intimate associate of Frank P. Brown. When Mr. Brown severed his connection with the New England it was therefore a natural sequence that Mr. Kennedy should withdraw also from their employ,

and he has since been Mr. Brown's right hand man. He has devoted much time to the study of stamps and consequently his contributions to the *Boston Stamp Book*, *Philatelic Era*, *Mekeel's Weekly* and other periodicals are always interesting reading. He has also written

for English philatelic publications. The readers of the *Boston Stamp Book* would greatly miss his monthly "Talks on New Issues." He is a member of the Columbian Philatelic Society, (Res. Vice President for Mass.), Sons of Philatelia, P. S. of A.,

A. P. A., the Boston, Lowell, Worcester Philatelic Societies and Vice-Pres. of the New England Philatelic Association and just as we go to press Mr. Geo. M. Frame writes that Mr. Kennedy has been nominated for the presidency of the latter association, and we think it would be difficult for the members to find among their



GARDNER R. KENNEDY.

ranks one who is better qualified for the position. Socially Mr. Kennedy is one of those cordial whole-souled individuals we all like to meet, and those who have not had the pleasure of his personal acquaintance will be pleased to see the excellent likeness herewith.

### The Catalogue.

With a feeling akin to veneration is this most antiquated of subjects taken up. But it is not to be considered only for the purpose of giving vent to a virulent attack upon that premier of all American philatelic catalogues, the Scott work, the catalogue in every sense of the word. This book, like all other human works, has faults and it is far from perfection, but it is a production of which American stamp collectors may well be proud. Few hobbies have as good a reference work as ours issued for their benefit, yet we may be sure that if some of the other fads could boast of such a production it would not continually be subject to a flood of biting comments as the Standard catalogue is to-day. Stamp collectors appear entirely to neglect the fact that the book is more something to be gratified with than a butt for all kinds of ridicule.

The abuse of the "baby-blue" book has gone much too far. It is time for editors and writers to call a halt. To suggest improvements is perfectly advisable but let us not be so anxious to discover errors, that the magnifying of trifling faults is indulged in.

The worst weakness yet discovered is the unreliability of prices. But is that one of the cardinal sins? The Scott Stamp & Coin Co., in their catalogue give the prices at which they are prepared to supply almost every stamp issued up to the present time. If their prices are too high don't buy of them but purchase elsewhere at the true value. That is the way to bring stamp prices down to their proper level instead of endeavoring to convince the company that their quotations are ridiculous. The catalogue may boom the quotations on some stamps

but inflating on paper is not going to send the value skyward. A vast difference exists between catalogue price and value as a comparison of the bargain lists in some of the stamp papers with the catalogue will show. Philatelists once accepted the catalogue quotation as an unflinching criterion of value but that time is forever past and to-day the true price will prevail however much the standard list may be amiss.

Minor varieties have been attacked and proven such monstrous offenders during the past year that it is with fear and trembling I attempt a word for them. Undoubtedly all do not care to collect small perplexing differences but there are few who do not desire to know when they own a rare error. In dealing with errors the 10 cent catalogue is deceiving. But one specimen of each kind is given with no account taken of varieties, consequently a beginner may often be cheated out of high valued stamps at the cheap prices, if the simple catalogue is his only work of reference. On the contrary I do not advise the starter on the philatelic way to at once plunge deep into minor varieties. The chances are very favorable, however, that he will dispose of many dollars worth of stamps at cent prices to unscrupulous brother collectors unless he possesses a copy of the 57th and a good work on minor varieties as well as the abc catalogue.

I do not wish to attack the 10 cent catalogue but it is not complete enough for the ordinary collector as much as the 57th is too complex for the use of many philatelists in its present shape. Why not combine the two works? Let us have a catalogue giving all minor varieties with a lucid explanation of the differences but let this



work also be in such a form that it can be placed in the hands of a youthful collector without fear of resulting perplexities. This, it seems to me, can be attained by using different sizes of type. Let the plain differences in design and color be set in the same size as the present 57th, the variations in water-marks paper and perforation, which usually are separate issues appearing at different times, can be printed in a little smaller type, and last of all the errors and fine varieties in type about the size of that used now in listing pen cancellations. In this way a distinction will be made and even though listing the stamps for the plain collector, minor varieties may be delved into sufficient for the most advanced. Little differences can be included and that without forcing them upon the attention of the person who does not care for their collection. We would have a combination\* of the two catalogues into one complete work covering the field of both. This plan is respectfully tendered to the Scott and Mekeel companies with the hope that it will at least receive a second thought even if not deemed worthy of adoption.

The United States locals and revenues are included in this work on postage stamps. In our country the listing of these is almost a necessity but would it not be far more advisable to place them in a supplement at the back of the book. The suggestion comes from the idea that it is more consistent to list only emissions connected with the government postal service under the postage stamp head.

I note that Chinese locals are listed although a careful examination fails to reveal the presence of the Russian stemsto stamps and other foreign locals. It is unfair to

list the locals of one country and omit those of another, especially when the favored ones are such miserable parasites as the orientals. The Chinese stamps are in truth more worthy of recognition than those of Germany but if any of the foreign locals are to be included the Russian rural stamps are worthy of first place as being most nearly official in nature.

Among the more valuable new things in the 57th are the frequent and nearly always ample notes on how to detect reprints. The danger of purchasing these imitation has caused the stamps of several countries to decline in popularity as in the case of Heligoland and the Roman States, but with the laconic notes now given these fears have become almost groundless. The reprint, when seen, can probably now be told with very little difficulty.

The supplementary list of fraudulent issues is a good thing, but not complete as it might be. The stamps given are frauds beyond the slightest question but several common humbugs are notable for their absence. The Bolivia newspaper set, Sedang labels and several other bogus issues are not given although specimens are sometimes seen. The giving of all ungovernmental emissions would be a herculean task, though it seems to me that a few of the other prominent ones might well be listed along with Fez Sefro, et al.

The Terra del Fuego and Suez Canal Company issues have slight claim to a position in a postage stamp catalogue but there are facts both pro and con the legitimacy of these labels and the compilers of the catalogue have no doubt carefully weighed the evidence before accepting them as all right.

There are many speculative issues

not in the supplement list, but everybody cannot be satisfied in selecting speculative stamps and the Scott company certainly has gleaned nothing but chaff however much other chaff may have been left in with the wheat.

There are other things which I little like about the 57th but taking it all together, a most excellent production is ours and one, considering the work of compilation, remarkably free from error. Looking to the future if the Scott book continues to improve as it has during the past five years. I can without fear of mistake predict a work very near unto perfection before the next century is one-tenth gone.

GORDON C. CORBALEY.

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### Washington Notes.

BY CAPITOL.

Messrs. J. M. Bartels & Co.'s, new envelope catalogue and reference list which has just been finished is having a good sale. They have been working on it for almost five months mostly day and night, and a laboring task it was. It is the only complete work of its kind ever issued in the United States, as it quotes prices for used and unused, as well as entire and cut square regularly issued from 1857-97. It contains about 40 pages describing all shapes, sizes, watermarks, knives, gums, etc. Accurate illustrations of watermarks and shapes are given and over 1,400 varieties priced. It should be in the possession of every collector. It is bound in two styles; imitation leather 50 cents and cloth bound \$1.25, would be advisable to purchase one with a cloth bound-cover as it is not so easily soiled and lasts longer, it costs a little more but is always useful. Why not order one from the publisher of this paper? He sup-

plies them at publisher's price post-paid.

Mr. Bartels is away on his European trip where he will spend the summer. He has taken along with him a number of boxes containing several thousand choice stamps which he will sell for dealers in the United States. He also has taken along a good many of the Envelope and Plate Number catalogues. He will return sometime during September or October.

I was shown lately by a collector a fine copy of the 200 dollar blue, black and red revenue stamp on violet paper, second issue. It was the finest copy I ever saw, was excellently centered, had large margins and original gum. He said he did not buy it, but found it in an old story book.

How is it that Scott catalogues the 1875 issue, 2c vermilion die c on cream cut square at \$2.50. It is not really worth more than 75c. They are fairly plentiful. A collector in this city lately purchased a large quantity of them entire, at an old post-office in Ill., while on his way to Chicago.

The \$3, \$4 and \$5 Columbians are still on sale at this post-office. The average sale is about 2 of each value each week which includes orders from outside the city. The 6c value is also on sale here.

Mr. R. P. Rickenbacher, of this city, proposes to organize "The U. S. Revenue Exchange" in the Autumn, on the plan of the "American Stamp Exchange."

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### New York Notes.

BY QUIZ.

Stamps at auction are bringing better prices now than formerly. It is the place and manner in which

stamps are offered that higher prices are brought; for instance a good stamp will not bring a high price if it is sandwiched among a lot of damaged and "drug" stamps. At all sales especially Bogert & Durbin's numbers of good and rare stamps, sell for ten and twenty cents, on the dollar, whereas, the same class were offered in the Leavy sale under the auspices of Scott Stamp & Coin Co. sold just the reverse, 10 to 20 per cent. off the dollar.

I am not running down B. & D. sales, but I am just giving a comparison. It shows that if this class of stamps were listed separately, by the Auction Managers, better prices would prevail. At B. & D. sale Saturday, May 15, better prices were secured than at any sale so far this season.

Brooklyn at the present is known in name only, for in reality it has become a part of this city otherwise known as Greater New York. Some suggestions have been offered by the public (philatelic or otherwise) of how a letter would reach "Brooklyn," if letter was addressed simply 676 Broadway, N. Y. city, as the original City has a Broadway, as well as Brooklyn, in fact, nearly every town and village taken in by the Greater New York has a street called Broadway. In answer to the above, the following suggestion is made; that part of the City above the Harlem River could be addressed New York, North, below Harlem just plainly New York, that part of Brooklyn, and Long Island, New York, East, and Staten Island New York, South. This is only one of the many suggestions but I think is the most feasible. Of course there will be some confusion at first, but this must be expected.

The Empire State is at last represented in the World of Philately

by a Society. The E. S. P. S. is now in running order, twenty active New York collectors, becoming charter members. Collectors from all parts of the World are eligible to membership. Don't think because this is a state society, collectors outside of N. Y. are debarred. Oh! no. The Secretary Wm. A. McDonnell, 1646 Madison-ave., N. Y. city, will send you blanks, if you write him.

It seems as if philately is being swept by a wave of thieving. Nearly all the Sales Departments, of these different societies are in a muddle. Why on earth, do the sales Managers, let these frauds, who are continually stealing stamps, one way or another from the Departments escape justice? Why not publish the names of members who are in any way owing to these Depts? These stealings have been going on for years, and very seldom have the names of any of these rogues been published. It would better these societies, if this simple plan should be followed. As Law will do nothing with these rogues, the only way, is as stated in the foregoing, even if this does not make the delinquents settle up, it will warn the other honest members, to discontinue dealings with these criminals. At the same time the Board of Trustees should fire them out without ceremony.

The *Herald Exchange* for May has a fine article on the hand stamps of France, with illustrations; all who specialize in France, should read it.

New Foundland has the attention of the philatelic public again. This time that an entire new issue of stamps, is an assured fact. There is no fear of these stamps commanding high prices for some time to come (that is the present issue) all dealers holding large stocks.

One dealer in Nassau-st., let me feast my eyes on a large quantity of complete sheets of each value.

New York City is being boomed for the next convention seat of the P. S. of A. Whether she gets it or not remains to be seen. All of the philatelists in New England, Middle and part of the Southern States have promised their support.

The idea is to hold the convention right in the city, and during each day a different place of amusement can be visited, thereby allowing the night in the city, to go to the theatre or Roof Gardens and other forms of nightly amusements or entertainments. There are hundreds of places that can be visited at a small cost; a few of the many, I will mention is our great and grand Central Park, containing the "Zoo;" the Museum of National History and the Museum of Art, several large lakes for Boating, Base Ball and Foot Ball Grounds, Music every Saturday and Sunday afternoons during the hot weather by the late Gilmore's Celebrated Band, etc. The Brooklyn Bridge: Washington and High Bridges; Grant's Tomb; Riverside Drive and Park; the famous Bowery; our handsome commercial buildings; some being twentysix (26) stories in height. City Hall and Park; the Battery and the Aquarium; Castle Garden; our great shipping interests, on the North and East Rivers: a beautiful sail up the Hudson and East Rivers and Long Island Sound; a trip to the fishing banks, on a Sunday (great sport). A fine sail around Staten Island; not forgetting Coney Island, Long Branch, Glen Island, Rockaway Beach, (finest bathing in the world, right in the Atlantic Ocean); Manhattan Beach, with the world renowned Paine's Fireworks, (every night); North Beach, etc.,

etc. A stroll up Fifth Avenue would not prove amiss to see the mansions of our Millionaires; our churches, Trinity, Grace and St. Paul's all are on Broadway, and the finest church in North America St. Patrick's Cathedral on upper Fifth Avenue. I could go on for hours describing places, but I must desist as space forbids. All I ask is to vote for New York City at the next election, and if we all work together success is ours.

A very neat Grant Souvenir sold at the Grant Tomb dedication was an illustrated card flanked on one side by the bust of Gen. U. S. Grant, and on the other a photo of Grant's Tomb; in the centre was pasted a 5c brown U. S. stamp present issue (Grant) unused. They sold like hot cakes at 10c each. I suppose some philatelic crank, invented the idea and carried it out. He must have made a fortune out of it, the cards costing one cent each and the stamp five cents, leaving a net profit of four cents. Stamps do come in handy sometimes.

### A New Exchange Club.

It has been proposed by Mr. W. H. Emmert and heartily endorsed by the editor as well as several other well known envelope collectors that a club known as the

U. S. ENVELOPE EXCHANGE be organized thus giving to members an opportunity through the sales department of disposing of their duplicates and purchasing those of other members. The collector of envelopes would be greatly assisted by uniting with other collectors and we believe many new recruits would be added to our ranks. It is proposed to divide the membership into classes in the following names:



CLASS A.—Those who collect all regular sizes, papers, dies, and watermarks, and in addition minor varieties in dies, watermarks, flaps, gums, etc.

CLASS B.—Those who collect all die and paper varieties as listed by Scott's Standard Catalogue, also all regular sizes and watermarks.

CLASS C.—Those who collect only as listed by Scott's Standard Catalogue.

CLASS D.—Those who collect oddities, albinos, misstrikes, etc.

The dividing into classes is simply to facilitate the work of the sales manager in forwarding circuits, and proposed member will signify to which class they belong. A member may belong to two classes where compatible. Thus Class A and D, B and D, C and D. Those interested in entire envelopes are invited to correspond with the editor of this magazine.

Already a dozen or more leading collectors have signed the application list including such well known names as J. M. Bartels, Joe F. Beard, Dr. S. G. Stein and Joseph Rechert.

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### Philadelphia Notes.

#### QUAKER.

I came across quite an oddity the other day in the shape of a Jamaica half penny green, surcharged OFFICIAL, both I's having been omitted in the spelling of "Official."

It is not every collector that knows of the existence of the 2c Playing Card, orange, imperforate. I was shown a nice copy of this stamp by Mr. Crozier of revenue fame, which was found in a lot of stuff bought from a boy. So far as known, only two copies of this stamp has turned up as yet.

Collectors and Dealers should be aware of parties wanting to dispose of a lot of 2c orange U. S. I. R. imperforate there is quite a number going the rounds of this city, and upon close examination they prove to be the common perforate issue *trimmed*.

At the same time I was shown a 6c Inland Exchange orange imperforate with fine wide margins, and on imperforate paper, which in this condition is very rare.

Mr. J. B. Witherby of this city came across a very fine copy of the 3c rose 1867 issue grilled 9x13 *imperforated*. It is on the original cover and indeed a splendid copy, having wide margins on all four sides.

While not listed as such, yet undoubtedly the commonest of the inverted Medallions is the 50c, blue and black second issue, there appears to be almost an endless amount of these stamps in this City our Dealer informing me that he had as many as five offered to him in one week. They can be bought anywhere around the \$5.00 mark, while they list @ \$17.50.

Quite an event to stamp men here was the organization of the "Collector's Club of Philadelphia," on the evening of May 5th, the event being made the occasion of a most enjoyable banquet. There is no doubt but what this club has a very bright and prosperous future before it as it will be incorporated under the laws of Pennsylvania and can show as charter members some of the most prominent collectors of this country. For the present its headquarters will be in the Continental Hotel, rooms 20 and 21, first floor, and all visiting philatelists are cordially invited to call and make acquaintances.

### Political.

Most of our readers know our ideas on politics, but we think that so many of them are so busy collecting stamps that we will put about everything of this nature under the above heading until after the conventions, so that those not interested can skip it, and those who are, can find it without hunting all through the magazine for it. The columns of this magazine are not open to everybody to push forward his pet candidate, but it is here the editor will from time to time express his opinion regarding candidates. The columns set apart for each society will admit of nominations and brief mention of candidates.

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A. Herbst of the *New York Philatelist* has been nominated for Vice President of the P. S. of A. We would like to see him get there.

T. H. Gafford, late of *Maryland Philatelist*, is also nominated for the same position, another excellent nomination.

Charles Beamish nominee for president of P. S. of A. firmly declines the honor (?)

New York City and Reading, Pa., are nominated for convention seat of P. S. of A. for 1898. Omaha will have to look to its laurels.

M. C. Haldeman, the new secretary of the Pennsylvania Philatelic Association is doing good work for the society. He is an active young man and ought to be re-elected.

H. G. Smith is mentioned as the probable successor of G. D. Mekeel as Sales Superintendent of the A. P. A. He is a man of excellent reputation and undoubted ability.

G. D. Mekeel has declined (and we think wisely) the management of the Exchange Department of the P. S. of A. and Ruehlman still holds the fort in spite of his "removal" by the Trustees.

M. C. Saunders, of Meredith, N. H., is a candidate for Auction Manager of the P. S. of A. and ought to have the solid support of Eastern members.

D. Harlan King, who is attending college at Washington, Pa., seems to be the logical candidate for the presidency of the Pennsylvania Philatelic Association. He is now vice president.

W. S. Devlin is a candidate for librarian of the Pennsylvania Philatelic Association.

Geo. M. Frame has been named as a candidate for treasurer of the S. of P. which office is now vacant, the duties devolving on Secretary Miller. We make no mistake in saying not only that he is the right man for the place, but will be a remarkably strong candidate.

### Received.

Catalogue of Bogert & Dubin Co.'s 85th sale to take place at Philadelphia, May 22nd.

15 Day Bargain List of J. V. Lindsay dated May 20, 1897.

1897 Price List of U. S. and Foreign Stamps, sets, etc., from W. H. Hollis Stamp Co.

Catalogue of P. M. Wolsieffer's Auction Sale to be held at Great Northern Hotel, Chicago, May 29th. Some fine lots. Send for a copy.

Price List (wholesale and retail) of U. S. Postage and Revenue Stamps from F. N. Massoth & Co.

Neat catalogue of Canadian Revenues, published by W. R. Adams, of Toronto, Canada, which ought to have a large sale at 25 cents a copy as it is quite complete. It will be sent to any of our readers by Mr. Adams for only 8 cents, but mention this magazine.

Price List of U. S. Postal Adhesives, cut square Envelopes and Revenues from Joe F. Beard. See his ad. elsewhere.

### The Press.

*The Philatelic Canadian* for March is at hand. It does not seem to improve with age. The only editorial is an "Arizona Kicker" style of mud slinging, nearly two columns in length at a contemporary. An article published more than a year ago in the dailies, regarding post-office inspectors, and well aired at that time is reprinted.

*The Pennsy* for April is at hand announcing the editors wedding tour South. Here's wishing you the same happiness the editor of this paper has enjoyed for the past 18 years. By the way Cliff, we had to inform a party who got a sample copy of this issue that it was published at Reading, Penna. by C. W. Kissinger neither of these facts being found there. We will excuse you under the circumstances.

*The International Philatelist* is no longer Beardsley's paper, though he says he will still "edit" it. As the "Eds." are usually notices of publications received and good things about his friends, this will not take up much of his time. Narvon Edwards of the defunct *Western Philatelist* is now the publisher, and the Feb., March and April numbers are combined in one small number of about  $\frac{1}{2}$  the usual size.

*The Perforator* for May appears with a cover and is a vast improvement both in contents, general make-up and press-work. Stowell is an artist in the science of type setting.

*The American Boys* has come out in magazine form with a neat and tasty cover.

*The Trans-Mississippi Stamp* and the *Philatelic Advocate* are badly in need of new printers. However good the contents of any paper it cannot succeed with a poor printer.

*The Omaha Philatelist* is now published by R. L. Shepard, C. L. Thurston having retired. (By-the-by the Senator's Son seems to be in a pack of trouble with the state society.) Under Mr. Shepard's management the *O. P.* is improving in contents and being well printed, it should have a large subscription list, especially as the price has been reduced to 10 cents per annum. We haven't seen the *Philatelic Newsletter* for some time. Has it gone up again?

*The New York Philatelist* is as good as ever.

*The American Collector* for April is not out yet? "Bobs" mercantile business keeps him hustling.

### For Advertisers.

Thou shalt not write thy advertisement on both sides of the paper or incorporate it with thy letter as it causes the publisher to wax wroth at thy thoughtlessness.

Thou shalt not condense a six inch ad. in a three inch space as it will bring fewer returns and thou wilt blame the publisher therefor. Space is cheap. Help thyself.

Thou shalt be wary of the publisher who saith his publication is the best on earth, for lo! the land is filled with them.

Thou shalt also beware of the publish-

## Vacant Lots

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J. F. DODGE,

Editor and Proprietor,

NEW OXFORD, PA.

Entered at the Post Office at New Oxford, Pa., for transmission through the mails at Second class rates November, 1896.

WITH this issue we begin a new volume. Our old subscribers are quite prompt in sending renewals and we would suggest that it is a good time to begin subscriptions. The price remains the same, a 50 cent magazine for 15 cents. Vol. I consisted of 72 pages, exclusive of covers, Vol. II of 148 pages, exclusive of covers, and this volume will probably be still larger, and though dealers may be liberal with their advertising patronage under no circumstances will our reading columns be encroached upon. We wish to thank all for their patronage, and especially those who have extended kind words of encouragement as well as those who criticise us, whose letters we do not have time to answer personally.

WE would like to hear from any of our readers on subjects of interest to philately. Should there be sufficient interest manifested we would be pleased to inaugurate a corres-

pondence column, where much information might be gained through an interchange of ideas. Any suggestions tending toward improving the contents of this magazine will be thankfully received and have due consideration.

CORRESPONDENTS who will furnish items of interest from all philatelic centers, that are not now represented are invited to write for terms.

THIS issue follows close on the heels of our last number and if our printer is not crowded with work, we will be out only a few days after date. The next issue (June) will go to press about June 5th, and July issue about June 30th, and August issue about August 25th, and between the two latter dates we will have a little time for rest and recreation. Advertisers will please take notice of above dates.

THE editor of the *Halifax Philatelic Magazine* calls our articles on the S. S. S. S., "long distance warfare" and inquires why we don't criticise Seebeck issues. Is it possible that he hasn't seen but one or two late issues of this magazine?

"IBERIUS" in the *Weekly Stamp News* refers to the author of the year Book of the American Stamp Exchange as "Mr. M. Cornish." We fell into the same error about 2 years ago. Upon receipt of a postal signed "M. Cornish" we unwittingly addressed the reply "M. Cornish Esq." When we received a letter from "Mabel Cornish M. D." we found out we were Miss-taken.

THE *Stampman* says "C. H. Mekeel will start again on his own hook, that it isn't the first time, and that when C. H. starts he generally



arrives," all of which is quite true. In the recent catastrophe we infer that the Mekeels arrived all right, but the balance of the stockholders failed to connect.

WE have watched with considerable interest the contents of the *Weekly* since the disaster. Although Geo. D., after trouble in his department (which cost over \$100 to investigate) at first declined a renomination as sales and purchasing agent of the A. P. A., he now announces his candidature. Still we think it is extremely doubtful if he "arrives." But meantime there crops up a "Stamp Exchange" at the old Mekeel headquarters in which only subscribers to the *Weekly and A. P. A. members* can participate. This scheme seems to be "arriving" all right, and the Sales dept of the A. P. A., is bound to suffer from it. Quite a neat scheme, we don't care a picayune personally, but the Mekeels were apparently such staunch supporters of the A. P. A., (while they were skimming the cream) we are tempted to ask our readers to peruse the parable of the unjust steward. (Luke XVI.)

BUT perhaps we are too fast, we have assumed that the Mekeels are running this "Stamp Exchange," but we look in vain for any information as to who is running it, and, without any published guarantee of the responsibility of those conducting it, or even their names. A number of people have actually sent in over \$5000 worth of stamps.

WE believe an Exchange not limited to members of any society or supporters of any publication in which especial care is taken that reliable persons only, shall be placed on circuit, conducted by collectors

and embracing only a limited territory thus ensuing quick circuits, would be a boon to collectors and we think the plan of our well-known Northampton friends which has resulted in the Eastern Stamp Exchange will be welcomed by collectors residing in the Eastern States. Mr. J. A. Wainwright, 110 Main-st., Northampton, Mass., will be pleased to give any information not supplied by the prospectus in our Society columns.

THE *Halifax Philatelic Magazine* a bright active little publication "way down East," say "the editorial policy of this paper is like the rear end of a mule in full action." Nor really, friend Muirhead, you ought to have gone a little further and said that the mule did not kick at a harmless fly, but only at the vicious dog that would despoil his master's goods. The criticism was we believe made with good intentions and from such an outspoken independent Journal we heartily enjoy it.

WE notice that the *Rocky Mountain Stamp* will issue no copies in June, July, and August on account of their belief that business will be extremely dull. This is on a par with the church which closes during the summer months, while the devil takes no vacation. We do not intend to add to the dull season by ceasing publication and making it still duller. In the summer months the shrewd advertiser lists his bargains for the benefit of the shrewd collector who has been waiting for the dull season and the dealer who shuts up shop and takes a vacation finds when he opens up again that much of his custom has gone to wiser competitors. We say this from personal experience.

WITH this number, this magazine becomes the official Journal of the Ohio Philatelic Association, as will be seen by our Society columns.

As with this issue, we begin filling the unexpired subscriptions of the *Buckeye State Philatelist* of Cincinnati, O., the magazine becomes also the official Journal of the National Philatelic Association. This makes quite a number of new homes that this issue will visit, and we hope it will be a welcome caller.

IN this connection we would say that any member of any of these societies who is also a paid subscriber may, upon request, have the extra copy which he has paid for, sent to any collecting friend. If any subscriber wishes to join any of the societies, we will also extend this privilege.

WE will be glad to furnish application blanks to any of these Societies on application, and would rather have the honest collector join one of these societies than receive his subscription.

THE news of the death of Heinrich Von Stephan Postmaster General of the German Empire which occurred on the 9th of April will be read with regret by the majority of stamp collectors. He was the founder of the Universal Postal Union, and has done much to improve mail facilities since that time. For years he has been connected with the postal service of Germany and the improvements due to his efforts make his death national as well as an international loss.

THE *Halifax Philatelic Magazine* in reference to a union of the different societies (which it says is not

practicable or advisable) remarks that "the Columbian Philatelic Society is a small society in an incipient stage." Well! Well! this is news. Correspondent writes. "The C. P. S., seems to be advancing rapidly and will soon outstrip the A. P. A."

WE notice that the South Texas Stamp Co., have gained admission to the advertising columns of several of our contemporaries, such as *Mekeel's Weekly*, *Omaha Philatelist*, "*Pennsy*," etc. Some 5 or 6 weeks ago we had a request to quote rates for one year to this Co., (?) who gave as reference a national bank of their city. Noticing however that the address was the same as the notorious Rareshide, we answered that if the latter person was in any way connected with the Co., we must decline to admit any of their advertisements to our columns we have had no reply. The *Texan Philatelist* is just at hand which Editorially confirms our suspicions that this Co., was another name for Rareshide, and a bill against him of over \$400 is offered for sale *cheap* by the Standard Stamp. No philatelic paper is worthy of support that does not exercise care in admitting advertisements, and we hope the above papers and others who admitted this advt. will redeem their reputations by cancelling the contracts for further space.

A PARTY, in British Guiana sends copy minus the cash. He asks in his advt. for cash in advance for his goods. We do the same, especially with a stranger so his advt. does not appear. One of our contemporaries inserted his advt. some time ago and has spent 15 cents in postage to collect the bill but with no success.

## SOCIETY REPORTS AND NEWS.

**Special Notice to Secretaries:** All reports for next issue should be in hands of publisher June 7th. Reports should be carefully written especially names to avoid errors by printer. Typewritten reports are the best.

### The Columbian Philatelic Society.

OFFICERS FOR 1897.

Prest., J. F. Dodge, New Oxford, Pa.  
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#### PRESIDENTS ADDRESS.

##### FELLOW MEMBERS:

Another "short month" and consequently a short list of applications, but are you doing your part towards increasing our membership? I want to call the attention of all members to the list of numbers below. If your number is among them you should attend to the matter at once. If you don't want to stay with us, send your resignation to the secretary with 3c per month dues (15 cents) up to June 1st and step out honorably. The Society has paid for the official organ to be sent to these members and some of them have books in exchange department or are on circuit, in short enjoying the benefits without paying for them. Look up your number and see if this is meant for you. If the dues of these members are not paid by June 1st they will appear under the list of suspensions, as they have been notified each month through the official organ as well as personally by secretary. We are not going to carry any "dead wood." That might as well be understood right here. Now loyal members lets have a good list of new active members to fill the gap caused by a few suspensions next month.

Yours for the C. P. S.,

J. F. DODGE, Prest.

NEW OXFORD, PA., May 17th, 1897.

#### SPECIAL NOTICE.

These are the society numbers of the members who owe the society 25 cents for dues to January 1st, 1898. Those marked with a star (\*) are resident vice presidents. Another list will be published next month. Two or three of these members have charges preferred against them. They will, if charges

are proved, be found under list of "expelled" instead of "suspended." 2, 5, 6, 8, 10, 11, 12, 15\*, 16, 18\*, 19, 22, 23, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 31, 33, 36, 37, 38, 41\*, 43, 44, 46, 47, 48, 49, 52, 53, 54, 55, 58, 60.

**Read Suggestions above and act at once.**

#### NEW MEMBERS.

274 A. J. Turner, Stockton, California.  
 275 C. M. Weber, 125 Commercial Levee, Weber Pt., Stockton, California.  
 276 Ray L. Alexander, Richmond, Illinois.  
 277 John D. Walker, 222 Hudson ave., Albany, N. Y.  
 278 R. A. McCulloch, Henderson ave., New Brighton, N. Y.  
 279 A. J. Mietzel, 511 Main-st., Muscatine, Iowa.  
 280 J. M. Drossner, 566 Bergen-ave., Jersey City, N. J.  
 281 I. C. Green, Box 311 Fitchburg, Mass.  
 282 Robert C. Beers, Hartford, Conn.  
 283 W. B. Wilkins, Box 505, Omaha, Neb.  
 284 Edward Kilham, care of Crane Co., Los Angeles, California.  
 285 Philip M. Wolsieffer, 201 S. Clark-st., Chicago, Illinois.  
 286 Theo. S. Kinn, 3019 N. Clark-st, Chicago, Ill.  
 Those of the above who have paid their dues, have received their membership cards, and those who have not, will receive them upon payment of the amount (25 cents to January 1, 1898) of the dues. I trust that all will remit promptly. Most applicants observe the rule relative to sending the dues with the application, and thereby lighten the labors of the Secretary very materially. I hope that in a short time it will not be necessary to mention this rule, because of its universal observance by applicants.

#### APPLICATIONS.

I have received the following applications together with the accompanying references, the age and occupation of each being given:  
 Marvin A. Bettman, 137 W. 75th-st., New York City, 15, Student. Refs., J. F. Dodge, Marcus A. Bettman.  
 Wm. H. Carr, Jr., Meriden, Conn., 21, Clerk. Refs., J. F. Dodge, E. A. Buck.  
 Andrew Dempsey, Terre Haute, Indiana, Book-keeper. Refs., E. Snowden, Leo Fritter.  
 G. C. Wege, 76 E. Fulton-st., Columbus, O., 17, Student. Refs., Leo Fritter, Geo. E. Higgins.  
 Thos. F. M. Koch, 208 S. High-st., Columbus, O., 52 Merchant. Refs., Leo Fritter, G. C. Wege.  
 Alvin Krause, 708 20th-st., Milwaukee, Wis., 21, Clerk. Refs., Alfred Jungman, P. Deitzen.  
 Edw. I. Hirthe, 2229 Vint-st., Milwaukee, Wis., 13, Grocer. Refs., Alfred Jungman, Otto Demien.  
 L. M. Bauschek, 601 Second-st., Milwaukee, Wis., 42, Pressman. Refs., Alfred Jungman, Robert Schode.  
 W. H. Green, 515 S. Seventh-st., Camden, N. J., 22 Stamp Dealer. Refs., J. F. Dodge, D. B. Green.  
 Walter Schrupf, Glassboro, N. J., 14, News Agent. Refs., J. F. Dodge, Wm. Schrupf.

The above applicants will be accepted, provided no sufficient objections are received, within one month from date. Membership cards will then be sent to those who have paid their dues. Those who have not done so will be notified by postal card, and be expected to remit at once the dues to January 1, 1897 (25 cents). It would be considered a great favor, if remittances were made by silver or money order.

Owing to the short time elapsing between this report and the previous one, there are not many applications to report this month. The membership number will soon reach 300, and it should be our aim to pass that notch in our history by this time next month. This will necessitate the securing of only 4 applications during the month which should not be an impossibility. But let quality, and not quantity, be your aim. Also see if you cannot induce your fellow member, who has not as yet paid his dues for the present year, to do so, and thereby help the treasury of the society along, which has not as yet been flooded with that promised prosperity. See if you cannot help fulfil the promises of the victorious party, at least to the extent of inducing some tardy member to pay his just dues to the society.

#### CORRECTION IN NAMES.

271 Emil Gerlich, New Braunfels, Texas.

#### CHANGES IN ADDRESS.

96 Charles Bergholz, Lilley, Ark.

#### DUES NOTICE.

The attention of all members who became such before the first of July, 1896, is hereby called to the fact that their dues for the year 1897 (to January 1, 1898) are now due and payable at once without further notice from me. The amount is 25 cents. Please attend to this matter at once. The treasury of the society is in sore need of funds and you should not delay in settling this matter. All who are affected by this notice will stand suspended if their dues are not paid within ONE MONTH from date. Attend to this matter TODAY.

Yours for the C. P. S.,  
LEO FRITTER, Sec.-Treas.,  
Columbus, O., May 17, 1897.

#### REPORT OF LIBRARIAN.

McCONNELLSVILLE, O., May 12, 1897.

FELLOW MEMBERS C. P. S.,

I have received the following magazines since my last report. American Journal of Philately, April and May. Home Worker, April and May. Columbian Philatelist, March and April. Philatelic Californian, March. All Round Stamp Advertiser, March. Omaha Philatelist, April. New York Philatelist, April. Monthly Observer, April. I respectfully ask those publishers who do not have us on the list to do so. Mention will be made in my monthly reports of all contributions made to the society. Members have the use of the Library. Kindly remember this. I remain,  
Yours for the C. P. S.

HENRY S. ADAIR.

#### AUCTION MANAGER'S REPORT.

The department will be closed until September the patronage not being sufficient to maintain it during the summer months. Those who have secured lots at sales already held have obtained them at very low prices, but those parties who make such bids as 60 cents for an unused entire 70 cent envelope and a like amount for 200,000 mixed U. S. stamps should save their postage.

H. SMITH, Auc Mgr.  
5 ALMOT-ST., MEDFORD, MASS., May 15, 1897.

## The Ohio Philatelic Association.

ORGANIZED OCT. 8, 1896.

President.—Leo Fritter, Columbus.  
Vice-Pres.—Ben L. Morris, Bellaire.  
Sec'y-Treas.—Chas. S. Pendleton, Findlay.  
Exch. and Auct. Mgr.—P. M. Weiss, P. O. Box 232 Cincinnati.  
Librarian.—Henry S. Adair, McConnellsville.  
Count. Detect'r.—P. E. Rood, 222 Floyd-st., Toledo.  
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#### SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT.

FELLOW MEMBERS OF THE O. P. A.:

At last we have the opportunity of addressing you in the interest of our society. No doubt you have wondered at our silence during the past few months and the non appearance of our official organ.

In explanation of this we can but say that we have had our reports promptly forwarded each month to the "Philatelic Free Lance"; and yielding to his promise of an early issue, rather than to look outside the state for an Official Organ, have allowed the matter to run along until at last he informs us that it will be impossible for him to continue the publication. During this time we have advanced steadily onward, though greatly handicapped by the above conditions, and have distributed application blanks and information concerning the Association widely among the collectors of our state. Do not let this blow kill the society, nor even retard its growth. We have but passed through the usual trials of a young society; and are still very much alive, as the following list of applications will show.

To those who, although your applications were filed months ago, have not until now received recognition, we tender our humble apologies and promise you that such a delay shall not again occur. We further wish to thank the publisher of the COLUMBIAN PHILATELIST for the favors which he has shown us and his kindness in consenting to serve as our temporary Official Organ.

I have the following new member to report:  
33 Thad Simmons, 141 W. Goodale-st., Columbus.  
Also the following applications for membership, with accompanying references:

- 37 Bert Kirby, Marysville. Refs., Chas. S. Pendleton, Howard M. Jones.  
38 J. Edward Sohn, Jr., 3303 Jefferson-ave., Cincinnati. Refs., Erwin Fischer, Chas. S. Pendleton.  
49 Ed. Stark, 211 E. Lima, Findlay. Refs., Chas. S. Pendleton, Walter G. Kirkbride.  
40 Stanbery Alderman, McConnellsville. Refs., Henry S. Adair, Chas. S. Pendleton.  
41 Girard Martin, 606 S. Main, Findlay. Refs., Chas. S. Pendleton, John T. Carlin.  
42 Henry Clark Crowell, Glenville. Refs., P. M. Weiss, Chas. S. Pendleton.  
43 G. C. Wege, 78 E. Fulton-st., Columbus. Refs., Leo Fritter, W. J. Carty.  
44 Wilbur A. Brock, 233 E. Hardin, Findlay. Refs., Chas. S. Pendleton, Ed. Stark.

I have also the following condition of the Treasury to report:

|                                     |        |
|-------------------------------------|--------|
| Cr.—By Balance Cash.....            | \$6.00 |
| " Fees and Dues.....                | 1.45   |
|                                     | —————  |
|                                     | \$8.05 |
| Dr.—To P. M. Weiss, Exch. Dept..... | \$3.35 |
| " " " Printing.....                 | 1.50   |
| " Official Organ Acct.....          | 1.21   |
| " Cash Balance to June.....         | 1.99   |
|                                     | —————  |
|                                     | \$8.05 |

For the O. P. A., CHAS. S. PENDLETON,  
Sec'y-Treas.



## EXCHANGE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

CINCINNATI, O., April 30, 1897.

I have the following condition of the Exchange Department to report, from the period of Oct. 8, 1896 to date.

## RECEIPTS.

To cash received from Sec'y, Treas. for Dept. \$3.35  
 " " " for sale of Ex. sheets..... 2.05

\$5.40

## EXPENDITURES.

By printing of Exchange sheets.....\$3.35  
 Postage and stationery..... 1.26

\$1.61

Balance on hand .79

I have circulated 4 circuits of a total value of \$91.01. Sales from these 4 circuits amounted to \$16.61 an average of over 18% sold, which is a good average, as over 50% of the stamps in these 4 circuits contained stamps valued at from 1c to \$1.50 which were damaged and not desirable at any price, and others were priced too high. If members will include good specimens and price them at a price that they are willing to pay for the stamps themselves, the sales would average a great deal more, but such stamps like Reprints, Seebecks, torn or heavily can. stamps, and stamps priced too high will not sell. I desire to impress upon members who have not yet tried this dept and who desire to buy and sell good stamps at reasonable prices, the importance of this dept, and suggest that they give the Exchange dept a fair trial. I also wish to explain the delay to those who have stamps in the dept, and who have not received a payment. The sales from the circuits have been small, and in order to give the full benefit, I have decided to send their sheets out on another circuit, as soon as I can get enough names to form another circuit. At present I have only 13 names on my circuit list, out of a membership over 3 times that number, and should have at least over half the membership to participate in the dept, those who have not yet sent in their names, should do so at once. An information regarding the dept will be cheerfully furnished by me.

With best regards for the welfare of the O. P. A. I remain, Respectfully yours,

P. M. WEISS, Exch. Supt.

P. O. Box 232, Cincinnati, Ohio.

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## National Philatelic Association.

ORGANIZED MARCH 1, 1897.

President—C. W. Kissinger, Reading, Pa.  
 Vice-Pres.—Erwin L. Fischer, Cincinnati, O.  
 Treas.—W. H. Colbourn, Box 406, Lowell, Mass.  
 Sec'y.—Mabelle F. Jones, 1607 Brown-st., Phila., Pa.  
 Att'y.—Geo. A. Katzenberger, Greenville, O.  
 Auction Manager.—E. B. Horn, 11 Greenwich Park, Boston, Mass.

Librarian—Claude T. Reno, Allentown, Pa.  
 Ex. Supt.—H. D. Ruchlman, Sharon, Wis.  
 Counterfeit Det.—S. B. Hopkins, 4471 Evans-st., St. Louis, Mo.  
 Trustees—Kantner, McDermott and Cleaver, Box 236, Reading, Pa.

## PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

GENTLEMEN AND FELLOW MEMBERS:—

I am indeed pleased to have the honor of presiding over this honorable body of stamp collectors, and I thank you most sincerely for electing me to the office of President. I am well aware that we have undertaken a great work and I ask all of you to lend your aid in making this our young society a success. While it is almost impossible to successfully run a society on 15

cents a year dues, I believe it can be successfully managed with shrewd work. We have an efficient corps of officers, all of whom are experienced men and I believe with a little work on the part of each member we can accomplish much good.

Of course you know that no society can be successfully managed or maintained without funds and I earnestly request every member to forward his dues at once. They are very small and yet 1000 members would mean quite a nice Treasury. Put your shoulder to the wheel and let us feel your strength. In union there is great strength and in unity we must work. In my next address I will appoint the Resident Vice Presidents, as at present we do not have members in every State.

Get your friends to send in their applications. We want every collector in the United States to join this society as we someday hope to make it the strongest stamp society in existence.

We expect to have all the Departments in good working order in a very short time and we earnestly ask your patronage. Do not wait for the last chance. Be among the first and do all the good you can.

The cost of membership is only 15 cents. Tell your friends and get them in line.

Trusting that every member will lend us his aid and again thanking you for the honor conferred, I am,

Yours for Success,

CLIFFORD W. KISSINGER.

## SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Following is a list of members with their society numbers. Those who have not done so yet will please remit 15c for one years dues ending March 1898.

|                       |                     |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 1 C. W. Kissinger.    | 7 Claude T. Reno.   |
| 2 Erwin Fischer.      | 8 H. D. Ruchlman.   |
| 3 W. H. Colbourn.     | 9 S. B. Hopkins.    |
| 4 Mabelle F. Jones.   | 10 Harry Kantner.   |
| 5 G. A. Katzenberger. | 11 G. E. Cleaver.   |
| 6 E. B. Horn.         | 12 D. J. McDermott. |

## APPLICATIONS.

Name and address followed by age and references.

Walter Leiser, Carrie-st., Clifton, Cincinnati, O.  
 Refs., E. Fischer, Herman Leiser.  
 Ed. Sohn, Jr., Bishop & Jefferson, Cincinnati, O.  
 Refs., E. Fischer, Ed. Sohn: Sr.  
 W. Schneider, 2810 Eden-ave., Cincinnati, O., 18  
 electrician. Refs., Erwin Fischer, Wm. Schneider, Sr.  
 Harry Kouwiser, 36 Barbara-st., Newark, N. J.,  
 18 clerk. Refrs., Chas. Kraemer, M. D., C. W. Kissinger.  
 D. E. Hazen, Thonotosassa, Fla., 22, Merchant.  
 Refs., C. W. Kissinger, O. E. Clapp.  
 Chas. L. McNutt, 615 Henleys-st., Knoxville,  
 Tenn., 14, stenographer. Refs., A. S. Calwell,  
 Erwin Fisher.

## LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

ALLENTOWN, PA., May 7, 1897.

FELLOW MEMBERS:—Having been appointed Librarian of this society, I hereby submit my first report. It is somewhat lengthy, but I hope I may draw your attention to it. I want contributions: All persons sending papers or books will receive proper credit. Be sure to mark them "For Library" I would request all papers to send me copies so marked. After we receive over 50 papers I will print a catalogue. Until then observe these rules.

1. Members wanting books or papers must send to me the necessary postage with request and promise to return same within 10 days.

2. Failure to return borrowed books or papers within time allotted, the party keeping same will be liable to a fine of 5c for every day kept over time. I report these contributions. From

Claude T. Reno, Evergreen State Philatelist Vol. 4, No. 4. International, Vol. 1, No. 3. Philatelic Free Lance, Vol. 1, Nos. 3 and 4. From Erwin Fischer, complete file of the Buckeye State Philatelist. I hope to receive many papers and requests and in so doing do not fear that I do not like to loan them, but on the other hand, I am glad to do any service to any member.

Yours for the N. P. A.,

CLAUDE T. RENO, Librarian.

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### The Eastern Stamp Exchange.

Pres., J. F. Dodge, New Oxford, Penna.  
Vice-Pres., Chas. C. Lewis, Northampton, Mass.  
Sec'y, J. Arthur Wainwright, " "  
Treas., Frank T. Woodward, " "  
Actuarial Committee, The Vice-Pres., Sec'y, Treas.  
Official Journal, The Columbian Philatelist.

This Exchange has been organized to facilitate the exchange of duplicates among collectors residing in the New England States, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia. It is Exchange pure and simple. Books are obtained of the Secretary at 5 cents each or 7 for 25 cents, each holding 60 stamps. These when filled by members are priced by Scott's 57th catalogue and returned to the Secretary when the Actuarial Committee fix the amount of credit and send out to other participants at the same time sending books to the owner to select his credit. Should more be disposed of than the credit allowed an additional credit is given. There is no admission fee or dues. Those who wish to note the progress of the Exchange, with monthly reports may send 15 cents additional for one year's subscription to the official Journal but it is not compulsory. No book should be sent in valued at less than \$3.00. 10% will be charged for expenses of conducting the business and 1/2 for insurance guaranteeing the owner against loss. The insurance and the commission are not payable in cash but in stamps from books. A number will be assigned each participant sending for books, and reference must be furnished as to the responsibility of each participant before books are sent to him. Should any participant wish to select more than his credit, he may settle balance in cash at 30% discount on U. S. stamps or 40% on foreign.

Such other regulations as are necessary for the proper conduct of the business will from time to time be adopted.

J. ARTHUR WAINWRIGHT, Sec'y,  
110 Main Street, Northampton, Mass.

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### Albany, N. Y., Philatelic Club.

OFFICERS FOR 1897.

President—Prof. J. Benton Tipton.  
Vice-President—George H. Stevens.  
Secretary-Treasurer—Chas. F. Bridge.  
Exchange Superintendent—John Skinner.  
Official Journal—The Columbian Philatelist.

At a meeting of the Albany Philatelic Club held Wednesday evening, May 12, 1897, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: J. Benton Tipton, Pres., George H. Stevens, Vice-Pres., Charles F. Bridge, Sec'y-Treas., John Skinner, Exchange Supt. All collectors residing in Albany and vicinity are invited to join us. Information and blanks cheerfully furnished.

CHAS. F. BRIDGE, Sec'y-Treas.,  
600 Madison Ave., Albany, N. Y.

### Connecticut Philatelic Society.

OFFICERS FOR 1897.

President—Geo. B. Klebes, Sharon Valley.  
Vice-Pres.—Franklin S. Cook, Bridgeport.  
Secretary—Fred P. Holt, Hartford.  
Treas.—J. H. Davis, Waterbury.  
Ex. Supt.—Robt. C. Beers, Hartford.  
Official Journal—The Columbian Philatelist.

No report had been received from Secretary up to time of going to press.

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### Ipswich Philatelic Society.

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President—Mrs. J. S. Smith.  
Vice-Pres.—Harold J. Barker.  
Secretary—M. P. Beebe, Jr.  
Treas.—Helen Smith.  
Librarian & Auction M'g'r.—S. E. Smith.  
Counterfeit Detector—J. F. Dodge.  
Official Journal—The Columbian Philatelist.

The 27th regular meeting of the Ipswich Philatelic Society was held on April 26th. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. It was decided to postpone the meeting during the Summer as the members take more to bicycling during the summer and collecting of stamps in winter. Meeting adjourned. M. P. BEEBE, Sec.

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| 50c For. Exchange... 28                 |       | 2.00 P. of Will..... | 80    |
| 50c P. of Will.....                     | 85    | 10.00 Charter Party. | 55    |
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|--------------------------|--------|-------|
| 1886 5 on 25c yellow     | \$1 00 | \$ 75 |
| " 5 on 25c "             | 15     | 20    |
| " 5 on 2c brown          | 15     | 15    |
| " 5 on 25c black on rose | 15     | 15    |
| 1888 15-15 on 30c brown  | 15     | 20    |

**Unpaid Letter Stamps.**

**Diagonal Surcharge, "Chechinchine."**

POSTALLY USED  
IMPERF.

|               |       |  |
|---------------|-------|--|
| 1894.         |       |  |
| 5c black      | \$ 20 |  |
| 10c "         | 30    |  |
| 15c "         | 1 50  |  |
| 20c "         | 75    |  |
| 30c "         | 75    |  |
| 40c "         | 1 25  |  |
| 60c "         | 2 00  |  |
| 1fr red-brown | 4 00  |  |
| 2fr "         | 6 00  |  |
| 5fr "         | 10 00 |  |

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PERF. 14x13½.

|                                 | Unused  | Used  |
|---------------------------------|---------|-------|
| 35c black on orange blue surch. | \$12 50 |       |
| On Diego Suarez Stamps of 1892. |         |       |
| 1c black on blue, blue surch.   | 10 00   |       |
| 2c brown "                      | 10 00   |       |
| 4c claret "                     | 10 00   |       |
| 5c green "                      | 10 00   |       |
| 10c blk on lavender "           | 11 00   |       |
| 15c blue "                      | 20 00   |       |
| 20c red on green "              | 11 00   |       |
| 25c black on rose "             | 11 00   |       |
| 30c brown "                     | 20 00   |       |
| 40c red on straw "              | 17 50   |       |
| 50c carmine "                   | 12 50   |       |
| 75c black on orange "           | 12 50   |       |
| 1fr bronze green "              | 14 00   | 50 00 |

**Tahiti.**

|                        | IMPERF. | New     | Used |
|------------------------|---------|---------|------|
| 1882.                  |         |         |      |
| 25c on 35c yellow      | \$10 00 | \$10 00 |      |
| 25c on 40c red         | 40 00   | 37 50   |      |
| 25c on 1fr brown green | 12 00   | 15 00   |      |

|                       | PERF. 14x13½. |       |
|-----------------------|---------------|-------|
| 1884.                 |               |       |
| 5c on 20c red, green  | 8 00          | 10 00 |
| 10c on 20c red, green | 8 00          | 10 00 |

**Diagonal Surcharge, "TAHITI."**

1893  
IMPERF.

|                     |         |         |
|---------------------|---------|---------|
| 1c blue             | \$10 00 | \$40 00 |
| 2c brown, buff      | 40 00   | 40 00   |
| 4c green, green     | 50 00   | 50 00   |
| 4c claret, lavender | 40 00   | 40 00   |
| 35c orange          | 50 00   | 60 00   |
| 75c carmine, rose   | 60 00   | 80 00   |

**TAHITI.**

1893 PERF. 14x13½.

|                        | New     | Used    |
|------------------------|---------|---------|
| 1c blue                | \$25 00 | \$30 00 |
| 2c brown, buff         | 25 00   | 27 50   |
| 4c claret, lavender    | 25 00   | 27 50   |
| 5c green, greenish     | 25      | 50      |
| 10c lavender           | 30      | 75      |
| 15c blue               | 25      | 30      |
| 20c red, green         | 1 75    | 1 50    |
| 25c yellow, yellowish  | 25 00   | 25 00   |
| 25c rose               | 35      | 25      |
| 35c orange             | 35 00   | 40 00   |
| 75c carmine, rose      | 1 50    | 1 00    |
| 1fr brown green, straw | 1 50    | 1 75    |

**Two-line Surcharge, "1893" TAHITI.**

PERF. 14x13½.

|                        |        |        |
|------------------------|--------|--------|
| 5c green, greenish     | \$4 00 | \$5 00 |
| 10c lavender           | 6 00   | 7 50   |
| 15c blue               | 20     | 25     |
| 20c red, green         | 1 25   | 1 25   |
| 25c rose               | 1 00   | 75     |
| 75c carmine, rose      | 1 00   | 1 00   |
| 1fr brown green, straw | 1 50   | 1 50   |

**UNPAID LETTER STAMPS.**

**Diagonal Surcharge, "Tahiti."**

1893  
IMPERF.

|           |        |        |
|-----------|--------|--------|
| 1c black  | \$4 50 | \$5 00 |
| 2c "      | 5 00   | 6 00   |
| 3c "      | 6 00   | 6 00   |
| 4c "      | 6 00   | 6 00   |
| 5c "      | 6 00   | 6 00   |
| 10c "     | 6 00   | 6 00   |
| 15c "     | 6 00   | 6 00   |
| 20c "     | 4 00   | 4 50   |
| 30c "     | 5 00   | 5 00   |
| 40c "     | 6 00   | 6 00   |
| 60c "     | 6 00   | 6 50   |
| 1fr brown | 6 00   | 7 00   |
| 2fr "     | 7 50   | 8 00   |

**Two-Line Surcharge, "1893" "TAHITI."**

IMPERF.

|           |        |        |
|-----------|--------|--------|
| 1c black  | \$6 00 | \$6 00 |
| 2c "      | 5 00   | 5 00   |
| 3c "      | 5 00   | 5 00   |
| 4c "      | 5 00   | 5 00   |
| 5c "      | 4 00   | 4 50   |
| 10c "     | 5 00   | 5 00   |
| 15c "     | 5 00   | 5 00   |
| 20c "     | 1 75   | 1 75   |
| 30c "     | 5 00   | 5 00   |
| 40c "     | 6 00   | 6 00   |
| 60c "     | 5 00   | 5 50   |
| 1fr brown | 6 00   | 6 50   |
| 2fr "     | 7 50   | 7 50   |

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| \$2.00 1893.....                       | 2.00   |
| \$3.00 unused.....                     | 3.00   |
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| 1890 complete 1 to 90c.....            | .50    |
| Agriculture 30c.....                   | 2.50   |
| Executive 1c.....                      | 6.50   |
| Treasury complete.....                 | 4.50   |
| 7c.....                                | .90    |
| 24c.....                               | 2.80   |
| 90c.....                               | .50    |
| Navy 24c.....                          | 2.00   |
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THE COLLECTORS CLUB,

351 4th Avenue,

NEW YORK, June 8, '97.

DEAR SIR:—At the regular meeting of the Directors of The Collector's Club, held on June 7th, at the Club House, 351 Fourth avenue, it was unanimously agreed that the should undertake the defense of Club the suit brought by the United States Government against the Walter S. Scott Stamp Co., for offering for sale certain U. S. Newspaper stamps. The resolution passed by the National Philatelic Society was endorsed, as it covered all points in controversy and it was considered better to have the same resolution passed by every Society in the United States.

A Committee was appointed to take up subscriptions from every collector in the United States and it is expected that at least ten thousand will respond immediately, as it is essential that the high-handed proceedings of the Department should be condemned at once by the highest courts.

The Committee wish to call your attention to the fact that the nominal defendant in this case is the least interested of any one connected with stamp collecting, as the stamps that were unlawfully seized were only in the defendant's keeping and were not the property of the

corporation; moreover, the said company having only recently been organized, they had no newspaper stamps in stock, but if this case were allowed to go by default the cost would have been trifling, the government only suing for six cents, apparently in the hope that the company would think this the easiest settlement of the suit. If collectors should be short-sighted enough to allow this termination of the case, U. S. deputies would go the rounds of every stamp collector in the country and confiscate the stamps previously sold by the various post offices. It is therefore hoped that you will at once call a meeting of your Society and pass resolutions condemning the action of the government and also make a liberal donation to the defense fund, after which each individual member should subscribe according to the value of all newspaper and department stamps in their possession, for it should be borne in mind that this is only an entering wedge and if the department can successfully take the newspaper stamps there is nothing to prevent them taking every other stamp in the possession of collectors, all were regularly sold at the post offices through the country and they have as much right to one as the other. It seems the settled policy of the post office department under the present management to

injure and annoy stamp collectors in every way possible. It was very different under the management of Postmaster General Wanamaker, who thankfully acknowledged that he had made two millions of dollars out of stamp collectors.

Respectfully,  
JOHN W. SCOTT,  
Chairman.

### Canadian Notes.

BY BEAVER.

The second annual convention of the Dominion Philatelic Association will be held in Berlin, Ont., on July 21st and 22nd. This matter was discussed at the last meet, held in Toronto, and finally handed over to the Trustees to decide, and although there has been some delay we hope all will be satisfied with our choice. A big jubilee celebration and band tournament will be held on those days and the date, though somewhat earlier than usual, is considered the best, and a large attendance is expected.

President Weldon is very much offended because the Trustees have done their duty and decided upon the convention seat. The whole trouble is he wants to do it himself, and by his actions of late, has clearly shown his desire to run the whole society. We look forward to having a president who has the interests of the Association at heart, after the next election.

It is now an assured fact that Canada is to have a new issue of postage stamps. The size of the stamp will be about  $\frac{1}{2}$  of an inch wide and  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches long. The design which has been decided upon will represent Her Majesty at two important eras of her life, namely, at the time of her accession to the throne in 1837, and shortly before her jubilee in

1897. The first vignette shows the Queen on her coronation day. It is a full-faced portrait similar to the one on the 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ c Canada of the 1859 issue. To the right is a portrait of Her Majesty as she appears today, looking toward the left. Between the two photographs is the letter "V," with the letters "R. I.," in the fork of the "V." Above this is an illustration of the Imperial crown of England, and on the sides of this, on the top of the circle are the words "Canada Postage," underneath them respectively being the dates 1837-1897. Between the two portraits and in the lower corners are ornamentations of maple leaves, and at the bottom of the stamp is its denomination in black letters on a white background.

There will be sixteen different values, the denominations and number of each to be issued are as follows :

|                         |             |
|-------------------------|-------------|
| $\frac{1}{2}$ cent..... | 150,000.    |
| 1 cent.....             | 8,000,000.  |
| 2 cent.....             | 2,500,000.  |
| 3 cent.....             | 20,000,000. |
| 5 cent.....             | 750,000.    |
| 6 cent.....             | 75,000.     |
| 8 cent.....             | 200,000.    |
| 10 cent.....            | 150,000.    |
| 15 cent.....            | 100,000.    |
| 20 cent.....            | 100,000.    |
| 50 cent.....            | 100,000.    |
| \$1.....                | 25,000.     |
| 2.....                  | 25,000.     |
| 3.....                  | 25,000.     |
| 4.....                  | 25,000.     |
| 5.....                  | 25,000.     |

There will also be a postal card of which 7,000,000 will be issued. The total value of a complete set, including the card will be \$16.21 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

As soon as the full number of stamps mentioned in the foregoing list is issued, in order that no more can be printed from the original plates, the engravings will be destroyed in the presence of the Postmaster General and the members of the Government.



The stamps will be put in circulation on the morning of June 22nd. The first set of these stamps will be sent to H. R. H. the Duke of York, and the second to Her Excellency, Lady Aberdeen.

Inasmuch as the department is already receiving applications for the purchase of Jubilee stamps, it may be stated that the department will adhere to the established practice of supplying them only to postmasters, and through them only may they be purchased.

A new weekly has appeared from Toronto, which has taken over the *Canadian Philatelic Magazine*, the *Canadian Weekly Stamp News*, and the *Philatelic Canadian*, the official journal of the D. P. A., also taking over the organship, when they had no right to it. From what I had heard, I expected something out of the usual line, but when a poor little 4 page sheet, printed on anything but good paper arrived, I was disgusted, and when a "good" paper is announced to appear from Toronto again, I will know what to expect.

### New York Notes.

#### QUIZ.

The sensation of the month was the seizure of a number of lots containing Periodical stamps, at auction held under the auspices of J. W. Scott, in John St. The secret service officers, who made the seizure claimed that the stamps were stolen property of the Post Office Department, therefore could be seized without question. Mr. Scott claims that the stamps were purchased direct from the Post Office Dept. officials at Washington, during the year 1875. The present officials deny this, claiming that the U. S. Government, or any official or em-

ployee, had no authority to sell the stamps to the public or in fact, to any one. (Which means to say that they could be gotten free.) Apropos to the above, the following protest was immediately issued by Joseph S. Rich, Secretary.

WHEREAS, The National Philatelic Society has heard of the seizure of certain United States Periodical Stamps from "The Walter S. Scott Stamp Co." by certain officials of the Post Office Department this day on the ground "that said stamps were stolen, embezzled and purloined from the government, that they were prepared and printed for the government, and were and have ever since the time they were printed continued to be the property of the government, and it has never lawfully and voluntarily parted with the possession thereof, nor have any of its officers, employees or agents had lawful authority to part with title and possession thereto," and

WHEREAS, It is well known that large quantities of said stamps were openly sold by the government to the public for about ten years, notably under the terms of a circular issued by the Post Office Department, and dated March 27th, 1875, and that the Third Assistant P. M. G. gave receipts for money paid for same, and

WHEREAS, Over seven hundred sets of these stamps were furnished to the officials of the Universal Postal Union at Berne, Switzerland, most of which have long since passed into the hands of collectors. Therefore be it resolved that this society most earnestly protest against this unjust, oppressive and unlawful proceeding.

The officials also claim, that they can always seize any Periodicals when ever found outside the Post Office. All dealers in this City have

laid away from view all periodicals they have in stock or otherwise, and will let them rest until the case has been settled by the Supreme Court which convenes in October next. I believe it is the intention of Mr. Scott to press the case to the utter end.

One of our well known dealers struck one of the biggest snaps, which doesn't happen all the time. He purchased from a rag and paper dealer, a mixed lot of revenues, for which he paid the insignificant sum of ten cents, and in the lot was a 6c orange proprietary. This stamp he sold thirty minutes after for \$20. cash, netting him \$19.90 and the balance of the revenues in the lot. He also purchased a few mixed lots of foreign and United States, cataloguing upwards of one hundred dollars, and all he paid was a single dollar.

It is rumored that Mr. Berlepsch of 14 Street, intends to quit the stamp business. What he has mapped out for the future is impossible to say at this time.

Mr. Berlepsch is one of the most sociable and pleasing dealers in New York to-day, and his going will be sorrowfully regretted by his many friends and acquaintances, if the rumor proves to be authentic, but I hope not.

*The New York Philatelist* for May, gives a full page illustration of a Cuban Republic postage stamp, used on an entire envelope post marked, "Las Villas, Cuba," and addressed to the Cuban Republic representative in this city.

This goes to prove that if the stamps are not recognized by Spanish and other Governments, Uncle Sam defies Spain, and permits letters carrying such stamps, the transmission of the mails. Therefore

the United States recognizes them as genuine postage stamps and in reality recognizes the Republic of Cuba although in a quiet way.

Of course the Cuban Republic party have their own carriers, as it would be a piece of nonsense, to trust the letters to spanish carriers, who would invariably open the letters and read the contents.

It seems that at last Canada proposes an issue of postage stamps to commemorate the 60th year of continuous reign of Her Majesty Queen of England, or in other words the Queen's Jubilee June 15 has been named as the day of issuance some claim that this issue savors of speculation, but your correspondent believes from the information so far gained, that the issue will rank with our own Columbian Series. The only thing that is feared, is, if the plates will be destroyed as agreed, and not laid away for a future time, and if the stamps, sell too quick, or a demand is shown for same, other printing will be made. This is the identical thing that happened with our beautiful Columbian emissions. I hope that the Canadian Post Office authorities will have more respect for philatelists, than our own disgraced officials.

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#### Boston Notes.

The next monthly meeting of the Boston Philatelic Society will gather at Elk's Hall, as usual, Tuesday, June 15th. This meeting will be particularly interesting on account of the entertainment which Mr. Smiley has consented to furnish since he was taken to task by certain members, at the May meeting, for having stated certain facts as regards these monthly gatherings of our club. Mr. Smiley himself confesses that he is at a loss what to

do, but still he will doubtless find some mode of entertaining the crowd.

The stamp trade here, as elsewhere, continues in about the same course all the time. It is not particularly dull, nor is it extra flourishing. Still we cannot expect too much in these dull months. The A. P. A. convention will enliven matters somewhat.

I notice by an *Era* of past date that many New York collectors will come on wheel to Boston to be present at the convention. This will be quite a feat for our doughty brethren to perform, and I hope they will succeed in making the tour, in good shape.

Mr. Kennedy has been nominated as President of the New England Philatelic Association, and will doubtless be successful in his election. Mr. Kennedy is one of Boston's most enthusiastic philatelists, and has always been loyal to the N. E. P. A. He is also the logical candidate for this office as he now occupies the vice president's chair. To those who have never had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Kennedy, we will add that the engraving which appeared in last month's COLUMBIAN, fully did justice to this gentleman, and was a first-class likeness of him. To see the picture is to know his face.

E. B. HORN.

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### Philadelphia Notes.

BY QUAKER.

Another oddity has turned up, this time it is the 1c-1867 grilled 9x13 perforated only on three sides, on the right hand side is a margin showing almost half of the other stamp, while these are only novelties, yet it is surprising the number

of collectors that are after them, and the high prices some of them bring. At one of the meetings held recently by the collectors of this city, two very interesting and unique English stamps were exhibited by Mr Henry C. Davis. They were the 2½ pluer Claret of the 1875 issue, with Anchor watermark, showing an "F" in the lower left hand corner instead of the letter "H," there are only two others of these stamps known to be in existence.

The two cent Columbian *unused* bids fair to become a very desirable stamp.

The common two was never thought of while the Columbians were on sale, every one at that time was buying the high values; now when they want them, Collectors are surprised to find that they cannot get them everywhere.

There is a splendid opportunity offered to "corners" in the ½c and 6c "Canadian Jubilee" issue, their will be but 150,000 ½c issued and 75,000 6c, a small amount of capital would buy all of these in.

Canadian Revenues seem to be more than on the boom. Slowly but surely these pretty stamps are being taken a hold of. Once a collector obtains a few, his mind demands more.

Through a wholesale dealer, my attention was drawn to the commonly called "Seebecks" such as Nicaragua, Honduras and Salvador. While *very near* all dealers run them down, yet how many will sell you a complete set at 50% off 57th catalogue? The price every dealer asks for them is 50c, while the full catalogue value is only 69c. If these stamps are trash (as some call them) why not sell them as such, or else quit condemning them.

### The Other Side.

Not the other side of the "big pond," nor the other side of the continent, but the other side of the Sales Department, taking it for granted that you are the collector and not the Supt. of the Dept.

The criticisms that are made on the management of the Sales Department of the "Royal Order of Philatelic Explorers," make it necessary that some one should take up the cudgel in defence of the Department in order that the management may not be condemned without a hearing.

Now I have been Private Secretary to the Superintendent and I feel that I am able to speak (or rather write) understandingly on the subject. I will enumerate some of the criticisms made of the Superintendent, and will tell the other side of the story.

Mr. John Williams says that on the fifteenth day of last October he sent a book to the Department for circulation and that he has heard nothing from it since, and wants to know why it has not been returned. He thinks seven months about twice as long as it should take to get around and be returned with the cash. So it is John; just about twice as long, but let's hear what explanation the Superintendent has to offer. In the first place, the book you sent in contained mostly common stamps, i. e. stamps that you find in all of the 1,000 variety packets, and consequently the sale for them is slow, and the Superintendent has been circulating that book ever since trying to get sales enough for the percentage to pay the expense of circulating and returning to you. He has about given it up though, and will send it to you by next mail.

Wm. Jones, who has had a lot of books returned to him with about five or six per cent. sold, writes and

says he thinks the Department is "no good anyway and he'll be hanged if he belongs to it another year." That's all right Mr. Jones, but let me give you a few "pointers" on preparing books for the Sales Department of the next Society you join. Leave out all the 3c rose '62—2 and 3c '69—3c '70—everything below 12c in '72 to '90 issues, and those below 30c and 50c in the '90 to '95 issues. If you have any of these (and what collector hasn't plenty) just put them in some "old hair trunk" and let posterity have a chance to make a "big find" twenty or thirty years from now. Then will be the time they may sell from the sales book. They won't now, unless it is by the hundred for decorating purposes.

Here's a letter from Smith-Robinson. Smith finds fault because the stamps he sent in haven't sold better and asserts that the Superintendent could not have given them proper circulation, for they were all stamps catalogued over 10c and they were marked at full 50 per cent. discount and some more. Very true Mr. Smith-Robinson, but the majority of your stamps were torn, heavily cancelled or dirty specimens, and you certainly did not show much neatness in mounting them in the sales books. Your hinges looked like samples from all the different makers and when those gave out you must have cut up somebody's printed gum labels. Then too, you arranged your stamp without any regard to countries or dates. If you could have seen the tears of the Superintendent when he received your books and realized that he was expected to circulate such stuff (I can't call it anything else), you would have forwarded postage and asked for their return immediately. He gets it "in the neck" from the buying member for



sending them such books, and he gets another where Corbett did, from you for not selling more.

Thank Fortune there are a few gleams of sunshine for the Department. Mr. Lon Caster sends in books which are the opposite of John Williams', good desirable stamps priced right; and Mr. Windsor give us books without any 8c Shermans and 3 and 6c Columbians, and with a good liberal discount on desirable stamps.

Mr. Bert Lamb contributes books that for neatness and arrangement certainly are an example to be followed. You take one of his books and you can open your album and follow along from country to country alphabetically, and each country is arranged by consecutive dates. And then his prices are a shade lower than the dealers are asking for the same thing. It is a pleasure to compare his books with your collection, and the result is your pocketbook is considerable thinner after you have got through with them.

Say, you "fellers" who are sending in books for circulation, what would be your opinion of a merchant who would throw his stock into his windows without any attempt at arrangement? You'd say right off that man don't know his business. Just try and remember that you are not working off a "job-lot" or "fire damaged sale," but trying to show your fellow collector something he will want to place in his collection and show his friends.

But I find "The Other Side" covers more ground than I thought for when I started out, and I think I will reserve something for some future time. Perhaps I have said enough to show you that there is another side to the Sales Department. If not, and the editor is willing, I may inflict more on you.

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### Stamps vs. Politics.

As the summer months come upon us, dealers in all parts of the country say there is a falling off of trade. We do not doubt the truth of this assertion in the least for it is evident on all sides that stamp collecting is practically abandoned or at least much neglected during this season of the year. Yet there seems to be no essential cause for this. The school-boy is free, the college man is home on vacation and those engaged in business are taking their summer outing.

During these months of leisure why should stamp collecting be laid aside? Where can a better companion be found than one's collection? It is always ready to welcome you, always ready to please you. Why should you lock it up and spend idle hours by yourself?

But there is at least one reason for this neglect of matters stampic. It is the season of Philatelic politics. Aspirants for office are heard from on all sides and in every way. Some make themselves known by thrusting upon you printed circulars asking for your support while others put a two or three-liner in the Philatelic Journal. With this overwhelming rush of politics there is sure to come a lack of interest in stamps. Everything centers on politics. Stamps are laid aside. Dealers must idly await the issue as business is practically dead. The elections come and, with the results, the dissatisfactions of defeated nominees.

But, may I ask, should politics hold such a prominent place in society affairs even in their season? Should stamp collecting, the very object of the society, be dropped for the time and politics taken up? You may say, "This is the dull season." It is, but what makes it

dull? Lack of interest; politics. True we need good men for our offices and should have them, but good men are not so anxious for holding office. Let "the office seek the man" and let so much disgusting politics alone.

WAYNE T. DIMM.

### With Our Advertisers.

The Columbia Stamp Co., of Washington, D. C., seems to be getting good results from their ad. They believe in making business good during the summer by offering bargains. In their  $\frac{1}{2}$  page advt. we note they offer a set of Costa Rica officials cataloguing \$1.50 free to their patrons.

Messrs. Burton & Burton who have a mortgage on that last page for one year, always have something interesting for our readers.

The J. T. Starr Stamp Co., (one of our regular advertisers) has purchased the entire stock of revenues of Crozier & Co., of Philadelphia, and are now prepared to furnish a greater variety as well as many rarities.

There are many other advertisers in this magazine whose announcements it will pay you to read. If you collect postal cards, look up Lohmeyer's ad.

### The Influence of Philately on the Mind.

PHILATELIC WORLD.

"Bright-eyed Fancy, hovering o'er  
Scatters from her pictured urn

Thoughts that breathe and words that  
burn."—GRAY, *The Progress of Poesy*.

It was a dictum of Thoreau's that the naturalist is always first a sportsman; that "let us go out and kill something" is a prior desire to "let us observe something." It

may be so. Certainly the mere collector, in science, precedes the thinker and investigator.

"Collecting is a most valuable experience to the young philatelist. His acquisitiveness is immense. The sweeping net and the dredge would seem far too inefficient to appease his greed for specimens. And the secret of this enthusiasm lies in the fact that, beginning as a collector, he continues to make strides in the science, each step revealing more and more to him the many beauties and fascinations which encompass the pursuit of stamp collecting.

And as he advances, his mind expands, and he introduces into his pursuit even a larger measure of intellectual interest than is generally characteristic of it. And these additional elements are furnished by the mind from its store-room of odds and ends accumulated during the course of time, and which it now associates with the hobby which has bewitched its fancy.

For what is the mind but a scrap-book? If, when we are asleep some one could peep into it, what would he find there? Lines from favorite poets, stray bits of tunes and snatches from song books, melodies from operas, sentences from books, strange meaningless dates, recollections of childhood, vague and gradually growing faint, moments of perfect happiness, hours of despair and misery. The first kiss of childhood lovers, the first parting of bosom friends, the word of praise or the word of blame of a fond mother, pictures of men and women, hopes and dreams that came to nothing, unrequited kindness, gratitude for favors, quarrels and reconciliations, old jokes, and through them all the thread of one deep and enduring passion for the one pet hobby with which our mind is chiefly engraved.

There can be no two opinions as to whether the study of philately does or does not develop one's powers of observation. Each one of us has only to look into his own particular case in order to give a prompt and ready affirmative. To the outside world our pastime may seem puerile and devoid of any educational affinity, but men who jump to a conclusion like this, have given the subject, but a passing glance, and as the Russian proverb says of the non-observant man, "He goes through the forest and sees no fire-wood."

It is the mind that sees as well as the eye. Where unthinking gazers observe nothing, men of intelligent vision penetrate into the very fibre of the pursuit presented to them, attentively noting differences, making comparisons, and recognizing their underlying idea. Many before Galileo had seen a suspended weight swing before their eyes with a measured beat, but he was the first to detect the value of the fact. A discovery of this nature could never have been made by a negligent observer, or by a mere passive listener. It is the intelligent eye of the careful observer which gives to apparently trival matters their right value.

Stamp collecting conducts us into a host of channels of information, and the mind is exercised in the little points of varieties of paper, watermark, perforation and gum, the discrimination of colors and shades, the detection of errors and forgeries, an insight into the manufacture of paper, the causes of the various changes in government, a knowledge of coinage, and many other matters which scarcely need my enumerating.

Being constantly on the alert for all these matters, he learns to become a close observer, and it is the

close observation of little things which is the secret of success in business, in art, in science, and in every pursuit of life. Human knowledge is but an accumulation of small facts, made by successive generations of men, the little bits of knowledge and experience carefully treasured up by them at length growing into a mighty pyramid. Though many of these facts and observations seemed in the first instance to have, but slight significance, they were all found to have their eventual uses, and to fit into their proper places.

And in this wise the philatelist becomes in time one of the closest of observers. No circumstance, however trival, is overlooked by him, and no opportunity of collecting fresh facts is overlooked. The habit of observation creeps upon him, gains a settlement in his mind, and becomes his constant associate throughout life. His mind becomes like the canvas of a painter, always ready to receive the best impressions. Hence once he forms the habit thoroughly of observing little things, faculty of taking mental notes to be stored up in the memory begins to grow, and strengthened by use, may be relied upon after a while to work almost automatically. He requires the same sort of observing power that resides in the eye of a painter, and learns to discriminate nice shades of differences in color, paper etc., just as surely as the skilled musician discriminates between the most soft and refined passages in melody. This habit, first of watching for, and then detecting peculiarities of any kind, and finally of noting them mentally, is obvious the best of all trainings for the development of the mind, ultimately leads to the happiest results.

There is need of the faculty of ob-

servation every where. It is indispensable in every occupation. Without it a man contends against great odds. If it be not born with him, or if it be small and feeble, it should be cultivated as other weak powers are cultivated. The habit of sharp, discriminating observation may only be established by perseverance in the study of an intellectual hobby like philately.

The advice of Dr. Alcott on this head is very seasonable: "Keep your eyes open" is judicious advice. How many who have the eyes of their body open keep the eyes of the soul perpetually shut up? 'Seeing, they see not!' Such persons on arriving at the age of three or four score may lay claim to superior wisdom on account of superior age, but their claims ought not to be admitted. A person who has the eyes both of his mind and body open, will derive more wisdom from one year's experience than those who neglect to observe for themselves from ten. Thus at thirty, with ten years' acquaintance with men, manners and things, a person may be wiser than another at three times thirty, with seven times ten years of what he calls experience. Sound, practical wisdom cannot, it is true, be rapidly acquired anywhere, but in the school of experience, but the world abounds with men who are old enough to be wise, and yet are very ignorant. Let it be your fixed resolution not to belong to this class."

It is all important in the pursuit of an intellectual hobby like stamp collecting that the mind should be subject to discipline and wise control; thought must not be permitted to succeed thought in vague, vain and roving ideas. Any eccentricity or peculiarity of thinking dwarfs and stunt the growth of the mind. Dwelling

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upon one idea until that idea becomes the master or key-thought of the life, is a condition opposed to true progress and intellectual culture. Unquestionably the reining of the mind, putting it under control and direction, is no light task, but every effort and endeavor will render the habit more easy and the mind more pliant and willing to serve its master.

The man who cultivates an intellectual hobby has mental enjoyments of which the man with uncultivated faculties has no conception. It is the difference between power that is dormant and power that is in action, or existing and living. The more the faculties are cultivated the higher is the ascent; the less they are cultivated nearer is the approach to the animals, which are controlled and directed by instinct and not by reason.

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THE chief topic of conversation among collectors this month is the illegal seizure of periodical stamps by Secret Service officers at the Walter S. Scott sale on June 7th. The matter is referred to in our New York correspondence where will also be found the resolutions passed by the National Philatelic Society. In another column will also be found a letter addressed to all collectors by the Collector's Club, and it is hoped that collectors will duly respond to the call for subscriptions to defend the suit. As these stamps were sold to the public for seven years under a special order from the P. O. Department and some of our largest dealers and prominent collectors hold receipts from Postmasters for money paid for these stamps, the Government has just as much right to confiscate postage stamps found in your possession which you buy to mail your letters with.

THE Editor, accompanied by Mr. W. H. Emmert, recently made a flying trip to New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore. Most of the dealers we called upon were doing a fair business considering the season and a few reported business much better than the corresponding season last year. Of course, no periodical stamps are now being offered and several dealers had been visited by Inspectors disguised as stamp collectors who went away without obtaining the desired stamps. Messrs. R. F. Albrecht & Co., were busy arranging lots for their next sale which will probably take place in September. Their new plan of selling stamps at prices fixed by the owners and published in catalogue form similar to auction sales thus preventing the slaughtering of good stamps which is frequently done at auction sales seems to be meeting with general favor with those who are obliged or desire to sell their collections or duplicates at a fair price.

THE Editor has been ordered by his physician to give his eyes a complete rest and a large part of the work on this issue has been done by dictation which may account for some of its short comings.

THE next issue will go to press about July 10th and advertisers should be sure to have copy reach us by that date.

THE arrival of the *Lone Star State Philatelist* is always welcome, as the Editorial columns furnish us with an hour's amusement. It is the one green oasis in the desert. We can't afford the weekly visits of *Puck* and *Judge* but they are more than made up by the college editor of the *Lone Star*. We get so tired

reading about stamps and stamp matters in ordinary every day English that it is refreshing to settle back in our easy chair and peruse the classical language found only in the vocabulary of our friend in Dixie Land. The scathing denunciation of stamp societies in several followed a loving tribute and an alleged effusion of the S. P. A. takes up a page. (We say "alleged" as there is such a divergence of opinion in regard to what constitutes poetry that we don't wish to commit ourselves). Then with majestic diction, the Editor "walks all over" a luckless Western Editor, who dares to criticise his language in a former issue. We make room for the following choice bit: "We regret to see such an instance of *Machiavellism* in Philatelia. We want either friends or open enemies. It is easy to respect an enemy who fights in the open under his proper *ori flamme* but those who poison with a consecrated wafer, or stab in friendly embrace deserve only the contempt of the public. \* \* \* \* \* Our policy will ever be the same. Our style, and our choice of expressions, will be chosen to suit ourselves, not the critics, and the sooner Shepard, Dodge, Veritas, Romeo and the rest of their kit learn this important fact, the sooner will valuable space be devoted to more important matters."

Why, bless you friend Moise, we wouldn't have you change your style and policy for a farm down East, and we beg of you to keep right on hunting up new words in the dictionary for our delectation. Such magnificent display of learning simply place other Editors in the shade and we bow before your superior wisdom. We cannot, like you, incorporate such words as "conoclastic" and "tommy-not"

in the same sentence and make such an easy descent from the sublime to the ridiculous no. We beseech you, regale us often with choice selections from your never failing store house of wisdom.

WELL! well! our last issue was a little bit too much for the trinity of Mekeels who have so long considered themselves omnipotent and I. A. in his *Weakly Stamp News* endeavors to give us a little advice. We criticised his sheet because they admitted the advt. of a firm of doubtful reputation and I. A., who has long considered that he is the Atlas, and his weekly family trade circular the fulcrum that moves the philatelic world, even writes us a letter with proof of an additional paragraph (which has a personal reference to the publisher of this magazine and the statement that we carry a page advt. of a dealer who was expelled from the A. P. A.,) which he says was "crowded out." As several inches of blank space appeared on the cover, he might at least have been honest enough to say that his printer left it out to avoid a possible libel suit, or, because he didn't want us to give the public a few points about the Mekeels as an off-set. Now Isaac one of your name was once offered up as a sacrifice in olden time and the knife wss stayed, and we are going to spare you in the same way, but you want to be careful in the future or we shall not be so lenient. Don't run off with the idea that the COLUMBIAN has a kid for an Editor who is afraid of the sheet which seems to be run in the interests of C. H., I. A., Beckett, Saville Packet Co.

The *Stamp Exchange, et al*, but will give its readers just what it believes is for the good of philately re-

gardless of any fanatics or self-constituted leaders of philately. Now we would like to ask you Isaac "what do you know about J. A. Petril of Phillipsburg, N. J. and W. S. Kinzer of Canton, Ohio, whose ads. appear in your paper?"

"Of all the sad and gloomy words,  
That mankind ever writ,  
There are no sadder ones  
Than these two, 'Please Remit.'"

ROUTE

Guess not, we think those sadder far  
In misery let us groan  
When we get our thirteenth letter back  
"Left town, address unknown."

### Personal.

Mr. H. A. Chapman, of Hartford, Conn., publisher of the *Perforator*, will be our guest the last week in June.

Mr. F. E. Smith, of Newton, Mass., leaves on his European trip about July 10. He has promised us an account of his journeyings including the London exhibition.

R. M. Miller, of New Chester, Pa., made us a hurried call on June 15th. He says he cannot yet decide when he will publish the next issue of the *American Collector*.

### The U. S. Envelope Exchange.

In response to the call issued last month for participants in an exchange club for entire envelope collectors, the following names have been received, and the numbers assigned in the order of receipt.

- 1 J. F. Dodge, New Oxford, Pa.
- 2 W. H. Emmert " "
- 3 J. M. Bartels, 419 9th-st., N. W.,  
Washington, D. C.
- 4 Joe F. Beard, Muscatine Iowa.
- 5 S. G. Stein, " "
- 6 D. T. Eaton, " "
- 7 H. D. Wheeler, M. D., Meridan, N. Y.
- 8 Wm. H. Carr, Jr., " "
- 9 E. G. Tabor " "
- 10 R. B. Martin, Silver Creek, "
- 11 F. L. Graves, " "
- 12 Joseph Rechert, Hoboken, N. J.
- 13 Geo. L. Toppan, Boston, Mass.
- 14 Chas. H. Stone, Concord, N. H.
- 15 Wm. L. Collins, " "
- 16 A. A. Holt, " "

- 17 Frank P. Brown, Boston, Mass.
- 18 Edward H. Mason, 70 Kilby-st., Boston, Mass.
- 19 Herman F. Buckman, 168 Pleasant-st.,  
Arlington, Mass.
- 20 J. V. Painter, Cleveland, Ohio.
- 21 S. B. Boyd, M. D., Knoxville, Tenn.
- 22 W. Allan Gardner, 32 C and I Exch.  
Buffalo, N. Y.
- 23 F. O. Conant, 229 Coml.-st., Portland,  
Me.
- 24 Geo. Hetrich, M. D., Birdsboro, Pa.
- 25 Chas. F. Bridge, 600 Madison-ave.,  
Albany, N. Y.
- 26 R. P. Rickenbacker, Washington, D.  
C.

The preference given by a majority of the membership for official journal is the COLUMBIAN PHILATELIST.

Each of the above gentlemen are requested to send to the publisher of this magazine to reach him not later than July 10th his vote for officers to conduct the affairs of the club. The following have been suggested. Those who do not send in ballots will be considered as pleased with the governing board as named below:

- Pres., Joseph Rechert, of N. J.  
Vice Pres., Chas H. Stone, of N. H.  
Sec'y-Treas., Joe F. Beard, of Iowa.  
Sales Mgr., J. F. Dodge, of Penna.  
Auction Mgr., Frank P. Brown, of Mass.  
Attorney, Chas. F. Bridge, of N. Y.  
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The following new members will receive their membership cards upon receipt of 9 cents dues to September 1.

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- 48 Jos. Schaefer, M. O. Dept., Cincinnati. Ref., P. M. Weiss, Jos. A. Meyer.
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## LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

ALLENTOWN, PA., June 1, 1897.

FELLOW MEMBERS:—I am pleased to announce these contributions:

No. 3, From Erwin Fischer, Vol. 1, No. 5, Postage Stamp, Vol. 1, No. 1, The Sagamon Phil., Vol. 1, No. 6 Phil. Literature Col., Vol. 4, No. 1, Lone Star St. Phil., Vol. 23, No. 3 Philatelic Monthly, Vol. 1, No. 3 Stamp Lore, Nos. 269, 278, 283 Daily Stamp Item, Dealer's Address Book.

No. of papers in Library 17. Mr. Dodge sends a copy each month for the Library. As soon as 50 papers or books are received a catalog will be printed. Observe rules in last issue. Send your duplicates, etc. Proper credit given each month in my reports. Yours for the N. P. A.,  
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This exchange has been organized to facilitate the exchange of duplicates among collectors residing in the New England States, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia. It is Exchange pure and simple. Books are obtained of the Secretary at 5 cents each or 7 for 25 cents, each holding 60 stamps. These when filled by members are priced by Scott's 57th catalogue and returned to the Secretary when the Actuarial Committee fix the amount of credit and send out to other participants at the same time sending books to the owner to select his credit. Should more be disposed of than the credit allowed an additional credit is given. There is no admission fee or dues. Those who wish to note the progress of the Exchange, with monthly reports may send 15 cents additional for one year's subscription to the official Journal but it is not compulsory. No book should be sent in valued at less than \$3.00. 10% will be charged for expenses of conducting the business and 1% for insurance guaranteeing the owner against loss. The insurance and the commission are not payable in cash but in stamps from book. A number will be assigned each participant sending for books, and reference must be furnished as to the responsibility of each participant before books are sent to him. Should any participant wish to select more than his credit, he may settle balance in cash at 30% discount on U. S. stamps or 40% foreign.

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- 1 J. F. Dodge, New Oxford, Pa.
- 2 Chas. C. Lewis, Northampton, Mass.
- 3 J. Arthur Wainwright, Northampton, Mass.
- 4 Frank T. Woodward, Northampton, Mass.
- 5 Max Sternberg, 22 East 109th-st., N. Y. City.
- 6 J. W. Sampson, Manchester, Me.
- 7 I. C. Greene, 65 High-st., Fitchburg, Mass.
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**APPLICATION.**

H. E. Heath, Windsor, Conn. Age 30, electrical engineer. Refs., F. P. Holt, Geva M. Holt.

**TREASURY REPORT.****CR.**

Rec'd from applications and dues to June 1 \$10.30

**DR.**

|                                       |               |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|
| Jan. 20, Printing applications.....   | \$2 00        |
| April 15, Membership cards.....       | 50            |
| May 1, Official organ 4 months.....   | 1 12          |
| May 1, Secretary's postage 4 mos..... | 70            |
| Am't in Treasury June 1.....          | 5 98          |
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 Official Journal—The Columbian Philatelist.

The regular meetings of the Society will be resumed in September.

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 Official Journal, The Columbian Philatelist.

At the meeting held on June 3rd, the resignation of the secretary Chas. B. Marsh was accepted and Mrs. Jos. Branton was elected to fill the vacancy, and the Columbian Philatelist was unanimously elected the official journal of the club. The regular meetings will be resumed in Sept.

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**Received.**

Priced catalogue of the Auction sale of P. M. Wolsieffer held in Chicago May 29. The total amount of the sale was \$1141.00. There were many fine stamps in the sale and brought fairly good prices.

June price list of U. S. Revenues by Franklin S. Cook, Louisville, Ky.

Special bargain list of the J. T. Starr Stamp Co., Coldwater, Mich., which we notice contains some rare bargains. Collectors might save a few dollars by sending for it.

Wisconsin Philatelic Blue Book edited by Rev. L. G. Dorpat and published by H. D. Ruehlman. It is very neatly gotten up and the editor and publisher deserve especial credit for its fine appearance.

Hall's Standard Catalogue of Canadian Revenues. A very neat and complete work of 36 pages and cover with a full description of these beautiful and interesting stamps and the use to which they were put. Price 15 cents.

Guide to the Colors of Postage Stamps by Charles Stewart, St. Paul, Minn., price 12 cents post free. This is a work which should be in the hands of every collector. If Mr. Stewart would place in each space a cheap stamp with the designated color and sell the book thus filled at a nominal price we believe that it would have a very large sale.

**The Press.**

The *Perforator* for June has reached us and contains its usual amount of good reading matter, and its typographical appearance is almost perfect.

The *Evergreen* for June is also at hand with the last installment of an interesting article by Gordon C. Corbaley on "Private Proprietaries" which is quite interesting.

The editor contributes as usual a good bit of up to date reading matter.

The *Lone Star* has a full account of the convention of the S. P. A. and L. P. A. and sketches and portraits of Frederick Noyes, Georges Carion, Roy B. Bradley and Emil Gerlich.

The *Philatelic Californian* for April is a special "Wells Fargo Pony Express Edition" and contains a great deal of matter regarding these interesting stamps.

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|                         |        |
|-------------------------|--------|
| 1851, 10c on cover..... | \$ .45 |
| 1857, 10c on cover..... | .25    |
| 1851, 1c.....           | .15    |
| 1870, 1c.....           | .20    |
| 1873, 3c ribbed.....    | .25    |

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| 3c " " ..... 5 70          | 50c P. of Will " ... 1 75  |
| 4c " " ..... 5 90          | 50c S. Bond " ... 4 00     |
| 5c Propy. " ..... 1 00     | \$1 Manifest " ... 1 70    |
| 10c " " ..... 90           | 1 " perf..... 70           |
| 20c F. Ex. " ..... 90      | 1 Mortgage perf... 2 20    |
| 25c W. Receipt imp 95      | 1 P. Ticket " ... 3 90     |
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| 5c 1861..... 25        | 30c 1893 " .. 32     |
| 12c " ..... 25         | 50c " " .. 52        |
| 15c " ..... 30         | *1c Justice " ..1 25 |
| 90c " .....2 10        | Pl. No. 50 unw 25    |
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| 6c 1869..... 40        |                      |

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| 70c Green.....  | 47    |

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# The Columbian Philatelist

FEARLESS AND INDEPENDENT.

VOL. III. NO. 3. NEW OXFORD, PA., JULY 20, 1897. Whole No. 15.

Mr. T. L. Green of Mt. Olivet, Ky., who is now 56 years of age has been an invalid since the age of 14. For nine years he was so helpless that he was unable to turn in his bed. At the age of 23 he was able to be about with the assistance

of a crutch and a cane which have been his companions ever since. For a number of years taught school. for nine years he has served as magistrate and seven years County Clerk. His habit of observation and research rendered more keen by his crippled condition, combined with a close application to his duties as

teacher, magistrate and clerk have given him a business training of great value. Having considerable time at his disposal which in his crippled condition with an active mind, wore heavily away, some two years ago he began dealing in stamps as a side line, and has built up a large and lucrative business. This year Mr. Green is the popular candidate for Exchange Superintendent of the P. S. of A. The exchange

department of any society is the leading feature of interest to philatelists, but in the hurried rush for office in this particular society, in former years, business ability, time at disposal, and proper methods and care, of proposed candidates have

not been duly considered and many have been the complaints from members at the conduct of the department. In all fairness to past and present incumbents we must say that some of these complaints are unjust, but with proper management, many could have been avoided. We believe Mr. Green who is already studying



T. L. GREEN.

methods to avoid substitution and other plans for the conduct of the department to which he is quite sure of being elected, will make a model officer and thus to a large extent build up the society.

At present the society is passing through a crucial period resulting from bad management and contending political factions all of which however seem to favor Mr. Green's election.

**Canadian Notes.**

BY BEAVER.

The people of Canada have gone jubilee stamp wild. The new stamps were placed on sale in St. Catharines on June 21st about 9:30 a. m. The rush for them was far greater than was expected so that in a short time the entire supply of some values were exhausted. Nothing but the 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 10 and 15c stamps were obtainable here unless a complete set was ordered.

It is impossible to get any of the  $\frac{1}{2}$ , 6, 8c, \$1.00, \$2.00, \$3.00, \$4.00, or \$5.00 stamps unless a whole set is taken, and it is not expected that the supply of these will hold out very long.

Very few dealers have any stock of the  $\frac{1}{2}$  or 6c stamps. One dealer in St. Catharines has about thirty of the 6c, and considers himself lucky, while on the other hand he has no  $\frac{1}{2}$ c at all.

The department has ordered all the 8c stamps back to Ottawa.

I have noticed the following plate numbers on the new stamps. 1c, 15; 3c, 11; 5c, 12; 10c, 19. Another list will appear next month.

The following is a copy of a letter I received from the Post Office Department a few days ago:

OTTAWA, July 2, 1897.

DEAR SIR:

I am directed to send you for your information and guidance, the following statements, which has just been given to the press.

Enquiry having been made at the Post Office Department as to whether the Canadian Jubilee Postage Stamps would continue good for postage for a limited period only, it has been officially stated that the Jubilee stamp will remain valid for postage purposes as long as they may continue in circulation. *They*

*will not, however, be redeemed by the Department, a distinction being drawn in this respect between them and the ordinary postage stamps.* This, of course, applies equally to Jubilee Post Cards. I am, sir,

Your obedient servant,

\_\_\_\_\_, Supt.

On the 21st and 22nd of this month, the second annual convention of the Dominion Philatelic Association will be held in Berlin, Ont. The struggle for supremacy between the two parties promises to be the greatest in the history of philatelic politics in Canada. The ticket which all true members should vote for is headed by Mr. A. M. Muirhead, of Halifax, N. S., one of the organizers and a charter member of the society, and strongly supported by leading members: W. A. Lydiath, for vice president. B. J. Bishop, " " U. S. L. S. Graham, " Sec.-Treas. F. J. Weaver, " Librarian R. G. Widdicombe " Auc. Mgr. J. H. Peckhem, " Ex. Supt. C. Bailey, " Cft Detetr. W. A. Beatty, } W. A. Starnaman, } for Trustees. C. S. Applegarth, }

The opposition ticket is headed by Mr. W. R. Adams, of Toronto. It is stated on good authority that one candidate on this ticket has not given his consent to allow his name to be used and if elected, will not accept this office. Is this the kind of candidates to vote for? Vote for the Muirhead ticket; every candidate on it is a true member of the Association.

It is rumored that a new stamp paper will appear from St. Catharines in the near future. Two collectors, as yet little known in outside circles, are the publishers, but further than this I am not prepared to say anything at present.

## The Influence of Philately on the Mind.

PHILATELIC WORLD.

"Bright-eyed Fancy, hovering o'er  
Scatters from her pictured urn  
Thoughts that breathe and words that  
burn."—GRAY, *The Progress of Poesy*.

(Continued from June)

To the man whose understanding is constantly being feasted on an intellectual pursuit, and whose God-given faculties have been developed, every object in nature ministers to his enjoyment. "For him trees have tongues, stones preach eloquent sermons, and the running brooks furnish books full of wise thoughts. Nature in her thousand moods teems with lessons: joyous if the spirit is cheerful and elastic, sad if the heart is heavy and desponding."

A patient study of stamps and their history also trains the mind to application, and a habit of application, one might safely say, is really of as much importance to almost any great man as is his genius. Not that any amount of application is likely to make a dull man brilliant, but without steady application a brilliant man might almost as well be dull, as far as anything that he is likely to accomplish is concerned. Indeed, some have even gone so far as to declare that application is genius: but this is hardly true. It may well be called, however, "the right hand of genius."

The culture knowledge obtainable from the pursuit of an intellectual hobby like stamp collecting has a most happy influence on the mind, which becomes social and genial; it loses its tendency to morbid irritability; it finds employment—employment of the most pleasurable kind—in ten thousand objects; lives above the petulance of every-day existence, finds in contemplation a higher and nobler life. The author

of "Friends in Council" well observes: "What a man has learnt is of importance, but what he is, what he can do, what he will become, are more significant things."

But one of the most remarkable attributes of an intellectual hobby is the manner in which it ameliorates sickness and trouble, and induces men to work under adverse physical circumstances, to which men whose minds were not so cultivated would undoubtedly succumb. It certainly seems as though by the very strength of intellect they have acquired, they are able to master for a time the weakness of the body. I quote a few instances:

Cowper suffered throughout his life from an intense melancholy, at times tempting him to suicide, and it is stated that in his literary work he found the only effectual antidote to his dreadful malady.

Robert Hall the celebrated preacher and writer, whilst tortured by an incurable spinal complaint, devoted himself to learning Italian at sixty years of age, in order to be able to read Dante in the original.

Sir Walter Scott wrote "Count Robert of Paris" after a paralytic stroke, and amid a constantly increasing weakness, which shortly ended in his death.

Beethoven composed some of his most magnificent works after he had totally lost his hearing, the affliction of all others most terrible to a musician.

Charles Dickens was lecturing, against the advice of physicians and friends, during the spring of 1870, and the very day before his death he was at work on "Edwin Drood."

See what a glorious thing an intellectual pursuit is for the human mind! Those who are engrossed in one seldom yield themselves entirely to fancied or real sorrow. When

grief sits down, folds its hands, and mournfully feeds upon its own tears, weaving the dim shadows that a little exertion might sweep away, into a funeral pall, the strong spirit is shorn of its might, and sorrow becomes our master. When troubles flow upon you, dark and heavy, toil not with the waves—wrestle not with the torrent! rather seek in the the panacea of an interesting hobby to divert the dark waters that threaten to overwhelm you in the thousand channels which the duties of life always present.

Before you dream of it those waters will fertilize the present and give birth to fresh flowers that may brighten the future—flowers that will become pure and holy in the sunshine which penetrates the path of every duty in spite of every obstacle.

#### The Ohio Observer.

The post-office situation at one of our well known Ohio towns is an interesting one. George P. Beckett, Republican, has been nominated as Postmaster to succeed his brother, John Beckett, Democrat. During the past four years George has been John's first assistant, and George will now appoint John as his chief clerk for the next four years. The patrons at the office, it is said, are satisfied with the arrangement.

Last Nov. Superintendent Rose of the Hamilton Ohio schools, entered into correspondence with the school authorities of Glasgow, Scotland and Liverpool, England, proposing a scheme of correspondence between the pupils of the higher grades. His idea was to awaken general interest in letter writing, composition, etc. Several instalments of letters from the foreign

pupils have been received and answered in turn. This corresponding has awakened a great interest in the collecting of stamps. The foreign pupils exchange the stamps of their countries for those of ours and in this manner several creditable collections have been formed. This is an excellent plan to interest the school pupil in the collecting of stamps.

The following information received in reference to Canada's Jubilee Issue: "When the post office opened here June 19, there was a line of people waiting as far as the road to get their turn at the wicket." "From all accounts there will be a great demand for the Jubilee Issue, and the high values will be difficult to obtain." "A large firm in the States recently sent several thousand dollars for the purchase of as many stamps, of a certain value not learned, as the amount would buy."

The statement recently made that on and after July first, cards issued by private parties, bearing writing, may be sent by mail with a one cent adhesive stamp affixed is incorrect. The bill introduced in congress allowing this privilege did not pass.

The next postal congress will meet at Rome, Italy, in February, 1903.

Members would like to see the names of those belonging to the O. P. A., published as promised in our first Official Organ.

Our secretary has just returned from Cincinnati where quite a conference was held relative to the O. P. A. We want to increase our membership very greatly within the next few months and to accomplish this end special premiums will be given to the members getting the most applications.



The O. P. A. is in excellent condition. All departments are in good working order. Members are requested to lend their aid in getting new applications. Ohio collectors not belonging to the Association are many. See if you can not help fulfil the above request to the extent of inducing one collector at least to send in his name.

The publisher will be glad to publish names and addresses of O. P. A. members if desired.

### The Conventions.

The American Philatelic Association will hold its annual convention at or near Boston, August 24-26th. There is a strong Anti-Mekeel sentiment. The future welfare of the Association we believe depends on the success of the ticket endorsed by the New York, Boston and Chicago branches, which is the old board with Geo. R. Tuttle substituted as Sales Superintendent and H. G. Smith as Treasurer. Joe F. Beard the present Secretary is endorsed for re-election though there was some objection we understand on account of his alleged connection with the Mekeel's. However Mr. Beard has made an efficient officer and has little opposition. Mr. Tuttle and Mr. Smith are both well and favorably known and eminently fitted for the positions they seek.

The Philatelic Sons of America hold their convention at Atlantic City, N. J., August 4-6th. As usual there are a multitude of candidates. We mention but a few and believe the election of these would help the Society. We notice among the directors nominated the names of John Zug, H. C. Crowell (the present efficient Auction Manager), Joe F. Beard, A. Herbst, T. H.

Gafford and Miss Mabel F. Jones, and a vote for either would we believe be for the best interests of the Society. For Exchange Superintendent T. L. Green should be elected by a large majority. He has many years practical business training, his integrity is unquestioned, and he has plenty of time to devote to the duties of the office. C. A. Provost is the leading candidate for Eastern Exchange Superintendent. S. B. Hopkins will of course succeed himself as Counterfeit Detector. His services are worth many times the cost of membership.

The candidates for attorney, Messrs. Bridge, Keech and Katzenberger are all good men for the position, and the average member will be puzzled deciding whom to vote for. Mr. Bridge however has more time to attend to the duties of the office and as he has never held the office, *what's the matter with Bridge?*

As *The Sons of Philatelia* have no regular official organ we have not learned as yet the exact date of the convention which will be held at Nashville, Tenn., date to be fixed by President Thomas.

The League of American Philatelists are also without an official organ and the date of their convention to be held at Clear Lake, Iowa has not been announced. We have not seen mentioned as yet the date for the convention of the Pennsylvania Philatelic Association which is to be held at Pittsburg but presume it will be the latter part of August.

The New England Philatelic Association hold their convention at Nahant, Mass., near Boston, August, exact date of which we have not learned probably just before or just after that of the A. P. A.

The convention of the Dominion Philatelic Association held at Berlin, Ont., will be a thing of the past when this reaches our readers.

### Novel Philatelic Advertising.

You may now quite frequently hear it asserted that advertising is a science. Most certainly is this true but no less in stamp dealing than in any other branch of trade.

The most novel advertisement is the one that catches the eye and holds the attention, and I shall here cite a few instances which go to prove that stamp dealers are strictly "up to date" in the line of advertising.

I remember seeing, some time ago, an advertisement headed GUKOOL. It was stated that this was the title of a book. The book was evidently "Looking Backward."

The attention was secured and advertisement read from beginning to end.

Another firm heads its notice with TRIPEROOLOK, which has no meaning whatever, but the advertiser goes on to say, "we now have your attention, let us tell you something of interest." You are all familiar with the old and worn out exclamation Free!, often when there is nothing at all offered at that price. I have lately noticed that a certain dealer claims to have "A ton of stamps," and another firm exclaims "we've got 'em!"

In the Christmas *Penny* of '95 The Chicago Stamp Co., exclaims, FIRE! the old album away. In the same issue The Waterbury Stamp Co., says that NUTMEGS are a household necessity and their packets are also.

One of the most familiar headings of this sort is, "Only one on Earth," now used by W. H. Bruce but originated, I believe, by The Philatelic Fraud Reporter.

Quite a unique way of advertising is that adopted by The Standard Stamp Co.

One can always recognize the advertisement of that company by the peculiar type used. Another style, much used of late, is that of a picture similar to a stamp, but bearing the name, business and address of the advertiser.

The Michigan Stamp Co., W. A. H. Conner, and especially E. T. Parker are devotees to this mode of advertising.

Closely related to this style is that of using pictures of Brownies, etc., to attract attention. Numerous examples of this

sort may be found. But, without any exception, I think the most unique stamp advertisement I ever saw, is one which appeared in a recent issue of *The Advertiser*, of Birmingham, Eng.

It consists of about thirty five or forty words, every one of which begins with the letter "s." It certainly took a genius to compose it.

I have tried to show you that Philately is not behind the times in regard to advertising. I hope I may have succeeded,

D. HARLAN KING.

### Speculating In Stamps.

The recent collapse of the "corner" in \$2.00 Columbians, reminds me very forcibly of what the Good book says: "he who maketh haste to be rich," striketh a snag—or words to that effect. It looked like an easy road to wealth, to buy stamps of the government for \$2.00 each, and in a year or two sell them to collectors for \$5.00. But it has been my experience during my 35 years of life, that it is the *unexpected* that happens. The \$1.00 Columbians, as we all know, were successfully "cornered," the statements of large holders to the contrary notwithstanding. It is not to be wondered at that other people thought they were just as smart, but the boom in 50 cent and \$2.00 did not pan out as well, as with the \$1.00 value. I bought a beautiful unused pair of \$2.00 Columbians one day last week, for just an even \$3.00. Unfortunately, for me, when the Columbians were on sale, I could not spare the money to buy the dollar values, and I have picked them up, one at a time of some disgusted speculator, so that my set, just completed, stands me less than \$2.00 above face. This isn't very bad, when speculators bought them at \$25.00 a set two years ago—and would be glad to sell them to-day for \$20.

I believe anyone can make money in stamps. It's an old saying "don't put all your eggs in *one* baksket. Others say: "put *all* your eggs in *one* basket, and *watch* that basket!" The \$1.00 syndicate put all their eggs in *one* basket and made money. The 50 cent and \$2.00 syndicates put all *their* eggs in *one* basket, the unexpected happened—the basket it broke, as were—and they lost money. My advice to would-be speculators in any one particular kind of stamp is, don't do it. Instead of investing that way, make a collection of just one stamp of a kind. When you have a few dollars

to invest, buy good, perfect stamps for your collection: follow this up for a few years and you will find it is a much safer speculation than investing all your money in one kind of stamps. The owner of a nice collection of stamps can realize the market value of the stamps in a few days at auction, whenever he wants the money. On the other hand, supposing he throws the same value in one kind of stamps on the market, where is he coming out? At the little end of the horn, every time. When a resident of the United States has to sell unused United States stamps at 25% discount to get his money back, it is time for other speculators to stop and say, "I wonder why, I wonder why."

M. IRON.

### New York Notes.

BY QUIZ.

The 86th sale of Bogert & Durbin's was held June 26, the last sale until summer is past.

Two score buyers were present and very good prices were realized.

An innovation was introduced by the serving of ice-cream to all present.

The following prominent City dealers have taken a trip to Europe, both for pleasure and stamps.

Mr. E. B. Power, manager of J. C. Morganthaw & Co., Mr. J. N. Luff of The Scott Stamp & Coin Co., and Mr. N. Dieschbourg and his wife. We wish them all a happy voyage.

Quickly upon the heels of Canada Jubilee stamps come the commemorative series of Newfoundland. The latter stamps, were suddenly thrust upon the philatelic world, without much a-do; no tidings of their coming was received, but this is not to say that they are not pretty. For lack of number issued, etc., no speculators or dealers have bought largely of them. These stamps were issued to commemorate the four hundredth anniversary of the dis-

covery of the main-land of America by John Cabot in 1497.

New York has lost one of the most active and intelligent philatelists of the present era. Not by death, but by the retirement of Henri Collin, president of the Scott Stamp & Coin Co. The following in regard to his retirement is from the pen of Mr. Andireni in *Mekeel's Weekly*, which does justice to Mr. Collin and his work.

"One of the most pleasing personalities connected with the stamp business in New York is about to withdraw from our midst.

"Mr. Henri Collin has been president of the Scott Stamp & Coin Co., for over ten years, and had been previously engaged in the stamp business under his own name since 1881 at 79 Nassau-st., where he occupied four different locations at different times, and at his branch office 54 East 12th street.

"His career in the stamp business has been remarkably successful, and all who know him, will regret the necessity of his bidding us adieu.

"From the time he established himself in a modest way at 79 Nassau street, till to-day, when he holds an enviable position as leading philatelist in the leading stamp firm in New York, his success has been due to an unflagging interest in the study of stamps and to his untiring, careful and painstaking efforts to please his clients.

"We shall all miss his words of encouragement and advice, his lucid explanations on doubtful points, and his nervous, jerky, convincing reassuring, accompanied by that peculiar shake of the head, which seems to drive his argument home to every philatelic questioner.

"Mr. Collin has for many years suffered much physical inconvenience, through hay-fever and its

attendant ills, and he has finally been obliged to listen to his doctor's advice and return to Belgium, his native land. He leaves New York on August 11th, and expects to continue interested in philately in Europe, though he has not as yet made any definite future plans.

"He leaves here a host of friends who will cheerfully extend best wishes for his welfare. He also leaves here as memories of his busy years among us much philatelic work, connected with the yearly catalogues issued by his firm and that monumental work of labor and patience "The Catalogue of Advanced Collectors," of which he is, and will be till the end an active and co-laborer.

Stamps have been placed on the free list in the new tariff bill, and if it passes in its present form, dealers and collectors alike will be pleased. The government gains absolutely nothing by putting a tax on stamps, and is put to more expense in collecting the tax, than the whole sum involved.

Perhaps ere this is read P. S. of A. politics will be a thing of pass for 1897. A large attendance is expected and quite a few members from this city will attend. The centre of interest this year, is not for office, but for the next convention seat. New York, Reading and Omaha, have been nominated and in my opinion they will finish in the order named above. Omaha would be entitled to the selection being first in the field, but our western brethren try to make themselves too greedy to want all the conventions. This is one reason so many members have turned down Omaha.

The Empire State Philatelic Society is still getting rapidly toward

the one hundred mark, fifty-seven members in less than four months is a good record. The Secretary Wm. A. McDonnell, 1646 Madison Ave., N. Y. city, is always willing to send blanks to whosoever applies.

The *New York Philatelist* for July contains a very strong plea for New York as next convention seat of the P. S. of A. It sets forth the reason why it supports New York and also explains why Omaha should not get it.

The *American Journal of Philately* for July presents to its readers a full page illustration of the New Foundland stamps. The cut gives a very accurate idea of their appearance.

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### The Stamps of China.

The Celestial Empire is far behind occidental civilization in the matter of advancement. Its people, its government, its newspapers and even its postal service are evidence of that. The latter is now in a shape different from any other but bids fair soon to be on an equal basis with other modern countries. The service has lately been thoroughly reorganized by Sir Robert Hart, which work was completed about the first of the present year, and during this session of the Universal Postal Union the land of Li Hung Chang will perhaps become a member of the international organization.

Before that time the Mongolian empire conducted its postal affairs in a very antiquated style. Then was the service divided into three distinct, independent parts. Each covering a particular field and one seldom conflicting with the others. The complete separation was no doubt due to the differences in rank.



The lowest and yet the most common were and are the private dispatch companies, found in every city and every part of the country. There are thousands of these scattered everywhere. They may some day be suppressed but to do so at present would be working a great hardship, for the business is not sufficient to warrant a general extension of the government service. Letter writing is nearly a fine art among the Chinese, and consequently the Mongolians do not much indulge in it. Combined with the fact that the people are seldom able to pay the cost of transportation on an epistle, we can see the reason for the limited official posts. But these same reasons cause the private posts to have a hard struggle for sustenance. Mail is a scarcity to them and as a result when any is secured, they make up for lost time by their charges. The assessment for transportation is not governed by weight but the rate is the same for a single letter as for a large package. Europeans seldom send mail by the native service for fear of its being tampered with by the officials. As before stated, these posts have not been done away with by the new organization as they are too necessary.

The danger of robbery combined with the robber-like charges of the Chinese dispatch companies made the second service possible. Many of the ports of China have been opened to commerce in late years. At these cities large foreign settlements have grown up. The Europeans objected to the rule of the Chinese officials and organized governments of their own under the control of elective municipal councils. Between the various treaty ports the municipal councils conducted a mail service. This was the second class.

One thing should be noticed in particular, many of the latter offices have issued stamps, something not found among the native posts. Most of the Chinese locals are speculative in nature, but the major part are entitled to rank as postage stamps because of their postal use.

The Chinese locals and municipal posts have been abolished by the new postal administration, a fine of 200 taels being imposed upon anyone engaged in their operation. This is welcome news to philatelists because of the large amount of jobbery and speculation connected with them of late years.

The third service then, now the second, was conducted by the government. The custom houses of China are in the hands of Europeans. Probably because their duty brings them more in contact with foreigners than with the native Chinese. Be that as it may, the custom service then had another duty besides the collection of the tariff. In the hands of the custom officers was the official postal service of China. Every revenue station was a post office at which stamps could be purchased and where letters should be mailed. Before the building being the sign "Customs Post Office" and the stamps sold are usually termed custom stamps.

Under the new service the mail facilities are not entirely in the hands of the custom officers, although mostly so as yet, and the custom houses are still in most cases in charge of the government post offices, but China now has a separate postal department, something not possessed before. The collection of customs and the collection of postage are now under separate heads instead of one as heretofore. Sir Robert Hart is still in charge of the postal facilities, but

he now holds the additional honor of being post-master general as well as chief inspector of customs.

On Chinese New Year, February 2, of this year, the government office opened business. The following rates being adopted for domestic service between the various cities reached by the post:

"Letters: For each 1 ounce or fraction thereof, 2 cents.

"Newspapers: Posted singly, Chinese  $\frac{1}{2}$  cent each; foreign 1 cent each. When sent in packets, one cent for two ounces or fraction thereof.

"Books, circulars, samples: 2 cents per two ounces: patterns or samples not to exceed 8 ounces in weight.

"Parcels: 10 cents for first pound and 5 cents for each subsequent pound.

"Registration: 4 cents: return receipt, 4 cents."

For foreign postage the U. P. U. schedule of rates of course is the rule for charges.

The headquarters of the service is at Shanghai as that will undoubtedly be the most important office, as well as the one having the most direct communication with the rest of the world.

The post office in China may some day be entirely apart from the custom service, but that time is still far distant. The revenue from the mail to be carried will be comparatively small for years to come, the bulk of the correspondence being that of foreigners resident in the country. The native Chinese is usually too poor to pay for a letter much oftener than once in a century. But the postal service will some day be a success for it has many excellent features and is in good hands.

Between the different offices the

mail is carried either by native runners or in boats. The stations where the stamps are sold are not very numerous as only the large cities are connected by the service, walled towns being the only places entitled to a branch. But between the large cities, about 40 miles apart are located way stations where a change of runners is made.

The Chinese empire is divided into a large number of districts each under a governor. To this official is entrusted the duty of running the mail service in his territory. The entire service of course being under the control of Sir Robert Hart, head of both the custom and postal departments.

The custom stamps are an interesting series, and the same can be said of the later government issues. The speculative element has entered little if any into their production, which makes them very different from the usual Chinese stamps. This, however, cannot be said of the 1897 issues for the entire country. But even if not produced primarily for sale to collectors a number of varieties in color and perforation are noticeable in both series.

Commencing with the first issue and including all changes up to date the following is a fairly complete catalogue of the known variations:

#### STAMPS OF CHINA.

|         |              |                   |
|---------|--------------|-------------------|
| Coinage | 10 cash      | 1 candarin,       |
|         | 10 candarins | 1 mace            |
|         | 10 mace      | 1 tael, \$ .90    |
|         | 100 cents    | \$1, Mexican, 60c |

#### CUSTOM STAMPS.

Issues of August, 1875, perf. 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ .  
1 can, green. 1 can, yellow green.

The difference between these is very plain, the true green having a rather bluish tinge.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

**Philadelphia Notes.**

BY QUAKER.

Collectors and Dealers here were very fortunate in not being touched by the great Western fraud that has just been unearthed, one would naturally think that these men would profit by the experience of others and quit the business, for they are always sure to be found out.

The "Collectors Club of Philadelphia" donated \$25.00 to the defense fund. Every collector and dealer in the Union should subscribe something, for it is high time that some Government officials were brought down a peg or two.

The Plate Number craze is a little quiet just at present. As soon as Dealers stop advertising anything immediately the demand for it stops.

The Ink used to print the Canadian Jubilee issue is very poor. Take the 3 cent, a bright red? expose it to a strong light for two or three days and it will turn white.

Business here is exceedingly good for this time of the year. No doubt next month will be a little slow, but September will again boom things.

**What Shall I Collect?**

BY QUAKER.

How many collectors at times are at a loss what to collect or rather what class of stamps to specialize in. With collectors in larger cities this problem is not of much consequence and the question of being a specialist or general collector is soon settled. But with those collectors living at a distance from our large city it is not so easily determined, and to help this class of collectors interested depends largely upon the various stamp agencies mode of doing business and the class

and value of specimens sent out. The only way to create a liking for stamp collecting is from the first, having dealings with a firm of sound reputation and always replying on the fact of knowing that your collection is made of genuine stamps instead of a worthless lot of counterfeits, as is generally the case when you deal with unknown parties. Then again subscribing to some good paper or magazine (none better than THE COLUMBIAN PHILATELIST) further increasing knowledge that is gained only in this way, and being able to give to your admiring friends the "whys and wherefores" of stamp collecting in a manner that will cause a close and careful study of your collection, rather than a rapid glance as is the customary thing. If this is done the question of being a general collector or a specialist will solve itself.

**Received.**

June price list of N. E. Carter, Delavan, Wis.

Sample page of a new album with interchangeable leaves from the Stirn-Kasch Printing Co., Milwaukee, Wis.

Prospectus of new issue of the Ontario Philatelic Directory to be published about December 1st.

Price list of Document Revenues and Proprietary Stamps from T. L. Green, Mt. Olivet, Ky., in which low prices seem to prevail.

Official Hand Book of Dominion Philatelic Association from the compiler, A. M. Muirhead. Contains a list of members officers, interesting matter about the D. P. A. and sketches of some of the members.

We have also received a roll of the adhesive tape Mr. F. P. Gibbs offers in another column. It is a very useful article in a compact and convenient form and will be appreciate by philatelists.

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THE warm weather is upon us, but trade seems to be as good if not better than it was a few months ago, which however is not saying a great deal. Subscriptions are coming along as usual. We do not receive in a month "several hundred" as some of our contemporaries claim they do, but the growth of our list is quite satisfactory. The price is right as is also the price of advertising, so subscribers and advertisers have very little fault to find. We hope that the occurrence of several annoying typographical errors in last issue will be avoided in this.

OVER a score of our subscribers have written us regarding H. A. Bennett whose advt. appeared in the May number of this magazine. Copy for this advt. was sent by Mr. Bennett just before leaving on a surveying trip and the last we heard from

him was that he had broken his leg while on the trip. The postmaster has returned to the writers some 75 or 100 letters which arrived in reply to his advt.

THE advt. of Messrs. Burton & Burton in our last issue of a \$10,000 collection was made to read a \$1,000,000 collection by our printer and we must apologize for the error. While the Messrs. Burton have millions of stamps and (as will be seen by their advt. in this issue) want a million more, we hardly think they could have a collection of a million varieties.

FOR some months past Mr. Georges Carion has caused to be inserted in various philatelic magazines letters from postmasters in Cochinchina with fac similes of diagonally surcharged unpaid letter stamps of that colony. The postmasters affirmed the genuineness of the unpaid letter stamps sent them, and it was generally regarded as conclusive proof that the diagonal surcharge was genuine. Recent investigation, thorough in every detail, reveals the fact, that Mr. Carion has basely deceived the philatelic public in regard to these stamps, which he offers for sale, for *the stamps he sent to the postmasters were not the surcharged stamps at all*, and the opinion of the postmasters was upon the genuineness of the stamps without surcharge, and further than this, after careful inquiry the ministers of the Colonies unequivocally states "*that the office of Cochinchina has never surcharged unpaid letter stamps with the name of the Colony.*"

SOME time ago we stated in reply to several criticisms that when Mr. Carion was proved to be a bad man



we would be prompt in acknowledging it. The proof appears to be complete, and if so, Mr. Carion is unworthy of the confidence of collectors and the sooner he sets sail for "Sunny France" the better off will collectors here be for his absence.

It seems to be a settled fact that *The Philatelic Newsletter* after a lingering existence of a few months has again succumbed to the inevitable, and the L. of A. P. is without an official organ as well as the Western Philatelic Association. The twin cities seem to be favorite spots for unsuccessful philatelic journals. *The International Stamp* official organ of the Sons of Philatelia might about as well be dead as far as the society is concerned, having published but two numbers in the last eight months. Eben S. Martin, the promising young man, who semi-occasionally publishes this bi-colored pamphlet is we believe making a herculean effort to get out one more issue. If his promise is no better than the one he made the writer last September to send him the \$10.00 worth of stamps won last August for introducing the most members to the S. of P. we may expect to see a copy in the course of a year or two.

WE notice a growing tendency among publishers of philatelic journals of lauding the literary value as well as the advertising value of their respective publications. This is particularly noticeable with young and inexperienced publishers who are lifted off their feet by a letter from a pleased subscriber, or an advertiser relating the wonderful results of his adv. and must rush that letter into his next issue. There is no harm (to any one but the pub-

lisher) in this diversion provided it does not reflect on the value of other journals as an advertising medium. However when a letter is published with the advertiser's assertion that his advt. pays better than any (or all) other papers he has advertised in, it is an injustice to the other papers carrying his advts., and such methods only react as a boomerang on the publisher printing it. We could publish scores of such letters, (and curiously enough from some of the same parties) but our reading columns are not open to free advertisements of any dealer, or to advertise this paper. Advertisers with us come and go. Some have reasons for doing so, some of the reasons are valid, some foolish, but we allow our advertisers to choose for themselves, and do not urge anybody to sign a time contract though a great many do voluntarily. (Our morning mail has just come in and a half-page adv. is discontinued as the last one only brought a few orders, though a month ago the advertiser wrote us he was deluged with orders from the previous adv.) Advertisers will often crowd their space so their ads. will not be attractive, others advertise goods for which there is no demand in one paper, and in another paper have a showy adv. of salable goods, and then compare the results of each which must be very uneven, and if published without particulars show up the former in a very poor light. We had a very pleasant letter from an advertiser some time ago enclosing copy and dilating on the good results from this magazine. A short while afterward he stated that it wasn't paying very well and order it stopped, but alas he hasn't paid his advertising bill yet. The reason is plain enough, he has signed several 6 or 12 months contracts with other

magazines which obliged him to cut off those in which he had no agreement as economy was in order.

SEVERAL of our Canadian friends vied with each other in an early greeting with the Jubilee card and stamps. Mr. E. Marks and Mr. C. Bailey of Toronto were closely followed by A. M. Muirhead of Halifax and others. They are very handsome (we are referring to the stamps now, though we trust that the gentlemen are, also) but we have no sympathy with the attempt to corner them (the stamps not the gentlemen as the latter can't be cornered) and we think the government should at once print an abundant supply of ½c and 6c stamps and teach the speculators a lesson. If they do not they will be regarded as aiding and abetting the speculation on account of the small number of these values printed.

THE *Philatelic West* (Brody's paper) has been absorbed by the *Omaha Philatelist*. Deaths and marriages of philatelic papers are numerous, and we hear that a new one is to appear from Washington, D. C., and another from Salem, Mass. Another death reported is the *Canadian Weekly Stamp News*. The *American Collector* has been suffering from spring fever since March and the *American Stamp* is dying a lingering death from jaundice. *Our Philatelia* hasn't been seen for a long time, but we trust that a kind Providence will enable it to pull through. The *Detroit* we haven't seen for a few months. Published in the "City of Straits" the publication may be in straitened circumstances.

THE defense fund in the periodical matter has reached nearly \$1000,

but \$1000 more is necessary and we hope collectors will be prompt in sending in their subscriptions. The editor is authorized to receive same and they will be promptly acknowledged.

IN the new tariff law awaiting the signature of President McKinley through the efforts of several parties, the Scott Stamp and Coin Co. in particular, postage stamps have been placed on the free list. The Co. above mentioned expended \$250 to secure this action, and solicit the contributions of all who will be affected by the removal of the duties on the importation of stamps.

THE editor has been asked to be a candidate for President of the Pennsylvania Philatelic Association, (Mr. D. Harlan King having removed to N. J. and being ineligible) and through much pressure has reluctantly accepted the nomination. He will not however make any canvass for the office, or solicit any votes, but will leave it for the membership to decide at the coming convention at Pittsburg, which he will be unable to attend. Should he be elected he will use his efforts to make it the largest and best strictly state society in existence, and should he not be elected he will do the same. This magazine is also asked to act as official journal. There are a few who object saying we have too many societies now, but we don't have any complaint as to lack of reading matter and our reading columns will not be encroached on if we have a dozen more societies.

A LITTLE trade notice of I. B. Terry, of Syracuse, N. Y., in this magazine a few months ago has caused a large number of complaints.

He advertised to send \$2 worth of revenues for 10 cents, but instead of sending \$2 catalogue value of revenues, sent to each one who wrote us a few of the rare 2c current issue (on part of original cover) and some cut 2c envelopes present issue.

RAYMOND S. BAKER in the June *Eastern Philatelist*, describes the "Ideal Philatelic Magazine" which he says is bound to come. 100 or more pages monthly, \$3 per year, 10,000 subscribers, published by a corporation with \$100,000 capital. We fear that Mr. Baker has been reading "Looking Backward" and imagined the millennium was near at hand. The average collector prefers a dozen papers, with the ideas of a dozen editors and a dozen or two writers besides, arriving at intervals during the month, to one big magazine, which would soon be subsidized by the philatelic monopolists, and the average publisher smiles as he thinks of the wonderful change in public sentiment when 10,000 collectors willingly pay out \$3 subscriptions on a venture like this, and compares it with the difficulty of collecting silver quarters or halves that he has experienced.

THE excellent likeness of Mr. T. L. Green which appears in this issue we had prepared especially at Hartford, Conn., not being satisfied with the half-tone appearing in the other papers. We hope to be at Atlantic City and meet Mr. Green personally.

THE *International Philatelist* a magazine published in the interest of philatelic politicians has appeared dated May. This sheet during the winter months when the politicians like flies are dormant has a delight-

ful way of skipping several issues or combining them in one small sheet. Now that the political flies are hovering about the proverbial barrel of sweets this magazine will doubtless appear more regularly. No more appropriate medium could be found by Oney K. Carstarphen, president of the P. S. of A., for his article on "Philatelic Politics." Being at the head of a large society which he can't manage, and which is deeply in debt, he sometime ago suggested an amalgamation of his society with the L. of A. P., S. of P. and Columbian, under the name of the Philatelic Sons of America, and now because several editors, including the editor of this magazine, dared to criticise his scheme he, like a schoolboy, gets mad and vents his spleen against his critics. We gave good reasons why such badly managed and almost purely political societies as the P. S. of A. and L. of A. P. would be uncongenial to the S. of P. and Columbian but Mr. Carstarphen doubts our sincerity and attributes our action to selfish motives in the following ungentlemanly language which by the way is not near as bad as the invectives he throws out against other critics:

"Dodge has a good reason for being against consolidation. He would lose his position. He speaks of politicians, not knowing he is throwing rocks at himself. Of course were we to consolidate he could not be president of that small society, the Columbian, and he wouldn't play if he couldn't hold the bag."

Isn't this rich? Mr. Carstarphen spent a great deal of time and money to get his present position, and through his friend Beardsley and others inaugurated a campaign of mud-slinging and vituperation that has had no precedent and he now calls

the editor of the COLUMBIAN a politician, while he ought to know that if there is anything the writer detests, it is politics.

For some reason or other there are very few politicians in the Columbian. The majority seem so busy collecting stamps that they take very little interest in elections, when the affairs are being properly conducted. Consequently at the last convention less than 40 took the trouble to send in their ballots. One member in far off India who didn't know who were candidates voted for the former incumbent as president. Had he not done so the editor would have been elected unanimously. He neither sought the office or solicited the support of the members, and would gladly resign the position with its arduous duties to any one who can fill it properly and give it the time and attention it deserves. However Mr. Oney the membership are very well satisfied with the management and we feel sure that we voice their sentiments when we say we want to be left alone to enjoy ourselves.

It is natural for Mr. Carstarphen to call the Columbian a "small" society but when he counts the *paid up* membership of the "large" (?) political aggregation of discontents of which he is the leader, he will find that the Columbian is about as "big" as his, and IT STILL GROWS.

Now Oney here's a bit of advice, it don't cost you anything but it may be worth dollars to you. You are young and need it. Don't imagine a man has an ax to grind simply because he doesn't agree with you. Don't rush into print and write hasty things about other people who criticise you justly and in

proper language. If you must write articles expect criticism. Leave politics alone and you will have more friends.

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 "BECAUSE half a dozen grasshoppers under a fern make the field ring with their importunate chink, whilst thousands of great cattle, reposed beneath the shadow of the British oak, chew their cud and are silent pray do not imagine that those who make the noise are the only inhabitants of the field,—that, of course, they are many in number,—or that after all, they are other than the little, shrivelled, meagre, hopping, though loud and troublesome insects of the hour.  
 —BURKE.

EXTRA.

JULY 23. — Regarding Eben S. Martin's allegations against Secretary Miller of the S. of P., we have made a hasty trip to New Chester and gathered the following facts: Martin printed according to his own published statement an average of 1656 copies of his paper and as his bill against the S. of P. last year was for an average of about 1600 copies a month Sec'y Miller demanded corrected bills of Martin thinking that 56 copies would hardly go around among his exchanges, voucher copies to advertisers, sample copies and subscribers, and Martin has steadily refused to furnish such. Martin states that he has written six or seven times for a report from Sec'y Miller, whereas Miller has written as many times to Martin demanding corrected bills and asking when he was going to publish the next issue so that he could send report, and could get no reply until about two weeks ago when he got a postal reading "O. K. send report." Martin heads his



column "Sons of Philatelia, Official Matter" and gives nominations, and asks that nominations, applications, etc., be sent to him, thus assuming a dictatorship over the society. The matter printed is not official as nominations must be sent only through the Secretary. Such annoyance should be at once rebuked and the Trustees should at once "sit down" on such high-handed proceedings, and "right hard" too.

JUST as we are going to press we learn that Emil A. Stigeler, of Denver, Colo., formerly of Newark, N. J., has been arrested on a charge brought against him by the A. P. A., a circuit of some \$500 sent to him has not been accounted for. He was objected to when applying for membership in the Columbian Philatelic Society on account of a serious complaint, somewhat similar, lodged against him by members of the L. of A. P.

WE have just learned of the death of one of our subscribers and correspondents, Mr. C. T. McClung, of Muncie, Ind., which occurred on May 5th. The family have our sympathy in the hour of their bereavement.

### Political.

The following ticket has been named for the Philatelic Literature Society:

Pres., Moses B. Page; vice pres., E. R. Aldrich; Sec.-Treas., H. D. Rueliman; Ex. Supt., J. M. Thompson; Auc. Mgr., R. H. Rockwood; Sub. Agt., H. N. Bugbee; Information Bureau, Beard, Jones, and French; Trustees, Benton, Kirby and Kaupp.

Moses B. Page is announced as a candidate for Advertising and Subscription Agent of P. S. of A., L. of A. P., and W. P. A.

M. C. Haldeman, of Thompsonstown, Pa., writes us that he will be at the P. S.

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of A. convention and solicits proxies of members who cannot attend, and says that he will carry out instructions to the letter. We can confidentially recommend him as a good party to entrust proxies with.

We do not see the names of any candidates for Auction Manager of the P. S. of A. in the list published in *Pennsy*. Emil Gerlich, of New Braunfels, Tex., is a candidate for this office and will certainly be very popular. If the South is to be recognized the members could do no better than elect Mr. Gerlich.

The *Pennsy* had no report of the P. P. A. in the last issue, which is unfortunate just now, the convention being so near at hand.

### Personal.

Mr. H. A. Chapman of Hartford, Conn., publisher of the *Perforator*, spent a week with us leaving for home on July 5th. The writer accompanied him over the historic battlefield of Gettysburg on the 34th anniversary of the battle, and we trust his visit was enjoyable and that the much needed rest and recreation will be of much benefit to him.

## SOCIETY REPORTS AND NEWS.

**Special Notice to Secretaries:** All reports for next issue should be in hands of publisher Aug. 15th. Reports should be carefully written especially names to avoid errors by printer. Typewritten reports are the best.

### The Columbian Philatelic Society.

#### OFFICERS FOR 1897.

Prest., J. F. Dodge, New Oxford, Pa.  
 Vice-Prest., Geo. B. Klebes, Sharon Valley, Conn.  
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 Ex-Supt., Fred P. Holt, Hartford, Conn.  
 Auc-Mgr., H. Smith, Medford, Mass.  
 Librarian, H. S. Adair, McConnellsville, Ohio.  
 Supt. Bureau of Information, Chas. F. Bridge, Albany, N. Y.  
 Attorney, Geo. A. Katzenberger, Greenville, O.  
 Counterfeit Detector, Frank P. Brown, Boston, Mass.  
 Trustees, A. Jungman, chairman, 529 Twelfth-st., Chas. Toelle, H. W. Protzman, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

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**COST OF MEMBERSHIP**—Admission fee 10 cents; annual dues, 25 cents. Membership outside of the U. S., Canada, and Mexico: Admission fee, 10 cents; annual dues, 50 cents. Members receive the official organ free.

#### PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

##### FELLOW MEMBERS:—

I am glad to see that applications are coming in steadily even in the season when philately is supposed to be dormant. Our society whose elections are held in January is not being disturbed by politics, and consequently no members are being pushed into the ranks for their votes. I trust that each member will use his best efforts to increase our membership to 500 active philatelists by January 1st, 1898. With earnest work it can be done. Allowing for resignations and suspensions which will come to any society we need 250 more. One-third of this number I will furnish. Will each one of you assist me? The prize offers are worth striving for, even if you do not have interest enough in our society to work without them. While at the conventions this summer and while at the mountains, lake and seashore, get applications from collectors you meet, but avoid office seekers and those who would join for notoriety's sake. We only want earnest, honest philatelists.

Yours for the Society,

J. F. DODGE, Pres.

#### NEW MEMBERS.

297 C. W. Simpson, 372 S. Erie-st., Massillon, O.  
 298 Wm. Karbach, L. box 8, Ferguson, Mo.  
 299 Henry H. Wilson, Ansonia, Conn.  
 300 W. G. Worcester, N. Dormitory, O. S. U., Columbus, O.  
 301 H. Fenton, box 8, Knoxville, Tenn.  
 302 G. E. Marshall, Middlebury, Vt.  
 303 Herbert C. Beardsley, box 216, St. Joseph, Mo.  
 304 John A. Sheil, 11 3rd-st., E. Albany, N. Y.  
 305 E. M. S. Warn, 914 Bartlett-st., Los Angeles, California.  
 306 Wm. Voigt, 407 8th-st., Milwaukee, Wis.  
 307 Geo. E. Gates, Rumford Falls, Maine.  
 308 A. M. Foley, 1877 Grant-ave., Denver, Colo.

#### CORRECTION IN NUMBERS.

290 G. C. Wege, 76 E. Fulton-st., Columbus, O.  
 291 T. P. M. Koch, 208 S. High-st., Columbus, O.  
 292 Alvin Krause, 708 20th-st., Milwaukee, Wis.  
 293 E. I. Hirth, 2229 Vint-st., Milwaukee, Wis.  
 294 L. M. Bauschek, 604 2nd-st., Milwaukee, Wis.  
 295 W. H. Green, 515 S. 7th-st., Camden, N. J.  
 296 Walter Schrupf, Glassboro, N. J.

Those of the above who have not sent in their dues as yet, will receive their certificates of membership upon the receipt of same by me. The amount is 15 cents, which pays the membership until January 1, 1898. I trust that I may hear from all who are affected by this notice, without delay. Please remit when convenient, by money-order, or silver.

#### APPLICATIONS.

I have received the following applications, together with the accompanying references, since my last report, the age and occupation, when given, following in each case:

D. Harlan King, Washington, Pa. Age 21, student. Refs., J. F. Dodge, Leo Fritter.

A. M. Muirhead, Vernon, St., e. s., Halifax, N. S. Age 21, stenographer. Refs., J. F. Dodge, Jas. H. Peckham.

Warren E. Burton, Lake Geneva, Wis. Age 25, stamp dealer. Refs., J. F. Dodge, Leo Fritter.

Daniel J. Reilly, Jr., 2260 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn, N. Y. Age 18, stamp dealer. Refs., Leo Fritter, Danl. J. Reilly.

Gustave C. Cuenod, Box 273, Galveston, Texas. Age 47, bookkeeper. Refs., J. F. Dodge, E. H. Golae.

H. E. Heath, Windsor, Conn. Age 30, E. E. Refs., Fred P. Holt, A. H. Eddy.

T. L. Green, Mt. Olivet, Ky. Age 56, Co. Clerk. Refs., J. F. Dodge, Robt. Buckler.

P. M. Thomson, 527 E. Broad-st., Columbus, O. Age 28. Refs., J. F. Dodge, Leo Fritter.

William F. Walton, Sharon, Conn. Age 18. Refs., Geo. B. Klebes, Geo. M. Walton.

Dan. D. Doolittle, Fremont, Dodge county, Neb. Age 33, farmer. Refs., J. F. Dodge, T. D. Black.

DeWitt C. Sawyer, Custom House, Columbus, O. Age 35, dep. surveyor Customs. Refs., Leo Fritter, A. Keeler.

Chas. D. Lowe, 2077 21st-st., San Francisco, Cal. Age 18, clerk. Refs., Wm. A. McDonnell, Henry Trachez.

Thos. Burnett, 318 Redwood-st., Philadelphia, Pa. Age 22, drug clerk. Refs., J. F. Dodge, Jos. Pizagno.

F. E. Randall, M. D., 12 Maplewood-st., Malden, Mass. Age 38, physician and surgeon. Refs., Leo Fritter, William L. Cushman.

Chas. Bailey, 85 Euclid-ave., Toronto, Ont., Canada. Age 28, agent. Refs., J. F. Dodge, J. Bailey.

Abram Goldsmith, 61 E. 113th-st., New York, N. Y. Age 25, clerk. Refs., A. Herbst, J. F. Dodge.

W. F. Pardee, 623 Warren-st., Syracuse, N. Y. Age 53, commercial traveler. Refs., J. F. Dodge, R. W. Jones.

The above applicants will be accepted, provided no sufficient objections are received within one month from date. Membership certificates will

then be sent to those who have already sent in their dues. To those who have not paid same, I will send them as soon as the dues are paid, which amount to 12 cents to January 1, 1898. I hope all those indebted to the society will settle promptly. A postal card notice will be sent to all those applicants who owe their dues.

## CHANGES IN ADDRESS.

- 37 Chas. Zaruba, box 875, Pittsburg, Pa.  
125 W. A. Smith, Room 150, 2 Worth-st., New York, N. Y.  
145 E. H. Coultas, 113 Somerset-st., Providence, R. I.  
219 W. W. Niefert, Nantucket, Mass.  
251 H. C. Crowell, 96 Spangler-ave, Cleveland, O.  
267 H. Elliott Willis, Stoughton, Mass.  
300 W. G. Worcester, Shawnee, O., (until Sept. 1, 1897.)

## REINSTATED.

- 31 H. L. Gerding, St. Louis, Mo.  
The above member is hereby reinstated into active membership, having paid his dues to January 1, 1898.

## SUSPENSIONS.

- Nos. 69, 77, 82, 85, 89, 90, 91, 93, 96.  
The above members have been suspended for non-payment of their 1897 dues. Any of the above who desire to be reinstated should forward the amount of their dues to the secretary at once, and their names will be stricken from the roll of suspensions, and mention made of the fact in my next report. Another list of those who have not settled with me for their 1897 dues will be published in my next report.

## RESIGNATIONS RECEIVED.

- 78 Chas. E. Newton, Hartford Conn.  
80 E. J. Pearson, " "  
81 Chas. L. Tolles, " "  
157 Richard H. Bunce, Cottage City, Mass.  
Yours for the C. P. S.,

LEO FRITTER, Sec.-Treas.

COLUMBUS, O., July 12, 1897.

## REPORT OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

In the cases of G. W. Achard, and W. G. Foye, we must find them guilty of the charges preferred against them. They refuse to answer any communications which we address to them. We will render a report upon the cases of Messrs. Weiss, Stigeler, and King in the near future.

Respectfully,

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| A. JUNGMAN, Chairman, | } Trustees |            |
| CHAS. TOELLE,         |            | of         |
| H. W. PROTZMANN,      |            | } C. P. S. |

## EXCHANGE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

I have received 80 books valued at \$688.61. Have sent out above on 23 circuits, 7 of which are still out. 15 circuits have been closed and the 40 books on them returned to owners.

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| Value of these books..... | \$271 17 |
| Sale from ".....          | 68 57    |

Per cent of sales about 25. I have sent out almost every book twice. My list of buyers numbers only 30, and most of these are advanced collectors, and there is little use in sending them the majority of stamps sent in. If I had a good many more names of members with collections numbering from 1000 to 3000 varieties, I know such buyers would feel repaid by sending for circuits. Returns are very slow now, I presume many are out of home, but I have the promise of renewed activity in the fall.

FRED P. HOLT, Ex. Supt.

## REPORT OF LIBRARIAN.

McCONNELLSVILLE, O., July 12, 1897.

FELLOW MEMBERS C. P. S.,

I have received the following since my last report: American Journal of Philately, July; Columbian Philatelist, May and June; Omaha Philatelist, May; New York Philatelist, May and June; Philatelic Californian, April; Home Worker, June; Perforator, March, April, May and June; All Round Stamp Advertiser, May and June; Herald Exchange, June. Mr. Richard H. Bunce has presented the society with a copy of his Dealers Address Book, and Mr. W. Kelsey Hall with his standard Catalogue of the Revenue Stamps of Canada, for 1897. We extend the thanks of the society to the donors. All contributions cheerfully accepted and mention made in my reports.

HENRY S. ADAIR.

## NEW SERIES OF PRIZES

To those who add 3 or more fully paid members whose applications are published in the July, August and September issues of this magazine.

- 1st. To any member who adds 15 new members an unused 50c watermarked due stamp.
  - 2nd. To any member who adds 10 new members an unused 30 cent watermarked or unwatermarked due stamp.
  - 3rd. To any member who adds 7 new members a set of unused 1, 2, 3, 5 and 10 cent watermarked due stamp.
  - 4th. To any member who adds 3 new members unused 3 and 5 cent watermarked due stamp.
- I will add an unused 2c Treasury Department stamp to each of the above offers if 100 applications are received during this contest.

J. F. DODGE, Pres't.

## SEE OFFER ON FRONT COVER.

## The Ohio Philatelic Association.

ORGANIZED OCT. 8, 1896.

President.—Leo Fritter, Columbus.  
Vice-Pres.—Ben L. Morris, Bellaire.  
Sec'y-Treas.—Chas. S. Pendleton, Findlay.  
Exch. and Auct. Mgr.—P. M. Weiss, P. O. Box 232 Cincinnati.

Librarian.—Henry S. Adair, McConnellsville.  
Comm. Detect'r.—P. F. Rood, 222 Floyd-st., Toledo.  
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## PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

## CALL FOR FIRST ANNUAL CONVENTION.

COLUMBUS, O., July 12, 1897.

FELLOW MEMBERS OF THE O. P. A.,

After having consulted a number of the members, and in accordance with the provisions of our constitution, I hereby issue the call for the First Annual Convention, of the Ohio Philatelic Association, to be held in Columbus, on Tuesday and Wednesday, August 31, and September 1, 1897, of State Fair week, in the club rooms of the Columbus Philatelic Society, which that society have very kindly placed at the disposal of the Association. As this is the first gathering of the members in convention, I trust that every member will make an earnest endeavor to attend, and help make it a success. Some important matters will come before the convention, and a board of officers must be chosen at this time for the ensuing year, which promises to be a very successful one. Nominations for officers to be voted upon at this

time are now in order, and I trust that every member will interest himself in this matter. It will depend largely upon this board of officers whether the second year of our existence will be a creditable and beneficial one to the members and to our fellow philatelists. I feel certain that the result of this election will be the selection of a strong set of men, who will carry the society through its trials and tribulations with honor to themselves and to the organization. But let no one feel too confident of such a result, and neglect to do his part towards bringing it around. It will be early enough to do this after the election is over. All members must vote direct for officers, but they can instruct some other member to act in their stead upon other matters. Let each one who cannot possibly attend this convention instruct proxy to vote upon all matters carefully and thoughtfully. Instructions, ballots, and proxies will be sent to all members about one month before the convention. It is desirable that all ballots should be cast as early as possible, thereby avoiding the possibility of its being thrown out on account of lateness. They should be sent to the Committee upon Credentials, care of the President. I would like to have all members who intend to attend the convention notify the Committee upon Arrangements chosen by the Columbus Philatelic Society, so that they can act more intelligently. As President of that Society, and member of above committee, I can assure every one who attends the convention a good and enjoyable time. This will be a fine opportunity for the members to get acquainted with each other, and I sincerely trust that there will be a large representation of the membership at this meeting. I am sure every one will be fully repaid for the trouble incurred in coming to this convention, in the amount of information he will pick up and in the friendships he will form. More knowledge concerning stamps can be had in one day at a convention of stamp-collectors than a whole year's study of a monthly philatelic magazine will give to a person. But I have said enough. Come, and you will never regret it. Stay away, and as long as you will be able to remember, you will always consider it a great opportunity lost. I will do my best to be on hand to welcome you, and aid in your entertainment, to see that you are not neglected and to assist you in every possible way. Again hoping that I may see you, one and all, upon this occasion, and that it will be successful in every way, I am, Yours Fraternaly, and for the O. P. A.,

LEO FRITTER, President.

#### SPECIAL NOTICE.

At a meeting of the Columbus Philatelic Society a resolution was adopted, extending an invitation to the Ohio Philatelic Association to be its guests during their first annual convention in this city, and the following committee was selected to provide for their entertainment while in the city: M. A. Bridge, G. C. Wege and Leo Fritter. This committee desires it be understood that they will do all in their power to make the stay of the members of the Association in the Capital City an enjoyable one, and hope to see all the members present to partake of their offerings. The Columbus Philatelic Society hopes for a hearty acceptance of this invitation by the members. As President of said society I desire to second their invitation. It is hoped this invitation will be accepted in the same friendly spirit in which it is given. Respectfully,

LEO FRITTER, President.  
Columbus, O., July 12, 1897.

#### SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT.

July, 1897.

FELLOW MEMBERS OF THE O. P. A.:

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I have also to report the following condition of the treasury for the months of May and June:

| DR.                     |        |
|-------------------------|--------|
| To balance on hand..... | \$1.00 |
| To Initiation Fees..... | 1.20   |
| To Dues.....            | .66    |
|                         | \$1.86 |

| CR.                               |        |
|-----------------------------------|--------|
| By Printing App. Blanks.....      | \$2.00 |
| By Official Organ Acct.....       | .55    |
| By Secy-Treas. Acct. Postage..... | .13    |
| By Cash balance.....              | 1.17   |
|                                   | \$1.85 |

I remain, Yours for the O. P. A.,  
CHAS. S. PENDLETON, Sec'y-Treas.

#### LIBRARIAN REPORT.

MCCONNELLSVILLE, O., July 12, 1897.

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## The U. S. Envelope Exchange.

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As promoter of this exchange I wish to state that up to date of going to press (July 19), have received no objections either to the list of officers as published in the last issue of this magazine, nor to the amount proposed as dues, 50 cents per annum.

A copy of each issue of this magazine mailed regularly to each member, and now that we have perfected the organization, I trust that each member will take an active part in building it up and promoting a fraternal interest. In the next issue of this magazine the officers will doubtless make their regular reports and we trust by that time that the secretary treasurer will have received the amount of dues from each member (25 cents to January 1st, 1898) and have the necessary application blanks printed and distributed.

The sales manager will list each month using Bartel's numbers such envelopes as are sent to his department; with the prices affixed by the owners and the rules to govern his department will be published in the next issue of this magazine.

Trusting that all will co-operate in making this organization a success, and that all will reap the benefit of the interchange of duplicates, I am,

Yours Very Truly,

J. F. DODGE, Organizer.

## SEE OFFER ON FRONT COVER.

## National Philatelic Association.

ORGANIZED MARCH 1, 1897.

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 Trustees—Kantner, McDermott and Cleaver, Box 236, Reading, Pa.

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Such other regulations as are necessary for the proper conduct of the business will from time to time be adopted.

### REPORT OF SECRETARY.

#### NEW MEMBER.

10 F. D. Randall, Malden, Mass.

Books sold, 55. Filled books sent in, 13. Catalogue value \$79.49. Stamps removed from books circulated, \$25.40.

Our growth is not very rapid but I think the amount of business done will compare favorably with any similar organization.

Yours Internally,

J. ARTHUR WAINWRIGHT, Sec.

## SEE OFFER ON FRONT COVER.

## The Newport, R. I., Philatelic Club.

### OFFICERS.

Pres., Percival Parrish.  
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time are now in order, and I trust that every member will interest himself in this matter. It will depend largely upon this board of officers whether the second year of our existence will be a creditable and beneficial one to the members and to our fellow philatelists. I feel certain that the result of this election will be the selection of a strong set of men, who will carry the society through its trials and tribulations with honor to themselves and to the organization. But let no one feel too confident of such a result, and neglect to do his part towards bringing it around. It will be early enough to do this after the election is over. All members must vote direct for officers, but they can instruct some other member to act in their stead upon other matters. Let each one who cannot possibly attend this convention instruct proxy to vote upon all matters carefully and thoughtfully. Instructions, ballots, and proxies will be sent to all members about one month before the convention. It is desirable that all ballots should be cast as early as possible, thereby avoiding the possibility of its being thrown out on account of lateness. They should be sent to the Committee upon Credentials, care of the President. I would like to have all members who intend to attend the convention notify the Committee upon Arrangements chosen by the Columbus Philatelic Society, so that they can act more intelligently. As President of that Society, and member of above committee, I can assure every one who attends the convention a good and enjoyable time. This will be a fine opportunity for the members to get acquainted with each other, and I sincerely trust that there will be a large representation of the membership at this meeting. I am sure every one will be fully repaid for the trouble incurred in coming to this convention, in the amount of information he will pick up and in the friendships he will form. More knowledge concerning stamps can be had in one day at a convention of stamp-collectors than a whole year's study of a monthly philatelic magazine will give to a person. But I have said enough. Come, and you will never regret it. Stay away, and as long as you will be able to remember, you will always consider it a great opportunity lost. I will do my best to be on hand to welcome you, and aid in your entertainment, to see that you are not neglected and to assist you in every possible way. Again hoping that I may see you, one and all, upon this occasion, and that it will be successful in every way, I am, Yours Fraternaly, and for the O. P. A.,

LEO FRITTER, President.

#### SPECIAL NOTICE.

At a meeting of the Columbus Philatelic Society a resolution was adopted, extending an invitation to the Ohio Philatelic Association to be its guests during their first annual convention in this city, and the following committee was selected to provide for their entertainment while in the city: M. A. Bridge, G. C. Wege and Leo Fritter. This committee desires it be understood that they will do all in their power to make the stay of the members of the Association in the Capital City an enjoyable one, and hope to see all the members present to partake of their offerings. The Columbus Philatelic Society hopes for a hearty acceptance of this invitation by the members. As President of said society I desire to second their invitation. It is hoped this invitation will be accepted in the same friendly spirit in which it is given. Respectfully,

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### Albany, N. Y., Philatelic Club.

#### OFFICERS FOR 1897.

President—Prof. J. Benton Tipton.  
 Vice-President—George H. Stevens.  
 Secretary-Treasurer—Chas. F. Bridge.  
 Exchange Superintendent—John Skinner.  
 Official Journal—The Columbian Philatelist.

All collectors residing in Albany and vicinity are invited to join us. Information and blanks cheerfully furnished.

CHAS. F. BRIDGE, Sec'y-Treas.,  
 600 Madison-ave., Albany, N. Y.

### Connecticut Philatelic Society.

#### OFFICERS FOR 1897.

President—Geo. B. Klebes, Sharon Valley.  
 Vice-Pres.—Franklin S. Cook, Bridgeport.  
 Secretary—Fred P. Holt, Hartford.  
 Treas.—  
 Ex. Supt.—Robt. C. Beers, Hartford.  
 Official Journal—The Columbian Philatelist.

#### NEW MEMBERS.

33 H. E. Heath, Windsor, Conn.

#### SUSPENSIONS FOR NON PAYMENT OF DUES.

8 J. Harry Davis, Waterbury, Conn.

22 Thos. B. Howe, Hartford, Conn.

The above will be reinstated upon payment of 25c within ten days.

This is my last report until fall.

FRED P. HOLT, Secy.

### Ipswich Philatelic Society.

#### IPSWICH, SO. DAK.

President—Mrs. J. S. Smith.  
 Vice-Pres.—Harold J. Barker.  
 Secretary—M. P. Beebe, Jr.  
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### The Press.

Just as we go to press a sheet of four pages without cover labeled *International Stamp* arrives dated April 21st, 1897. The publisher blames Secretary Miller, of the S. of P., for not sending reports, but that hardly explains this apology for a paper and its long delay in publication.

The *Penny* for June has two or three pages of reading matter of interest to philatelists, the balance being devoted to advertisements, the P. S. of A. and politics. "Cliff" surprises us by offering the *Penny* for sale. He states that it is a gilt edge investment. The edge may be gilt.

The *Home Worker* is always prompt and the July number has its usual quota of interesting reading matter. E. B.

Horn conducts the editorial column with very little waste of words and Miss Amy L. Swift's review of the Philatelic Press is as entertaining as ever. She states that the C. P. is fast catching up to the correct date and bears signs of being extra prosperous and is surprised that it is acting as official organ for six different societies. NINE, now, Miss Amy, but the usual amount of reading matter in addition.

The *Young Collector* is doing yeoman service for the beginner. It contains an article from F. P. on the postal statistics of Shanghai, Corea and the Chinese Empire, a very good review column and notes of interest.

The *New York Philatelist* for July is at hand and seems to be prospering. Its reading matter is as good as usual, but we think that Mr. Camp in his "Washington Whisperings" would have done far better to have left out his "boom" of the Columbia Stamp Co., and the *N. Y. Philatelist*.

The *Evergreen State Philatelist*, always interesting, has on its front cover for July a view of Rooster Rock on the Columbia river and the editor states that in this new cover design which is printed in red, he intends to use different scenes, possibly every month, and certainly it is, as he suggests, worth the subscription price. This number is rather smaller than usual, but with the exception of a page article "The Critic" and devoted to the COLUMBIAN PHILATELIST, it will be a number that even Oney K., Herbert C., Chas. H., I. A., and G. D., can find no fault with.

In last issue we stated that the *Philatelic Californian* had devoted almost their entire issue to a description of the reprints of the Wells, Fargo Pony Express stamps. We can now see a possible reason for this. A circular sent to one hundred different dealers in Europe and America has just been brought to us by a little bird, which informs us that only 92 complete sets were printed, that the printing plate has been destroyed and the original "stone drawing" is in the Wells Fargo museum at Golden Gate Park, and the *Philatelic Californian* offered these sets to the highest bidder whose bids were received before July 15th. A neat scheme!

We are compelled to cut short our review of other interesting and uninteresting papers received for want of time and space.





## British Colonial Postal Cards.



The success with which my special \$1.25 Packet, advertised in the "Columbian" for the past two months, has met, leads me, in order to keep the ball a rolling, to offer now

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Containing unused **BRITISH COLONIAL CARDS** only, among which may be found some rare cards catalogued from 25 to 75 cents.

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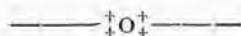
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## The Stamps of China.

(CONTINUED FROM LAST NUMBER.)

3 can, deep red, 3 can, orange red.

The latter stamp is very pronounced in the orange color.

5 can, yellow, 5 can, orange.

IMPERFORATED.

1 can, green. 3 can, red. 5 can, yellow.

The existence of these stamps has been known for some time. But whether they were officially so issued or are mere accidental oddities I can not say, but am inclined to put them in the latter class.

ISSUE OF DECEMBER, 1895.

Perforated 12½. Water marked shell.

1 can, green. 1 can, yellow green. 3 can, violet. 3 can, (error in color.)

By some peculiar accident the ink for the 3 can and that of the 5 can were mixed and some 300 3 can stamps printed with the mixture. The color obtained is hard to describe being best termed a greenish yellow violet.

5 can, ochre yellow. 5 can greenish yellow.

IMPERFORATED.

1 can, green. 3 can, violet. 5 can, yellow.

ISSUE OF DECEMBER, 1894.

Watermarked shell. Perforated.

1 can, red. 2 can, blue green. 2 can, light green. 3 can, yellow. 3 can, pale yellow. 4 can, rose. 5 can, yellow. 5 can, orange. 6 can, brown. 6 can, dark brown. 9 can, blue green. 9 can, yellow green. 12 can, orange. 12 can, yellow. 24 can, carmine. 24 can, violet rose.

IMPERFORATED.

1 can, red. 3 can, yellow. 6 can, brown. 9 can, green.

Other values probably exist but these are the only ones that have been brought to my attention.

IMPERFORATED VERTICALLY.

3 can, pale yellow. 5 can, yellow. 9 can, green.

IMPERFORATED HORIZONTALLY.

3 can, pale yellow. 4 can, rose. 6 can, brown. 9 can, green. 24 can, carmine.

The rest of the set is no doubt also found in this condition.

WATERMARK INVERTED.

3 can, pale yellow. 5 can, yellow. 9 can, green.

The existence of these has been reported to me by my Asian correspondent. Further than that I know nothing concerning them.

One stamp in each sheet of the 9 candarins is inverted so that tete

beche pairs of this stamp are by no means uncommon. This plate error was corrected in later printings and also is not found in the 1897 reprints so that no inverted surcharges are blameable to this.

It is customary in giving an account of the stamps of a country to include a little information as to their value for speculation and perhaps some such evidence is admissible here. Since the late disturbance with Japan, the Chinese stamps have made rapid advances in Philatelic popularity and corresponding progress in value.

The Mongolian stamps will always be popular with the young collector because of his happiness at possessing a postal issue from a remote country and to the average American youth China is the very extreme of remoteness. To him the greatest rarities are the emissions of little known or supposed to be slightly civilized lands and China is certainly regarded as the greatest of these. Because of this, as long as the boy trade exists, these stamps will be well worth owning. By this I do not mean that they will make any such wonderful advances as the U. S. departmentals or general issues nor will they ever be rare in the true sense of the word. They are not going to yield fabulous returns to the investor, only a moderate rate of interest.

The foregoing remarks apply only to the now obsolete custom stamps, of the later issues the less said the better. Their value as a speculation seems already to be recognized, if the rumors of coming "corners" have any foundation.

#### GOVERNMENT ISSUES.

Issue of February 2, 1897.

Pending the arrival of the permanent set, which had been ordered several provisionals were issued

surcharged with the value in the new currency expressed in both English and Chinese. The revised service has adopted the Mexican dollar as a standard with stamps valued in cents instead of candarins as before. The stamps of the 1894 series then on hand were the ones surcharged. These were by no means plentiful and in order not to have the supply run out before the regular issue arrived, the officials refused to sell more than one set of stamps at a time, as they feared stamp dealers and speculators would purposely buy all of some of the values up. The stamps at first issued were as follows:

#### PROVISIONAL ISSUE.

New currency in cents. Black surcharged. On 1894 issue.

½ cent on 3 can, yellow. 1 cent on 1 can, red. 2 cents on 2 can, green. 4 cents on 4 can, rose. 5 cents on 5 can, yellow. 8 cents on 6 can, brown. 30 cents on 24 can, carmine.

#### ON REVENUE STAMP.

1 dollar on 3 cents, carmine.

Despite all efforts to make this issue last until the new one arrived, first one value then another ran out and had to be replaced by a new provisional. The obsolete issues of course were also employed in this work of overprinting. Most of the 1894 set remaining on hand had been utilized in the first lot so this time some of the 1885 stamps were used as well. The supply in all cases was limited and was soon disposed of as we shall later see.

#### ON 1885 ISSUE.

1 cent on 1 can, green. 2 cents on 3 can, violet. 5 cents on 5 can, greenish yellow.

#### ON 1894 ISSUE.

10 cents on 6 can, brown. 10 cents on 9 can, green. 10 cents on 12 can, orange.



## ON REVENUE STAMPS.

1 cent on 3 cents, carmine. 2 cents on 3 cents, carmine.

This surcharging took the entire remaining stock of the obsolete issues. So that when they had all been sold, no possibility for further provisionals would seem to exist. But the Chinese officials were equal to the emergency and ordered a fresh printing of some of the 1894 stamps. Not content with simply issuing these as the same as the first emission, the surcharge was set up again for each value from a different font of type. The colors of these reprints vary much from those of the other issues as will be noted by the colors given, though the regular issue is occasionally but not regularly found in these tints. The new surcharge was in a black, bold faced type much differing from that employed at first. At the same time as this later issue another blotching up of the 3 cent revenue stamps took place.

## ON 1894 ISSUE, REPRINTED IN 1897.

$\frac{1}{2}$  cent on 3 can, pale yellow. 1 cent on 1 can, rose red. 2 cents on 2 can, pale yellow green. 10 cents on 9 can, blue green. 10 cents on 12 can, yellow. 30 cents on 24 can, violet rose.

## ON REVENUE STAMPS.

4 cents on 3 cents, carmine.

I have heard of but few errors in this wholesale surcharging.

S. C. Skipton in the *Philatelic Journal of Great Britain* reports that the 2 cent is found with the S of cents inverted and also one stamp in the sheet possesses a comma after cents. That is all up to date. But the returns are not all in yet and we will probably have a bountiful supply of this rubbish before the harvest is over. The Chinese hieroglyphics will undoubtedly have several additional twists and curls

added to their intricacies. For variety a surcharge or two will be turned over or doubled up and errors in spelling are quite likely. We may expect a little of everything.

The regular issue will soon be placed on sale, if it is not already out, and will consist of the following values :

$\frac{1}{2}$  cent, 1 cent, 2, 4, 5, 10, 20, 30, 50 cents. 1, 2, 5 dollars.

A post card of the denomination of one cent will also be prepared for domestic use.

An English paper makes the statement that the permanent set is to be of Japanese workmanship, which is certainly a peculiar and rather ironical fact, if it is a fact.

The abolition of the local posts has been a step much needed for several years past, in fact since about 1894 when every municipality however insignificant it might be, felt called upon to issue a lot of bright colored, oriental pictures called stamps. The taint that defiles was there too much in evidence. Now, that the posts are closed, it is likely to prove a rather diluted blessing. The major organization appears to have fallen heir to a little of the badness belonging to the locals in their lifetime, that is, if its start in business can be taken as an omen.

The issuance of the mixed lot of provisionals can be accounted for in a logical manner as has been given. But surely the new office was not inaugurated within so slight a time that a set of regular stamps could not have been prepared. The postal service has been going through the reform preparatory to the late grand opening for several months, in that period there certainly was abundance of time to of had the new dies made. If this had been done no surcharging would of

been needed and the post office would have entered business under far more auspicious circumstances.

The beginning has not been good and the future will probably not present a much more favorable history. The regular set will contain stamps of the face value of two and five dollars, issues which certainly will have slight reason for their existence.

What time will bring cannot now be said but judging from the past, and what we know will soon come to pass, the probabilities are that the government officials have been taking lessons from the municipal authorities and the future stampic history of China will be decorated with many a speculative blot. Frequent new issues are probable and wholesale surcharges likely.

Had the oriental country followed the straight and narrow path of the respectable nation, its stamps might have in time been as popular as the custom issues, but there is too much of a blotch on their record now, ever to allow the possession by them of fashion's laurel wreath.

GORDON C. CORBALEY.

### The Annual Evil.

The announcement that the 58th edition of Scott's catalogue will be out early in the Fall is already made and collectors will soon begin to look forward to it and wonder what changes will be made and what stamps have risen in price. And just here a careful thinker will see one of the greatest abuses in philately. It is this annual issue of a catalogue with constant raising of quotations to sell the catalogue that has done as much as any one factor to place stamp collecting on its present unstable basis. I grant that an annual catalogue or price list is a necessity to keep pace with the new issues constantly appearing. I also

grant that an annual catalogue in some respects stimulates collecting.

But the thing in the past few years has been greatly overdone. I have no grievance against the Scott Stamp & Coin Co., and consider their Standard Catalogue the best in the world as a reference work both in style, system and completeness. But I feel it a duty to call the attention of collectors to the evil which has crept in. The publishing of their catalogues has become a great source of revenue to them and in order to create a demand for this big supply of catalogues every year they have made the great advances in prices of the last few years, which in most cases were totally uncalled for. If one year's catalogue were just like another, except for the addition of new issues, about which collectors are not so ardent, and except for the few changes, some up, some down, the year's business really warranted, there would be no great object in collectors buying a new catalogue each year. So the publishers have boomed prices, hinted of great raises, sent out advance sheets and tickled the collector's ear and eye with the vast increase in value of his stamps from year to year, with the result that to-day we buy stamps at fifty to seventy-five per cent. below catalogue everywhere (is it not ridiculous?) and no collection, taken entire is worth even that per cent. I would a thousand times rather see the prices in the catalogue go down than up fifty per cent. For if they go down my collection is still worth as much to me as ever and I can buy the stamps I need, cheaper, but if prices jump away up my collection really is worth no more and I have to buy stamps at a higher price than perhaps they are worth.

Were it not for the stamps issued

during a year, a catalogue once in five years would be sufficient to regulate the prices created by the legitimate demands of business. In the present system of annual catalogues the rechecking annually of a collection of 8,000 to 10,000 varieties in the catalogue is also quite a task.

You might say that if I am too lazy to check over my collection in the new catalogue every year that I have the privilege of sticking to an old one (and I think I shall do this by my 57th for a few years) but when I wish to trade with other collectors I have to use the latest one to be on the same basis with them.

In conclusion, let us earnestly hope that the 58th will adopt a more conservative pricing than in the past and not attempt by any great advances to dispose of a bigger edition than ever to deluded-collectors who still must keep in the swim.

CHARLES E. JENNEY.

### The Care of Duplicates.

BY AMY L. SWIFT.

Advanced collectors and dealers who have a large stock of those troublesome comforts called duplicates house them in a "stock-book" made for that especial purpose, but we middle-class collectors do not have enough to fill such a book, and would rather spend our surplus pennies in stamps than in buying one, so it behooves us to care for our duplicates in some other way. The matter seems too simple a one to admit of much variation in settling but variations there are to a surprising extent. A collector whom I visited last summer kept her duplicates in a way that was both convenient and inconvenient as well as comic. In the room where I took off my hat there were stamps on the bureau, stamps in the

jewel case, stamps in the handkerchief sachet, stamps on the table, and she showed me later, stamps in boxes of assorted sizes and shapes tucked in the drawers and on the closet shelves. In the sitting room, the writing desk, table, mantle-piece and piano all had little piles of assorted stamps left there temporarily, and unsorted stamps in bushel baskets and potato sacks were brought down from the attic for me to sit and laugh at. Even the twelve small sauce dishes piled up together on the dining-room side-board had each to be cleared of stamps before they could be put to their destined use.

"You see I sort my stamps wherever I happen to be and it takes time to get them all gathered up," said my hostess. Now that way would never do for me! Stamps are considered untidy bothers in my home except by myself, and I can never lay down even a used current 1c but what it is speedily brought to me with the unsympathetic inquiry, "Is this anything you want saved?" Common stamps such as come in cheap packets this collector tossed carelessly into a large shoe-box making it a work of time and patience to find any particular specimen among them.

Another collector, who being in town took time to call upon me, told me that his duplicates—except such as the 15c France, etc., which he never bothered to sort out—were placed loosely between the pages of blank-books just small enough to be carried in the breast pocket, each country or value assorted betwixt separate pages, thus saving the trouble of hinging.

"Don't they rattle out?" I queried, but was answered, "Oh no, I keep each book in an envelope that just fits it, and taken altogether it's a fine plan."

Well, perhaps it is, but mine is different still and seems to me even better since it allows for the sorting of every thing, no matter how common. I have good large envelopes for each country represented by my duplicates, and as soon as new stamps come in they are at once assorted, each being placed in the envelope of its country. Those of which there are a great many of a kind such as the common continentals, are given a small envelope to each value, the small envelopes being afterwards slipped into the larger one. Each large envelope is clearly labelled "Belgium," "Germany" or whatever it needs to be, and each small one is also labelled according to the stamps it contains, so that I know at a glance where to find any stamp I want. When there are a hundred of a kind I tie them up together and put them aside to await future examinations for future discoveries thus getting them out of the way for the present. The united family of envelopes—and it really is quite a sizable one—reside in a large paste-board box which an amused but good natured masculine kindly donated for the purpose. I rather suspect that box originally contained his foot gear, but it is such an extraordinary big one I daren't give my suspicions voice as the erst-while owner, being a relative would be apt to take sudden and dire vengeance for the insult.

Of course it took considerable time and patience at first to do all this sorting and get all the envelopes in smooth working order, but the resulting convenience is wonderful and really worthy of a little extra work. The high grade stamps such as one seldom has long in stock I keep as did the second collector mentioned, between the pages of a blank book.

### The Ohio Observer.

**Patriotism by Postmark.** A neat postmark is received from Canada in honor of the sixtieth anniversary of her Majesty, Queen Victoria. It consists of Union Jack, 1837-1897, Victoria.

A very readable article on "Fifty years of Postage Stamps" appears in the *Ladies Home Journal* for July. It contains much desirable information and should be read by all philatelists.

The stamp paper that helps you the most is the one which makes you think the most.

A friend of the *Observer* had the very good fortune of getting a block of four of the half cent, value of the Canadian Jubilee Issue. The stamps were advertised with the following number of replies: 58 letters, 20 postals and one telegram. The stamps were sold to the highest bidder for the neat sum of ten dollars. These half cent values pay better than any stock on earth, including the Standard Oil and Bell Telephone Companies.

The *Army and Navy Weekly*, a juvenile paper published by the Howard, Ainslee Co., of New York have opened a philatelic department in their columns: same to be conducted by M. I. Holmes of the metropolis.

The successful man always sticks to one thing until he gets there, so does the postage stamp.

The Dingley tariff bill which has become a law, made slight increase in the cost of beer stamps to brewers. The Wilson bill taxed beer one dollar a barrel, but gave brewers a discount of 7½ per cent. when they bought the stamps. The Dingley bill will abolish this discount.

All signs point encouragingly to a great revival in all stamp lines



the coming fall and winter. Both dealers and collectors will welcome the return of better financial conditions of so long a period of stringency and distress.

Information received from Washington speak of a new post-card to be issued soon. It is to be of the same design as the current card but is to be a size smaller. The card now in use is found very inconvenient for those having correspondence and wishing to enclose an addressed card for a reply, it being too large to fit in a business envelope, and any mutilation of the card renders it liable to full postage. Hence the new issue.

The Special Delivery boy may possess plenty of sand; but it is not quick sand.

#### O. P. A. BEVITIES.

Our Librarian, Mr. Henry S. Adair, of McConnellsville, is making a tour of the state on a wheel.

He is combining business with pleasure and is also doing campaign work for the fall election.

Our first annual Convention is to be held at Columbus and a grand, good time is expected.

The Convention seat is centrally located and with the low rates from all points, on account of the State Fair, a large per cent. of the members should and will surely be in attendance.

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#### New York Notes.

BY QUIZ.

Nothing of much importance to speak of this month, only to mention that this city, has been elected the next convention seat of the Philatelic Sons of America, by a large majority. There was rather an excited debate before the vote was announced. Mr. Brodstone, who championed Omaha, made a concise

but forcible speech, in behalf of that City. He also distributed among those present, illustrated pamphlets, containing a short history of Omaha, also views and pictures of the most important public and private buildings, etc., that abound in Omaha. All present felt the deepest regret that Mr. Brodstone was defeated, but all agreed that Omaha, certainly deserves the support of all members for the 1899 convention seat. By the way the attendance was rather small—19 all told being present.

Bogert & Durbin held a mid-summer sale on August 14, as an experiment. Attendance was good, but bidding was rather spiritless. Mostly all were mail bids. Prices as rule were very good, considering the above conditions. B. & D.'s regular scheduled sales, will begin early in September.

The periodical defense fund, has reached over one thousand dollars, but this sum is about one third of what is really needed. Mr. Couderd, the eminent lawyer, has been engaged by the defendants as counsel.

The Canadian jubilee stamps are printed by the American Bank Note Co., of this city. The Canadian Post Office officials were dissatisfied with the stamps furnished by the British-American Bank Note Co., not that the engraving was at fault, but the printing was poor. Inferior quality of paper and ink was used, and the gum had no qualities to stick. The perforating was very bad, in some cases the perforation going through the middle of the stamp. To test the skill of the American company, taking as a recommendation the Columbian issue, the contract for engraving the plates and printing the Jubilee stamps was awarded to them. We

have seen the stamps, and not a dissenting voice has been heard against the beauty and the excellent workmanship of these stamps. The paper and ink used is of the best, and the gum will stick to a red hot stove, or a cake of ice, and the perforation is the best we have seen, and is without a par, for accuracy. The Canadian Government has been so well pleased with the work, that they are considering whether to issue an entirely new set (permanent affair) of stamps when the present stock of Jubilee and other (1882-1893 issue) stamps are disposed of, or to reprint the latter issue, from plates by the American company. In regard to the supposed new stamps, the engravings would be of a very handsome design, and would please the most fastidious taste. If the foregoing proved true, I would advise collectors to purchase the 20c vermilion and the 50c blue of 1892 issue. They can be bought very cheap now in cancelled condition. "A word to the wise is sufficient."

Recent visitors to this town were Mr. E. L. Shove, of Unionville, New York, Mr. L. T. Brodstone of Superior, Nebraska, and Joe. F. Beard of Muscatine, Iowa. The two latter stopped in the city for a few days, on the way to Boston to attend the American Philatelic Ass'n convention. They had just arrived from Atlantic City, after having attended the P. S. of A. meet.

### THE CONVENTIONS.

The result of the Convention of the Philatelic Sons of America at Atlantic City is as follows:

Directors C. W. Kissinger 273 votes  
 D. J. McDermott 114  
 Jos. S. Davis 105  
 E. R. Aldrich 99  
 Mabelle F. Jones 84

The organization of the board has not been determined up to time of going to press. The different officers (which are chosen by the board of directors we believe) are as follows:

Exchange Supt., T. L. Green.  
 Auction M'g'r., Emil Gerlich.  
 Eastern Exch. Supt., C. A. Provost.  
 Purchasing Agt., Henry Gremmell.  
 N. Y. Auct. Agt., A. Herbst.  
 Chicago " C. E. Severn.  
 Attorney, Chas. F. Bridge.  
 Counterfeit Detc., S. B. Hopkins.  
 Ad. & Sub. Agt., L. T. Brodstone.  
 Librarian, A. L. Becker.  
 Canadian V. P., C. L. Hannington.  
 Information Bureau, H. A. Chapman, East; Joe F. Beard, Central; J. H. Makins, West.  
 Trustees, Kline, Kantner, & Kissinger.

Convention Seat, 1898, New York.

This will be a sad blow to Omaha.

There were about 25 members present mostly from points within 150 miles. Joe F. Beard and L. T. Brodstone were there however, and we were sorry we couldn't be there to see them, as well as the many others several of whom we have never had the pleasure of meeting.

It has not been decided definitely whether the Pennsylvania Philatelic Association will hold a convention or mail vote. The candidates are as follows:

Pres., C. W. Kissinger, J. F. Dodge.  
 Vice-Pres., W. O. Smith, Charles Zaruba.

Sec'y., M. C. Haldeman.

Treas., Wayne T. Dimm, J. C. Miller, (declined.)

Exch. Supt., C. W. Lawton, R. M. Miller.

Auction M'g'r., J. C. Miller, H. G. Clay.

Librarian, Wm. S. Devlin, J. M. Thompson.

Ctf. Detc., J. M. Smeltzer.

Trustees, Kissinger, Cleaver, McDermott, Beamish, Brown, Walker.

Official Journal, *Columbian Philatelist*, *Pennsylvania Philatelist*, *American Collector*, *Young Collector*.

Convention seat 1898, Philadelphia, Reading, Harrisburg.

Up to date of going to press we have not heard of any call for a convention of the Sons of Philatelia. The convention could not take place before about October 1st as ballots and proxies must be mailed to members at least 30 days before the convention.

The American Philatelic Association convention will be called together in Wesleyan Hall, 36 Broomfield St., Boston, on Aug. 24 at 9 o'clock. Boston people know how to entertain visitors and we hope all will enjoy themselves.

### Washington Notes.

BY CAPITOL.

Mr. J. M. Bartels has returned from his trip to Europe, stout and hearty.

Mr. F. W. Bradley, Manager of the Columbia Stamp Co. has returned from the South where he has purchased many rarities. During his absence, Mr. Camp says that so many orders came that a good many of them could not be filled.

Mr. C. Rothfuchs of this city has sold his stock of souvenirs, stand and good will to Messrs. J. M. Bartels & Co., who expect to do a large business. Mr. Rothfuchs has been in business in this city for more than twenty years having a large trade, carried on a strictly cash basis. He is treasurer of the New Philatelic Society of District of Col-

umbia and probably we will have to elect some one else for that office. We are all sorry that he has left us but we cannot help it. He will open up in Boston, Mass.

The Bartels concern calls themselves the largest dealers this side of New York. Probably they think Messrs. Bogert & Durbin have retired from business. There is quite a little talk about this matter in Washington. Probably they might have the largest stock of Plate numbers this side of New York. The Columbia Stamp Company have been established since last January and have a very large mail order and approval sheet business.

Dealers here report business splendid especially for the summer.

The Club rooms of the Philatelic Society of the District of Columbia will be in the new Western Union Telegraph Co.'s building, corner of 15th & F St., N. W., when completed.

R. P. Rickenbacher, is receiving considerable encouragement in the proposed publication of his new semi-monthly magazine.

### Philadelphia Notes.

BY QUAKER.

In a lot of unused entire centennial envelopes offered for sale recently was several with the U. S. P. O. D. watermark instead of the regular Centennial 1876 watermark by the way, we think ourselves safe in predicting that "Entires" are going to be the thing this fall.

Among some of the more prominent visitors to the Club this week, we might mention, Joe F. Beard, of Muscatine, Iowa, and L. T. Brodstone, Superior, Neb. Mr. Beard showed some fine British Colonials.

Several delegates to the P. S. of A. meet at Atlantic City, stopped over long enough to get acquainted.

The manner our Government handled the "Columbian Issue" is hardly a shadow in comparison to the Canadian Officials in connection with the Jubilee issue; they only withdrew certain demonstrations, but are now going to break their Officer's pledge and issue 30,000 sets from  $\frac{1}{2}c$  to 50c—, apparently some certain officials must think stamp collectors are "something easy." The majority of collectors here are ignoring this issue entirely.

The last of the plates from which in years gone by, the Postage Stamps of the U. S. were printed, were destroyed at the Navy yard in Washington last week; for half a century these plates had been accumulating until the time came when the Post Office Department desired to get rid of them, so Postmaster General Gary appointed a commission to superintend the operation, and the plate were melted up in a furnace and cast into pig iron.

In speaking of the destruction, Major J. H. Reeve, Chief of the stamp division said: "It would make the heart of a thorough *Philatelist* sick to see all these plates go to waste. If a stamp collector could take but one impression from each one of the plates it would make him independently rich."

### Canadian Notes.

BY BEAVER.

A local stamp club has been organized in Halifax, N. S., under the name of the Halifax Philatelic Club, for the purpose of exchange of stamps among the members. It is hoped that a success will be made of it.

Another change has taken place in the management of the Halifax

Philatelic Magazine. Mr. Muirhead, the Editor and Publisher has secured the services of Ed. A. Whalen, of Halifax, as Associate Editor. No August number will be issued, but for September we can expect something out of the usual. Their headquarters are at room 19, Bedford Chambers, which will be made a general rendezvous for the stamp collecting fraternity.

In the August number of the *Philatelic Advocate* the publishers speak of their paper as "the only stamp paper published in Ontario." At the time this statement appeared it was the only one, but, "there are others." A new one has appeared in St. Catharines under the name of the *Stamp Record*, and the first number is dated August. The contents are very good, but a great improvement could be made by using better paper. Bradley and Oswald are the publishers.

Some time ago Mr. W. A. Beatty sold out the *Ontario Philatelist* to L. S. Graham, of Merriton, Ont. For various reasons Mr. Graham has delayed the publication for some time past, but now announces that the first number under his management will appear on or about the first of September.

I would like to say a few words regarding an article which appeared in the August number of the *Herald Exchange*, under the heading of "Canada's Speculative Scheme." The writer says she has received a bit of information which plainly proves that the \$4.00 and \$5.00 Jubilee stamps are purely speculative in their character. While this may be true in a way, yet it does not necessarily signify that postage is never used to that amount on one package or letter.

Further, the writer says: It appears that the highest amount that



can be demanded on any matter mailed in Canada is \$3.79 for packages and \$1.65 for letters, including registration. This is a mistake, the highest amount which can be called for on a letter mailed in the Dominion is \$2.45, while on one mailed to Great Britain the postage may run as high as \$8.00. Our Canadian Jubilee stamps are not as speculative as many believe.

From our regular Correspondent.

## Dominion Philatelic Association.

### Second Annual Convention.

The second annual convention of the D. P. A. was held in Berlin, Ontario, July 21st and 22nd and was well attended. In the absence of the president it was moved by W. A. Starnaman and seconded by W. A. Lydiatt that Mr. C. Bailey take the chair; carried.

The regular routine of business was then proceeded with. The following committees were appointed:—On credentials—Messrs. Applegath, Widdicombe and W. A. Starnaman. On finance—Messrs. Bailey, Weaver and Lydiatt. On by-laws—Messrs. Starnaman, Weaver and Strohm. On society reports—Mess. G. W. Starnaman, Bailey and Applegath. After other small business the convention adjourned till Thursday morning.

A trip to Waterloo, on the electric cars, was taken by a few of the members during the afternoon and much enjoyed. In the evening all journeyed up to Victoria Park, which is one of the prettiest spots in Berlin, where a band concert and fireworks display was to take place. After standing around for some time it was announced that the fireworks would be postponed until next evening which was indeed a disappointment.

The second session was called to order on Thursday morning with Chairman Bailey in the seat of honor. The reports of the various officers and committees were read and adopted and showed the D. P. A. to be on a strong footing.

Moved by C. Bailey seconded by W. A. Lydiatt that a hearty vote of thanks be tendered the Secretary, Mr. A. H. Adams for his efficient services during the past year. Carried.

Mr. Adams replied in fitting words amid great applause. It was greatly re-

gretted that he would not take the office for a second term, but other engagements would not permit.

A congratulatory telegram was received from W. L. Weatherston of New York, and communications were read from Messrs. Carter, Garraty, Dunn, Martin and others hoping that the meeting would come off successfully, and various matters were discussed.

A long letter was read from John R. Hooper, asking the members to appeal in his behalf. It was moved by C. Bailey seconded by W. A. Lydiatt that the communication of Mr. Hooper be received and that petitions be distributed among the members to secure the signatures of stamp collectors and others in an effort to secure his release. Carried.

The meeting was then adjourned to meet again at 1 p. m.

The third and last session was called to order Thursday afternoon with Mr. Bailey in the chair.

The question of holding the election by a mail vote was brought up but only the mover being in favor it was not carried.

The election was then proceeded with and the following votes taken.

For president, A. M. Muirhead, 28; W. R. Adams, 19. Vice president, A. H. Adams, 47. Vice president for U. S., B. J. Bishop, 12; C. E. Severn, 35. Secretary-Treasurer, L. S. Graham, 31; W. A. Starnaman, 16. Auction Manager, R. G. Widdicombe, 25; Dr. R. M. Bateman, 22. Exchange Superintendent, J. H. Peckham, 43. Counterfeit Detector, C. Bailey, 31; F. J. Farraty, 15. Attorney, J. A. Wainwright, 43. Librarian, F. I. Weaver, 32; Jack Thompson, 15. Trustees, C. S. Applegath, 47; W. A. Beatty, 32; W. A. Lydiatt, 20; G. E. Revel, 15; A. G. Allison, 15; R. F. Maddigan, 11. Official organ, Philatelic Advocate, 32; Perforator, 2; International Stamp, 2.

There was some discussion as to where the next convention should be held, but it was finally decided to have a mail vote of all the members, particulars of which will be announced in the official organ. Various other matters were discussed and the convention adjourned after which the members took in the various sights the town afforded. All were well pleased with what had taken place.

WE are compelled for lack of time to omit the press comments this month. So sorry.

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This Magazine goes to press on the 13th of each month and copy must be received by noon of that date to secure insertion. Change of Standing Copy must be in by the 10th of the month.

WELL another month has gone by, and a busy, busy month for the Editor. Taking a deep interest in the welfare of the Sons of Philatelia we investigated the matter, found out the difficulties, and did our best to remedy them. Our old friend R. M. Miller who was the founder of the Society, and has been its Secretary since organization, felt obliged to resign that office and the writer was appointed to fill the unexpired term. *The American Collector* was appointed official journal

*vice International Stamp* removed and here we found another difficulty as that paper having been sleeping since March, and Mr. Miller very busy we had to assist him in getting it once more on its feet, but it is out and distributed among the membership and we trust the Society will now go on its way rejoicing. But we forget not all our readers are members of this good old Society, and we won't say any more about it except that we shall be pleased to send an application blank to any reliable collector desiring to join.

REGARDING the Carion matter, there seems to be a grave doubt of the authenticity of the letter alleged to have been sent by the Minister of the Colonies to Mons. A. Schoeller, Secretary of the *Societe Francaise de Timbrologie* which declared that the stamps sent by Mr. Carion to the postmasters bore no surcharges and that "the office of Cochín China never surcharged its unpaid letter stamps with the name of the colony." We are dispatching a few letters which will take some time to reach their destination, and when our investigation is completed, we will give the result in these columns whether the same favors Mr. Carion or not. We haven't any Latin motto at the head of this magazine, but we intend to live up to the homely English one we have adopted.

MISS SWIFT in her review of the *Columbian* in the last *Home Worker* refers only to the fact of its being official journal of nine societies. Is it possible in the *seventeen pages* of reading matter in addition to society reports, she saw nothing that interested her?

THE *Stamp Collector's Fortnightly* seems to think that *Mekeel's Weekly* is more prosperous than ever in a financial sense, under the management of I. A. Mekeel. We fear however that distance lends enchantment to the view. Mr. Mekeel has we believe worked hard to keep the weekly alive. Successive "boom" editions have brought in an influx of advertisements which however seem to be only temporary. In our opinion it is hardly a paying investment, and we would not be surprised to see its valedictory number at any time.

THE *Weekly* is a good paper in some respects, and its loss would be felt if there was no other to take its place. There could, however, be great improvements made. That would make it of much more interest to collectors. There is one thing that it needs most—a philatelic editor.

WE notice that the *Weekly Era* announce an advance in advertising rates, giving as a reason, a lot of new subscribers. Mr. Jewett ought to know his own business best, but it seems to us it is a bad time to make such a move, which certainly has not benefited its contemporary who advanced rates some time ago.

ADVERTISERS, correspondents, and others should not fail to read the announcement at the head of this column. Hereafter this magazine will go to press *promptly on the 13th of each month* and copy for insertion *must reach us by noon of that day*. Change of standing copy must reach us by the 10th.

IN further reference to the Stigeler matter alluded to in last issue,

Mr. Stigeler writes us that he has turned over all the unsettled business of the old L. of A. P., Exch. Dept. to the Trustees of that Society. He pleads on the 14th inst., and says the trial will probably not come off before September or October and he feels certain of being acquitted. Chas. E. Shaw, Sales Mgr., of the S. of P., writes us that Mr. Stigeler has failed to account for a circuit valued at \$200 traced to him.

THE convention of the Philatelic Sons of America was a tame affair, compared with previous years, but we are glad the thing is over without the disgusting bickerings and quarrels that have characterized previous campaigns. Of course Kissinger still holds the reins of power, but the most important office, that of Exchange Supt. is filled by one who will conduct it, we are sure in an honest and business like manner. The auction manager will fill his office without doubt as well as his predecessor, and we are glad to see our genial friend Bridge elected as attorney, and Mr. Hopkins returned as Counterfeit detector. A full account of the convention with list of the management will be found in another column.

THE Eastern Stamp Exchange seems to be having a successful career. We had some of the books sent us and were agreeably surprised at the preliminary credit given and the quality of stamps sent from which to select same. We would advise all collectors who have duplicates to send for books to the Secretary, (see address in society columns) and thus increase their collections without cost.

It has been claimed by some that these exchanges would hinder the growth of our societies. While it may in a slight degree temporarily, as soon as collectors have used up their duplicates, they will in our opinion join the stamp societies and patronize the exchange department to complete their sets.

C. W. KISSINGER is again a candidate for president of the S. of P. We trust that he will withdraw from a candidacy which can only result in defeat and thus relieve us of the disagreeable duty of threshing over for the benefit of the new members, the facts concerning his attempt to break up the S. of P., a few years ago. Now Cliff, my dear boy do have a little regard for our feelings and save your powder for game you are more sure of getting.

THE Detroit Stamp Co., have sent us a sample packet of revenues such as they advertise in another column. It is certainly good value and any collector who sends for it will be so well pleased that he will feel like spreading the good news.

WM. BAILEY formerly of Roslyn Wash., on account of ill health has returned to England, his native country, and his address will be found in the Columbian Philatelic Society's report. He wrote us a very pleasant letter from New York the day before he sailed, July 27, and expresses his regrets in leaving our beautiful country, and so many pleasant friends that he has met or had dealings with. We are sure his regrets are shared by many he leaves behind. Our dealings with him have been eminently satisfactory. He has been a constant ad-

vertiser with us and should any reader fail to get a reply they will understand the reason of delay.

IN the review column of *Mekel's Weekly Stamp News*, Mr. Hopkins states that "those publishers who stood up for Georges Carion" *because of the money derived from his advertising*, are coming over one by one, etc." As he uses a phrase from the Editorial in our last issue in quotation marks we infer that he means the COLUMBIAN. Well, Mr. Hopkins let us give you a few pointers. In the phrase above in italics whether you mean this magazine or not you are using a term that is anything but courtesies to the philatelic press. You assume that publishers will admit any advertisement to their columns for the sake of the filthy lucre. No one can find room in our advertising columns whose rascality has been proved but people who live in glass houses should be careful how they throw stones. In the same issue in which you allude to us (and in many previous issues) there appears an advertisement of a party whom you and your publisher should know was expelled from the Dominion Philatelic Association and largely advertised as a substituter some 7 or 8 years ago. We refer to W. S. Kinzer of Canton, Ohio. There are others.

The Indian with his pipe of peace  
Has long since passed away,  
But the Irishman with his piece of pipe,  
Has landed here to stay.—ROBIE.

The pipe of peace and piece of pipe,  
When smoked in moderation,  
While looking over a million stamps  
In blissful contemplation  
Of Millburys, Balto.'s, and New Yorks,  
Help wonderfully to ease  
Our disappointment when we find  
Just common twos and threes.



**Political.**

W. O. Smith who is a candidate for Vice-President of the P. P. A. is the publisher of the *Young Collector* and would make a good officer, and we can't find anybody that has anything against our friend Zaruba either.

M. C. Haldeman candidate for Secretary and Wayne T. Dimm for Treasurer of the P. P. A. have no opposition, and they should not have.

For Exchange Superintendent we believe R. M. Miller should be re-elected as he has been to considerable expense in building up his department and would be a loser should he be defeated. J. C. Miller should certainly be the next Auction Manager, and we believe the *American Collector* would be better suited to the membership as official organ than the COLUMBIAN PHILATELIST, so many of the members are already subscribers to this magazine.

Howard Burba, candidate for Librarian of the S. of P. promises if elected to catalogue the Library at his own expense and furnish a printed list to each paid up member.

**Announced.**

*The Revenue Philatelist* is announced from Johnstown, Penna., to be published by the Johnstown Stamp Co. to appear October 1st.

*The National Philatelist* from Washington, D. C. is announced to appear in October, R. P. Rickenbacher published.

*The Philatelic Tribune* from Salem, Mass. is another new paper which the publishers, the Naunkeag Stamp & Publishing Co. write us will be out about October 1st.

*The Canadian Philatelic Magazine* is to be re-issued by Mr. W. R. Adams next month owing to a non-fulfilment of contract by the Canadian Weekly Stamp News Co.

*The Virginia Philatelist* is also announced from Richmond, Va. and we are led to believe we shall be pleased to see it.

**With Our Advertisers.**

Mr. W. H. Plank who has conducted a very successful business the past nine years under the name of the Kaw Stamp Co., at Kansas City, Kans. has removed

to 1006 N. Campbell St., Springfield, Mo. where he will continue the business under his own name. His reason for making the change is a very good one. See his advt.

C. E. Hussman is a new patron of our columns, and has a fine stock of stamps which he offers at low prices.

W. Kelsey Hall is spending his vacation at Austin, a suburb of Chicago, but his business is being carried on at his old address.

The Detroit Stamp Co. are advertising a packet of revenues this month that should be a good start for beginners.

T. L. Green reports a good sale for his "Honest Abe" revenue packet.

**NOTICE!**

For the past nine years we have been doing business under the Kaw Stamp Co., in Kansas City, Kans. We believe it to be a good business policy to start out our 10th year by doing business under our own name (owing to so many unreliable small boys and still smaller stocks sailing under the name of companies.) We have accumulated in these years a large stock of choice U. S., old German states and Br. Colonials, which we are sending on approval at, U. S. 25% off Scotts 57th, Foreign at 33 $\frac{1}{2}$ %. Write us for selection.

**W. H. PLANK,**

1006 N. Campbell-st., Springfield, Mo.

**We Want to Buy**

A few collections and lots of stamps for Cash. What have you to offer? We pay good prices for the highest grade of stamps.

Business established 1880.

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Members, Amer. Stamp Mer. Pro. Ass'n.

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Who is doing your printing. If you get my prices and see quality of my work you will surely want me to do it. The publisher of this magazine is one of my patrons. Send for samples.

**W. B. HOFFHEINS,**

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**Historical Plates, China-ware, Etc.**

New Pieces constantly being received.

Correspondence Solicited.

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## SOCIETY REPORTS AND NEWS.

**Special Notice to Secretaries:** All reports for next issue should be in hands of publisher Sept. 13th. Reports should be carefully written especially names to avoid errors by printer. Typewritten reports are the best.

### The Columbian Philatelic Society.

OFFICERS FOR 1897.

Pres., J. F. Dodge, New Oxford, Pa.  
 Vice-Pres., Geo. B. Klebes, Sharon Valley, Conn.  
 Secy-Treas., Leo Fritter, 32 N. Grant-ave., Columbus, Ohio.  
 Ex-Supt., Fred P. Holt, Hartford, Conn.  
 Auc.-Mgr., H. Smith, Medford, Mass.  
 Librarian, H. S. Adair, McConnellsville, Ohio.  
 Supt. Bureau of Information, Chas. F. Bridge, Albany, N. Y.  
 Attorney, Geo. A. Katzenberger, Greenville, O.  
 Counterfeit Detector, Frank P. Brown, Boston, Mass.  
 Trustees, A. Jungman, chairman, 529 Twelfth-st., Chas. Toelle, H. W. Protzman, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Official Journal, THE COLUMBIAN PHILATELIST.

**COST OF MEMBERSHIP**—Admission fee 10 cents; annual dues, 25 cents. Membership outside of the U. S., Canada, and Mexico: Admission fee, 10 cents; annual dues, 50 cents. Members receive the official organ free.

#### PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

##### FELLOW MEMBERS:

Although our list of applications is a little shorter than usual it is a good one for this season of the year. Now that the stamp conventions are about over and collectors will again be turning to their albums, I trust that you will all do your best in obtaining new members, but be sure to send in names of worthy collectors of good reputation. Who will be No. 400 and No. 500. I want to make each a nice present. Who will win the prizes? The next issue completes the term and only 49 applications in thus far.

Yours for success,

J. F. DODGE, Pres.

#### NEW MEMBERS.

300 D. Harlan King, Vineland, N. J.  
 310 A. M. Muirhead, Vernon-st., e. s. Halifax, N. S.  
 311 Warren E. Burton, Lake Geneva, Wis.  
 312 Danl. J. Reiley, Jr., 2200 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn, N. Y.  
 313 Gustave C. Cuenod, Box 273 Galveston, Texas.  
 314 H. E. Heath, Windsor, Conn.  
 315 T. L. Green, Mt. Olivet, Ky.  
 316 P. M. Thompson, 527 E. Broad-st., Columbus, O.  
 317 William F. Walton, Sharon, Conn.  
 318 Dan D. Doolittle, Fremont, Neb.  
 319 DeWitt C. Sawyer, Custom House, Columbus, O.  
 320 Chas. D. Lowe, 2077 21st-st., San Francisco, Cal.  
 321 Thos. Burnett, 318 Redwood-st., Philadelphia, Pa.  
 322 F. E. Randall, M. D. 12 Maplewood-st., Malden, Mass.  
 313 Chas. Bailey, 85 Euclid-ave., Toronto, Ont.  
 324 Abram Goldsmith, 61 E. 113th-st., N. Y. City.  
 325 W. F. Pardee, 623 Warren-st., Syracuse, N. Y.

Those of the above who have sent in their dues with their applications, have received their membership cards. Those who have not done so, will

receive same upon receipt of the amount (12 cents to January 1, 1898) I trust that all who are included within this notice will remit at once. Please remit when convenient in silver or by money order.

#### APPLICATIONS.

I have received the following applications, together with the accompanying references, since my last report, the age and occupation being given in each case:

John P. Wright, 58 Van Zandt-ave., Newport, R. I. Age 17, collector. Refs., Wm. A. McDonnell, John Wright.

Carl E. Magni, Holdrege, Neb. Age 18, hotel clerk. Refs., Edw. Palmer, Chas. Einsel.

Willard B. Dobbins, L. Box 22, Barnesville, O. Age 19, dealer in curios and stamps. Refs., Ben. L. Morris, C. P. Dobbins.

Wm. E. Pratt, 24 Claremont Park, Boston, Mass. Age 19, drug clerk. Refs., J. F. Dodge, G. W. Blake.

C. B. Duffy, C. H. V. & T. R. R., Columbus, O. Purchasing agent, age 31. Refs., Leo Fritter, Gus. Wege.

Elwood B. Carter, 2111 E. 5th-st., Dayton, O. Age 24, bookkeeper. Refs., J. F. Dodge, F. C. Hunter.

Mrs. H. E. Norton, 12 Gannett-st., Roxbury, Mass. Age 48. Refs., J. F. Dodge, W. H. Emmert.

W. H. Welchans, Lancaster, Pa. Age 27, bookkeeper. Refs., J. F. Dodge, W. A. Holey.

M. C. Berlepsch, Nathalie-ave., Kingsbridge, N. Y. Age 39, dealer. Refs., J. F. Dodge, Leo Fritter.

Geo. W. Davis, 1248 Linden-st., N. E., Washington, D. C. Age 44, clerk. Refs., J. F. Dodge, W. T. Rosenbaum.

Gordon C. Corbaley, Waterville, Wash. Journalist. Refs., J. F. Dodge, Leo Fritter.

C. P. Gregg, Windsor, Conn. Age 18, electrician. Refs., J. F. Dodge, H. E. Heath.

The above applicants will be accepted, provided no sufficient objections are received within one month from date. Membership certificates will then be sent to those who have sent in their dues. To those who have not paid same, I will notify them by postal card, and expect them to remit at once the amount of their dues to Jan. 1, 1898 (9 cents). I hope there are none in above list who will neglect to pay their dues promptly.

#### CHANGES IN ADDRESS.

250 W. O. Boutwell, P. O. Box 715, St. Augustine, Florida.

305 E. M. S. Warn, Glendale, Cal.

212 Wm. Bailey, care of Thos. Smith, 19 Burrows-st., Walsalls Staffordshire, Eng.

Yours for the C. P. S.,

LEO FRITTER, Secy-Treas.

COLUMBUS, O., August 13, 1897.

#### LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

##### FELLOW MEMBERS C. P. S.

I have received the following papers for the C. P. S. library for which the donors will please accept the thanks of the society.

New York Philatelist, July. Omaha Philatelist, July. All Round Stamp Advertiser, July. Columbian Philatelist, July. Perforator, July and August. The Virginia Philatelist, No. 1.

The library is growing fast. It is one of the departments of which the society can be justly proud. Let us make it better still. Members have you any duplicates? If so, send them on. Mention will be made in my reports.

HENRY S. ADAIR, Libr.

NEW SERIES OF PRIZES

To those who add 3 or more fully paid members whose applications are published in the July, August and September issues of this magazine.

1st. To any member who adds 15 new members an unused 50c watermarked due stamp.

2nd. To any member who adds 10 new members an unused 30 cent watermarked or unwatermarked due stamp.

3rd. To any member who adds 7 new members a set of unused 1, 2, 3, 5 and 10 cent watermarked due stamp.

4th. To any member who adds 3 new members unused 3 and 5 cent watermarked due stamp.

I will add an unused 2c Treasury Department stamp to each of the above offers if 100 applications are received during this contest.

J. F. DODGE, Prest.

SEE OFFER ON FRONT COVER.

The Ohio Philatelic Association.

ORGANIZED OCT. 8, 1896.

- President.—Leo Fritter, Columbus.
- Vice-Pres.—Ben L. Morris, Bellaire.
- Sec'y-Treas.—Chas. S. Pendleton, Findlay.
- Exch. and Auct. Mgr.—P. M. Weiss, P. O. Box 232 Cincinnati.
- Librarian.—Henry S. Adair, McConnelsville.
- Count. Detect'r.—P. E. Rood, 222 Floyd-st., Toledo.
- Attorney.—Geo. A. Katzenberger, Greenville.
- Trustees.—P. M. Weiss, (Box 232), J. A. Meyer, Jackson Sparrow, (Cincinnati.)

Every Ohio Collector should join. You will get more than your money's worth. Dues but 25 cents per year.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

FELLOW MEMBERS:—

I am greatly pleased to see so much interest is being taken in our First Annual Convention, and from present indications I am led to believe that it will be a very successful affair. I can assure all who attend of an enjoyable time. The Columbus Philatelic society will do all in its power to make the stay of visiting members as pleasant as possible. They intend to give them an outing to one of the delightful parks near the city, and if activity and earnestness of purpose will accomplish anything, there can be no doubt as to the result of their work. I hope that every member will do his best to come to the Capital City at this time. Several important matters are to come before the convention, the least of which is not the election of a board of officers for the ensuing year. Use great care and judgment in casting your ballot. Come with the idea of making yourself at home while in the city. There will probably be two sessions of the convention on as many days, and care will be used to give the visiting members opportunities to attend the State Fair, and other places of interest in the city. Sincerely trusting that I may see you one and all upon this occasion, and that it will be a great success, I am,

Yours for the O. P. A.,  
LEO FRITTER, President.

Columbus, O., August 13, 1897.

SEC'Y-TREAS. REPORT.

FINDLAY, O., Aug. 13, 1897.

FELLOW MEMBERS OF THE O. P. A.:

I herewith submit to you my last report as Sec'y-Treas. of our Association.

Before this is published, our First Annual Convention will probably have been a thing of the past, and the society be under the direction of a new set of officers.

During the year which has elapsed since our organization, we have made remarkable progress in drawing into a closer relationship with each other the collectors of the State, and in establishing among them many a close friendship that will endure not only in matters Philatelic.

In spite of many unforeseen difficulties and the sudden and untimely death of the "Philatelic Free Lance," upon which we had depended for an official organ, within two months from October 8, 1897, our Exchange and Library Departments were in regular operation; and although the growth of our membership was greatly hindered by the lack of application blanks,—which had been ordered from Cincinnati early in January, but through a misunderstanding were not delivered to the Association until the middle of June,—our present membership is a gain of 32 upon 31 Charter Members, or about 103% in a year!

In conclusion, I thank you for the support you have given me and your efforts in behalf of the Ohio Association.

The roughest places in our path have probably been passed over. There is no time so precarious to a new society as the first year of its existence. We have safely surmounted dangers which it seemed at first, must surely overwhelm us; and built a firm foundation for the work which must follow.

We have a clear field for operations. There are, I think, 1000 collectors in this state. I have a list of 500 of them, and find new ones almost every day.

Probably 50 of these are members of some Philatelic society. Scores of them are collecting in a quiet way, unknown even to their fellow Philatelists in the same town or village. They are willing to aid you in spreading the Gospel of Philately. Together, you can do much good for the cause. Don't stop here! Go after them! Work as faithfully under your new officers, as you have under the old, and we will soon make Ohio stand out as the star state of Philately.

For the O. P. A., I remain,  
CHAS. S. PENDLETON, Sec'y-Treas.

- I have the following new members to report:
- 54 DeWitt C. Sawyer, Columbus.
- 55 John Heaney, 85 W. 10th Ave., Columbus.
- 56 M. A. Bridge, Columbus.
- 57 Geo. J. Magly, 347 S. High, Columbus.
- 58 Otto Kemmler, 895 S. High, Columbus.
- 59 Henry S. Fleek, Newark.
- 60 Roy G. Fitzgerald, 8 N. Main, Dayton.
- 61 Owen Britton, Merchants' Nat. Bank, Dayton.
- 62 C. B. Duffy, C. H. V. & T. Ry., Columbus.
- 63 James M. Pulling, 50 Ohio Ave., Columbus.

Also the following condition of the Treasury

|                                 |        |
|---------------------------------|--------|
| CR.                             |        |
| To Balance.....                 | \$1.17 |
| " Dues.....                     | 1.14   |
| " Initiation Fees.....          | .70    |
|                                 | \$3.01 |
| DR.                             |        |
| By official organ for June..... | .56    |
| " " " July.....                 | .06    |
| " Sec. Treas. & Postage.....    | .68    |
| " Cash Balance.....             | 1.11   |
|                                 | \$3.01 |

Very truly,  
CHAS. S. PENDLETON,  
Sec'y-Treas.

## REPORT OF LIBRARIAN.

FELLOW MEMBERS O. P. A.:

I have received the following papers since my last report, Evergreen State Phil., Aug., Home Worker Aug., Perforator, July and Aug., Boston Stamp Book, July, All Round Stamp Adv., July, Columbian Phil., July, Texan Phil., July, Omaha Phil., July, Stamps, July and Aug., Phil. Advocate, (Special Edition) July, Eastern Philatelist, July, Herald Exchange, Aug., Mekeels Weekly Stamp News No. 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346.

Publishers will please accept the thanks of the society.

HENRY S. ADAIR, Libr.

## COMMUNICATIONS.

FELLOW MEMBERS O. P. A.

I will positively be at the convention at Columbus Aug. 31, Sept. 1, and would be pleased to hold the proxies of those who cannot attend. I assure you that they will be used according to wish of the member.

HENRY S. ADAIR.

FELLOW MEMBERS:

I will be in attendance at the First Annual convention of the Ohio Philatelic Association at Columbus, Aug. 31 and Sept. 1st and if you can't possibly attend, I would like very much to have your proxy, and will use it as directed.

I would also like to meet all Col. P. S. and S. of P. members in regards to society matters while there.

Fraternally yours,

BEN L. MORRIS,

313 Guernsey St., Bellaire, O.

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## The Eastern Stamp Exchange.

Pres., J. F. Dodge, New Oxford, Penna.

Vice-Pres., Chas. C. Lewis, Northampton, Mass.

Sec'y, J. Arthur Wainwright, " "

Treas., Frank T. Woodward, " "

Actuarial Committee, The Vice-Pres., Sec'y, Treas.

Official Journal, The Columbian Philatelist.

This exchange has been organized to facilitate the exchange of duplicates among collectors residing in the New England States, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia and Canada and its Provinces. It is Exchange pure and simple. Books are obtained of the Secretary at 5 cents each or 7 for 25 cents, each holding 60 stamps. These when filled by members are priced by Scott's 57th catalogue and returned to the Secretary when the Actuarial Committee fix the amount of credit and send out to other participants at the same time sending books to the owner to select his credit. Should more be disposed of than the credit allowed an additional credit is given. There is no admission fee or dues. Those who wish to note the progress of the Exchange, with monthly reports may send 15 cents additional for one year's subscription to the official Journal but it is not compulsory. No book should be sent in valued at less than \$3.00. 10% will be charged for expenses of conducting the business and 1% for insurance guaranteeing the owner against loss. The insurance and the commission are not payable in cash but in stamps from book. A number will be assigned each participant sending for books, and reference must be furnished as to the responsibility of each participant before books are sent to him. Should any participant wish to select more than his credit, he may settle balance in cash at 30% discount on U. S. stamps or 40% foreign.

Such other regulations as are necessary for the proper conduct of the business will from time to time be adopted.

## REPORT OF SECRETARY.

NORTHAMPTON, MASS., Aug. 14, 1897.

FELLOW MEMBERS:

Since my last report we have added 3 new members:

11 Prof. A. B. Morrill, Easthampton, Mass.

12 C. H. Johnson, Cashier 1st Nat. Bank, Easthampton, Mass.

13 Dr. John S. Hitchcock, Northampton, Mass.

Since last report I have received 22 filled books valued at \$164.47. The exchange is working finely and all members seem pleased in adding so many stamps to their collections without any cost except postage and 11% for exchange and insurance all reliable collectors living within the jurisdiction of this exchange should send for books, (see prices above). This is the only exchange in this country managed EXCLUSIVELY by collectors and not dealers.

Yours fraternally,

J. ARTHUR WAINWRIGHT, Sec.

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## The U. S. Envelope Exchange.

Pres., Joseph Rechert, Hoboken, N. J.

Vice Pres., Chas. H. Stone, Box 718, Concord, N. H.

Sec.-Treas., Joe F. Beard, Muscatine, Iowa.

Sales Mgr., J. F. Dodge, New Oxford, Pa.

Auc. Mgr., Frank P. Brown, 325, Washington-st.,

Boston, Mass.

Attorney, Chas. F. Bridge, 600 Madison-ave., Al-

bany, N. Y.

Ref. Com., J. V. Painter, Cleveland, Ohio; S. B.

Boyd, Knoxville, Tenn.; S. G. Stein, Mus-

catine, Iowa.

Official Journal, The Columbian Philatelist.

Dues 50 cents per annum, which should be sent

with application.

Members receive official journal free.

The following application is made for membership: 29 Henry Fenton, Box 8, Knoxville, Tenn.

(Those who have not sent dues to January 1st, 1898 (25 cents) should do so at once. A full report will be made by Mr. Joe F. Beard, Sec.-Treas., when he returns from his outing and will appear in next issue.—Ed.)

## SALES MANAGER'S REPORT.

I have received several envelopes for the department from three members which are offered below. Any envelopes sent into the department before Sept. 10 will be listed in my next report.

List of envelopes offered to members, placed in the department by members. Bartels numbers are used and all are in perfect condition and unused unless otherwise stated. They will be promptly sent to purchasers on receipt of price and return postage (with registration if desired.) All lots are at risk of purchaser in the mails. Envelopes so purchased may be returned in 3 days if not as represented and purchased money will be promptly refunded.

| Bartels No.                      | Bartels p. | Owners p. |
|----------------------------------|------------|-----------|
| 241.....                         | \$ 75      | \$ 40     |
| 627.....                         | 1 00       | 80        |
| 611.....                         | 25         | 20        |
| 625.....                         | 15         | 10        |
| 804.....                         | 10         | 10        |
| 689.....                         | 50         | 40        |
| 28 used.....                     | 60         | 50        |
| 287 ".....                       | 10         | 10        |
| 241 ".....                       | 50         | 50        |
| 47.....                          | 2 00       | 1 10      |
| 97 used, fine.....               | 1 25       | 75        |
| 146 slightly soiled, unused..... | 25         | 18        |
| 277.....                         | 2 50       | 1 10      |



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|-------------------------|-------|-------|
| 517 return request..... | \$ 10 | \$ 06 |
| 562.....                | 15    | 08    |
| 750.....                | 1     | 60    |
| 707.....                | 15 00 | 7 00, |
| 983.....                | 6 00  | 5 50  |
| 1100.....               | 5 00  | 3 00  |
| 1098.....               | 2 00  | 1 25  |
| 1102.....               | 7 50  | 3 50  |
| 1197.....               | 1 50  | 65    |
| 1275.....               | 1 00  | 60    |

Please remit by money order or certified check.  
 J. F. DODGE, Sales Mgr.,  
 NEW OXFORD, Pa.  
 Bartels priced catalogue of entire envelopes  
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**National Philatelic Association.**

ORGANIZED MARCH 1, 1897.

President—C. W. Kissinger, Reading, Pa.  
 Vice-Pres.—Erwin L. Fischer, Cincinnati, O.  
 Treas.—W. H. Colbourn, Box 996, Lowell, Mass.  
 Sec'y.—Mabelle F. Jones, 1607 Brown-st., Phila., Pa.  
 Att'y.—Geo. A. Katzenberger, Greenville, O.  
 Auction Manager.—E. B. Horn, 11 Greenwich  
 Park, Boston, Mass.  
 Librarian—Claude T. Reno, Allentown, Pa.  
 Ex. Supt.—H. D. Ruchman, Sharon, Wis.  
 Counterfeit Det.—S. B. Hopkins, 471 Evans-ave.,  
 St. Louis, Mo.  
 Trustees—Kantner, McDermott and Cleaver, Box  
 280, Reading, Pa.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

ALLENTOWN, PA., Aug. 2, 1897.

I received these papers since my last report :  
 The Columbian Philatelist, June and July. New  
 York Philatelist, June and July. Trans-Mississ-  
 ippis Stamp, June. Evergreen State Philatelist,  
 June. Perforator, March, April, May, June. We  
 would like to see more publications coming to us  
 regular. There are some duplicates in the library  
 which I would like to exchange for papers not  
 therein. What will you give for 2 Bunce's Dealer's  
 Address Books in the best of condition? I  
 hope that I can be able to report more papers  
 next month. Yours for the N. P. A.,  
 CLAUDE T. RENO, Libr.

(No report has been received from secretary up  
 to time of going to press—ED.)

**The Newport, R. I., Philatelic Club.**

OFFICERS.

Pres., Percival Parrish.  
 Vice-Pres., Winfield S. Sisson.  
 Sec'y., Mrs. Jos. Branstou.  
 Treas., W. V. H. Rose.  
 Librarian, Miss S. S. Bowen.  
 Exch. Mgr., H. L. Taylor.  
 Official Journal, The Columbian Philatelist.  
 The regular meetings will be resumed in Sept

**Albany, N. Y., Philatelic Club.**

OFFICERS FOR 1897.

President—Prof. J. Benton Tipton.  
 Vice-President—George H. Stevens.  
 Secretary-Treasurer—Chas. F. Bridge.  
 Exchange Superintendent—John Skinner.  
 Official Journal—The Columbian Philatelist.

All collectors residing in Albany and vicinity  
 are invited to join us. Information and blanks  
 cheerfully furnished.

CHAS. F. BRIDGE, Sec'y-Treas.,  
 600 Madison-ave., Albany, N. Y.

**Ipswich Philatelic Society.**

IPSWICH, SO. DAK.

President—Mrs. J. S. Smith.  
 Vice-Pres.—Harold J. Barker.  
 Secretary—M. P. Beebe, Jr.  
 Treas.—Helen Smith.  
 Librarian & Auction M'gr.—S. E. Smith.  
 Counterfeit Detector—J. F. Dodge.  
 Official Journal—The Columbian Philatelist.

The regular meetings of the Society will be re-  
 sumed in September.

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|--------------------------|-------|--------------------------|--------|
| 2c Certif. bl. imp.....  | \$ 22 | 2c Play C. or.perf.....  | \$1 00 |
| 25c " imp.....           | 22    | 5c " perf.....           | 60     |
| 25c Protest imp.....     | 55    | 25c Protest perf.....    | 17     |
| 25c P. of Atty. imp..... | 19    | 25c W. Receipt perf..... | 01     |
| 30c In. Ex. imp.....     | 40    | 50c Surety B. perf.....  | 47     |
| 50c Og. Process imp..... | 25    | 50c P. of Will.....      | 95     |
| 50c P. of Will imp.....  | 1 00  | 50c Lease perf.....      | 35     |
| \$1 Mortgage imp.....    | 65    | \$1 P. of Will perf..... | 55     |
| 1 P. of Will imp.....    | 80    | 1 Conveyance perf.....   | 12     |
| 1 P. of Atty. imp.....   | 40    | 20 " perf.....           | 1 35   |

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|                                                 |             |
|-------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Complete set, unused, catalogue, 70c.....       | \$ 25       |
| 3 varieties, " " " " " " " " " " " "            | 40c..... 12 |
| 50c U. S., orange, used " " " " " " " " " " " " | 25c..... 10 |
| 10c claret, due, " " " " " " " " " " " "        | 5c..... 02  |

**CANADA JUBILEE ISSUE.**

|                                                           |       |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| Set of 5-1, 2, 3 and 5, and Post Card.....                | \$ 20 |
| " 7-1, 2, 3, 5, 8 and 10, and Post Card.....              | 38    |
| " 10-1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 10, 15, 20, 50, and P. C.....         | 1 25  |
| The complete set of 17- $\frac{1}{2}$ c to \$5.00 " " " " | 17 75 |

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## Entire Envelopes.

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8 varieties 1c; 37 varieties 2c; 4 varieties 4c; 2 varieties 5c, total 51 varieties. My price \$1.54 post paid.

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DES MOINES, ILL., July 22nd, 1897.

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|                                        |        |
|----------------------------------------|--------|
| Canada Jubilee, 1/2c black, also pairs | \$ .50 |
| " " 1, 2, 3, 5c card                   | 1.20   |
| " " 6c brown                           | 1.25   |
| " " 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 20, 50c        | 1.20   |
| " " 1/2c to \$5 complete               | 16.90  |
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| " " 1/2c to \$1                        | 4.25   |
| Adam's Canada Revenue Catalogue        | .10    |
| Newfoundland, 1/2, 1, 3, 5c new        | .15    |
| " " 5 var. used                        | .10    |
| U. S. 40c Inland Exchange, imperf.     | 3.00   |
| Canada Revenues, 15 var.               | .10    |
| " " cat. \$20.00 special               | 2.75   |
| Seychelles, 13c                        | .14    |
| Newfoundland Jubilee, 14 var.          | 4.00   |
| Canada 1852, 3p red                    | .18    |
| " " 1857, 1/2p pink                    | 2.25   |
| Prince Edward Island, 3c, used         | 1.00   |
| Canada 1850 1p pink                    | .05    |
| " " 5c beaver                          | .02    |
| " " 1868 1c yellow                     | .18    |
| " " 12 1/2c blue                       | .18    |
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| 30c " " blue " 901.....                    | 3 50    |
| 30c " " o. buff " 901.....                 | 3 00    |
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| 5c " brown on o. buff " 851.....           | 5 00    |
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| Complete set of State Dept. from 1 to 90c, unused except the 2c which is lightly pen cancelled.....    | \$40 00 |
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| 25c Entry of Goods...\$ 20                                                          | 50c Life Insurance... 05 |                           |
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| 1.50 Inland Ex..... 12                                                              | \$1.00 Manifest..... 50  |                           |
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| 5.00..... 00                                                                        | \$1.50 "..... 10         |                           |
| PERFORATED.                                                                         |                          | 1871 Prop. 1c..... 05     |
| 1c Proprietary..... 03                                                              | " " 2c..... 05           |                           |
| 2c "..... 03                                                                        | " " 4c..... 10           |                           |
| 3c "..... 06                                                                        | 1878 " 4c red... 07      |                           |
| 4c "..... 08                                                                        | " " 1c rd. br. silk 01   |                           |
| 5c Foreign Exch.... 02                                                              | 1878 Prop. 6c blue... 30 |                           |
| 10c..... 30                                                                         | " " 6c violet... 75      |                           |
| 25c Life Insurance... 19                                                            | \$2.00 Mortgage..... 12  |                           |
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13. M. H. Mizener.

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# BARGAINS IN HAWAIIAN ISLANDS.



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| Scott's No. | Price.                         | Scott's No. | Price.                         |      |
|-------------|--------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------------|------|
| 5           | 1853, 5c blue, very fine.....  | \$15 00     | *1893, Provisional Government. |      |
| 8           | * " 13c dull rose, fine.....   | 15 00       | 53 " 1c violet.....            | 15   |
| 30          | *1861-71, 1c violet, fine..... | 10          | 54 * " 1c blue.....            | 10   |
| 31          | " 2c vermilion, fine....       | 20          | 55 * " 1c green.....           | 03   |
| 32          | " 5c blue.....                 | 35          | 56 * " 2c brown.....           | 18   |
| 32          | * " 5c blue, not o. g.....     | 90          | 57 * " 2c violet.....          | 04   |
| 33          | " 6c green.....                | 20          | 58 * " 5c black-blue.....      | 20   |
| 34          | " 18c dull rose.....           | 38          | 59 * " 5c ultramarine.....     | 08   |
| 35          | 1875, 2c brown.....            | 03          | 60 * " 6c green.....           | 18   |
| 36          | * " 12c black.....             | 90          | 61 * " 10c black.....          | 20   |
| 37          | *1882, 1c blue.....            | 06          | 62 * " 12c black.....          | 25   |
| 39          | * " 5c ultramarine.....        | 08          | 65 * " 2c vermilion.....       | 1 25 |
| 40          | * " 10c black.....             | 1 25        | 66 * " 2c rose.....            | 10   |
| 41          | " 15c brown, neatly mended     | 1 25        | 67 * " 10c vermilion.....      | 25   |
| 42          | 1883-6, 1c green.....          | 02          | 68 * " 10c red-brown.....      | 20   |
| 43          | " 2c rose.....                 | 02          | 69 * " 12c mauve.....          | 4 00 |
| 44          | " 10c red-brown.....           | 10          | 72 * " 50c red.....            | 70   |
| 45          | * " 10c vermilion.....         | 45          | 73 * " \$1.00 rose-red.....    | 1 40 |
| 46          | * " 12c mauve.....             | 75          | 74 *1894, 1c yellow.....       | 02   |
| 47          | * " 25c purple.....            | 1 35        | 75 * " 2c brown.....           | 03   |
| 48          | * " 50c red.....               | 2 50        | 76 * " 5c rose.....            | 08   |
| 49          | " \$1.00 rose red.....         | 3 00        | 77 * " 10c green.....          | 15   |
| 50          | *1889-91, 2c rose.....         | 35          | 78 * " 12c blue.....           | 18   |
| 52          | * " 5c black-blue.....         | 1 50        | 79 * " 25c blue.....           | 35   |

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## LOT. AGRICULTURE.

- 1 12c used fine  
 2 1c strip of 4 fine, unused  
 3 2c " 4 " "  
 4 2c block of 10 " "  
 5 6c " 4 " "  
 6 10, 12, 15c unused fine  
 7 1c used trifle off centre but fine  
 8 2c N. E. corner perf. gone  
 9 3c and 6c used fine  
 10 6c used fine  
 11 10c " "  
 12 12c " "  
 13 15c " "

## NAVY.

- 14 1c fine  
 15 another same  
 16 2c unused mint state  
 17 3c used fine  
 18 24c unused o. g. slight tear, mended  
 19 another unused no gum  
 20 Set 1 to 90c the 1, 6, 12 unused all others used, all nice copies  
 21 1c unused o. g.  
 22 2c " "  
 23 12c " "  
 24 90c unused no gum  
 25 10c very lightly cancelled little off center  
 26 15c used  
 27 30c used a few slight tears but none of the stamp missing

## STATE.

- 28 1c unused full gum corner gone but so neatly mended hardly noticeable.  
 29 1c used fine  
 30 2c unused full gum fine  
 31 2c fine used copy  
 32 another  
 33 still another  
 34 and still another  
 35 3c unused full gum  
 36 6c " "  
 37 another  
 38 still another  
 39 6c used fine copy  
 40 7c unused no gum  
 41 same used fine copy  
 42 15c used fine  
 43 30c used nice copy

## TREASURY.

- 44 Fine block of 8, 2c  
 45 7c used fine  
 46 another  
 47 still another  
 48 and still another  
 49 90c unused no gum  
 50 90c used fine  
 51 10, 12, 15, 24, 30 all unused and fine  
 52 15, 24, 30c unused fine

- 53 30c block of four unused fine  
 CARRIER STAMPS.  
 54 1c black Horseman used slight piece of corner gone  
 55 Same but unused and fine  
 56 another with margin  
 REGULAR ISSUE.  
 57 90c 1861 used fine  
 58 24c 1861 red lilac used fine  
 59 24c 1869 used trifle off center but a nice copy  
 60 15c 1870 grill mint state  
 61 Same a nice used copy  
 62 7c 1873 a magnificent used copy  
 63 12c 1871 used nice copy  
 64 another  
 65 12c 1873 used nice copy  
 66 another  
 67 90c 1875 a good used copy but slight tear  
 68 90c 1890, nice used pair  
 69 another

## ENVELOPES CUT SQUARE.

- All with good margins unless otherwise stated.  
 70 1853 6c red on white used  
 71 same unused  
 72 Same unused extra large margin  
 73 6c green unused slight tear at top  
 74 6c green used  
 75 10c green Die 2 on white used cut to shape but nicely mounted  
 76 same on buff  
 77 10c green on white Die 4 used  
 78 same on buff paper  
 79 same unused buff paper  
 80 another  
 81 1857-61 4c (compound) used and fine  
 82 1861 12c brown and red unused  
 83 1864 3c red, 3c brown and 6c brown on both white and buff paper (6 pieces) all unused  
 84 3c brown 3c red (2) and 6c red on buff and 6c red on white, all unused (5 pieces)  
 85 3c brown and 6c purple on buff 3c brown unused and 6c red on white used all cut close.  
 86 9c yellow, 9c orange unused, 12c brown used, 18c red used, 24c blue used, 30c green unused, 40c rose unused (7 pieces)  
 87 9c orange used, 9c yellow unused, 24c blue used, 30c green and 40c rose unused (5 pieces)  
 88 1870 1c blue on white and amber paper, both used and fine  
 89 1874 2c Die A white paper used  
 90 same on amber and manila cut close  
 91 1870 15c amber paper unused  
 92 1890 90c cream paper unused  
 93 1874 12c white paper unused  
 94 " 15c " "  
 95 " 90c " "  
 96 1887 30c amber paper unused  
 97 " 30c blue paper unused  
 98 " 30c manila paper unused  
 99 " 30c amber manila "  
 100 " 90c amber unused  
 101 " 90c manila "  
 102 " 90c blue unused

Bids by the lot received until Sept. 25 when the highest bidder will be notified by postal card and expected to remit in 5 days. Lots not as represented may be returned in 3 days and purchase price will be refunded without controversy.

W. H. EMMERT,

New Oxford, Penna.

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# The Columbian Philatelist.

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## On The Value of English Stamps.

THERE has at all times been a variance between American and English catalogues on the price of English stamps, and a careful comparison of the frequency with which one meets certain stamps has shown me that at least Scott's catalogue is considerably out of the way in many instances, and that a careful revision of this country is necessary for the next edition. In trying to blindly follow the English catalogues the compilers of Scott's have run into a number of errors, and it seems to me that where they have used their own judgement and radically differ from the English catalogues they have usually come nearer the truth.

When the 56th edition was being made up, and it was decided to introduce the prices on each different plate number of the English stamps, it naturally doubled and trebled the prices of many stamps, and as it was known that a great many English collectors were gathering to-

gether complete sheets of their different issues, showing the different lettering in the corners, that naturally increased prices also. But even with these means of rapidly decreasing the supply, many English stamps were priced far too high in that edition, such phenomena as stamps priced at one to three cents in the 55th being now raised to 25 cents. It was as a general rule the lower priced stamps that were overpriced, while some of the rarer ones exceed the prices quoted. This evil was remedied to some extent in the 57th, which showed a considerable drop in the prices of many English stamps, but there are still many defects in it, and also the past year has shown that some stamps are on the rise, and it is of these that I would speak.

I shall confine myself chiefly to the common and medium stamps as of more interest to the average collector, and also for the reason that I am not sufficiently conversant with the rarities to give an opinion on them.

The 1d. black of 1840 has always been a better stamp than its quotation would seem to indicate, and there are various forces at work which will tend to make it harder for the collector to secure. English collectors are busy trying to complete sheets of this stamp according to the letters in the corners and a number of specialists are trying to secure them on original covers, showing date of every different day during the time they were issued, and paying fancy prices for certain dates. This stamp is now catalogued at eight cents and is worth at least fifteen, and if they disappear from general circulation as fast as they have the past year, we shall not be able to buy them at that price soon.

The 1d. red, of 1864, is priced too high in all its plate numbers, with perhaps the exception of the last one, 225 which is hard to get. With this one exception, there is not one but that is quite common, and I should say that all those priced at three cents ought to be one cent, and the higher ones reduced one-half.

The 6d. lilac and 1s. green, of 1856, are a little under-priced in the 57th, especially the latter, which I consider worth half a dollar. The 1s. with the small letters in corners is also a very good stamp at twenty cents and likely to advance considerably soon.

The 9d. stamps, of 1862 and 1869, and the 10d. are all worth their full

catalogue price, and the 10c. stamp is a very hard one to get at 60 cents. The 2s. stamp, of the same issue, while perhaps not worth more than its price of fifty cents to-day, is likely to be worth more in the near future. The small half-penny stamp in its common plate numbers, is too high at four cents, half of that price would be enough, and plate 9 catalogued at \$2.00, while it is regarded as a rare stamp in England, is much commoner in this country than its price would indicate. In a lot of forty or fifty I found two beautiful specimens cancelled. All of the 2d. blue stamps are disappearing fast, and though they are priced lower than the half-penny are worth more. The 1½d. of 1870, is worth its full catalogue price of five cents, and is destined to rise. The 6d. brown, 1872, plate 12 is a comparatively rare stamp, and is worth more than \$2. The 2½d. claret watermarked anchor are all priced too high by at least one-half, while the four-pence sea-green, of 1876, are worth more than thirty-five cents each. Plate number 17, of this value watermarked large garter is a great rarity and is priced by some of the English catalogues at \$250.00.

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Of course in any or all of the foregoing estimates I may be mistaken, for I realize that the prices of stamps vary in different countries, and even in different parts of the same country, and the compilers of the catalogues have access to much wider information than I have. As I have stated, my figures are merely based upon a careful noting of the frequency with which certain stamps turn up, and this, in a course of some fifteen years of continuous collecting, ought to have some weight.

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very valuable collection.

Collectors oft times seek to know the value of envelope stamps with blank impressions. The envelopes are called albinos, and have no value except as oddities. They may be seen in all forms imaginable, impressions having been shown on all parts of the envelope. One was seen last week with only a small portion of the print on the flap of the envelope, and another with two whole impressions, one directly below the other. Specimens of the higher denominations are more desirable, but very few collectors make any collection of these oddities. As a criterion of their value, a lot containing some 600 specimens mostly those of recent issue, were sold some months ago at 25 cents a piece.

Postage stamps are put to many uses, but this is one of the latest: A firm of silk merchants in New York have issued a fancy circular in the shape of a Japanese napkin; with their card printed attractively in the center. Around the advertisement there is a border made of genuine Japanese stamps which have been cancelled with the telegraph cancellation.

### The Annual Evil.

DEAR MR. EDITOR:

The letter on "The Annual Evil" by Mr. Charles E. Jenney, in your August number, hits the matter squarely in the face. Every sentence comes with the force of a trip-

hammer.

Four or five years ago the "Annual Evil" made its appearance at the beginning of the year, and went out of date in a month, owing to the fungus like growth in prices, particularly of U. S. Departments. At that time the dealers would give absolutely no discount on the stamps mentioned. Now the Catalogue comes out and immediately becomes a by-word and a hissing, from the fact that every collector-dealer, or dealer-collector, and every dealer who does not issue a Catalogue, advertises stamps at a large discount on the price. In fact, a man would be thought a fifteen-horse-power fool who would pay catalogue prices for any stamp. Where, then, do we stand?

The abolition of this yearly monstrosity, or at any rate, the omission of the windy, balloon-like features of it, would drive speculation out of Philately altogether, and affairs would assume a much more stable, and I may say (venemously) *honest* appearance.

A Catalogue can not be a Philatelic Bible till such a thing as the following absurdity stops: "Scotts 57th. Special Notices. Terms, net cash in advance. Our prices are put as low as it is possible to sell genuine stamps, *and we cannot allow any discounts.*" Take the same catalogue and at the end of it, under the heading "Approval Sheet Department," read the following: "We now have books and sheets



adapted to the wants of all classes of collectors, containing stamps from one cent to several hundred dollars each. They are divided as follows: 50 per cent discount, 25 per cent discount, 10 per cent discount, and net!!!'

There are many instances where stamps that have been in use for fifteen years or more, *and are still in use*, were cheaper six years ago than now. One can of course understand these things in obsolete stamps, but in the stamps still in use, is too clearly traced the cloven hoof of the speculator. Perhaps the discounts given can account for some of this, but the idea of pricing a stamp for a dollar so as to be able to sell it for at least twenty-five cents, seems to me a choice, watermark-inverted, doubly-perforated, error-in-color kind of lunacy. It is time there was a little-bleeding (of another kind) of the Philitetic patient or victim, the impurities (speculators) driven from the system and the raging fever quelled.

J. B. T.

### The Conventions.

THE A. P. A., as we expected, elected the board of officers endorsed by the New York, Boston and Chicago branches. This board is the same as last year except that Geo. R. Tuttle, of New York City, succeeds Geo. D. Mekeel, as Supt. Sales and Purchasing Department, and H. G. Smith succeeds W. W. Chandler as Treasurer. The *Week-*

*ly Era* was elected as official Journal.

The New England Phil. Association held their "meet" at Nabaut the day before the A. P. A. met at Boston and had a good attendance. The following are the Board of Officers for the ensuing year: Pres., Gardner R. Kennedy; Vice Pres., C. H. P. Roney; Sec'y-Treasurer, Chas. E. Shaw; Exchange Manager, J. F. Johnson; Bureau of Information, Amy L. Swift; Counterfeit Detector, Mrs. W. D. Smith; Trustees, F. C. Livingston, W. G. Stone, W. D. King. 1898 Convention seat, Manchester, N. H.

The Sons of Philatelia will hold their Sixth Annual Convention at Nashville, Tenn., on October 19, 20 and 21st, and a large attendance is expected at this. the first Convention of the Society south of the Mason and Dixon Line. The great Tennessee Centennial Exposition is being held there and members will have an opportunity of seeing a typical southern city in its gala day attire and exhibits that are worth travelling thousands of miles to see. Special rates are made by railroads from all parts of the country. Rates for the round trip good to return up to Nov. 7th, are \$30.55 from Harrisburg, Pa. or Baltimore; \$28.75 from Washington, D. C.; \$33.25 from Philadelphia; \$35.50 from New York. A rate of \$33.80, (including state-room and meals from Baltimore to Savannah) via. Merchants and Miners Transportation Co.'s

Steamers Baltimore to Savannah, Ga., and rail to Nashville. The Editor intends to take this route in company with Pres. Thomas C. W. Kissinger, F. W. Brodley, of Washington, D. C., and perhaps some others.

The Southern Philatelic Association hold their convention at Nashville the same week and Roy B. Brodley, Sec'y, and Edw. W. Hensinger, President of that Society, with many other southern members will be there.

### CANADIAN NOTES.

BY BEAVER.

The partial sets of Jubilee stamps issued by the Canadian Government are nearly exhausted. It was given out that 30,000 of these sets from  $\frac{1}{2}$ c. to 50c. and  $\frac{1}{2}$ c. to \$1.00 would be issued, and be distributed in proportion to the business done at the various Post Offices. 140 sets altogether were received at St. Fatharines and in less than twenty minutes the 50 cent sets were all sold, those to the \$1.00 not being bought up so fast. Many persons were under the impression that this would have the effect of bring the price on some of the scarce values down, while in some cases this is true, nearly all Canadian dealers are asking from 60c. to 75c. for the 6c. value, and expect to get a much higher price in the near future.

Mr. E. I. Weaver has retired as editor of the *Philatelic Advocate*. We hope that the paper will still continue to boom under the new management. The publishers have been reducing the number of their correspondents lately, and will en-

deavor to publish an interesting and instructive paper in the future. Mr. Weaver will devote his time to the publication of the *Canadian Philatelic Annual*.

Efforts are being made to organize a local stamp club in Hamilton. One dealer says he believes there are fully two hundred collectors in that city, which should certainly offer a good chance for a thriving society.

Mr. W. A. Hydiatt, formerly of London, Ont., has removed to 229 Davenport Road, Toronto, where he has received a situation.

I have visited Toronto several times lately and had the pleasure of meeting quite a number of dealers and collectors. The dealers all report business good for this time of the year, and look forward to doing a big trade this winter.

The Victorian Era exhibition, which was held in Toronto from August 30th to Sept. 11th, passed off very successfully. Mr. G. A. Howe and the Weston Stamp Co. both had stamp exhibits which attracted much attention.

New stamp papers still continue to come. Mr C. S. Applegath, of Hamilton, announces the *British Colonist* and the *Boys Own Philatelist* will soon appear, with Wm. A. Hydiatt, of Toronto, as editor. Next!

Many Canadians were surprised to hear that the *Philatelic Era* had been elected official organ of the American Philatelic Association, after Mekeel had held it so long. How will he get along without it?

### HISTORICAL PLATES, ETC.

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| 1891 set of 3,                           | 08     | 03    |
| *British Honduras, 1891 6c on 10c black, | 20     | 08    |
| Columbia, Panama, 1887 10c straw,        | 10     | 04    |
| 1894 set of 3,                           | 12     | 05    |
| Grenada. 1883-87 set of 3,               | 16     | 06    |
| 1895 set of 2,                           | 05     | 02    |
| Jamaica 1883 1p - 2p                     | 50     | 20    |
| Leeward Is and 1890 set of 3,            | 07     | 03    |
| Peru 1896 set of 3,                      | 07     | 03    |
| St Vincent 1883-5 set of 3,              | 12     | 05    |
| Tobago 1894 1p.                          | 05     | 02    |
| Trinidad, 1884 set of 4,                 | 16     | 06    |
| " 1/2p-1p, per 10                        |        | 05    |
| 1896 set of 3,                           | 08     | 03    |
| " 1p per 10,                             |        | 05    |
| " 1/2p to 1s set of 7*                   | 1 28   | 75    |
| " 5s*                                    | 2 25   | 1 45  |
| 1885 1p unpaid,                          | 12     | 05    |
| " 2p "                                   | 20     | 08    |
| " 3p "                                   | 20     | 08    |
| " 5p "                                   | 25     | 10    |
| " 1/2p wrapper,                          |        | 04 01 |
| Venezuela. 1893 set of 4,                | 17     | 07    |
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| 1878 Postal Service black on white cat at 10c only        | 05  |
| New Brunswick 2c orange 3c green 10c vermilion            | 17c |
| black set of 4 only                                       | 45  |
| Chili Telegraphs set of 3 only                            | 03  |
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## New York Notes.

BY QUIZ.

The intelligence of the death of Mr. Henry Gremmel created a mild sensation among his many friends and acquaintances. He died at his country home at Rutherford, New Jersey, on August 24th. Mr. Gremmel was 35 years of age and was a prominent member of the American Philatelic Association, Philatelic Sons of America, Sons of Philatelia and several foreign societies. He was also a member of all the local societies of his city. Mr. Gremmel was an ardent student of the study of minor varieties in United States adhesives. His most notable work on this branch of Philately was the issuance of the booklet entitled "Minor Varieties." This publication gained a wide circulation and was commented upon by all as a most excellent authority on minor varieties. To Mr. Gremmel's delight the Scott S. and C. Co. recognized some of these varieties as authentic, and to such an extent that some appeared illustrated and priced in 57th edition of the Standard Catalogue. Mr. Gremmel also published the "Post Office," which attained a large circulation and was the means of building up his extensive foreign trade. It will be a severe loss to philately if this monthly discontinues publication. Mr. Gremmel made a specialty of South and Central American stamps and he had one of the largest stocks. He leaves a widow and three children and numerous friends and acquaintances to mourn his loss. His funeral took place on Saturday, August 27th, and many prominent philatelist paid their last respects to the dead.

Commencing with the September number of the *New York Philatelist*

Mr. Herbst assumes full charge of the publication. The publication will run on a more liberal plan than heretofore and it's to be relied on if Mr. Herbst says so. Mr. Berniger, his former partner, says there is more money in selling stamps than in publishing a paper, therefore, he will shortly enter the ranks as a dealer. Success to you Leo and Adolphus.

On Saturday afternoon, Aug. 21st the 87th auction sale of the Bogert & Durbin Co. took place. Prices as a whole were good, but the B. & D. people haven't awakened to their error in placing rare and desirable stamps between job-lot mixtures. I have pointed this out before but my advice has not been heeded. 447 lots were sold realizing over \$1100. The next sale takes place in this city September 18, and comprises 459 lots.

We still have complaints arriving about C. C. Rogers, 109 West 16th street, N. Y. City and C. B. Rice, Oswego, N. Y. The latter has been a regular advertiser in *Mekeel's Weekly* until recently.

The advance sheets of Scott's 58th Catalogue are now on sale (\$5.00 for the set) some are finished up to M. Some U. S. stamps have diminished in price in some cases 25 per cent where others have advanced 25 per cent. A stamp much sought after is the 3c. Jubilee. Your correspondent has had inquiries from half a dozen philatelists, asking for a copy of this stamp. Whether it advances or not it is still a very desirable stamp to possess.

A party residing in Canada asks the modest sum of \$75 for a sheet of one hundred ½c. Canada porous plasters. A friend writes that they



use the ½c., 6c. and 8c. values for a patent muzzle, to close the mouths of all the jaw-breaking old maids who swear they are only 19 years old.

It seems strange that the Canadian Government didn't see fit to issue Jubilee stamped envelopes and wrappers, since postal cards were issued.

**Revised Prices of  
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**The Ohio Observer.**

Many complaints are reaching the Post Office Department of losses of contents of registered letters, which investigation shows, were caused by the poor quality of envelopes used. The postal regulations have been amended so as to overcome this deficiency, and Postmasters have been specially instructed to require stronger envelopes, when the letters presented for registry give evidence of containing coin or bulky matter, than would be demanded ordinarily.

A letter from the Observer's correspondent at Washington, contains in part, the following: The P. O. Dept. is contemplating issuing a special stamped envelope, same to be used for registry purposes. It is to be linen lined very much like that of the British Government.

The Observer had a very amusing experience a few days ago. In looking over quite a number of papers belonging to an old resident he said

I might have all the stamps I found provided I marked in the space occupied by the stamp the value of same taken therefrom. I know not why he wished me to do this, but as he charged me naught for the stamps I was very willing to do as he instructed, especially so when I came across six perfect copies of 2c. (orange) Proprietary.

"By steamer from San Francisco" These four words were written on an envelope found among the above papers. The envelope was addressed to a small town in Ohio. It was written in the days of "forty-seven." Rather a round about way to get to Ohio these days.

Letter carriers, preachers and base ball pitchers are judged by their delivery.

Bellaire, Ohio, has at last got free mail delivery. They were entitled to it long ago, and it is amusing the way some merchants held it back. Their stores are in the same locality as the Post Office, which to a very large extent helped their trade. They would go to a city near by and purchase all their postage stamps and in this way lower the sale of stamps at their resident office which is taken largely into consideration in granting a city free delivery.

One reason why advertising don't pay some stamp dealers as much as others is: They wait till the eleventh hour before beginning to put their brains into their ad, then rush it to the printer, who, without having a moment's time to construct an idea as to how it will look to the best advantage, sets the ad in the first type he sees, and the announcement is sent out to the readers looking like it has just "got up." An adver-

tisement to pay well should have careful thought by both the writer and the printer as to sense and attractiveness.

The stamp dealer who does not advertise during the so called dull season makes it more profitable for those who do advertise.

The P. O Dept. has received a report from Des Moines, Iowa, where an experiment is being tried of having street letter boxes attached to all street cars of the city and a large share of mail collection taken up by them. The cars in Des Moines all run past the Post Office. They stop at all places to receive a letter or other mail matter and as they come by the Post Office a carrier takes the mail from the boxes. This manner of mail collection is showing a large increase in mail matter. If the experiment is successful it will be tried in other cities where similar conditions prevail.

It is folly for a woman to put a special delivery stamp on a letter, and then give it to her husband to mail.

The following from New Orleans, La.: James B. Pelleter, a stamp dealer, was indicted for forgery and publishing as true in connection with judicial stamps. The latter are sold by the state and must be placed on all legal documents before filing. The proceeds are devoted to paying judicial expenses. Payments are two years behind and it was discovered that old stamps have been taken from documents, cancellation marks erased and the stamps used again. The steal amounts to many thousands and has been going on for ten years.

The early advertiser collects the fall trade.

**The Canceling of Stamps.**

Washington, September 17.—The Post Master General has appointed a committee, consisting of Alexander Grant, Assistant Superintendent of the Railway Mail service; M. W. Louis, Superintendent of the Division of Post Office Supplies; and W. H. Damar, a clerk in the office of the First Assistant Postmaster General, for the purpose of reporting on new designs or improvements in the canceling stamp now in use in the postal service.

The step is taken for the purpose of securing if possible a more satisfactory method of stamping letters, and especially in the smaller offices.

**FIFTY-EIGHTH PRICES.**

Every collector is anxiously looking for the prices to appear in the new catalogue, and we think the installment we give will not be exceeded by any of our contemporaries. Prices are given for every stamp that has advanced or declined in price. The price in the first column is for unused specimens, in second column for the same stamp used.

ANNAPOLIS, MD.  
the catalog value of which is \$3.58. Twen-  
1846-5c (not priced)

**NEW YORK.**

|                                     |         |         |
|-------------------------------------|---------|---------|
| 5c black .....                      | \$20 00 | \$12 00 |
| a. Double line at bottom.           |         |         |
| 5c bluish .....                     | 12 00   | 8 00    |
| a. Double line at bot-<br>tom ..... | 60 00   | 25 00   |
| 5c blue .....                       |         | 20 00   |
| a. Double line at bottom.           |         |         |

**ST. LOUIS.**

|                          |        |  |
|--------------------------|--------|--|
| 1845-5c greenish .....   | 200 00 |  |
| 10c greenish .....       | 200 00 |  |
| 1846-5c gray lilac ..... | 300 00 |  |
| 10c gray lilac .....     | 250 00 |  |

**GENERAL ISSUE.**

|                             |       |       |
|-----------------------------|-------|-------|
| 1847-5c brown .....         |       | 3 50  |
| 5c red brown, bluish .....  | 7 50  | 85    |
| 5c dark brown, bluish ..... | 7 50  | 85    |
| 5c orange, bluish .....     |       | 3 00  |
| 10c black .....             | 12 00 | 12 00 |
| 10c bluish .....            | 20 00 | 4 00  |
| a. Diagonal half used       |       |       |

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|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|-------|
| as 5c .....                                                                                                   |        | 40 00 |
| b. Vertical half used                                                                                         |        |       |
| as 5c .....                                                                                                   |        | 40 00 |
| 1851-56—The 1c each type is<br>listed in blue and<br>dark blue prices<br>same as 57th for<br>each.            |        |       |
| 3c red .....                                                                                                  | 2 00   | 02    |
| 3c orange red .....                                                                                           | 2 00   | 02    |
| 3c rose red .....                                                                                             | 4 00   | 02    |
| 3c lake red .....                                                                                             | 4 00   | 02    |
| 5c brown .....                                                                                                |        | 17 50 |
| 5c red brown .....                                                                                            | 50 00  | 13 50 |
| 10c green .....                                                                                               | 15 00  | 1 00  |
| 10c yellow green .....                                                                                        | 15 00  | 1 00  |
| a. Diagonal half used<br>as 5c.                                                                               |        |       |
| 12c black .....                                                                                               | 25 00  | 2 25  |
| a. Diagonal half used<br>as 5c .....                                                                          |        | 35 00 |
| 30c orange .....                                                                                              | 125 00 |       |
| 1855-60—1c blue type I.....                                                                                   | 15 00  | 5 00  |
| 1c dark blue type I.....                                                                                      | 15 00  | 5 00  |
| 1c blue type II.....                                                                                          | 10 00  | 1 50  |
| 1c dark blue type II.....                                                                                     | 10 00  | 1 50  |
| 1c blue type III.....                                                                                         | 50     | 15    |
| 1c dark blue type III.....                                                                                    | 50     | 15    |
| 1c dark blue type III.....                                                                                    | 50     | 15    |
| 3c red .....                                                                                                  | 10     | 02    |
| 3c orange red .....                                                                                           | 10     | 02    |
| 3c rose red .....                                                                                             | 10     | 02    |
| 3c lake red .....                                                                                             | 25     | 03    |
| 3c red (outer line).....                                                                                      | 15 00  | 35    |
| 3c rose red .....                                                                                             | 20 00  | 50    |
| 5c brick red type I.....                                                                                      | 75 00  | 12 50 |
| 5c brown type II.....                                                                                         | 7 50   | 2 50  |
| 5c orange brown type<br>II .....                                                                              | 5 00   | 3 50  |
| 5c brown type III.....                                                                                        | 7 50   | 2 50  |
| 5c orange brown type<br>III .....                                                                             | 5 00   | 3 50  |
| (Note.—In type II the pro-<br>jections are partly cut<br>away and in type III they<br>are entirely cut away.) |        |       |
| 10c yellow green .....                                                                                        | 7 50   | 50    |
| 10c dark green .....                                                                                          | 3 00   | 50    |
| 12c black .....                                                                                               | 3 00   | 1 10  |
| 24c lilac .....                                                                                               | 7 50   | 5 00  |
| 24c gray lilac .....                                                                                          | 7 50   | 5 00  |
| 1861 August—                                                                                                  |        |       |
| 10c green .....                                                                                               |        | 15 00 |
| 1861 September—                                                                                               |        |       |
| 1c ultramarine .....                                                                                          | 35     | 06    |
| 1c blue .....                                                                                                 | 45     | 06    |
| 1c dark blue .....                                                                                            | 1 00   | 10    |
| 5c brown yellow.....                                                                                          | 50 00  | 8 50  |
| 5c olive yellow .....                                                                                         |        | 12 50 |
| 5c buff.....                                                                                                  | 50 00  | 10 00 |
| 90c blue .....                                                                                                | 20 00  | 4 00  |
| 90c pale blue .....                                                                                           | 25 00  | 4 00  |
| 90c marine blue .....                                                                                         |        | 7 50  |
| 1862-66—2c black .....                                                                                        | 60     | 06    |
| a. Diagonal half used<br>as 1c .....                                                                          |        | 25 00 |
| b. Vertical half used<br>as 1c .....                                                                          |        | 25 00 |
| 5c red brown .....                                                                                            | 20 00  | 3 50  |
| 5c brick red .....                                                                                            |        | 15 00 |
| 5c brown .....                                                                                                | 6 00   | 40    |
| 5c black brown .....                                                                                          | 10 00  | 50    |
| 24c lilac .....                                                                                               | 5 00   | 40    |
| 24c gray lilac .....                                                                                          | 4 00   | 40    |
| 24c gray .....                                                                                                | 5 00   | 40    |
| 1867—Embossing 11x13mm—                                                                                       |        |       |
| 1c blue .....                                                                                                 | 6 50   | 1 25  |
| 1c dull blue .....                                                                                            | 6 50   | 1 25  |

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| 7c orange vermilion . . . . .                                                                                                       | 6 00  | 60     | 12c black violet . . . . .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 12 50 | 50   |
| 10c brown . . . . .                                                                                                                 | 3 00  | 07     | 15c yellow orange . . . . .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 10 00 | 75   |
| 10c yellow brown . . . . .                                                                                                          | 3 00  | 07     | 24c bluish purple . . . . .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 25 00 | 3 00 |
| 3c rose . . . . .                                                                                                                   | 2 00  | 05     | 30c gray black . . . . .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 10 00 | 75   |
| 3c lake red . . . . .                                                                                                               |       | 10     | 30c greenish black . . . . .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 10 00 | 75   |
| 10c green . . . . .                                                                                                                 | 5 00  | 75     | 90c rose carmine . . . . .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 12 50 | 1 50 |
| 12c black . . . . .                                                                                                                 | 5 00  | 60     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |       |      |
| 9x13mm—                                                                                                                             |       |        | 1875—Same horizontally or vertically ribbed paper.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |       |      |
| 1c blue . . . . .                                                                                                                   | 6 50  | 1 00   | 1c ultramarine . . . . .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |       | 2 00 |
| 1c pale blue . . . . .                                                                                                              | 6 50  | 1 00   | 2c dark brown . . . . .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |       | 50   |
| 2c black . . . . .                                                                                                                  | 1 25  | 15     | 3c green . . . . .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |       | 1 00 |
| 3c rose . . . . .                                                                                                                   | 1 00  | 02     | Reissue hard white wove paper—                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |       |      |
| a. Unperforate.                                                                                                                     |       |        | 1c ultramarine . . . . .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 40 00 |      |
| 3c red . . . . .                                                                                                                    | 1 00  | 02     | 2c dark brown . . . . .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 30 00 |      |
| 5c brown . . . . .                                                                                                                  | 12 50 | 3 50   | 3c blue green . . . . .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 40 00 |      |
| 5c black brown . . . . .                                                                                                            |       | 5 00   | 6c dull rose . . . . .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 40 00 |      |
| 10c yellow green . . . . .                                                                                                          | 5 00  | 60     | 7c reddish vermilion . . . . .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 30 00 |      |
| 10c dark green . . . . .                                                                                                            | 5 00  | 60     | 10c pale brown . . . . .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 40 00 |      |
| 12c black . . . . .                                                                                                                 | 5 00  | 60     | 15c bright orange . . . . .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 40 00 |      |
| 15c black . . . . .                                                                                                                 | 10 00 | 1 50   | 30c greenish black . . . . .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 40 00 |      |
| 1860—1c buff . . . . .                                                                                                              | 1 50  | 75     | 90c violet carmine . . . . .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 40 00 |      |
| a. Without grill . . . . .                                                                                                          | 25 00 |        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |       |      |
| 1c brown orange . . . . .                                                                                                           | 1 50  | 75     | 1875—2c vermilion . . . . .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 1 00  | 05   |
| 2c brown . . . . .                                                                                                                  | 1 25  | 15     | a. Imperforate . . . . .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 7 50  |      |
| 2c yellow brown . . . . .                                                                                                           | 1 25  | 15     | 5c blue (Taylor) . . . . .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 2 00  | 10   |
| a. Without grill . . . . .                                                                                                          | 25 00 |        | 5c dark blue . . . . .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 2 00  | 10   |
| b. Diagonal half used as 1c.                                                                                                        |       |        | Reissue hard white wove paper—                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |       |      |
| 3c blue . . . . .                                                                                                                   | 1 00  | 02     | 2c carmine vermilion . . . . .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 40 00 |      |
| a. Without grill . . . . .                                                                                                          | 25 00 |        | 5c bright blue . . . . .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 40 00 |      |
| b. Vertical two-thirds used as 2c.                                                                                                  |       |        | 1876—Double paper—                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |       |      |
| 3c dark blue . . . . .                                                                                                              | 1 00  | 02     | 1c dark ultramarine . . . . .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |       | 1 00 |
| 6c blue . . . . .                                                                                                                   | 4 00  | 75     | 2c dark brown . . . . .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |       | 1 00 |
| 10c yellow . . . . .                                                                                                                | 7 00  | 90     | 3c blue green . . . . .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |       | 1 00 |
| 15c brown and blue . . . . .                                                                                                        | 12 50 | 4 00   | 5c dark blue . . . . .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |       | 2 00 |
| a. Without grill . . . . .                                                                                                          | 50 00 |        | Others listed but not priced—                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |       |      |
| 15c picture framed . . . . .                                                                                                        | 7 50  | 2 00   | 6c dull rose, 10c brown, 15c orange (?), 30c gray black, 90c carmine (?), and 2c vermilion.                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |       |      |
| a. Picture inverted . . . . .                                                                                                       |       | 200 00 | 1879—American. Soft, porous paper—                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |       |      |
| 15c dark brown and blue . . . . .                                                                                                   | 7 50  | 2 00   | 1c blue . . . . .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 1 50  | 05   |
| 24c green and purple . . . . .                                                                                                      | 20 00 | 7 00   | 1c ultramarine . . . . .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 1 00  | 02   |
| a. Without grill . . . . .                                                                                                          | 50 00 |        | 10c yellow brown, (National plate) . . . . .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 3 00  | 04   |
| b. Picture inverted . . . . .                                                                                                       |       | 200 00 | 10c brown, (Continental plate) . . . . .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 3 00  | 04   |
| 30c blue and carmine . . . . .                                                                                                      | 20 00 | 4 00   | 10c black brown, (Continental plate) . . . . .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 5 00  | 10   |
| a. Without grill . . . . .                                                                                                          | 50 00 |        | 15c orange . . . . .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 2 00  | 30   |
| b. Flags inverted . . . . .                                                                                                         |       | 600 00 | 15c red orange . . . . .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 50    | 20   |
| 90c black and carmine . . . . .                                                                                                     | 40 00 | 20 00  | 30c greenish black . . . . .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 5 00  | 20   |
| a. Without grill . . . . .                                                                                                          | 75 00 |        | 30c full black . . . . .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 2 00  | 15   |
| 1875—Reissue without embossing; hard white paper                                                                                    |       |        | 90c carmine . . . . .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 7 50  | 1 00 |
| 1c buff . . . . .                                                                                                                   | 5 00  | 5 00   | 1880—Reissue—                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |       |      |
| All others quoted used and unused at same prices as unused in 57th.                                                                 |       |        | The 1c dark ultramarine, 2c black brown, 3c blue green, 6c dull rose, 7c scarlet vermilion, 10c deep brown (Continental plate), 12c blackish purple, 15c orange, 24c dark violet, 30c greenish black, 90c dull carmine, 2c scarlet vermilion and 5c deep blue are listed and each priced unused at \$50.00. |       |      |
| 1880—Soft porous paper.                                                                                                             |       |        | 1882—Five cents—                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |       |      |
| 1c buff . . . . .                                                                                                                   | 2 50  | 2 50   | Type I. The background of the oval is formed of crossed diagonal and horizontal lines.                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |       |      |
| 1870 and 71—                                                                                                                        |       |        | Type II. The background of the oval is formed of horizontal lines only.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |       |      |
| Embossing 8½ to 9x10½ to 11½—                                                                                                       |       |        | 5c brown.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |       |      |
| 2c red brown . . . . .                                                                                                              | 5 00  | 15     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |       |      |
| Without embossing—                                                                                                                  |       |        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |       |      |
| 2c red brown . . . . .                                                                                                              | 2 00  | 03     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |       |      |
| 7c vermilion . . . . .                                                                                                              | 8 00  | 60     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |       |      |
| 10c brown . . . . .                                                                                                                 | 20 00 | 20     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |       |      |
| 10c yellow brown . . . . .                                                                                                          | 20 00 | 20     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |       |      |
| 12c dull violet . . . . .                                                                                                           | 12 50 | 50     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |       |      |
| 30c full black . . . . .                                                                                                            | 15 00 | 40     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |       |      |
| 90c carmine . . . . .                                                                                                               | 17 50 | 1 50   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |       |      |
| marine, dark ultramarine 1873 (Continental)—                                                                                        |       |        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |       |      |
| The 1c is listed as ultramarine and gray blue, 2c brown and dark brown, 3c green, yellow green and dark green, prices same as 57th. |       |        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |       |      |



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| (Garfield type I) ...                                                                                                                               | 50    | 02   |
| 5c yellow brown, (Garfield type I) ...                                                                                                              | 75    | 02   |
| 5c yellow brown, (Garfield type II) ...                                                                                                             | 50    | 02   |
| 5c gray brown, (Garfield type II) ...                                                                                                               | 50    | 02   |
| 1c gray blue, re-engraved ...                                                                                                                       | 10    | 01   |
| 1c ultramarine, re-engraved ...                                                                                                                     | 10    | 01   |
| 3c green, re-engraved ...                                                                                                                           | 15    | 01   |
| 3c blue green, re-engraved ...                                                                                                                      | 15    | 01   |
| 6c rose, re-engraved ...                                                                                                                            | 1 50  | 10   |
| 6c brown red, re-engraved ...                                                                                                                       | 1 50  | 10   |
| 10c brown ...                                                                                                                                       | 50    | 01   |
| 10c yellow brown ...                                                                                                                                | 50    | 01   |
| 10c black brown ...                                                                                                                                 | 5 00  | 25   |
| 1883-2c orange brown (Washington) ...                                                                                                               | 08    | 01   |
| 2c red brown ...                                                                                                                                    | 08    | 01   |
| 4c blue green (Jackson) ...                                                                                                                         | 15    | 02   |
| 1887-2c green ...                                                                                                                                   | 08    | 01   |
| a. Imperforate ...                                                                                                                                  | 7 50  |      |
| 1c ultramarine ...                                                                                                                                  | 08    | 01   |
| a. Imperforate ...                                                                                                                                  |       |      |
| 1888-Prices same, but 5c is listed in both types at same price.                                                                                     |       |      |
| 1890-93-5c chocolate ...                                                                                                                            | 10    | 01   |
| 5c yellow brown ...                                                                                                                                 | 10    | 01   |
| 6c brown red ...                                                                                                                                    | 15    | 06   |
| 8c lilac ...                                                                                                                                        | 15    | 04   |
| 15c indigo ...                                                                                                                                      | 30    | 08   |
| 30c black ...                                                                                                                                       | 60    | 12   |
| 90c orange ...                                                                                                                                      | 2 00  | 65   |
| The 1c, 2c (carmine), 3c, 4c, 5c (chocolate), 6c, 8c, 10c, 15c, 30c and 90c are listed also imperforate but not priced.                             |       |      |
| 1892-Columbian issue-                                                                                                                               |       |      |
| 3c magenta ...                                                                                                                                      | 15    | 06   |
| 10c black brown ...                                                                                                                                 | 20    | 04   |
| 10c gray black ...                                                                                                                                  | 20    | 04   |
| 15c dark green ...                                                                                                                                  | 25    | 20   |
| 30c orange brown ...                                                                                                                                | 50    | 40   |
| 50c slate blue ...                                                                                                                                  | 75    | 65   |
| 1.00 salmon ...                                                                                                                                     | 4 00  | 4 00 |
| 2.00 brown red ...                                                                                                                                  | 2 75  | 2 50 |
| 3.00 yellow green ...                                                                                                                               | 3 50  | 3 50 |
| 4.00 crimson lake ...                                                                                                                               | 4 50  | 4 50 |
| 5.00 black ...                                                                                                                                      | 5 50  | 5 50 |
| The 1c is listed both deep blue and pale blue 2c, violet and gray violet, 4c ultramarine and blue, 5c chocolate and pale brown, prices same as 5th. |       |      |
| 1894-1c pale ultramarine ...                                                                                                                        | 15    | 02   |
| 2c pink triangle I ...                                                                                                                              | 08    | 03   |
| 2c carmine lake triangle I ...                                                                                                                      | 15    | 02   |
| 2c carmine lake triangle I ...                                                                                                                      | 05    | 01   |
| a. Imperforate horizontally ...                                                                                                                     | 08    | 02   |
| 3c purple ...                                                                                                                                       | 08    | 02   |
| 4c dark brown ...                                                                                                                                   | 08    | 01   |
| 5c chocolate ...                                                                                                                                    | 10    | 01   |
| 5c yellow brown ...                                                                                                                                 | 10    | 01   |
| a. Imperforate horizontally ...                                                                                                                     | 10 00 |      |
| ally ...                                                                                                                                            | 10 00 |      |
| 8c price ...                                                                                                                                        | 15    | 05   |

|                                                                                                                                                                                       |      |      |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|------|
| 15c dark blue ...                                                                                                                                                                     | 25   | 06   |
| 50c orange ...                                                                                                                                                                        | 1 00 | 40   |
| The 3c, 4c, 5c chocolate and 10c are listed as imperforate but not priced. In the watermarked issue below the 1c, 2c triangle III and 10c are also listed imperforate but not priced. |      |      |
| 1895-6c dark red brown ...                                                                                                                                                            | 08   | 03   |
| 15c dark blue ...                                                                                                                                                                     | 26   | 03   |
| 50c orange ...                                                                                                                                                                        | 60   | 15   |
| 1.00 black ...                                                                                                                                                                        | 1 25 | 60   |
| 5.00 dark green ...                                                                                                                                                                   | 5.50 | 2 50 |

OFFICIAL STAMPS.

|                                                                                                                    |       |       |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|
| 1873-Thin hard paper. Agriculture.                                                                                 |       |       |
| Prices same, the set complete is also listed as olive yellow but not priced.                                       |       |       |
| Interior.                                                                                                          |       |       |
| 10c vermilion ...                                                                                                  | 50    | 50    |
| Justice.                                                                                                           |       |       |
| 90c purple ...                                                                                                     | 50 00 | 50 00 |
| 3c bluish purple ...                                                                                               | 2 00  | 1 00  |
| 6c bluish purple ...                                                                                               | 3 00  | 2 00  |
| 10c bluish purple ...                                                                                              |       |       |
| Navy.                                                                                                              |       |       |
| 1c dull blue ...                                                                                                   |       |       |
| 2c dull blue ...                                                                                                   | 1 00  | 1 00  |
| 3c dull blue ...                                                                                                   |       |       |
| 6c dull blue ...                                                                                                   | 1 00  |       |
| 7 to 90c listed in this color but not priced. The set is also listed as ultramarine with prices same as 5th except |       |       |
| 12c ultramarine ...                                                                                                | 2 00  | 2 00  |
| 24c ultramarine ...                                                                                                | 5 00  | 4 00  |
| Post Office. White paper.                                                                                          |       |       |
| 1c black ...                                                                                                       | 40    | 40    |
| 30c black ...                                                                                                      | 3 00  | 1 00  |
| Gray surface paper.                                                                                                |       |       |
| 1c black ...                                                                                                       |       | 60    |
| 2c black ...                                                                                                       |       | 40    |
| 3c black ...                                                                                                       | 15    | 01    |
| 15c black ...                                                                                                      | 3 00  | 2 00  |
| 24c black ...                                                                                                      |       | 2 50  |
| 30c black ...                                                                                                      | 1 00  | 1 00  |
| 90c black ...                                                                                                      | 5 00  | 3 50  |
| Ribbed paper.                                                                                                      |       |       |
| 2c black ...                                                                                                       |       | 20    |
| 3c black ...                                                                                                       |       | 50    |
| 6c black ...                                                                                                       |       |       |
| The 3c, 24c and 90c are also listed on "double paper" but not priced.                                              |       |       |
| State.                                                                                                             |       |       |
| The 1c, 2c, 7c, 10c, 12c, 15c, 24c, 30c and 90c are listed as dark green at 5th prices.                            |       |       |
| 3c dark green ...                                                                                                  | 2 50  | 2 50  |
| 6c dark green ...                                                                                                  | 2 00  | 2 00  |
| 3c yellow green ...                                                                                                | 3 50  | 3 50  |
| 3c bright green ...                                                                                                | 75    | 75    |
| 6c bright green ...                                                                                                | 1 00  | 1 00  |
| 10c bright green ...                                                                                               | 3 50  | 2 50  |
| Double paper.                                                                                                      |       |       |
| 3c green ...                                                                                                       |       |       |
| Treasury.                                                                                                          |       |       |
| 4c brown ...                                                                                                       | 1 25  | 50    |
| 3c brown ...                                                                                                       | 25    | 05    |
| 6c brown ...                                                                                                       | 60    | 35    |
| 7c brown ...                                                                                                       | 3 00  | 2 50  |
| 10c brown ...                                                                                                      | 1 50  | 1 00  |
| 15c brown ...                                                                                                      | 1 00  | 30    |
| 90c brown ...                                                                                                      | 3 00  | 2 00  |

|                                                                                                      |       |       |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|
| 1c yellow brown .....                                                                                | 3 50  | 15    |
| 3c yellow brown .....                                                                                | 16    | 03    |
| 6c yellow brown .....                                                                                | 26    | 10    |
| 7c yellow brown .....                                                                                | 2 50  | 1 50  |
| 10c yellow brown .....                                                                               | 50    | 25    |
| 15c yellow brown .....                                                                               | 59    | 30    |
| 30c yellow brown .....                                                                               | 3 00  | 1 00  |
| 90c yellow brown .....                                                                               | 2 00  | 1 00  |
| The 3, 10 and 90c brown are also listed on double paper but not priced.                              |       |       |
| War.                                                                                                 |       |       |
| 2c rose red .....                                                                                    | 50    | 08    |
| 10c rose red .....                                                                                   | 1 00  | 30    |
| 12c rose red .....                                                                                   | 1 00  | 30    |
| 15c rose red .....                                                                                   | 25    | 25    |
| 24c rose red .....                                                                                   | 25    | 25    |
| 90c rose red .....                                                                                   | 1 00  | 1 00  |
| Balance of set same prices as 57th for "red."                                                        |       |       |
| 3c brown red .....                                                                                   |       | 05    |
| 6c brown red .....                                                                                   |       | 10    |
| 12c brown red .....                                                                                  | 2 50  | 1 00  |
| 15c brown red .....                                                                                  |       | 50    |
| 24c brown red .....                                                                                  |       | 50    |
| 90c brown red .....                                                                                  |       | 2 00  |
| The 1, 2, 7, 10 and 30c are listed in this shade but not priced.                                     |       |       |
| 1879—American print.                                                                                 |       |       |
| Soft porous paper.                                                                                   |       |       |
| War.                                                                                                 |       |       |
| 2c rose red .....                                                                                    | 05    | 05    |
| 6c rose red .....                                                                                    | 05    | 06    |
| 10c rose red .....                                                                                   | 25    | 25    |
| 12c rose red .....                                                                                   | 25    | 25    |
| 30c rose red .....                                                                                   | 25    | 25    |
| 2c dull vermilion .....                                                                              | 25    |       |
| Newspaper Stamps.                                                                                    |       |       |
| 1875—Continental print.                                                                              |       |       |
| Thin hard paper.                                                                                     |       |       |
| 2c black .....                                                                                       | 75    | 75    |
| 3c black .....                                                                                       | 1 00  | 1 00  |
| 4c black .....                                                                                       | 75    | 75    |
| 36c rose .....                                                                                       | 2 50  | 2 50  |
| 48c rose .....                                                                                       | 10 00 |       |
| 60c rose .....                                                                                       | 7 50  | 4 60  |
| 72c rose .....                                                                                       | 12 50 | 12 50 |
| 84c rose .....                                                                                       | 15 00 |       |
| 96c rose .....                                                                                       | 10 00 |       |
| 1894—Bureau of Engraving and Printing.                                                               |       |       |
| Soft wove paper.                                                                                     |       |       |
| 1c intense black .....                                                                               | 50    |       |
| 2c intense black .....                                                                               | 50    |       |
| 4c intense black .....                                                                               | 1 00  |       |
| 12c pink .....                                                                                       | 2 50  |       |
| 24c pink .....                                                                                       | 5 00  |       |
| Unpaid letter stamps.                                                                                |       |       |
| Figures in oval.                                                                                     |       |       |
| 1879—2c brown .....                                                                                  | 12    | 08    |
| 30c brown .....                                                                                      | 1 50  | 1 00  |
| 50c brown .....                                                                                      | 3 00  | 2 50  |
| 1889—1c red brown .....                                                                              | 15    | 03    |
| 2c red brown .....                                                                                   | 12    | 02    |
| 5c red brown .....                                                                                   | 50    | 15    |
| 10c red brown .....                                                                                  | 75    | 08    |
| 1894—The set is listed as light claret, printed by Bureau of Engraving and Printing, but not priced. |       |       |
| 1894—Figures of value in lozenge-shaped frame.                                                       |       |       |
| 1c vermilion .....                                                                                   | 25    | 05    |
| 2c vermilion .....                                                                                   | 25    | 05    |
| 1c deep claret .....                                                                                 | 03    | 02    |
| 50c deep claret .....                                                                                | 1 25  | 1 25  |
| 1895—watermarked—                                                                                    |       |       |
| The stamps listed in 57th                                                                            |       |       |

as carrier stamps are in 58th termed  
Semi-Official Issues  
and we do not see any changes worth mentioning except in the 2c Penny Post (Boston, Mass.) which is advanced from \$50 to \$100.  
Envelopes.

There are only 13 changes to note and being of very little importance we omit them and pass on.

Revenue Stamps.  
1st column Imperforate.  
2d column Perforate.

|                            |       |      |
|----------------------------|-------|------|
| First Issue—               |       |      |
| 1c Propy .....             | 10 00 | 05   |
| 2c Bank check orange ..... |       | 01   |
| 2c cert blue .....         | 30    | 1 00 |
| 2c cert orange .....       |       | 60   |
| 2c express blue .....      | 30    | 05   |
| 2c express orange .....    |       | 08   |
| 2c Pl. cords orange .....  |       | 1 25 |
| 2c Propy orange .....      |       | 2 00 |
| 4c Int. Exch. ....         |       | 05   |
| 5c certificate .....       | 25    | 01   |
| 5c express .....           | 50    | 08   |
| 10c bill of lading .....   | 1 00  | 05   |
| 10c certif. ....           | 4 00  | 01   |
| 15c For. Exch. ....        |       | 75   |
| 20c For. Exch. ....        | 1 25  | 1 00 |
| 25c bond .....             | 5 00  | 10   |
| 25c entry of goods .....   | 25    | 07   |
| 25c life insurance .....   | 1 75  | 30   |
| 25c protest .....          | 1 00  | 35   |
| 25c Wareh. Rec. ....       | 1 50  | 75   |
| 30c Foreign Exch. ....     | 1 50  | 2 00 |
| 50c lease .....            | 1 50  | 50   |
| 50c mortgage .....         | 1 75  | 05   |
| 50c Pass. Ticket .....     | 5 00  | 15   |
| 50c probate of will .....  | 3 00  | 1 00 |
| 1.00 conveyance .....      | 35    | 20   |
| 1.00 entry of goods .....  | 1 50  | 05   |
| 1.00 foreign exchange ..   | 1 00  | 03   |
| 1.00 manifest .....        | 2 50  | 85   |
| 1.00 Power of Atty. ...    | 1 25  | 08   |
| 1.00 probate of will ..... | 2 25  | 1 75 |
| 1.30 For. Exch. ....       | 40 00 | 1 10 |
| 1.90 For. Exch. ....       | 65 00 | 1 25 |
| 2.00 conveyance .....      | 2 50  | 15   |
| 2.00 mortgage .....        | 2 50  | 20   |
| 2.00 probate .....         | 25 00 | 1 00 |
| 2.50 .....                 | 30 00 | 10   |
| 3.00 manifest .....        | 2 00  | 25   |
| 5.00 mortgage .....        | 3 50  | 1 00 |
| 10.00 conveyance .....     | 4 00  | 2 50 |
| 10.00 probate .....        | 15 00 | 1 00 |
| 20 00 conveyance .....     | 3 00  | 2 00 |

SECOND ISSUE.

The distinction between violet and pink paper is ignored in 2d and 3d issues—Ed.

|              |        |
|--------------|--------|
| 1c .....     | \$1 00 |
| 5c .....     | 10     |
| 10c .....    | 03     |
| 20c .....    | 25     |
| 30c .....    | 1 00   |
| 60c .....    | 1 00   |
| \$1.50 ..... | 30     |

INVERTED MEDALLION.

|              |       |
|--------------|-------|
| \$1.00 ..... | 25 00 |
|--------------|-------|

THIRD ISSUE.

|              |    |
|--------------|----|
| \$2.50 ..... | 75 |
|--------------|----|

INVERTED MEDALLION.

|                        |       |
|------------------------|-------|
| 5c black and orange... | 25 00 |
|------------------------|-------|

per.

FIFTH ISSUE.

|         |      |     |           |
|---------|------|-----|-----------|
|         | Silk | umk | Rouletted |
| 2c blue | .01  | 01  | .51       |

PROPRIETARY 1871-75.

|    |               |              |
|----|---------------|--------------|
|    | Violet paper. | Green paper. |
| 3c | .50           | .50          |
| 1c | .20           | .15          |

1878 ISSUE.

|    |      |     |           |
|----|------|-----|-----------|
|    | Silk | umk | Rouletted |
| 3c | .08  | .68 | 3.51      |

MATCH STAMPS.

|                                          |         |
|------------------------------------------|---------|
| 3c green, A. M. Match Co., old paper     | \$50 00 |
| 1c brown, Bendel B. & Co., umk           | 15 00   |
| 1c brown, Bendel, H., umk                | 10      |
| 1c black, J. J. Macklin & Co., old paper | 60 00   |
| 1c lake, F. P. Newton, umk               | 01      |

MEDICINE STAMPS.

|                        |          |
|------------------------|----------|
| 1c black, T. E. Wilson | \$200 00 |
|------------------------|----------|

CONFEDERATE STATES.

Spartanburg, S. C.

|          |      |    |
|----------|------|----|
| 5c black | 2 00 | 06 |
|----------|------|----|

GENERAL ISSUE.

|                                |       |      |
|--------------------------------|-------|------|
| 1861-5c light green            | 50    | 50   |
| 5c green                       | 50    | 40   |
| 10c light blue                 | 2 50  | 1 00 |
| 10c blue                       | 1 25  | 1 00 |
| 1862-2c green                  | 2 50  | 3 00 |
| 5c light blue                  | 60    | 75   |
| 5c blue                        | 60    | 60   |
| 5c dark blue                   | 60    | 1 00 |
| 10c rose                       | 6 00  | 4 00 |
| 10c carmine rose               |       | 6 00 |
| 1863-10c Ten cents milky blue. | 7 00  | 7 00 |
| 10c milky blue, over           |       |      |
| 10c                            | 10 00 | 6 00 |
| 10c milky blue, A7             | 50    | 25   |
| 10c dark blue, A7              | 03    | 50   |
| 10c blue, A7                   | 05    | 15   |
| 10c greenish blue, A7          | 25    | 20   |
| 10c milky blue, A8             | 50    | 10   |
| 10c dark blue, A8              | 05    | 10   |
| 10c light blue, A8             | 10    | 10   |
| 10c greenish blue, A8          | 15    | 15   |
| 7 1/2 c paper-                 |       |      |
| 10c dark blue, A7              | 50    |      |
| 10c blue, A7                   | 05    | 10   |
| 10c perforated                 | 75    | 5 00 |
| 10c greenish blue, A7          | 03    | 08   |
| 10c dark blue, A8              | 25    | 25   |
| 10c blue, A8                   | 08    | 10   |
| 10c perforated                 | 75    | 5 00 |
| 10c greenish blue              | 05    | 10   |
| Laid paper-                    |       |      |
| 10c blue, A7                   | 10    |      |
| 10c dark blue, A8              | 10    |      |
| 10c light blue, A8             | 10    |      |

The 20c is listed as green and yellow green (no change in price); also "perforated" and "diagonal half-used as 10c." but not priced.

ABYSSINIA.

No changes.

AFGHANISTAN.

The Mauve stamp of 1868 is not listed. In the 1870 issue the first type advance 25% to 50 per cent., while the second type declines about 20 per cent., and as a rule the decline is general in all the other issues of this country, with a few marked advances.

ANGOLA.

Very few changes, and these downward.

ANGRA.

|                                  |    |    |
|----------------------------------|----|----|
| 1866-2 1/2 r                     | 02 | 02 |
| 5r                               | 02 | 02 |
| a. Diagonal 1/2 used as 2 1/2 r. |    |    |
| 10r                              | 03 | 03 |
| 15r                              | 04 | 04 |
| 20r                              | 04 | 04 |
| 25r                              | 05 | 05 |
| 50r                              | 10 | 10 |
| 75r                              | 15 | 15 |
| 80r                              | 15 | 15 |
| 100r                             | 18 | 18 |
| 150r                             | 25 | 25 |
| 200r                             | 35 | 35 |
| 300r                             | 50 | 50 |
| 500r                             | 75 | 75 |

ANTIQUA.

|                                 |       |  |
|---------------------------------|-------|--|
| 1867-No umk. Perf. 14 to 16.    |       |  |
| 6d blue green                   | 7 00  |  |
| a. Upperforate 6d, yellow green | 25 00 |  |
| Perf. 11 to 13 x 14 to 16-      |       |  |
| 6d blue green                   | 25 00 |  |

Nearly all others have declined in price. Many new varieties listed.

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.

The changes are slight, consisting mostly of 10 to 25 per cent reductions

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This Magazine goes to press on the 15th of each month and copy must be in by noon of that date to secure insertion. Change of standing copy must be in by the 10th of each month.

The editor will have to apologize this month to those who look for the usual amount of editorial chat as he has but a few hours to spare before he must send copy to his printer, but he has the satisfaction of knowing that Mr. Hopkins will not have to report "several pages of Dodge miscellany" in the next issue of Mekeel's weekly.

In this connection we might say that Mr. Hopkins was frank enough to acknowledge that he referred to two papers only, (*The Columbian* and *The Texan*), as those who "stood up for Mr. Carion for the money derived from his advertising". Thanks Mr. Hopkins, but you didn't answer our last question. The weekly with its "come thou not near me for I am holier than thou", attitude and its pretended exclusion of unreliable advertisers still runs the advertisement of W. S. Kuzer and perhaps "on account of the money derived from it". As Mr. Hopkins says, "some publishers will".

Speaking about Mr. Carion, we hardly think the case is closed yet, as we believe several members of the A. P. A. (that great society which expelled Mr. Carion on charges they could not prove,) are kicking over the harness and making a strong protest against the action of the French society in publishing the letter from the Minister of the Colonies which is believed to be bogus or changed to suit their purpose.

Business prospects seem to be improving and with it the stamp business, which is encouraging. We note with considerable pleasure that the prices in the 58th catalogue are more conservative and in a great many cases reduced. The Scott Co. have evidently come to their senses through the influence of the press.



and the "50 to 75 per cent. discount" prices of other dealers.

The advance sheets of the catalogue (a generous amount of which is given elsewhere) show many minor varieties in shades which we believe entirely wrong in a general catalogue. For specialists it would do very well, but will puzzle the ordinary collector to discouragement.

The excellent article by Mr. Jenney last issue brought the editor a host of letters, which he would be glad to publish, but we only do so in one case and think that one will be of general interest.

The death of Mr. Henry Gremmell removes from the ranks of dealers and publishers a very conspicuous figure. Mr. Gremmell's exhaustive study of U. S. stamps and the results of his researches in his magazine *The Post Office* have been read with interest and profit by thousands of collectors, and he will be greatly missed from our midst. It is to be hoped that *The Post Office* will be continued on the same lines it has been conducted, with Mr. Capen in charge of the editorial department. We cannot afford to lose so good a publication.

Mr. T. L. Green writes us that he has been busy getting the Exchange Department of the P. S. of A. in order is now ready to receive books and send out circulars. We predict a business administration

that will be a credit to him and the Society.

The selection of the *Weekly Era* as official journal of the A. P. A. is just what we looked for, and we believe it will be appreciated highly by a majority of the membership. The *Era* like all other papers and magazines has its failings, but it is an all around good paper and can't be classed in the same category as its western contemporary which claims such a big circulation. The *Era* has we believe more actual paid up circulation than the *Stamp News* regardless of any claims made by the latter.

And now we come to something which has been on our minds for some time and we don't like to do it. We know just what a lot of people will say, "oh the *C. P.* is always down on the Mekeels." But would we be dying right to let things go along as they are and say nothing? No indeed, our course in the past has lost us scores of pages of advertising but we don't mind the loss of it. As long ago as August 1895, Rev. John Luther Kilbon in the *Boston Stamp Book*, referring to the Mekeels said he "didn't admire their business methods" and bewailed the fact of their paper degenerating "into a house organ of the most pronounced type" and the unloading of their Mexican rubbish. (The very consistent Mr. Kilbon has however so soothed his conscience

as to furnish Boston notes for this "house organ" and said many nice things about the Mekeels since that time". We know what the beginners outfit of last summer contained and the two faced attitude of this trimavorate on the Seebeck issues, condemning editorially in one issue of the paper and advertising them for sale in another. One year ago they were so enamored of the A. P. A. that a word against that organization brought down vials of wrath from them. This was when they had the sales and purchasing department and the official journal. When a cloud appeared on the horizon foreshadowing the turning down of the Mekeels by the A. P. A. the Stamp Exchange was organized and afterwards incorporated. No doubt the Stamp Exchange has been of benefit to many members, but when the weekly comes out and sulks over the appointment of the *Weekly Era* as official journal, (which must have been a bitter pill to C. H. who had given Bro. Jewett we believe some 2,000 lines of advertising perhaps as a peace offering[?]) and announce that "The Stamp exchange offers to the readers of this paper more than can be obtained from the membership of any philatelic organization", collectors should have judgement enough to size them up in their true light as philatelic acrobats.

Their announcement that "there is only one Stamp Exchange" and making laughing stock of others re-

minds us of a sign down on Fulton St., New York, "The only original Isaacstein, all others came later."

There seems to be an increasing interest in the collection of entire envelopes. Wolsieffers size E stock book is eminently the thing for the envelope collector. We had one made up with eyelet pockets to the page especially for envelopes and are mounting in it the collection of Dr. S. B. Boyd. We have seen many kinds of stock books but for entire envelopes this is the best we know of.

The U. S. Envelope Exchange is much appreciated and attracting considerable attention. We shall be glad to send application blanks and furnish information in regard to the club to any reliable collector.

One of our subscribers a well known collector writes us a long letter finding fault with this magazine. He says "There is only one thing the *Columbian* lacks to make it all what any live collector could desire. That is in its advertisements \* \* \*. I believe any publisher can induce his patrons to offer something that is desirable \* \* \*. What is the use of offering stamps when any collector knows he can get them on approval @ 25 per cent. less? \* \* \*. The dealers who are using space in the *Columbian* can't be getting 10 per cent. of what they are really entitled to". Here's food for thought for

our advertisers. This magazine is one of the few that are read in their entirety. The publisher does his part placing it among a select class of collectors and if advertisers, many of whom are now getting good returns, will heed the criticism of one who looks at it from the standpoint of a collector who is looking for stamps to add to his collection at market prices, they will reap a rich harvest.

One word more, and we will wind up "the Dodge Miscellany." The large slice of 58th Prices (larger than ever given before in any three issues of any philatelic publication) combined with a lack of time oblige us to omit the comments on "The Press" again this month, but perhaps, under the circumstances, our readers will overlook this and a few other omissions.

Advertisers are requested to send in copy for the October issue by October 10th, and as much earlier as possible, as the editor has made arrangements to leave home on the 12th for the S. of P. convention at Nashville, and will send copy to the printer before he goes.

The meet of the New England Phil. Association is one we are sorry to have missed, as we remember what a pleasant time we had with the "boys and girls" there last year. And we wish also we could have been at Columbus to enjoy the royal welcome the Ohio Philatelic

Association members extended to their guests on that occasion, but never mind, we will be there one of these days.

The forms of the 58th catalogue have been received up to Guatemala and a liberal lot of the new prices will be given in each issue of this magazine. If you appreciate them and are not a subscriber, send 19 cents for a subscription to January 1st, 1899, or 65 cents and the catalogue will be mailed you as soon as issued in addition. Old subscribers can remit 60 cents for the catalogue and have their subscription extended one year.

#### With the Dealers.

Franklin S. Cook, "the revenue man," is now located at Newtown, Conn., only a few miles from his old home, Bridgeport.

"M. & M." Robie got enough of the ocean when at Boston. Perhaps he was afraid of being seasick at Washington, D. C. At any rate he has moved his business back to Chicago-by-the-Lake. He now gets his Boston baked beans and Deerfoot-farm sausage at the Boston Chop House, on the corner of Clark street. He can get his breakfast there and keep his grip on it. We have been out in the bay fishing and run short of bait, but Mr. Robie's ingenious plan of using his breakfast in that capacity never occurred to us.

Mr. John Arbtin, who was mailing clerk in the Des Moines post-office, started out as a dealer on July 1st and writes us that his business has paid him from the start. Mr. Arbtin has a good stock, which he offers at reasonable prices, and with his reputation for prompt, honest dealing he deserves success.

The Boston dealers seem to have taken a "fresh bolt" since the convention and are advertising heavily. Frank P.

Brown, "the want-list man," is getting quite a reputation for "hunting" up scarce varieties for his clientage. The New England are still exhibiting the Nash collection and making good sales therefrom. Drew, Holton and Trifet are still doing that quiet, conservative business, confined mostly to "the fine arts" of stamp collecting. The two new companies, the Boston Stamp Co. and the Colonial Stamp Co. start out under favorable auspices. We note that the latter (J. H. Lyons, manager, 351 Washington street) will hold their first auction sale of 400 lots on September 28th, in which are many desirable stamps, and sold without reserve.

Albrecht Loewit, "the \$2 Columbian man," has opened an approval sheet department at his old address, 218 East 76th street, New York City.

L. Beringer, late of the New York Philatelist (which will hereafter be conducted by Mr. Herbst alone), will enter the ranks of the dealers about October 1st, and will have some good things to offer in our next issue.

R. G. Widdicombe, of St. Catharines, Ont., reports a fine business and writes that he will soon need more space.

Joe Beard has returned from the convention and is laying the wires to capture his share of the cash distributions of collectors. "Joe" always did get a good bit of business on account of his promptness and winning ways.

The Messrs. Burton write us that they succeeded in buying large quantities of stamps in July and August at low prices. This, of course, means that they now have them to sell at prices that will meet all competition.

G. Emil Richter is making a specialty of packets, and from our knowledge of the gentleman we know that they can be depended on as good value.

J. V. Revelo has been ill with nervous prostration, but is now convalescing and able to attend to business once more.

J. M. Bartels & Co. report increased sales. They believe in liberal use of printers' ink and keep everlastingly at it, the only method leading to success.

The Columbian Stamp Co. (of Washington, D. C.) write us that the demand

for stamps continues, and they see a bright outlook for the season.

Jas. R. Gooding is looking for the people who want "good goods," and says he is finding them.

### Announced.

The Southern Corresponding Club, of Tallapoosa, Ga., announce that they will issue the first number of *The Southern Philatelist* in January, 1898. (Gus Luhu will have to look to his laurels.) The subscription will be 25 cents per year, same size page as this magazine and 8 to 16 pages and cover. Jas. G. Stickney is Secretary of the club.

Chas. D. Lowe, 534 Calf St., San Francisco, announces the appearance of the *California Philatelist*, about October 5th. Subscription 25 cents per annum. Cover and pages same size as this magazine.

The *Southern Stamp Collector*, (monthly, 25 cents per year,) announced to appear Sept. 15th, has not yet reached us.

### CHANGES OF COLORS

#### IN POSTAGE STAMPS.

The Two Cent Will Remain Carmine but new One and Five-Cent ones will be different.

Washington, Sept. 17.—While on account of the agreement made by the International Postal Congress there will be no change in the color of the two cent postage stamp, the colors of stamps of some of the other denominations will be altered. That Congress provided for uniform colors for stamps of certain denominations or their equivalent in the money of each country, applicable to all the administrations of the Postal Union. This will require a change in the



five cent stamp, which represents the single rate of foreign letter postage. It is now a light brown, but it will become a dark blue. The one cent stamp, now a blue, will be changed to green.

These changes, which will become operative on the 1st of January, 1899, were incorporated in the international postal treaty concluded by the Postal Congress which, when it shall be attested by the official signatures of the Postmaster General and the approval of the President, will have the effect of law. The President and the Postmaster General are expected to sign the document within the next few days.

### The Mails Quarantined.

Washington, September 20.—The Post Office Department has received information that the Mississippi State Board of Health has quarantined all mails from the infected districts of that state, and refuse to permit them to be dispatched to their destination even if fumigated. —Daily.

### O. P. A. Brevities.

The first annual convention is over and all passed off in the smoothest order. There were about thirty members in attendance and many pleasant acquaintances were formed.

We meet in convention at Columbus in '98.

There was at the least \$20,000 worth of stamps represented and much buying, selling and exchanging was done

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE SONS OF PHILATELIA.

Fellow Members:—I am a candidate for the office of Librarian of the S. of P. and

take this method to ask you to consider my claim, and if you see proper to favor me with your vote, which, I assure you, will be appreciated. In the first place, allow me to say that if elected I will guarantee to place the library on working plans that will insure greater benefit than ever to the members.

Please consider my reasons for believing that I should be favored with the office, which are as follows:

1. Kentucky has a live, progressive branch society of the S. of P., viz: the Louisville Philatelic Society, yet this is her first time to ask for an office.

2. The office to which I aspire has never been held by a member residing in the Southern States.

3. Having a large library of my own it will be placed at the usage of my brother members should I be elected.

4. If elected I will strive to make the office what it should be and will spare no pains to put it on a basis that will distinguish it as the leading library.

5. Our library should be catalogued. This would cost considerable. But should you see fit to elect me I will catalogue it and present each member with a copy at no expense to the members whatever. This should be done to facilitate a live, progressive and satisfactory working of any library.

Trusting you act favorably in this matter, and again promising to discharge the duties of the office in a competent manner, and hoping to meet many of the members at the convention, I remain

Yours for the Sons of Philatelia,

HOWARD BURBA.

Hodgenville, Ky., Sept. 15, 1897.

S. of P. 1631. P. S. of A. 1181. (E) 1224.  
N. A. P. A. 141. L. P. S.

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## TROJAN STAMP CO.,

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C. F. SHREVE,

Easton, Maryland.

## SOCIETY REPORTS AND NEWS.

**Special Notice to Secretaries:** All reports for next issue should be in hands of publisher Oct 10th. Reports should be carefully written especially names, to avoid errors by printer. Typewritten reports are the best.

### The Columbian Philatelic Society.

Officers for 1897.

President—J. F. Dodge, New Oxford, Pa.  
Vice-President—Geo. B. Klebes, Sharon Valley, Conn.

Sec.-Treas.—Leo Fritter, 32 North Grant avenue, Columbus, O.

Ex.-Supt.—Fred P. Holt, Hartford, Conn.  
Aux.-Mgr.—H. Smith, Medford, Mass.

Librarian—H. S. Adair, McConnellsville, Ohio.

Supt. Bureau of Information—Chas. F. Bridge, Albany, N. Y.

Attorney—Geo. A. Katzenberger, Greenville, O.

Counterfeit Detector—Frank P. Brown, Boston, Mass.

Trustees—A. Jungman, chairman, 529 Twelfth street; Chas. Toelle, H. W. Protzman, Milwaukee, Wis.

Official Journal—The Columbian Philatelist.

Cost of Membership—Admission fee, 10 cents; annual dues, 25 cents. Membership outside of the United States, Canada and Mexico: Admission fee, 10 cents; annual dues, 50 cents. Members receive the official organ free.

#### PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

Fellow Members:—Our list of applications is very small this month, which is not very surprising, considering that we have just passed through not only the dullest month of philately, but a general financial depression. Now that the vacations are over and business is improving we look for larger accessions to our ranks. Who will help us? We want 500 members by January 1st, and want good members. The prizes are continued for another period of three months, and in addition I will pay the dues for 1898 of any member who during the balance of 1897 introduces 10 or more paid-up, reliable collectors.

Yours sincerely,  
J. F. DODGE.

#### NEW MEMBERS.

No. 326—John P. Wright, 58 Van Zandt avenue, Newport, R. I.

No. 327—Carl E. Magni, Holdredge, Neb.

No. 328—Willard B. Dobbins, Box 22, Farnesville, O.

No. 329—Wm. E. Pratt, 24 Claremont Park, Boston, Mass.

No. 330—C. B. Duffy, C. H. V. & T. R. R., Columbus, O.

No. 331—Elwood B. Carter, 2111 East 5th street, Dayton, O.

No. 332—Mrs. H. E. Norton, 12 Cannett street, Roxbury, Mass.

No. 333—W. H. Welchans, Lancaster, Pa.  
No. 334—M. C. Berlepsch, Nathalie avenue, Kingbridge, N. Y.

No. 335—Geo. W. Davis, 1248 Linden street, N. E. Washington, D. C.

No. 336—Gordon C. Corbaley, Waterville, Wash.

No. 337—C. P. Gregg, Windsor, Conn.

I am pleased to state that all of the above, except two, have paid their dues with their application; consequently they have received their membership cards. Those who have not paid same will receive their cards by remitting the amount of their dues nine (9) cents to January 1, 1898) to the Secretary-Treasurer. Please attend to this matter at once.

#### Applications.

I have received the following applications, together with the accompanying references, since my last report. The age and occupation of each applicant is given in each case:

Frederick M. Townley, Sayreville, N. J.; age, 23; insurance agent. Refs., J. F. Dodge, Leo Fritter.

E. F. Roberts, care of Eddy Elec. Mfg. Co., Windsor, Conn.; age 22; electrician. Refs., Wm. A. McDonnell, H. E. Heath.

Joseph H. Beattie, Warwick, Orange county, N. Y.; age, 18; student. Refs., Wm. A. McDonnell, J. J. Beattie.

F. A. Stanbro, Syracuse, Neb.; age, 21; assistant postmaster. J. F. Dodge, E. A. Halbrook.

Emile Dargle, Jr., Houma, La.; age, 23; banker. Jos. H. Pullen, J. F. Dodge.

Foster A. Lilley, Sabertra, Kans.; age, 44; journalist. J. F. Dodge, J. H. Wagner.

Silas Chapman, Hartford, Conn.; age, 52; fire insurance. Fred P. Holt, Leo Fritter.

The above applicants will be accepted within one month from date if no sufficient objections are received within that time. Membership cards will then be sent to those who have paid their dues, and notices that the dues (amounting to six (6) cents to January 1, 1898) are due, to those who have not done so. Settle with the society promptly for your dues and thereby prevent any needless expense and trouble to the officers.

#### Final dues notice.

Believing that the failure to pay the dues for 1897 (25 cents) was not intentional upon the part of most of those members who failed to do so, but to the contrary, the matter was overlooked or did not reach the notice of those to whom it was intended it should, I have decided to send notices to all such members, ex-

plaining to them the situation and informing them that said notice is FINAL. All such who pay their obligations promptly, although they may have been suspended for their failure to do before, I will reinstate and mail membership cards. I trust that these members will understand my position in this matter and hasten to comply with this last notice and call. If you have not received your notice yet and you are among the following list of delinquents and desire to retain your membership in the society, please remit what you owe to the society and thereby make sure that your membership is in force. The amount for the year 1897 is 25 cents. This pays the membership to January 1, 1898. As it is so near the first of the year it would be advisable to remit with your 1897 dues, your dues for 1898, or 50 cents in all. You will thus avoid a repetition of the same trouble as you have just experienced. Those who are in arrears for their 1897 dues are as follows:

Nos. 2, 5, 10, 11, 12, 16, 18, 19, 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 36, 38, 43, 44, 46, 48, 55, 58, 59, 60, 62, 63, 82, 83, 85, 89, 90, 91, 93, 94, 97, 98, 99, 101, 102, 103, 106, 107, 109, 111, 112, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 121, 122, 124, 127, 128, 129, 130, 132, 134, 136, 146, 147, 148, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 158, 162.

If you desire to resign pay all back arrears and send in your resignation. This is the only proper way to resign. All the above will stand suspended if their dues are not paid within 45 days from date. ATTEND TO THIS MATTER AT ONCE. DON'T DELAY. The treasury is very nearly empty, and I hope you will aid it with your remittance. Remit in silver or by money-order (preferred).

Change in address—No. 167, Wm. S. Devlin, Box 256, New Castle, Pa.

For the C. P. S.,

LEO FRITTER,  
Secretary-Treasurer.

#### NEW SERIES OF PRIZES.

To those who add 3 or more fully paid members whose applications are published in the October, November and December issues of this magazine.

1st. To any member who adds 15 new members, an unused 50c. watermarked due stamp.

2d. To any member who adds 10 new members, an unused 30c. watermarked or unwatermarked due stamp.

3d. To any member who adds 7 new members a set of unused 1, 2, 3, 5 and 10-cent watermarked due stamp.

4th. To any member who adds 3 new members, unused 3 and 5-cent watermarked due stamp.

I will add an unused 2-cent Treasury Department stamp to each of the above offers if 100 applications are received during this contest. J. F. DODGE, Prest.

#### TO THE MEMBERS OF THE EX-DEPT.

Rule No. 5 of this department, printed on the back of each book, reads as follows: "Always make report to the superintendent of stamps taken from books, and remit cash for same upon forwarding books to next member."

I am surprised to find how many pay no attention to this rule. Have just received

a circuit sheet of six names, only two of whom reported, and yet three others took stamps. It is easy for each person if he takes nothing to drop me a postal saying so and when he forwards, and if he does take anything send remittance and report. I hate to send a dun out, but I do not keep a debit account. I have a postal now dated July 10th, saying, "took 31 cents worth of stamps and forwarded books to —," but although I have written and waited, no remittance has come. One cent more postage would have paid for a letter enclosing remittance.

FRED P. HOLT, Ex-Supt.

#### AUCTION MANAGERS' REPORT.

I intend to give the Auction Department another fair trial and wish to get it in working order in the early fall. I am therefore offering a few lots I have in hand this month.

I trust the members will now give this department a little more support and encouragement. Surely amongst over 300 members there must be some who have something or other to sell.

Copy of the rules will be found in the "Columbian Philatelist" for February 20, 1897, Vol. 2, No. 4, Page 86.

H. SMITH, Auction Mgr.  
5 Aiment St., Medford, Mass.  
August 7, 1897.

#### SEE OFFER ON FRONT COVER.

### The Ohio Philatelic Association.

#### OFFICERS.

President—Leo. Fritter, Columbus.  
Vice-President—Ben. L. Morris, Bel-  
laire.  
Sec.-Treas. (pro tem.)—Chas. S. Pendle-  
ton, Findlay.  
Exch. Supt.—C. B. Duffy, Columbus.  
Auct.-Manager—H. C. Crowell, Clevel-  
land.

Librarian—H. S. Adavi, McConnellsville.  
Attorney—Geo. A. Katzenberger, Green-  
ville.

Crf. Detective—P. E. Rood, Toledo.  
Trustees—Messrs. Carlin, Stark and  
Kirchride of Findlay.

Every Ohio collector should join. You  
will get more than your money's worth.  
Dues but 25 cents per year.

#### PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

Fellow Members of the O. P. A.:—The first annual convention of our association is now history, and as a result, a new board of officers are now in control of the organization, having been duly elected at the convention. I extend many thanks to the members for their kindness in having elected me for a second term as President, and in return I promise to do all I can to improve the society in all branches. Let us all work together. Let there be no ill feeling over the result of the war of the ballots. The contests were all of a friendly nature, and I am sure the victors feel no hatred towards those who opposed them in their canvass for office. Let them remember that it is not the aim of this organization to foster the schemes of philatelic politicians, but to aid each

annual elections as will insure a capable board of officers.

The convention was a success and I am sure no one who attended same can truthfully say he did not profit thereby. Although the attendance was not what it should have been, still what there was lacking in numbers was amply made up in enthusiasm. Now let all work for the welfare of the association and do our best to increase the membership. We desire a membership of 125 at least by the time of the next convention. This may seem quite a task, but it is not an impossible one. All Ohio collectors will be glad to join if you only let them know our objects and benefits. Patronize all the departments and thereby insure a very successful year.

I have just received word that the newly elected Secretary-Treasurer has been compelled to resign, owing to ill health, upon advice of his physician. I am extremely sorry this has occurred, and sincerely hope Mr. Dobbins will improve in health and be able to enjoy the benefits of our society. I shall announce his successor in my next report. In the meantime the members should not feel annoyed if they are inconvenienced by this new difficulty. Hoping that the society will continue to improve and be of benefit to Philatelia's followers, and again thanking the members for their favors, I am

Yours faithfully,

LEO FRITTER, President.

Columbus, O., Sept. 13, 1897.

Fellow Members of the O. P. A.:—I hereby tender my resignation as Secretary-Treasurer of the O. P. A., and have written the President to that effect. The above is to take effect at once. I regret very much to do this right after my election, but the circumstances are such that it could not be avoided. Thanking you one and all for your hearty support at the convention and with best wishes for the welfare of the association, I am

Fraternally yours,

WILLARD B. DOBBINS.

Sept. 8, 1897.

#### SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT.

Findlay, O., Sept. 13, 1897.

Fellow Members:—As Mr. Dobbins, our newly elected Secretary-Treasurer, is unable to serve in that capacity, it involves upon me to present this September report of the association.

#### CHANGES IN ADDRESS.

5. Walter G. Kirkbride, to 307 Fourth avenue, Ann Arbor, Mich.

11. George E. Higgins, to care of 864 North High, Columbus.

#### APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP.

64. H. A. Trebing, 28 Brainard avenue, Cleveland. Ref., Chas. S. Pendleton, Walter G. Kirkbride.

65. H. R. Ward, 53 Clinton street, New-ark. Ref., Henry S. Adair, Chas. S. Pendleton.

66. P. E. Bridge, 494 West Sixth avenue, Columbus. Ref., Henry S. Adair, Leo Fritter.

67. Leslie B. Powell, 176 North Twentieth street, Columbus. Ref., Henry S. Adair, Chas. S. Pendleton.

68. Gebrge Linn, 1235 Pennsylvania avenue, Columbus. Ref., Leo Fritter, Henry S. Adair.

69. Frederick S. Harmer, 74 Monroe avenue, Columbus. Ref., Leo Fritter, Henry S. Adair.

70. Chas. McMurray, 27 King street, Dayton. Ref., Roy G. Fitzgerald, Chas. S. Pendleton.

Since my last report I have received the following moneys:

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| Dr. To balance .....     | \$1 11 |        |
| To initiation fees ..... | 60     |        |
| To dues .....            | 3 79   |        |
|                          |        | \$5 50 |

And disbursed:

|                         |        |        |
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| Cr. By printing .....   | \$1 00 |        |
| By postage .....        | 42     |        |
| By official organ ..... | 63     |        |
| By cash balance .....   | 3 45   |        |
|                         |        | \$5 50 |

Balance on hand, \$3.45.

Very truly,

CHAS. S. PENDLETON,

Acting Sec.-Treas., O. P. A.

#### THE CONVENTION.

The first annual convention of the O. P. A. was held in Columbus, O., on August 31 and September 1, 1897. The membership was well represented in an attendance of 30, and great enthusiasm prevailed. The following officers were elected for 1897-8: President—Leo. Fritter, Columbus. Vice-President—Ben L. Morris, Bellaire. Sec.-Treas.—W. B. Dobbins, Barnesville. Exchange Supt.—C. B. Duffy, Columbus. Auction Manager—H. C. Crowell, Cleveland.

Librarian—H. S. Adair, McConnellsville. Attorney—Geo. A. Katzenberger, Greenville.

Counterfeit Detector—P. E. Reed, Toledo.

Trustees—Messrs. Carlin, Stark and Kirkbride of Findlay.

The Columbian Philatelist was continued as official organ until a first-class paper is published inside of the state. Much satisfaction was expressed for it and opinion seemed unanimous for its continuance as long as the society must seek an official organ beyond the borders of the state.

Mr. Duffy made a speech, promising to give the members a first-class medium of exchange if he could receive the support of the members. He also explained several reforms in his department which will improve same very much. The Librarian, Mr. Adair, also explained the new rules governing his department and asked for the support of the members, which was promised. The library is probably larger than that of any similar state organization, numbering over 300 good stamp papers besides numerous price lists and books. The Exchange Superintendent's report showed that the members had not displayed any great interest in that department, but the sales were fair. The Secretary-Treasurer's report showed the society to be in a prosperous condition, not a debt against it, and a little money in the treasury. This is a fine showing and is a great credit to the efficient officer, Mr. Pendleton. Much regret was occasioned by his inability to again act as an officer, owing to his departure for col-



other in as many ways as we possibly can, only making enough interest in the legs. His books received the endorsement of all the members.

The visiting members were tendered an outing in the elegant private car "Minerva" to Minerva Park, on the evening of the 31st, and to say they enjoyed the trip would be putting it mildly. The car is a veritable moving palace, and to add to the pleasure an elegant lunch was served to the members of the party. The distance of nine miles to the park was covered in all too quick a time, and then the party betook themselves to the Casino and witnessed the performance, which was of a vaudeville character. Every member who was in the party will remember this occasion as one of the most happy times in his life.

#### SEE OFFER ON FRONT COVER.

### The Eastern Stamp Exchange.

President—J. F. Dodge, New Oxford, Pa.  
Vice-President—Chas. C. Lewis, Northampton, Mass.

Sec'y—J. Arthur Wainwright, Northampton, Mass.

Treas.—Frank T. Woodward, Northampton, Mass.

Actuarial Committee—The Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer.

Official Journal—The Columbian Philatelist.

This exchange has been organized to facilitate the exchange of duplicates among collectors residing in the New England states, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia and Canada and its provinces. It is exchange pure and simple. Books are obtained of the Secretary at 5 cents each, or 7 for 25 cents, each holding 60 stamps. These when filled by members are priced by Scott's 5th catalogue and returned to the Secretary when the Actuarial Committee fix the amount of credit and send out to other participants, at the same time sending books to the owner to select his credit. Should more be disposed of than the credit allowed, an additional credit is given. There is no admission fee or dues. Those who wish to note the progress of the Exchange, with monthly reports, may send 15 cents additional for one year's subscription to the official journal, but it is not compulsory. No book should be sent in valued at less than \$3.00. 10 per cent. will be charged for expenses of conducting the business, and 1 per cent. for insurance guaranteeing the owner against loss. The insurance and the commission are not payable in cash, but in stamps from book. A number will be assigned each participant sending for books, and reference must be furnished as to the responsibility of each participant before books are sent to him. Should any participant wish to select more than his credit, he may settle balance in cash at 30 per cent. discount on United States stamps, or 40 per cent. foreign.

Such other regulations as are necessary for the proper conduct of the business will from time to time be adopted.

#### SEE OFFER ON FRONT COVER.

### The U. S. Envelope Exchange.

President—Joseph Rechert, Hoboken, N. J.

Vice-President—Chas. H. Stone, Box 718, Concord, N. H.

Sec.-Treas.—Joe F. Beard, Muscatine, Iowa.

Sales Mgr.—J. F. Dodge, New Oxford, Pa.

Auc. Mgr.—Frank P. Brown, 325 Washington street, Boston, Mass.

Attorney—Chas. F. Bridge, 600 Madison avenue, Albany, N. Y.

Ref. Com.—J. V. Painter, Cleveland, O.; S. B. Boyd, Knoxville, Tenn.; S. G. Stein, Muscatine, Ia.

Official Journal—The Columbian Philatelist.

Dues, 50 cents per annum, which should be sent with application.

Members receive official journal free.

#### SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT.

I will have to ask members' pardon for long delay in making this, my first report, as my appointment as Secretary-Treasurer was received just as I was getting ready to take a trip east, which occupied the space of four weeks, and I have just gotten matters straightened up so I can take hold of the work of this society and push it through.

At present I have application blanks printed and member's certificate cards. Members owing their dues for the first six months, 25 cents, will please remit at once. If desired, anyone may send 75 cents dues to January 1, 1899. Those who have already paid their dues will receive their certificate in a few days, as they have been sent to the President for his signature.

The following members have paid their dues to January 1, 1898:

Dodge, J. F.  
Emmert, W. H.  
Bartels, J. M.  
Beard, Joe F.  
Stein, Dr. S. G.  
Eaton, D. T.  
Wheeler, Dr. H. D.  
Taber, E. G.  
Stone, Chas. H.  
Velt, A. A.  
Hetrich, Dr. Geo.  
Bridge, Chas. F.  
Chandler, N. W.  
Collins, Wm. L.  
Total, 14. Cash, \$3.50

JOE F. BEARD, Sec.-Treas.

#### SALES MANAGER'S REPORT.

Fellow Members:—I shall be glad to receive envelopes and wrappers for this department, all of which will be listed with the prices which you value them at, in the next issue of this magazine after their receipt. As they are listed but once it will pay you to look over preceding issues. Those wishing to purchase will find bargains each month. The following envelopes have been received and are offered at the annexed prices:

Bartel's No. 1. Bartel's price. Owners' price:  
1144(?) 1c., very  
light ultramarine  
small 1c.

|                               |         |
|-------------------------------|---------|
| gal; die 2.....not priced     | \$ 1 40 |
| 494½, same as                 |         |
| 494, but pink .....not priced | 70      |
| 900 .....                     | 36 00   |
| 903 .....                     | 12 50   |
| 944 .....                     | 25 00   |
| 775 .....                     | 1 00    |
| 78 .....                      | 30 00   |
| 1102 .....                    | 7 50    |
| 1201 .....                    | 1 00    |

All the above are unused and fine. Please remit by money order or draft, adding postage and registration, if letter is desired, as I cannot be responsible for losses in the mail.

Yours very truly,  
J. F. DODGE, Sales Mgr.

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#### OFFICERS.

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Vice-President—Winfield S. Sisson.  
Secretary—Mrs. Jos. Branston.  
Treasurer—Miss S. S. Bowen.  
Librarian—Miss S. S. Bowen.  
Exchange Manager—H. L. Taylor.  
Official Journal—The Columbian Philatelist.

The regular meetings will be resumed in September.

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### Albany N. Y. Philatelic Club.

#### OFFICERS FOR 1897.

President—Prof. J. Benton Tipton.  
Vice-President—George H. Stevens.  
Secretary-Treasurer—Chas. F. Bridge.  
Exchange Supt.—John Skinner.  
Official Journal—The Columbian Philatelist.

All collectors residing in Albany and vicinity are invited to join us. Information and blanks cheerfully furnished.

CHAS. F. BRIDGE, Sec.-Treas.  
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#### IPSWICH, SO. DAK.

President—Mrs. J. S. Smith.  
Vice-President—Harold J. Barker.  
Secretary—M. P. Beebe, Jr.  
Treasurer—Helen Smith.  
Librarian and Auction Manager—S. E. Smith.

Counterfeit Detector—J. F. Dodge.  
Official Journal—The Columbian Philatelist.

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### 4th Auction Sale C. P. S.

| Lot |                                                           | Scott No. | No. s. | cat.   |
|-----|-----------------------------------------------------------|-----------|--------|--------|
| 34  | Confed States 20c green on orig. cover, fine,             | 111       | 1      | \$3 00 |
| 35  | do 10c blue on orig. cov good,                            | 89        | 1      | 1 00   |
| 36  | U. S. p. card, 1c brown, good,                            | 1605      | 1      | 1 00   |
| 37  | Gt. Britain, set army officials, ½d, 1d, 2½d, unwmk used. |           | 3      |        |
| 38  | do reg. env. entire used, Nos. 702, 3, 4,                 |           | 3      |        |
| 39  | do 1000 mixed issues 1880 & before, 1000                  |           |        |        |
| 40  | do 1d blue 1/4 dots)                                      | No. 84,   | 10     | 1 20   |

|    |                                                                           |    |      |
|----|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|----|------|
| 41 | U. S. card b'd proofs set dues 1879,                                      | 7  | 1 00 |
| 42 | do " " post office,                                                       | 10 | 1 50 |
| 43 | Remains of circuit book, inc U. S. 10c contract 1 1/2 perf, N. Scotia 2c, | 43 | 3 48 |
| 44 | do inc many unused U. S. and revs,                                        | 38 | 4 01 |
| 45 | set Gold Coast 1/2d to \$1,                                               | 8  | 74   |
| 46 | Porto Rico used,                                                          | 22 | 1 46 |
| 47 | 3 U. S. Newspaper, no wmk and war dept 12c and 24c all unused,            | 5  | 1 85 |
| 48 | U. S. revs incl 50c passage ticket,                                       | 7  | 1 80 |
| 49 | S. Af. Rep. block 4 Scott No. 154, block 4 155, and 1157 all unused,      | 9  | 1 15 |
| 50 | Ceylon block 4, Scott's No. 76,                                           | 4  | 2 00 |
| 51 | do do No 77,                                                              | 4  | 2 00 |

Bids by the lot received till Oct. 5th. Entries close for 5th sale Oct. 5th.

H. SMITH, Auct. Mgr.  
5 Almont St., Medford, Mass.

## U. S. REVENUES

1878 Rouletted, fine 1c, 60c, 2c, \$2, 3c, \$1 50, 4c, [red] \$2. 4c [red-br] \$1.75. Set of five only \$7.50 Scott's price is Eighteen dollars and seventy five cents. Order at once as supply is limited.

### A Special Summer Inducement

As the hot season is a trifle dull in the stamp line I will make this special offer. On receipt of a Commercial Reference or a deposit I will send choice U. S. or Foreign stamps at 50 p. c. off and when a customer sells \$25.00 or over net, I will give him a credit slip for 10 p. c. of net amount sold. These slips are good at face for anything that I advertise. Bear in mind I am not offering Seebecks nor cull stock, but the very choicest U. S. Postage, Revenues and Department stamps as well as good British Col. and old European stamps. Write at once for a selection and address.

N. E. CARTER,  
Delavan, Wis.

An Equitable Method of Exchange Between  
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If you are spending SOME CASH for stamps or stamp supplies, and have a lot of good PERFECT duplicates to exchange, send stamp for my confidential circular telling all about my plan for quick exchange. It beats all other plans in exchange in existence.

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I am going to do your album a lot of good this summer by adding a lot of fine stamps that you will trade me a lot of duplicates for now. I will trade you U. S. for good foreign. For stamps valued at 10c each, foreign, I will allow you three-fourth of est. value. For U. S. stamps I allow various prices, according to quality. Send an arial lot and a good size want list. Address as usual,

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Trifet's Mo. Stamp Circular, 1875, vol. I, and 9th ed. catalogue, and the Circular nos. 13-65 incl. paper bound.

American Jr. of Phil. July 1880, April '82 Oct. '83.

Durbin's catalogue 9th edition.

Bogert's " 1st edition, 1882.

Durbin's " 4th edition, 1877.

Scott's 40th, 43rd, 47th, 49, 50, 51st.

Stanley Gibbons' 2nd, 5th, 6th, 7th.

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You need the following stamps to fill the blank spaces in your album. Now is the time to secure them, unused copies, perfect at very low prices. Cash must accompany order.

|                          |     |        |
|--------------------------|-----|--------|
| Bahamas 1p               | imp | \$2.00 |
| Barbados 1p blue         | "   | 1.50   |
| " 1p slate blue          | "   | 1.50   |
| Trinidad 1p brown violet | "   | 1.50   |
| " 1p dull                | "   | 1.50   |
| " 1p blue                | "   | 1.50   |

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For that tired feeling take the *Evergreen*. Two trial doses FREE or 12 doses for 25 cts. One of the celebrated scenes of the Columbia River free with each dose.

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## Entire, Unused Holyoke Envelopes

|            |          |        |     |
|------------|----------|--------|-----|
| 1c blue    | on white | size 2 | .03 |
| 1c "       | amber    | " 2    | .03 |
| 1c "       | "        | " 3    | .05 |
| 1c "       | "        | " 5    | .05 |
| 2c green   | white    | " 1    | .10 |
| 2c "       | amber    | " 2    | .10 |
| 2c "       | "        | " 3    | .08 |
| 2c "       | "        | " 13   | .10 |
| 4c scarlet | white    | " 7    | .10 |
| 4c "       | "        | " 8    | .12 |
| 4c "       | amber    | " 8    | .08 |
| 5c blue    | "        | " 3    | .10 |
| 5c "       | "        | " 5    | .15 |
| 5c "       | white    | " 3    | .15 |
| 5c "       | "        | " 5    | .15 |





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 If it is as bad as that "Doc" you  
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If you collect Postage Stamps  
 you had better make a change to  
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 while. They are very attractive  
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Let us hear from you.

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 nal cover, \$2.29 each. Money or-  
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This will be ready sometime between Novem-  
 ber 1st and November 15th, and, in its  
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 decessors, except that postal cards will be  
 omitted entirely, and will be published in a  
 separate volume, sometime in November or  
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A feature of the new edition will be the  
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Following our practice of some years past  
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## DON'T DELAY!

Many collectors have Canada Jubilee Stamps, but we will wager the majority of them did not get the 1/2c or 6c with small sets. Look at our offers. Another new issue came out the last of August, and Jubilees are now obsolete.

|                                       |       |
|---------------------------------------|-------|
| Canada Jubilee, 1, 2, 3, 5c and card, | \$ 11 |
| " " 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 20, 50,       | 1 20  |
| " " 1/2c black, also pairs,           | 50    |
| " " 1/2c to 50c complete,             | 3 00  |
| " " 1/2c to \$1 complete,             | 4.25  |
| " " 6c brown,                         | 1 25  |
| " Revenues, 15 varieties,             | 10    |
| " " cat \$20 00 special               | 2 75  |
| Adams' Canada Revenue Catalogue,      | 10    |
| Newfoundland, 5 var.,                 | 10    |
| " " 1/2, 1, 3, 5c new, old,           | 20    |
| U. S. 40c Inland Exchange, imperf     | 3.00  |
| Seychelles, 13c,                      | .14   |
| Newfoundland Jubilee, 14 var.         | 4.00  |
| Canada 1852 3p red                    | .18   |
| " " 1857 1/2p pink                    | 2.25  |
| Prince Edward Island, 3c, used        | 1.00  |
| Canada 1850 1p pink,                  | .65   |
| " " 5c beaver                         | .02   |
| " " 1868 1c yellow                    | .18   |
| " " 12 1/2c blue                      | .18   |
| " " 1890 20c red fine copies          | .12   |
| " " 1890 50c blue fine copies         | .25   |

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Price only 50c. In cloth \$1.00

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For the next two weeks after the date of this issue we will allow a DISCOUNT OF FIFTEEN PERCENT on all envelopes priced above five cents each in our catalogue which we may have in stock. We have about One Thousand varieties of envelopes to select from.

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# The Columbian Philatelist.

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Official Journal of the Following Philatelic Societies : The Columbian Philatelic Society ; The Connecticut Philatelic Society ; The Ipswich (S. Dakota) Philatelic Society ; The Albany (N. Y.) Philatelic Club ; The Ohio Philatelic Association ; The Newport (R. I.) Philatelic Club ; The Eastern Stamp Exchange ; The U. S. Envelope Exchange.

VOL. III. No. 6. NEW OXFORD, PA., Oct. 20, 1897. WHOLE No. 18.

## THE S. OF P. CONVENTION.

The Sixth Annual Convention of The Sons of Philatelia was called to order at the Commercial Hotel parlors at Nashville at 12 noon by J. F. Dodge, Sec'y in the absence of the president and the vice president. Rev. E. E. Weaver of Mill Creek, Ill. was chosen president pro tem, who read the following address from President Thomas :

Fellow members—I regret very much that I am unable to be with you at this time. I had the misfortune to injure my leg some time ago and have hoped that it would be well enough to allow me to attend this convention, but the doctor says not, consequently I must forego the pleasure. The past year has not been as successful as I had hoped for, primarily on account of the irregularity and non-appearance of official organ, but I see no clouds ahead at this time. We have at present a very good and regular official organ and a very active and efficient secretary. Mr. Dodge has worked faithfully to straighten up the affairs of the Society and deserves a great deal of credit. I hope all the members will lend their help to the new officers and make the coming year the best

and most successful the society has ever had. Wishing you all a pleasant and profitable time I am,  
Yours Fraternally,

BENJ. P. THOMAS, Pres.

The following members were appointed a Committee on Credentials and S. B. Boyd, M. D., H. Fenton and W. H. Emmert, who at once began the task of counting the ballots. The same gentlemen were also appointed Committee on Standing rules.

An adjournment was then taken until 3.30 p. m.

Called together at 3.30 p. m. and the report of the Committee on Credentials was read. The number of ballots cast was 231, and in detail the vote was as follows :—Pres. E. E. Weaver, 77, R. M. Miller, 150. Vice-Pres., L. G. Young, 70, G. R. Kennedy, 83, H. N. Bullard, 73. Sec'y, J. F. Dodge, 227. Treas., Geo. M. Frame, 147, W. H. Welchans, 44, John Holt, 34. Int. Sec'y, D. Harlan King, 68, R. J. Russell, M. D., 156. Supt. of Sales, Chas. E. Shaw, 227. Librarian, Howard Burba, 113, F. M. Townley, 115. Auct. Mgr., F. L. Van Dermark, 116, Wm. A. McDonnell, 106. Purchasing Agt., G. R. Kennedy, 220. Ctf. Detec-

tor, F. Noyes, 222. Attorney, J. A. Wainwright, 221. Trustees, H. A. Parks, 173, H. F. Dunkhorst, 181, J. M. Bartels, 210, F. W. Bradley, 112.

The candidates who received the largest number of votes were declared duly elected, with the exception of R. M. Miller, president, and H. F. Dunkhorst, trustee, both of whom declined to accept any office, and those receiving the next highest number of votes in each instance were declared duly elected. Under suspension of the rules, R. B. Bradley and W. B. Singleton who were present were elected to full membership.

The following committees were announced by the president: Finance, Fenton, Waring and Boyd. Library, Dodge, Bradley and Fenton. Exch. and Purch'g Depts., Emmert, Waring and Bradley. Official Journal, Bradley, Fenton and Singleton. Branch Societies, Dodge, Waring and Boyd. By-Laws, Boyd, Durr, Fenton, Emmert and Singleton.

Resolutions were adopted petitioning for the release of John R. Hooper, confined in prison in Canada for alleged poisoning of his wife.

The correspondence in the case of Eben S. Martin suspended from the society by the trustees for illegal acts was read, also another charge against him. The convention was unanimous in the opinion that he should be expelled, but in the absence of a report from the retiring board of trustees the matter was referred to the new board with full power to act.

The following preamble and resolutions were read and unanimously adopted.

*Whereas* E. R. Aldrich of Benson, Minn. a member of this Society, has preferred charges against

another member of this Society when making application to another Society, which after due investigation we find are without foundation and

*Whereas*, further we find that said Aldrich has defamed the good name of our Society through the medium of the philatelic press

*Resolved*, that said E. R. Aldrich be, and hereby is, suspended from all rights, privileges and benefits of membership in this Society for the term of thirty days, at the end of which period he will stand expelled

*Provided*, if said Aldrich shall during this period furnish to the trustees a satisfactory apology for the wrong he has done the society as well as the agrieved member and withdraws the charges he has made against the latter before the parties with whom they are filed, he shall be restored to full membership and the Secretary is instructed to notify said Aldrich of the action taken by this convention.

The report of the Committee on Sales and Purchasing departments as well as the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws recommend the creation of an insurance fund of 1%, and the matter was referred to the trustees, the necessary two-thirds not being represented at the convention.

The choice for next convention seat was New York almost unanimously, Omaha having 14 votes, Cincinnati 2 and Saratoga 1.

#### The S. P. A. Convention.

The third annual convention of the Southern Philatelic Association was called together by Roy B. Bradley, the Sec'y at the Commercial Hotel, Nashville, on Oct. 20th at 8 a. m. and the following officers elected:—President, H. Fenton.

Vice-President, Ben Russell. Sec'y and Treas. W. C. Lowry. Exch. Supt., C. Waring. Int. Sec'y, D. E. Hazen. Ctf. Det., F. Noyes. Official Journal, *Lone Star State Philatelist*. Trustees, Emil Gerlich, Robert Kessler.

An insurance fund of 1% was adopted for the Exchange Dept., and Knoxville, Tenn. was the winner for next convention Seat. Reports showed the society to be in a very prosperous condition. The admission fee was reduced to 10 cents and until January 1st, 1898, applicants will not be required to pay any fee provided dues for 1898 are sent in with the application.

#### THE OHIO OBSERVER.

In counting the worn and torn bank notes which are returned to the Treasury Dept. for redemption some are almost unrecognizable being patched with all sorts of material. In a lot recently received there were quite a number of notes patched with the revenue stamps, among which was a good specimen of the 2c Proprietary (orange). In another instance the die cut hinge was used to a good advantage.

A new color standard is announced by the daily papers. It will classify all the different shades and thus fix to a certainty the true names of the different colors, many of which are quite confusing to the Philatelist but with this standard it will be made quite easy, and will thereby be a boom of great value to philatelists generally. The originator of this classification is Mr. Lewis Prang who has many years of experience in this line of work and has earned a wide reputation. This color standard<sup>2</sup> together with the new standard catalog with its

endless varieties of shades, which appear in the first installment of advance sheets and which are to be listed throughout the catalog, will afford a very wide field for the color specialist.

It is generally supposed the first stamps of Persia were issued in 1868 and we find it so in the catalogs. This is a mistake. On proposal of the governor the first stamps were issued in 1870. The issue was printed in four colors to the number of a quarter of a million.

The defence fund, relative to the seizure of the Periodical stamps, is steadily growing and if I mistake not will reach the desired amount for carrying on the defense. It is to your interest to subscribe something, however small.

When it comes to making a long story short, the editors blue pencil is strictly in it.

It is not generally known the oldest station agent in the country in point of service is Jas. A. Gary, P. M. G. of the U. S. He was appointed agent at Alberton, Md., on the B. & O. Railroad some forty-four years ago and his name still appears on the pay roll of the Co.

The plates of the Canadian Jubilee Stamps were destroyed Sept. 10 in the presence of the P. M. General. It took about two hours for the destruction of the plates. Some predict a rise in these stamps now that all means of reproduction are destroyed. There is too much of a "Seebeck taint" to them for such an advance.

The long drawn out catalog of the stamps in the London Exhibition running in *Mekeel's Weekly* "fills lots of space." They say it is interesting reading. "Ain't it the truth" (?)?

Bids for supplying the Government with postal cards during the four years beginning Dec. 1 next were opened at the P. O. Dept. a few days ago. The estimated quantity required during that period is 1,800,000,000 of the single large size cards, 20,000,000 of the double reply cards, and 250,000,000 of the single small size. Albert Dagget of Washington filed the lowest bid, and therefore received the contract.

Any man can write for a philatelic paper, but to insure getting it he should enclose the subscription price.

Wm. H. Wallace of Hammondsville, O. who held the position as postmaster continuously longer than any other official in the U. S., died a few days ago, aged eighty-eight years. Mr. Wallace served under thirty-four P. M. Generals, including the present. He had collected the photographs of nearly all these officials and only recently wrote to P. M. General, Gary, asking for a photo of himself.

The advance sheets of the Standard Catalog are being received and it is a general opinion that its make-up is better than any edition heretofore. Of course it is not to the liking of some, and it would simply be impossible to please all.

As soon as the present contract for printing runs out government envelopes can be secured at the home offices only, as the government will no longer compete with the printer in printing the return cards. It is also a recent ruling, your letters will be held thirty days unless you have printed on the envelope the time you wish them held.

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| 4 " 35 2c cap left and both 2s.....                              |            |
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| 6 " 50c Col. unused o. g.....                                    | 80         |
| 7 " 2000 2c Col. (in bunches).....                               |            |
| 8 " 300 2c " env. □ (in bunches).....                            |            |
| 9 1891 100 2c light pink.....                                    | 3 00       |
| 10 War 10 each 2 and 6c unused o. g.....                         | 1 40       |
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| 12 \$2 Mortgage, imp. fine.....                                  | 2 50       |
| 13 5 " " fine.....                                               | 3 50       |
| 14 20 revenues slightly damaged.....                             | 2 70       |
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| 16 100 2c U. S. Inter. Rev.....                                  | 1 00       |
| 17 1, 2, 3 and 4c Prop. 1st issue perf.....                      | 41         |
| 18 80 5c In. Exch. and Cert. mixed.....                          | 80         |
| 19 30 25c rev. mixed, all perf.....                              | 1 85       |
| 20 5 25c Life Insurance, perf.....                               | 2 00       |
| 21 25c Warehouse Receipt, perf.....                              | 1 00       |
| 22 20c 2nd issue 4c Prop. 1871 damaged.....                      | 55         |
| 23 1c 3rd issue damaged.....                                     | 1 75       |
| 24 6c violet Prop. 1878.....                                     | 1 50       |
| 25 6c blue Prop. 1878 trimmed one side.....                      | 60         |
| 26 10 2c lake Playing cards "on hand".....                       | 1 50       |
| 27 20 var. M. and P. cards, stamps all more or less damaged..... | 3 00       |
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| 29 8c Wm Swain and 6c S. R. Van Duzer Dam.....                   | 1 50       |
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## OUR MONTHLY CHAT.

We must apologize for our late appearance this month, but a change of printer, 10 days absence from home, and illness in the Editor's family have all combined to delay this issue. We would like to say right here, however, that this magazine being dated the 20th of the month must not be expected to appear before that time, and we must decline to answer queries "Why have I not received the COLUMBIAN?" when dated before the month expires. If we were only running a little 8 or 12 page maga-

zine, we could issue promptly on time, but there is work connected with a magazine of this size which few publishers are aware of.

In this connection we wish to thank the writers of many kind letters for their encouraging words. It is pleasant to know that when the COLUMBIAN is late, that its non-appearance is so quickly missed. We will do our best to have it out soon after its date each month, but the editor must have an outing once or twice a year, and allowances must be made for printers delays.

October witnesses a continued improvement in the stamp business. Quite generally dealers report increased sales, and as will be seen by our advertising columns, they are using printers ink more freely. Confidence in values is being restored, some of which may perhaps be attributed to the more conservative pricing of stamps in the coming catalogue. Speculators are not in evidence as they have been in past years, and fewer collectors are selling. Provided that the general business of the country improves which now appears likely, we may look for increased interest and a good season for all concerned.

The Carion matter seems to have been practically settled in Mr. Carion's favor with all unprejudiced collectors. It is a pity that the affidavits being published in the different papers were not produced a year and a half ago. It would have prevented a great deal of ill-feeling.

The minor varieties listed so voluminously in the new catalogue seem to be "catching it" right and

left all along the line, and we agree with the kickers.

*Meke's Weekly* of Oct. 28th is one of the best issues of that paper we have seen in a long time. Mr. Hopkins' *Weekly Review* consists largely of extracts of general interest from the papers reviewed with his comments thereon. That excellent article by Mr. Oldfield on "The advantages of stamp collecting" reprinted in full from *The P. J. of G. B.* is quite timely. Notes from various philatelic centers and the article on the adhesive stamps of British India are all interesting. The Inquiry Department is still kept up, conducted still we presume, by Rev. L. G. Dorpat. We quote one sentence "Although the collection of entire envelopes seem to be decidedly on the wane, we can give them a paragraph occasionally, etc." It is possible that Mr. Dorpat doesn't read other papers, else how could he make such a "break" as that. "Decidedly on the wane!" Guess not. There has never before in the history of philately been such an interest taken in entire envelopes. We now have a priced catalogue (faulty to be sure, but how could a first issue be otherwise?) and a society made up solely of envelope collectors which is rapidly increasing in membership and every member of which is an enthusiastic collector of entires.

We notice that Pres. Kissinger has ordered a mail vote for officers of the Pennsylvania Philatelic Association closing Nov. 1st, 1897, which is only about a week after the issue of his paper announcing the fact. A convention was to be held at Pittsburg and the least that Kissinger could have done was to

appoint a Credential Committee from that city if the convention was not to be held. But no, he says "All ballots and votes are to be sent to me, marked for Credential Committee, etc."

Mr. Kissinger is also president of the National Philatelic Association, and has ordered a mail vote for officers to be in by Nov. 1st.

We have received an offer from the U. S. Agency Co. of Baltimore, Md. of some gold mining stock in exchange for advertising, as probably some other publisher may embrace the opportunity of getting immensely rich by accepting the munificent offer of this company, possibly a few words from us might be of some interest. We notice that one of the gold mining companies that are represented has as its president Captain David F. Pennington, Wm. Baumgartner is its Secretary and Charles H. Unverzagt is one of its directors. The latter gentleman is also president of the U. S. Agency Co. If our memory serves us right, this trio were the organizers of a so-called benefit scheme about seven or eight years ago. This scheme was known as the International Fraternal Alliance and these gentlemen being hustlers secured a large number of members who were led to believe that in seven years time they would receive large amounts of money in return for the monthly payments made, but alas, when the time drew near for the members to draw their promised fortune a heavy assessment was levied and a receiver was appointed and this great benefit order so woefully mis-managed was found to benefit only those who conducted it. The courts took the

matter in hand and we believe are still wrestling with the accounts of the officers.

We have received through the kindness of a friend copies of both No. 1 and No. 2 of the *Philatelic Bulletin* published by the Naumkeag Stamp & Publishing Co., of Salem, Mass., and edited (with shears) by C. A. Hall. About one page of the editorials in the first issue were copied bodily from the *Philatelic Canadian* Vol. I No. 1 and about a column in No. 2 is a verbatim copy from the editorial pages of this magazine and another editorial is copied bodily from the *New York Philatelist*. We admire your good taste in making selections, but when you borrow other peoples ideas why don't you give them credit for it, instead of palming it off as original?

Pierce & Zahn, of Denver, Colo. have found it necessary on account of their increased book business to discontinue the publication of the *Rocky Mountain Stamp*. The files, subscription list and good will have passed into the hands of J. F. Dodge of New Oxford, Pa. who will continue it for the present as a separate publication. Being acquainted with the New Oxford man we think he will be able to dish up 15 cents worth in a year for the readers of the R. M. S., that being the price he has named, and we wish him success in his new venture.

65 files of 31 numbers each are included in the assets, and the New Oxford man offers a rare treat to literature collectors by naming the low price of 40 cents post paid for the 31 numbers in mint condition.

The Granite State Stamp Co. (F. H. Pinkham) is going out of business. Mr. Pinkham publishes a large weekly paper in addition to his ever welcome *Eastern Philatelist* and has enough to do without dabbling in stamps. We can sympathize with him.

The Columbian Stamp Co., of Hartford, Conn., wish to warn dealers and collectors to beware of a party signing his name S. Cronin of Hartford City, Indiana, who has defrauded them.

We will have to permanently abandon our usual press notices we think, and references to articles in other papers which we find of general interest will be found in "Our monthly chat." We are sending copy to printer just 4 days after our return from a 10 days absence in the Sunny South, and to make up a paper of this size, including the writing of several pages of MSS. in addition to other routine work and the accumulations during our absence is a task of no small dimensions, and we trust the critic will allow us the usual footing to mercantile accounts, E. and O. E. (errors and omissions accepted.)

#### STAMPS OF INDIA.

To trace the stamps of India to their fountain-head we must go back to the stamp issued for the district of Scinde in 1851. Sir Bartle Frere was appointed Chief Commissioner of that province in 1850. It had then been recently annexed to the main government.

He at once established the pre-paid postal system, in his territory, and with such success—that the Indian government determined to adopt it,—and they consequently

brought out the necessary stamps for pre-payment in 1854. The emission must have been attended by a great deal of nervous excitement, and the "powers that be" must have been stirred to their depths. It is owing to this excitement that stamp collectors are deprived of the pleasure of heading their collection of Indians with a very beautiful set of stamps, of the following design—

"Lion trippant, under palm-tree, on plain-colored, oblong disk, open lace border, value below in words."

The stamps were engraved on steel, and oblong in shape. A correspondent of the "Stamp-collectors Magazine" for 1874 came forward to say that he was in possession of a copy—there *may* be more in existence, but probably most collectors will go down to the silent tomb without seeing one. Can it be possible that the North Borneo *panoramas* were prefigured by this issue?

The Indians, at any rate, would have the odour of the sanctity of age, and would not present the *aggressively* new appearance of the N. B. nursery pictures.

But to return to our nervous excitement.—Some delay occurred in cutting the dies of this elaborate issue—and nothing would do but *something* must be rushed on the public, so the design, ultimately issued, was roughly and hurriedly prepared and produced by lithographic process, to allay the feverish feeling, and to permit the immediate employment of stamps. Even at the last minute more trouble occurred;—the  $\frac{1}{2}$  anna stamp was to have been printed in black, but, the day before issue, it was found that a packet of these stamps had been stolen, (maybe by some eager early stamp collector), and a fresh supply had then to be printed in red.

It is still a much debated question

as to whether the  $\frac{1}{2}$  anna, red was ever used. Pemberton says "Prepared for use, but not issued to the public." Mayor Evans classes it as an essay. In any case, the confusion likely to result from the  $\frac{1}{2}$  and 1 anna being printed in the same color, would not allow of it being in use long. I cannot hear of any one who has *seen* a used copy.

We have then the first issue  $\frac{1}{2}$  anna, red, light blue, dark blue; 1 anna, red; 2 annas, green; 4 annas, (octagonal shape) blue and red. All these stamps were printed on paper watermarked with a coat of arms,—the wmk. covering the entire sheet, and thus each stamp getting a small portion. The forgeries of the  $\frac{1}{2}$  anna of this issue are told mainly by the following:—absence of wmk;—In the genuine the line on the left side of the stamp is of the same thickness as the right stem of the letter H—and if produced, would exactly coincide with it. There are, also, in the genuine, eight arches on each side—and any deviation would betray the counterfeit.

An eight-anna stamp, of the same design as the 4 anna, was prepared—with the colors reversed—and at one time was thought to have been in circulation, but the idea is now rejected. The 4 anna is known with inverted centre.

When one comes to think that these stamps were only in use one year, and *that* 43 years ago—their cheapness is almost a wonder.

The following year, 1855, the entire design was changed, and in the new issue, which was engraved on steel plate, we get the values of  $\frac{1}{2}$  an. blue; 1 an. brown; 2 an. green, red, yellow; 4 an. black; 8 an. rose. The 4 an. black, and 8 an. rose appear on paper, blued by the action of the mucilage. The 1 an. brown



is also catalogued by some. In 1860 an eight pies stamp was issued, for prepayment of soldiers  $\frac{1}{2}$  oz. letters to Gr. Britain and the colonies—the Postage of which was fixed by act of Parliament at one penny, or eight pies. (The Indian government has always allowed special postal rates to the soldiers). It subsequently came into common use for combination. The 6 anna fiscal stamps, shorn of their ends, and surcharged "Postage" in green, tall and short letters, were so prepared in 1866, to allow of the stamps used with the eight pies stamp—to make up the rate of 6 an. 8 pies—or 10 pence. A stamp of new design, of this value, was issued in 1867.

In 1864 was issued a 4 an. green, of the '55 design, and the following year, the entire issue was printed on watermarked paper, each stamp bearing a clearly impressed wmk. of an elephant's head. In this issue there is no 2 an. green.

In '66 the design of the 4 an. green was changed owing to the confusion, (chiefly at night) between that and the  $\frac{1}{2}$  an. blue. In 1868 the 8 an. rose was re-engraved—the principal difference being—that the diadem has a double string of pearls instead of alternate small Maltese crosses and diamonds.

The succeeding stamps are well known to collectors, except, I would beg you to observe that from 1881 to date, the stamps bear the inscription "India Postage" instead of "East India Postage." This could only create confusion in the 1 rupee stamps, as the others can be distinguished by the design. The wmk. was also changed, in 1881, to a star.

The 1 rupee stamps of 1881 ("India Postage") was extensively forged to deceive the government, and a number of them used for Postage. The bear, of course, a genuine cancellation, but may be distinguished

by the following signs:—No (star) wmk; lithographed; 13th line from the bottom is broken; the coronel, or diadem, is smudgy; the 2nd row of diamond shape clusters of jewels being a mere jumble of marks, without pattern. The forgery is printed on very spongy paper.

There was a police raid in connection with this subject, and as the laws there are pretty severe, on the point—some of the ingenious gentlemen are probably still wishing they hadn't.

Of the Revenue stamps, used for Postage, India contains, I think, the earliest specimens. The two before mentioned, used in 1866, two others in 1885 and two further ones in 1888. The other interesting and beautiful Revenue stamps, used for Postage, were only for official use, as they are all surcharged "Service" or Service Postage. They all seem to have more definiteness than the combination of the indiscriminate—Revenue stamps—and the obliging postmaster, so tremendously in evidence in so many countries.

The ordinary postage stamps are surcharged for official use either "Service,"—small and large letters or "On H. M. S." or the common "On H. S. M."

The envelopes contain nothing very interesting, and of the Native States night mares and monstrosities the less said the better.

I may say however that according to report many of the Native States have cast in their postal lot with the head government, and also, that they are now beginning to *reprint* their stamps for collectors.

Some of us can imagine what these diseased fly streaks will look like, when the dies become badly worn!!

In wishing India well out of her trouble, I need not necessarily allude to the above.

J. B. T.

## PHILADELPHIA NOTES.

## QUAKER.

The firm of Crozier & Co. has changed hands, and will be known hereafter as the International Stamp Co., Mr. Crozier having secured a position with a large book concern.

The first Fall "Club Dinner" of the Collectors Club will be held on Monday, the 18th. This will be a very important meeting, as on that evening it will be decided whether or not the club shall make its present quarters permanent. The majority of members desire to stay where they are (Continental Hotel) as the location is unsurpassed. As they now are if a member desires to send a telegram, buy a cigar, or get a lunch, all he has to do is press the button, the bell-boy does the rest. On the opposite corner is the post Office, and under the Hotel the Penna. R. R. ticket office. Everything you could possibly ask for is right at your door. Surely this is a location to be found nowhere else.

Collectors should purchase while they are cheap—the 1896 issue of British South Africa, also Cyprus. These stamps will some day soon be hard to obtain at anywhere near their present value.

That all important factor to the collectors of this city the "Collectors Club" has again come to the front with a scheme, that would be well if all other clubs would copy after. The plan is to give the youthful enthusiasts the use of the club room on Saturday afternoon, when they can trade stamps, read the papers on file, or put in the time in whatever way they may like. In trading stamps the club will in no wise be responsible for any of the bargains made, but some of the officers will always be on hand to answer questions, and render whatever

assistance is wanted. This scheme, if carried out, and every indication points to the affirmative, will afford a splendid opportunity for the boys to trade their duplicates and they should not fail to avail themselves of it. The beginner must be taken care of to become an advanced collector, and that is what the club proposes to do, assist the beginner as much as possible.

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 THE LAND OF THE SKY.

The editor for a wonder had an outing this month, and was away from home for 10 days which accounts for delays. Mr. W. H. Emmert acted as his body guard and we had a royal good time. We saw some nice stamps which Mr. Dunkhorst had in stock at Washington and Mr. Bartels showed us his large stock of envelopes. The Columbia Stamp Co. also were visited, the finders of the 12c premier gravure. All seemed to be well satisfied with business prospects. Our journey over the mountains of North Carolina was very interesting and 24 hours' ride brought us to Knoxville, Tenn., where we were met by Mr. Fenton. We arrived just in time to see this pretty little city in its gala day attire and the gorgeous Street Fair and Trades Carnival. Our three days visit here was a very enjoyable one. These people just opened their doors and made us feel at home. Mr. Fenton is Manager of the R. G. Dun & Co., Merchantile Agency and in his travels through the extensive territory he represents has picked up some very nice philatelic nuggets. The genial Dr. Boyd ("Doctor Sam" they all call him to distinguish him from his brother) has been very fortunate also in his finds. Both Mr. Fenton and the Doctor have fine collections of entire envelopes and we added nearly 100 varieties to "Doctor Sam's" collection while we were there and got some from him we didn't have as well. Mr. Fenton has a fine collection of Great Britain, including all the plate numbers except a few rare ones. He also is strong in British Colonies.

Chas. Waring is a civil engineer by profession, but has a little time to dabble in stamps. A visit to his den surrounded by maps, books, tripods, and boxes and cases loaded down with stamps is a philatelic treat. He is a general collector

and has some 11,500 varieties at present to which he is constantly adding. He has no affection for grills, but collects shades and other minor varieties. He is an odd genius (here's his likeness)



and likes a joke whether it is on him or the other fellow. He accompanied us to Nashville, as did also "Doctor Sam" and Mr. Fenton and we fired jokes at "pap py" in the smoking room of the sleeping car up till midnight that night, and it was a sleepy crowd that woke up in Nashville the next morning. The Exposition was a great surprise to us. In some respects it was fully equal to the World's Fair at Chicago. In the government building are displayed specimens of every issue of U. S. stamps and envelopes. The earlier issues were proofs and the later ones stamps in sheets. The 1, 2, and 10c present issue were in sheets of 400, all others 200, except the dollar values. There were also stamps displayed in glass frames from every stamp issuing country on the globe. We haven't time or space for a further description of our trip which would fill a good sized book.

#### REGARDING EBEN S. MARTEN.

The above gentleman takes us to task gently in the last issue of the *International Stamp*. We stated that he had

received \$104.96 from Secretary Miller, of the S. of P., since January 1st, 1897. We are in error and wish to apologize to Mr. Marten, and trust he will accept our explanation. We had (as Secretary of the S. of P.) a receipt signed by Mr. Marten for the above amount dated Feb. 26, 1897, but had not noticed the slip of paper accompanying the receipt which showed that the amount was the total of amounts received for about a year previous, and that \$10.38 was the actual amount received, as far as we have record, since August 1st, 1896.

Now about that prize due the writer by Mr. Marten which he treats of in the same article. Just look in the July 27th, 1896, *International Stamp* and you will see the prize offer to the member securing the largest number of applicants, published in the Nov., 1895, to August, 1896, issues, of the Official Journal. In the July issue, referred to, the list reads, Eben S. Martin 22, J. F. Dodge 21. In the August issue J. F. Dodge has 8 applicants and Martin has none. Thus Dodge wins the \$10 worth of stamps with 29 applicants to Martin's 22 (which included several of his relatives) and in the September issue Martin awards the prize of \$10 worth of stamps to Dodge, but only gives his number of applicants as 21 instead of 29. He says he wrote us he did n't wish to win a prize he offered. That is "the letter that never came," and we very much doubt if it was ever written, though we received several promises that he would send the stamps in a few days.

Now Eben, you make considerable noise for a tender youth. We have done you many a favor but we would n't have worked so hard at the 1896 Convention to award you the Official Organ had we known that you were going to pay us off in this way, or that you were going to charge the Society for mailing to 1000 to 1600 names when you were authorized to mail only to paid up members, the number of which was never over 700, while your paper was Official Journal.

#### CANADIAN NOTES.

BY BEAVER.

The demand for Jubilee stamps is still good, and the prices on the scarce denominations remain high. Notwithstanding all that has been said, they don't seem to be decreasing in value much.

The "Philatelic Advocate" has awarded the prize for the best essay on stamps to John R. Hooper, who is serving a term in Kingston penitentiary for attempted murder of his wife. The prize article appeared in the September and October numbers of the "Advocate."

Vol. II. No. 4 of the "All-Around-Stamp-Advertiser" has just arrived. Colored paper seems to be their specialty, the September number being dark red.

The first editorial in the October number of the "Philatelic Advocate" is headed, "Happy New Year." As it is over two months till that time yet, it would probably be better for the publishers to refrain from using the sentence for the present, and thus have something new to give to its readers, when the proper date arrives.

Mr. W. A. Lydiatt of Toronto, will not issue the "Boy's Own Philatelist" at present as previously announced.

Canada is to have a new issue of postage stamps to take the place of both the current and Jubilee issues. The American Bank Note Co. who secured the contract from the Dominion Government some time ago, will have charge of the engraving and printing of the stamps. No definite information as regards the values, colors or design has yet been received.

An effort is being made to corner the small half-cent stamp of the current issue. Many post-offices are completely out of them, and the stamp clerk at St. Catharines says the chances are rather slim of any more being received here from Ottawa. Used or unused, it is a good stamp to hold.

## Notice.

For the past nine years we have been in business under the name of the Kaw Stamp Co., in Kansas City, Kans. We believe it to be a good business policy to start out our 10th year by doing business under our own name (owing to so many unreliable small boys and still smaller stocks sailing under the name of companies.) We have accumulated in all these years large stocks of choice U. S., old German states and Br. Colonials, which we are sending on approval at U. S. 2% off Scott's 57th. Foreign at 33½%. Write us for selection.

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## SOCIETY REPORTS AND NEWS.

**Special Notice to Secretaries:** All reports for next issue should be in hands of the publisher November 15th. Reports should be carefully written especially names, to avoid errors by printer. Typewritten reports are the best. Please address Society Dept., Columbian Phil.

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Cost of Membership—Admission fee 10 cents; annual dues 25 cents. Membership outside of the United States, Canada and Mexico: Admission fee 10 cents; annual dues 50 cents. Members receive the official organ free.

#### PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

FELLOW MEMBERS:—As interest is now increasing among collectors everywhere and new recruits to our hobby are being made, it is a good time for each member to do a real act of kindness in inviting his fellow collectors to join our Society which will be of so much assistance to him in many ways. We are growing nicely, to be sure, but not near so rapidly as we might. With a little effort every member could secure one new member. I am quite disappointed in some of our state vice presidents. We want 500 by January 1st, 1898. We shall hardly get them by that date from present indications. I will do my share. Will you do yours? Fraternally  
J. F. DODGE, Pres.

#### NEW MEMBERS.

33 Frederick M. Townley, Sayreville, N. Y.  
339 J. E. Roberts, care Eddy Elec. Mfg. Co., Windsor, Conn.  
340 Joseph H. Beattie, Warwick, Orange Co., N. Y.  
341 P. A. Stanbro, Syracuse, Neb.  
342 Foster A. Lily, Sabetha, Kansas.  
343 Silas Chapman, Jr., Hartford, Conn.  
344 Emile Daigle, Jr., Houma, La.  
I am pleased to state that all of the above have paid their dues, and consequently have received their membership cards. I hope that all future applicants will observe this rule of sending in their dues with their application.

#### APPLICATIONS.

I have received the following applications, with the accompanying references, since my last report. The age and occupation of each applicant is given, when stated on the blanks:

345 Aubrey Devere Bailey, 113 Henry-st., Orange, N. J. Age 11, student. Refs., Leon V. Cass, A. M. Bailey.  
Herbert P. Rollins, 217 Park Place, Brooklyn, N. Y. Age 25, salesman. Refs., Leon V. Cass, Leo Fritter.  
Wm. Augustin Montgomery, 335 Spring-st., Medford, Mass. Age 18, clerk. Refs., H. Smith, Leo Fritter.

Geo. M. Finckel, 49 Wesley Block, Columbus, O. Patent Attorney. Refs., Leo Fritter, Geo. J. Gruen.

Theodore H. Low, U. S. S. Iowa, care Navy Department, Washington, D. C. Naval officer. Refs., W. W. Neifert, W. C. Dawson.

L. E. Clark, 57 Ida-st., Oshkosh, Wis. Age 32, machinist. Refs., H. Smith, C. A. Barker.

Alan R. Fernald, 42 Howard-st., Detroit, Mich. Stamp Business. Refs., J. F. Dodge, I. E. Patterson.

Wm. A. Koch, 112 Union-st., Waukesha, Wis. Age 46, undertaker. Refs., J. F. Dodge, John Ross.

Olen Forrest Shreve, Easton, Md. Age 19, teacher. Refs., Leo Fritter, E. M. Hardcastle, Jr.

A. S. Russell, Phillip-st., Brisbane, Queensland. Age 22, stamp importer. Refs., J. F. Dodge, Fred Heden.

E. E. Weaver, Mill Creek, Ill. Age 28, minister. Refs., J. F. Dodge, S. B. Boyd, M. D.

Chas. Waring, Knoxville, Tenn. Age 50, civil engineer. Refs., J. F. Dodge, H. Fenton.

S. B. Boyd, M. D., Knoxville, Tenn. Age 44, physician. Refs., H. Fenton, W. H. Emmert.

Robt. Kessler, New Braumfels, Texas. Age 21, stamp dealer. Refs., Emil Gerlich, J. F. Dodge.

The above applications will be accepted within one month from date if no sufficient objections are received. Membership cards will be sent to those who have paid their dues. Those who have not done so will be notified of the fact that same are due, and upon payment of the amount (3 cents to Jan. 1, 1898, or 28 cents to Jan. 1, 1899) membership cards will be sent. I hope there will be no delinquents in the above list.

#### CHANGES IN ADDRESS.

1 Leo Fritter, 233 Lexington-ave., Columbus, O.  
190 Chas. S. Pendleton, Oberlin, Ohio.  
276 R. L. Alexander, 5628 Ellis-ave., Chicago, Ill.  
335 Geo. W. Davis, 1220 M-st, N. E., Washington D. C.  
305 E. M. Warren, Glendale, California.  
323 C. Bailey, Kankana, Wis.

#### DUES NOTICE.

Quite a number of those indebted to the society have settled within the past week or two, and I sincerely hope that all who received the notices which I sent to all delinquents, will comply with my request, to make an immediate settlement. It is also pleasant to record the fact that some members have paid their dues to January 1, 1899. It is a good omen that at least a few members have confidence in our grand society as to be willing and anxious to pay their dues more than one year in advance. A full list of those who have not paid their dues to January 1, 1898, will be published in my next report, and I hope the same will not contain very many names. This notice will not be repeated. Settle for your dues to-day. Remit in silver or by money order, if convenient. Stamps will be taken if you can't send your remittance by either of the above methods.

#### SPECIAL NOTICE.

I desire to call the attention of all members to the fact that I have moved, and my present address is given elsewhere. Address all letters and

papers to the new address. If you have not received a reply to your letters by return mail, you can find the explanation in this fact and I am sorry to have caused any one any inconvenience in this matter, but I believe I may be excused with this explanation, at least by those who have had the pleasant (?) experience of moving. I will in the future endeavor to answer promptly all communications I may receive. Wishing and hoping that our society will prosper and grow exceedingly beneficial to mankind, and philatelists in particular, I am, Faithfully Yours,

LEO. FRITTER, Sec.-Treas.  
Columbus, O., October 11, 1897.

#### NEW SERIES OF PRIZES.

To those who add 3 or more fully paid members whose applications are published in the October, November and December issues of this magazine.

1st. To any member who adds 15 new members an unused 30c, watermarked due stamp.

2nd. To any member who adds 10 new members, an unused 30c watermarked or unwatermarked due stamp.

3rd. To any member who adds 7 new members a set of unused 1, 2, 3, 5 and 10c watermarked due stamp.

4th. To any member who adds 3 new members unused 3 and 5c watermarked due stamp.

I will add an unused 2c Treasury Department stamp to each of the above offers if 100 applications are received during this contest.

J. F. DODGE, Pres.

#### LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

McCONNELLSVILLE, O., Sept. 4, 1897.

FELLOW MEMBERS C. P. S.—I have received the following since my last report: The Virginia Philatelist for Sept., Perforator for Sept., All Round Stamp Advertiser for Aug., American Collector for Aug., Junior Collector for Aug., Philatelic Advocate for Aug., Columbian Philatelist for Aug., American Journal of Philately for Sept., New York Philatelist for Aug., American Stamp Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.

Mr. Leon V. Cass sends the following papers: Evergreen State Philatelist for Dec., '95; Filatelic Facts and Fallacies for Dec., '96; Weekly Philatelic Era No. 150, 177; Mekeels Weekly Stamp News No. 248. Mr. H. L. E. Estrange Evens presents the society with a copy of the Standard Priced Catalogue of the Postage and Revenue Stamps and Postmarks of the United Kingdom. The Omaha Philatelist for Sept., American Journal of Philately for Oct., New York Philatelist for Sept. We have received a small number of contributions. Let the good work go on.

HENRY S. ADAIR, Librarian.

### The Ohio Philatelic Association.

#### OFFICERS.

President—Leo Fritter, Columbus.  
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#### PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

FELLOW MEMBERS:—Again I address you and wish our society success. Owing to numerous circumstances, the principal one of which was my

"move," I have been unable to do much for our organization the past month. Then too I have not been able to secure a suitable person to act as Secretary-Treasurer, in place of Mr. Dobbins, resigned. I shall however do my best to announce his successor in my next report. In the meantime all communications should be sent to me, and I will turn same over to the new secretary as soon as appointed. I will endeavor to carry matters until the new officer takes hold of the office. But members should not be disappointed if matters seem to go along slowly. Continue to do all you can for the society, and you will not notice the lack of our secretary, although I must confess this officer is a very important factor in the success of an organization of this character. Do the best you can under the circumstances. Please notice my change of address, and act accordingly.

Although we are without a secretary, we are supplied with an exchange department, in charge of an efficient superintendent, and the members should be quick to take advantage of its benefits. Mr. Duffy is working hard to make his department a success in every way, and he should have the support of all the members.

Again thanking you for your favors, and hoping you will increase your interest in the society, I am, Fraternaly Yours,

LEO. FRITTER, Pres.  
Columbus, O., October 11, 1897.

#### SEC.-TREAS. (PRO TEM) REPORT.

I have the following applications to report.  
C. D. Bushwalters Circleville, age 48, Grocer.  
Refs., Otto Kemler, Leo Fritter.

J. W. Sturgis, 534 5th-st., Marietta, age 57, Insurance Agent. Refs., C. B. Duffy, Leo Fritter.

P. M. Thomson, 327 E. Broad-st., Columbus, age 28, Grocer. Refs., C. B. Duffy, Leo Fritter.

#### CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

1 Chas. S. Pendleton, Oberlin, O.  
2 Leo. Fritter, 233 Lexington-ave., Columbus, O.

Let the next list of applications consist of at least ten names. If you have not paid your dues for 1898 (Sept. 1, 1897 to Sept. 1, 1898) do so at once. The amount is 25 cents. Membership cards will be sent to all who pay their dues. I hope members will excuse the shortcomings of this report, as I am compelled to get it up in a hurry, and under very unsatisfactory circumstances.

For the O. P. A.,

LEO FRITTER, Acting Sec.-Treas.  
Columbus, O., Oct. 11, 1897.

### The Eastern Stamp Exchange.

President—J. F. Dodge, New Oxford, Pa.  
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Auctuarial Committee—The Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer  
Official Journal—The Columbian Philatelist.

This exchange has been organized to facilitate the exchange of duplicates among collectors residing in the New England states, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia and Canada and its provinces. It is exchange pure and simple. Books are obtained of the secretary at 5 cents each, or 7 for 25 cents, each holding 60 stamps. These when filed by members are priced by Scott's 57th catalogue and returned to the secretary when the Auctuarial Committee fix the amount of credit and send out to other participants, at the same time sending books to the owner to select his credit. Should more be disposed of than the credit allowed, and an additional credit is given. There is no admission fee and no dues. Those who wish to note the progress of the Exchange, with monthly reports, may send 15c additional

for one year's subscription to the official journal, but it is not compulsory. No book should be sent in valued at less than \$3.00. 10 per cent. will be charged for expenses of conducting the business, and 1 per cent. for insurance guaranteeing the owner against loss. The insurance and commission are not payable in cash, but in stamps from book. A number will be assigned each participant sending for books, and reference must be furnished as to the responsibility of each participant before books are sent to him. Should any participant wish to select more than his credit, he may settle balance in cash at 30 per cent. discount on United States stamps, or 40 per cent discount foreign.

Such other regulations as are necessary for the proper conduct of the business will from time to time be adopted.

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 Sales Manager.—J. F. Dodge, New Oxford, Pa.  
 Auction Manager.—Frank P. Brown, 325 Washington-st., Boston, Mass.  
 Attorney—Chas. F. Bridge, 600 Madison-ave., Albany, N. Y.  
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 Official Journal—The Columbian Philatelist.  
 Dues 50 cents per annum, which should be sent with application.  
 Members receive official journal free.

#### SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT.

Since my last report of September 8th I have received the following applications for membership.  
 Bogert, R. K., stamp dealer, 154 Nassau-st., N. Y. City, age 55. Proposed by Joseph Rechert.  
 Clinton, E. T., brush mfr., 1008 Market-st., Philadelphia, Pa., age 52. Proposed by Joseph Rechert.  
 Clotz, Henry, bookkeeper, 81 Maiden Lane, N. Y. City, age 51. Proposed by Joseph Rechert.  
 Holton, Eugene A., stamp dealer, 8 Summer-st., Boston, Mass., age 50. Proposed by Joseph Rechert.  
 Leighton, Wm. I., assistant p. m., Concord, N. H., age 41. Proposed by Chas. H. Stone.  
 Nutter, Wm. A., P. O. clerk, Concord, N. H., age 35. Proposed by Chas. H. Stone.  
 Pardee, Willard F., commercial traveler, 623 Warren-st., Syracuse, N. Y., age 53. Proposed by Joe F. Beard.  
 Rothfuchs, C. F., stamp dealer, 66 Huntington-ave., Boston, Mass., age 46. Proposed by Joe F. Beard.

#### FINANCIAL REPORT.

|                    |        |                    |               |
|--------------------|--------|--------------------|---------------|
| Amount on hand     | \$1 50 | Nutter, Wm. A.     | 25            |
| <b>RECEIPTS.</b>   |        | Leighton, Wm. I.   | 25            |
| Brown, Frank P.    | 25     | Pardee, Willard F. | 25            |
| Fenton, Henry      | 25     | Bogert, R. K.      | 25            |
| Gardner, W. Allen  | 25     | Graves, Fred L.    | 25            |
| Painter, J. V.     | 25     | Rothfuchs, C. F.   | 25            |
| Schaefer, J. W.    | 25     | Clinton, Edward T. | 25            |
| Toppan, Geo. L.    | 25     | Clotz, Henry       | 25            |
| Rechert, Joseph    | 25     | Conant, F. O.      | 25            |
| Buckman, Herman    | 25     | Holton, E. A.      | 25            |
| Rosenbacher, R. P. | 25     |                    |               |
| Mason, Edw. H.     | 25     | <b>Total</b>       | <b>\$8 50</b> |

#### EXPENSE ACCOUNT.

|                                |               |
|--------------------------------|---------------|
| Stowell Printery, applications | \$1 25        |
| P. O. Money Order              | 03            |
| Postage stamps                 | 2 04          |
| <b>Total</b>                   | <b>\$3 32</b> |
| Balance on hand                | \$5 18        |

The secretary has plenty of application blanks on hand, and will be pleased to have the members send in for same and secure as many new members as possible. **JOE F. BEARD, Sec.-Treas.**

#### SALES MANAGER'S REPORT.

FELLOW MEMBERS:—I shall be glad to receive envelopes and wrappers for this department, all of which will be listed with the prices which you value them at, in the next issue of this magazine after their receipt. As they are listed but once it will pay you to look over preceeding issues. Those wishing to purchase will find bargains each month. The following envelopes have been received and are offered at the annexed prices:

| Bartel's No.    | Bartel's price. | Owner's p |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------|
| 127.....        | \$ 1 00         | \$ 50     |
| 128.....        | 60              | 30        |
| 134 (used)..... | 2 50            | 1 25      |
| 207.....        | 1 25            | 65        |
| 353.....        | 50              | 25        |
| 355.....        | 30              | 15        |
| 356.....        | 50              | 25        |
| 448.....        | 2 50            | 1 25      |
| 461.....        | 1 50            | 75        |
| 462.....        | 2 50            | 1 25      |
| 522.....        | 50              | 25        |
| 551.....        | 25              | 15        |
| 552.....        | 50              | 25        |
| 554.....        | 25              | 15        |
| 590.....        | 50              | 25        |
| 601.....        | 1 50            | 75        |
| 602.....        | 1 75            | 90        |
| 603.....        | 2 50            | 1 25      |
| 636.....        | 50              | 25        |
| 663.....        | 25              | 15        |
| 671.....        | 25              | 15        |
| 672.....        | 25              | 15        |
| 691.....        | 50              | 25        |
| 710.....        | 75              | 40        |
| 1113.....       | 5 00            | 2 50      |
| 1114.....       | 15              | 10        |
| 1115.....       | 5 00            | 2 50      |
| 1116.....       | 15              | 10        |
| 21.....         | 5 00            | 2 50      |
| 25.....         | 12 00           | 6 00      |
| 258.....        | 4 00            | 2 00      |

All the above are unused and fine, except No. 134 as noted. Please remit by money order or draft, adding postage and registration, if latter is desired, as I cannot be responsible for losses in the mail. Members desiring to place envelopes in the department should obtain printed slips, for listing same in duplicate, from the sales manager for 25 cents. When return postage is not enclosed it will be deducted from remittance. 10% is charged on sales. Yours very truly,  
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| 75 "          | 1.65   |
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## 5th Auction Sale C. P. S.

| LOT | NO. S.                                                                           | CAT.     |
|-----|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| 31  | Confederate States 20c green on orig. cover, fine, No. 111.....                  | 1 \$3 00 |
| 35  | do 10c blue on orig cover, good, No. 89 1                                        | 1 00     |
| 36  | U. S. p. card, 1c brown, good, No. 1605..                                        | 1 00     |
| 37  | Gt. Britain, set. army officials, 1/2d, 1d, 2 1/2d, unwatermarked used.....      | 3        |
| 38  | do reg. env. entire used, Nos. 702, 34.....                                      | 3        |
| 39  | do 1000 mixed issues 1880 & before.....                                          | 1000     |
| 40  | do 1d lilac (14 dots) No. 81.....                                                | 10 1 20  |
| 41  | U. S. card board proofs set dues 1879.....                                       | 7 1 00   |
| 42  | “ “ “ post office.....                                                           | 10 1 50  |
| 43  | Remains of circuit book, inc. U. S. 10c contract part perf, Nova Scotia, 2c..... | 13 3 48  |
| 44  | do inc many unused U. S. and revs.....                                           | 38 4 01  |
| 45  | set Gold Coast 1/2d to \$1.....                                                  | 8 74     |
| 46  | Porto Rico used.....                                                             | 22 1 46  |
| 47  | 3 U. S. Newspaper, no wmk and War department 12 and 24c all unused.....          | 4 1 85   |
| 48  | U. S. revs including 50c passage ticket. 7                                       | 1 89     |
| 49  | South African Republic 4 No. 154, block 4 No. 155, block 1 157, all unused       | 9 1 15   |
| 50  | Ceylon block 4, No. 76.....                                                      | 4 2 00   |
| 51  | “ “ “ “ No. 77.....                                                              | 4 2 00   |

Bids by the lot received till Nov. 20th. Entries close for 6th sale November 15th.

H. SMITH, Auct. Mgr.,  
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Exchange Manager—H. L. Taylor.  
Official Journal—The Columbian Philatelist.

No report from secretary up to time of going to press

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| " " 300r.....             | 05    | 40     |
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| 10c Bill Lading.....        | .07         |               | .02 |
| 50c Mortgage.....           | .05         |               | .02 |
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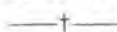
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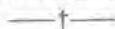
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|                                      |    |
|--------------------------------------|----|
| U. S. Rev., 5c Foreign Exchange...\$ | 02 |
| “ 50c Surety Bond.....               | 04 |
| “ 50c Foreign Exchange....           | 22 |
| “ 50c Mortgage.....                  | 03 |
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|--------------------------|-------|
| 1847 5c on orig. cover   | \$ 50 |
| — 10c cut very close     | 1 75  |
| 1851 10c green           | 40    |
| — 12c black pair         | 2 00  |
| 1857 10c green           | 22    |
| 1862 2c black new no gum | 15    |
| 1867 5c grilled          | 1 00  |
| 1869 1c                  | 35    |

|                                                            |      |
|------------------------------------------------------------|------|
| 1869 2c                                                    | 09   |
| — 6c                                                       | 40   |
| — 10c                                                      | 48   |
| — 12c                                                      | 35   |
| — 90c cut close, slight tear, offcentre, but bright & l.c. | 4 00 |
| 1872, 90c carmine                                          | 60   |
| 1894 \$1 black, no wmk                                     | 60   |
| — \$1 black, block 4                                       | 3 00 |
| — 7c Treasury                                              | 75   |
| — 90c "                                                    | 95   |
| — 90c Interior                                             | 1 15 |

**REVENUES.**

|                      |      |
|----------------------|------|
| 2c Certificate, blue | 45   |
| 2c " orange          | 38   |
| 2c Express, blue     | 01   |
| 5c Proprietary       | 70   |
| 10c Bill of Lading   | 02   |
| 15c Inland Exchange  | 02   |
| 25c Bond             | 05   |
| 25c Life Insurance   | 18   |
| 25c Protest          | 23   |
| 50c Surety Bond      | 05   |
| 50c Passage Ticket   | 11   |
| 50c Lease            | 35   |
| \$1 Conveyance       | 11   |
| 1 Foreign Exchange   | 02   |
| 1 Inland "           | 01   |
| 1 Lease              | 04   |
| 1 Life Insurance     | 11   |
| 2 Conveyance         | 09   |
| 2 Mortgage           | 10   |
| 5 Mortgage, unperf.  | 1 25 |
| \$10 Conveyance      | 1 75 |



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Lot 1 '51, 1c Black Horseman, unus. o. g.  
2 1851, 1c same, used

### POSTAGE.

3 1851, 3c strip of 4, Part of imprint at end.  
4 1856, 3c strip of three, outer line  
5 " 3c Block of 8 with plate No. & Imprint No. 28 P.  
6 1867, 1c Grilled 11x13  
7 " 3c " 9x13 strip of 4  
8 " 3c " 11x13 block of 4  
10 1869 1c "  
11 1871 12c purple  
12 1873 12c "  
13 1879 90c carmine, slight tear  
14 1888 5c blue, strip of 3, unused o. g.  
15 " 5c " Block of four " "  
16 1890, 90c orange, pair  
17 1894, 50c orange, no watermark  
18 " \$1.00 black, "  
19 3c Due, red brown, unused, o. g.  
20 1c Executive, "Specimen," no perf. at left  
21 Interior, 2,6,12, 15c unus. o. g. 15c no gum  
22 " 2c strip of 4, unused, o. g.  
23 " 2c " " "  
" with bottom plate No. 45  
24 " same with top plate No. 45  
25 " 6c strip of 6 unused, o. g. with  
plate No. 56.  
26 Post Office, 12c unused o. g.  
27 " 15c used slight tear neatly mended.  
28 " 30c used  
29 State, 2c used  
30 " 3c unused o. g.  
31 " 7c used  
32 Treasury, 2c block of 8, unused, o. g.  
33 " 9c used  
34 War, 1,2,3,10,12,15,24 and 30c unus. o. g.  
35 " 15, 24 and 30c, unused o. g.  
36 " 30c block of 4, off cen. unus. o. g.

### ENTIRE ENVELOPES.

37 1853, 6c red on white, unused  
38 " 6c green on white, used  
39 " 10c Die 2 on white, used  
40 " 10c " buff, used  
41 " 10c Die 4 on "  
42 " 10c same unused  
43 1857 4c on white used  
44 1861 3c pink on blue used  
45 " 20c blue and red on white used  
46 1863 2c "U. S. Postage," mounted

Lot 47 1864 9c yellow unused  
48 1864 9c orange used  
49 " 12c brown used  
50 " 24c blue used  
51 " 30c green unused  
52 " 40c rose, "  
53 1870, 1c blue on white & amber used  
54 " 1c light and dark blue on orange  
1c blue on manila used  
55 " 1c bl. & 2c br'n on manila unus.  
56 " 1c blue on white unused  
57 " 1c blue on amber  
58 " 2c brown on white unused, 2c  
brown on amber used  
59 " 2c brown on orange unused  
60 " 3c gr. on white, amb., cream, unus  
61 " 6c carmine on white unused  
62 " 6c " amber "  
63 " 6c " cream "  
64 " 7c vermilion on amber unused  
65 " 10c Brown on white unused  
66 " 12c plum " "  
67 " 12c " amber "  
68 " 12c " cream "  
69 " 15c orange on white "  
70 " 15c " amber "  
71 " 15c " cream "  
72 " 24c purple on white "  
73 " 24c " amber "  
74 " 30c black on cream "  
75 " 90c carmine on amber "  
76 1870 90c carmine on cream, unused [used  
77 1874 2c br'n on amber & manila, Die A cut close  
78 " 10c brown on white unused  
79 " 10c " amber "  
80 " 90c carmine on white "  
81 1886, 10c brown on manila, unused  
82 " 10c " manila amber, unused  
83 " 90c purple on manila "  
84 1883, 2c red on blue, Oct., "  
85 1873, War, 3c light red on white "  
86 1875, " 1c red on white unused  
87 " " 2c " amber "  
88 " " 2c " orange "  
89 " " 3c " white, fawn and blue, unused  
90 " " 6c " white, unused  
91 " " 6c " amber "  
92 " " 12c " white "  
93 " " 15c " " "

### REVENUES

94 5c In'd Exchange, unperforated pair, unused  
95 50c Orig. Process, "  
96 \$1.00 Mortgage " "  
97 25c Bond, Part Perforated  
98 40c Inland Exchange, part Perforated  
99 50c Probate of Will, Perf., pin hole in face  
100 \$1.00 Manifest, Perf., nick at top

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|                                           | Cat. P | My P  |
|-------------------------------------------|--------|-------|
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| 1882, set of 4.....                       | 22     | 09    |
| British Guiana 1880, 8c.....              | 35     | 15    |
| 1891, set of 3.....                       | 08     | 03    |
| *British Honduras, 1891 6c on 10c black.. | 20     | 08    |
| Colombia, Panama, 1887 10c straw.....     | 10     | 04    |
| 1894 set of 3.....                        | 12     | 05    |
| Grenada, 1883-87 set of 3.....            | 16     | 06    |
| 1895 set of 2.....                        | 05     | 02    |
| Jamaica, 1883 1p-2p.....                  | 50     | 20    |
| Leeward Islands, 1890 set of 3.....       | 07     | 03    |
| Peru, 1896 set of 3.....                  | 07     | 03    |
| St. Vincent 1883-5 set of 3.....          | 12     | 05    |
| Tobago, 1891 1p.....                      | 05     | 02    |
| Trinidad, 1884 set of 4.....              | 16     | 06    |
| " 1/2p-1p, per 10.....                    | 06     | 05    |
| 1896 set of 3.....                        | 08     | 03    |
| " 1p per 10.....                          | "      | 05    |
| " 1/2p to 1s set of 7*.....               | 28     | 12    |
| " 6s.....                                 | 2      | 1 45  |
| 1885 1p unpaid.....                       | 12     | 05    |
| " 2p .....                                | 20     | 08    |
| " 3p .....                                | 20     | 08    |
| " 5p .....                                | 25     | 10    |
| " 1/2p wrapper.....                       | 04     | 01    |
| Venezuela 1898 set of 4.....              | 17     | 07    |
| " 25c Columbus.....                       | 15     | 05    |

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|                     |             |    |     |
|---------------------|-------------|----|-----|
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| 1c blue on amber    | " 3.....    |    | .05 |
| 1c blue on amber    | " 5.....    |    | .05 |
| 2c green on white   | " 1.....    |    | .10 |
| 2c green on amber   | " 2.....    |    | .10 |
| 2c green on amber   | " 3.....    |    | .08 |
| 2c green an amber   | " 13.....   |    | .10 |
| 4c scarlet on white | " 7.....    |    | .10 |
| 4c scarlet on white | " 8.....    |    | .12 |
| 4c scarlet on amber | " 8.....    |    | .08 |
| 5c blue on white    | " 3.....    |    | .15 |
| 5c blue on amber    | " 3.....    |    | .10 |
| 5c blue on white    | " 5.....    |    | .15 |
| 5c blue on amber    | " 5.....    |    | .15 |

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Bargains in Scarce Stamps.

MEXICO

| DATE.                               | PRICE.   | DATE.                                            | PRICE.    |
|-------------------------------------|----------|--------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| 1856, 1/2, 1, 2r.....               | 3—\$0 20 | 1872, 100c imperf.....                           | 1—\$ 60   |
| " 4r.....                           | 1— 50    | 1872, 6c to 100c imperf.....                     | 5— 1 30   |
| " 8r.....                           | 1— 2 00  | " 6, 12, 25c, perf.....                          | 3— 70     |
| " 1/4r to 8r, complete.....         | 5— 2 60  | " 50c perf.....                                  | 1— 50     |
| 1861, 1, 2r.....                    | 2— 12    | " 100c perf.....                                 | 1— 75     |
| " 4r yellow.....                    | 1— 88    | " 6c to 100c perf.....                           | 5— 1 85   |
| " 8r red brown.....                 | 1— 1 25  | 1874-78, 4, 5, 10, 10, 25, 50, 100c.....         | 7— 60     |
| " 1r to 8r.....                     | 4— 2 10  | 1882, 2, 3, 6, numeral.....                      | 3— 15     |
| 1862, 4r red, yellow.....           | 1— 75    | 1884, 1c to 10c.....                             | 7— 15     |
| " 8r green, brown.....              | 1— 1 75  | " 12, 20, 25, 50c, 1 pesos.....                  | 5— 40     |
| " 4r, 8r.....                       | 2— 2 30  | " 1c, to 1 peso.....                             | 12— 50    |
| 1864, 1, 2r, Eagle.....             | 2— 12    | 1885, 1c to 10c.....                             | 8— 25     |
| " 4r green, Eagle.....              | 1— 50    | " 12, 25.....                                    | 2— 65     |
| " 8r red, Eagle.....                | 1— 1 50  | " 1c to 25c.....                                 | 10— 80    |
| " 1r to 8r, Eagle.....              | 4— 2 00  | 1886, 3, 4, 6, 10, 12, 25c, lilacs.....          | 6— 60     |
| 1867, 4r red, yellow, "Gothic"..... | 1— 1 25  | 1887-94, 1c to 25c.....                          | 9— 12     |
| " 4r red "Gothic".....              | 1— 6 00  | *1894, 20c lilac, Wmk, rare, numeral.....        | 1— 1 00   |
| " The set.....                      | 2— 7 00  | " 12c red.....                                   | 1— 20     |
| 1868, 6, 12, 25c, imperf.....       | 3— 17    | 1895, New Issue, 1c to 10c.....                  | 6— 05     |
| " 50c imperf.....                   | 1— 75    | " " 1c to 20c.....                               | 9— 15     |
| " 100c imperf.....                  | 1— 1 00  | " " 1c to 50c.....                               | 10— 25    |
| " 6c to 100c imperf.....            | 5— 1 60  | " " 1c to 1 pesos.....                           | 11— 50    |
| " 6, 12, 25c, perf.....             | 3— 40    | " " 1c to 10 pesos.....                          | 13— 10 50 |
| " 50c perf.....                     | 1— 1 00  | 1881-91, Officials.....                          | 5— 10     |
| " 100c perf.....                    | 1— 1 25  | *Envelopes, 1871-82, 5, 10, 25c, cut square..... | 3— 30     |
| " 6c to 100c perf.....              | 5— 2 50  | " " 1882, 5x10x10c, entire.....                  | 1— 20     |
| 1872, 6, 12, 25c, imperf.....       | 3— 30    | * " 1884-85, 4, 6, 12c entire or □.....          | 3— 2 50   |
| " 50c imperf.....                   | 1— 50    | * " 1889, 4, 6, 12, 20c cut square.....          | 4— 40     |

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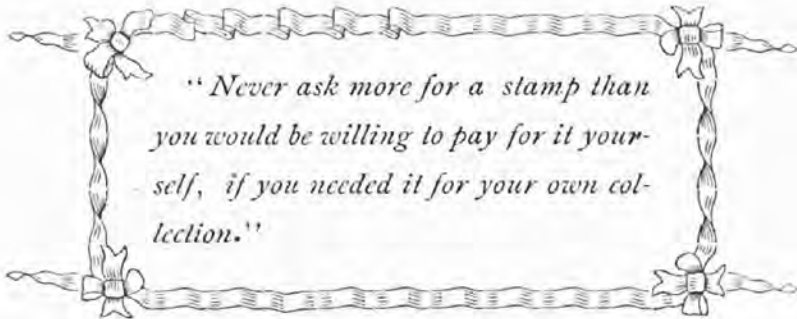
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## SOME OF THE ABSURDITIES OF THE "57th EDITION."

The often used quotation, "that fools rush in where Angels fear to tread" may be very applicable in this instance, but much suffering "Philately" is in sore need of a champion to buckle on the armor and defy the lightning of the "variety makers," and call to their minds the old fable of "The Goose and the Golden Egg."

The 57th Edition of the Standard Catalogue now before me is so very prolific in the manufactured varieties, and as the 58th from present indications, promises so many more, that I for one cannot help but protest in this "slaughter of the innocents," *i. e.* the beginner.

I will jump the much and sorely tried United States, with its many (?) varieties of printings, papers and inks, and leave this source of revenue, to the dealer and speculator, severely alone.

We will begin with the expensive Newspaper stamps of Austria, because a stamp must necessarily be expensive or it would never have such infinitesimally small varieties catalogued, much less discovered. In this case the "G" in Zeitungs in one variety has a "cross bar," and the other variety (?) is without: now if those who are fortunate

enough to have any of these stamps will look at them, unless they have a glass, will without the very closest scrutiny, fail to find a G at all, much less a scratch of a cross bar.

We now reach Bavaria, with such varieties as horizontally and vertically laid paper, and the horizontal and vertical wavy line watermark, which were merely caused by the printer feeding the paper to the press differently. Then comes Belgium with its "London Print, and Belgium print," the difference between them is about the same as "Tweedledum and Tweedledee," and if allowed to continue on this line, we poor collectors will be obliged to keep a Registry for the pedigree of our stamps.

The old issues of Brazil come next with its "Grayish Paper and Yellowish Paper," which I daresay was white originally in both instances, but by the action of time or the chemical properties of the paper or gum, has become changed.

I might mention, *en passant*, the type varieties of France, that are more to the taste of a student in microscopy, than a philatelist, and we may hope to see brought forward by some enterprising dealer in the near future, among other appliances, eye-glasses and eye-washes for the better protection of the students' eyes.

Now comes Greece, where there are varieties, and varieties; so small and obscure that it is worse than a "Chinese Puzzle in a nightmare" to try and unravel them, the study of the Greek language is a mere bagatelle in comparison.

The papers and varieties of inks composing the stamps of Native India are a delusion and a snare, and all who attempt to solve the mysteries of these Indian jugglers are on the high road to "Bloomingdale," as the Indians are evidently as expert in mystification with their stamps, as with their tricks.

Mexico, the country of the Montezumas, famous for its ancient works in gold and silver filagree, and marvelous embroideries in feathers, has failed to escape the despoilers' hands in this modern day, equally as bad as in the time of Cortez. Why should the issue of 1856-61, simply because some of the stamps to be used in the Department of Mexico, and surcharged with the name of this district in gothic, be singled out from its brethren, and listed as a variety, and have prices "hung onto it" that would take the edge off of a piece of Limburger cheese, but I have asked and answered the query at the same time, and then take the innumerable varieties of separation and of paper, why it is enough to cause President Diaz to declare war for unjust discrimination.

We will mention the type varieties of Netherlands, with its "loops" *ad nauseum*, and yet they tell us that young Queen Wilhmina is a stamp collector; fatal step, the wealth of The Hague is in jeopardy.

New South Wales with its "Sydney Views," any one of which cost enough to make you *view* bankruptcy, each have been magnified, then divided, then divided and subdivided, until we are forced to be-

lieve in Darwin's theory of evolution.

New Zealand, that lovely island colony, we all hear your cries, but the heel of the despot is on your neck; you should have gotten out a "Jubilee Issue" and become disgraced.

Norway, that so long escaped, is beginning to become infected with disease of varieties of color, I might say Yellow Fever, but as it is too cold up there for yellow jack, they take all the different shades of color at once.

Portugese India appears to be well allied to its Indian brethren, in the black art of mystification, until the brain reels and the hypnotism is complete.

Roumania and Servia, are well in the band of 19th century civilization and may now defy the unspeakable Turk.

The short occupancy of the English was enough to vitiate the otherwise pure waters of the Transvaal Republic, but Oom Paul should decide whether that immigration wagon should have a "pole" or "shafts."

South Australia, the Island Continent, the country of gold, that is if you hold all the minor varieties of stamps that the 57th Edition calls for, you need not strike out for the Klondike, as you have your millions at home.

Switzerland, the land of William Tell, who threw off the tyrant's yoke some centuries ago, little you know that with your "silk threads" you are weaving a cable that will "yank" you "H——western crooked" some of these fine days.

Tasmania, another Klondike country, with its varieties of separation, reckes not of the fact that a "bill for separation" of a different nature has been filed, and that is from collector's albums.

Turkey, the unspeakable, so I will refrain.

Victoria, named for your Queen, you may yet be preserved to posterity if you "get a good move" on yourself.

Verily I say, that a Philatelist should be a Past Master in the arts of Printing and Engraving, an artist of no mean ability, capable of discriminating shades of color impossible to a Spectrum, and must always carry with him a "ten horse power" microscope, a spectrophotometer, and a millimeter scale, or to use the language of "Chimmie Fadden," "yer jest aint in it."

AJAX.

### TURNING POINTS.

"There is a tide in the affairs of men which taken at the flood," etc., is a quotation as applicable in Philately as in the more prosaic affairs of life. There are several well defined points in the career of the philatelist at which he is obliged to halt for a moment and from which he goes on with fresh vigor and interest or stumbles and falls backward into the great army of those who "used-to collect."

I well remember the first such *point d'appui* in my philatelic career though it is now some fifteen years ago. I must state that there was no hesitation at the first as to whether I should collect or not. As soon as the idea of collecting stamps was brought to my notice, I seized upon it at once eagerly with all the heartiness of a born collector. The point in question occurred when I had been collecting for some time, perhaps six months, perhaps a year. I had about five or six hundred stamps in my collection, stuck in an old copy book, as was the fashion in those days. There came into my possession two Chilean stamps, one the common five centavos blue and the other the five

red, of two separate issues as we now know but identical in design, the only difference in them being the color. Should I keep them both as varieties was the all-absorbing question over which I halted. To my amateur eyes they were alike and I did not want two stamps alike in my collection. Still there was in my mind a doubt but that they might be considered as varieties by some collectors. There was no one at hand to advise me and probably if a fellow collector had come to me and offered me a stamp I did not have for one of the Chilis, I would have traded the red one as a duplicate. But there was no immediate chance to dispose of it and so after a long deliberation, I decided it was a variety desirable to keep and put it in my collection. That decision, with its confirmation of my judgment later on, was what has made of me to-day a general collector—a collector of varieties,—a collector of shades, of watermarks, perforations and papers, for from that time when a stamp appeared to differ in any way from the one I had, I examined it carefully and my decision was usually to keep it as a variety. Thus have I often been in advance of the catalogue, having many of the rarer varieties before they were made known to collectors generally through the latest edition of the catalogue.

There comes a time in the career of the young philatelist when it seems to him that the growth of his collection has stopped. He has picked up everything in his neighborhood that is worth looking at; been over all the letters in the garret for the hundredth time without a discovery; and bought all the variety packets from the dealers so often that he can no longer find a new stamp among them and consequently

has become disgusted with them. His supply of pocket money is limited and he cannot afford to buy single stamps except very cheap ones,—one and two centers. A week passes without an addition to his collection. What shall he do? Yes, he is really just a little tired in looking over his collection without seeing a new stamp on its pages. It is true that after looking it over once with the feeling of disappointment and dissatisfaction, the next time it is a pleasure, but that only makes it a pleasure every other time, and this will not do. It is just at this period that so many young collectors are lost to Philately. If he be not one "to the manor born,"—one whose manifest destiny is a collector, his fate lies in the balance. If some other form of amusement, particularly out-door sport, comes into prominence at this time among his playmates, he is probably lost forever to the ranks. But if just at this point some older collector happens to come upon him and show him rarities undreamed of and give him a handful of duplicates to gladden his heart, he is rescued and goes happily on his way and takes a renewed interest and through his example carrying interest and enthusiasm to who knows how many of his friends and companions. It is a particularly noticeable fact, I must remark here by the way, that those who are by physical inability shut out from out door sports and the rougher games of the genus boy, are usually among the strong and permanent adherents to Philately and in it find recreation that makes up for many of their lost opportunities and even atones to a great extent for physical suffering and pain. Many a fellow confined to the house by a life-long sickness or deformity can doubtless realize the truth of what a busy business man said to me

recently, speaking of stamp collecting: "I am never alone as long as I have my stamps with me. Other folks may get tired or feel weariness simply for want of something to do, or get lonesome, but I can always amuse myself, can take up every minute that I can spare in a way to interest me and draw from my mind every care." They call us cranks, but is it not true that the cranks enjoy life best after all?

Later on in the life of the philatelist there comes another hesitation. His collection has long been mounted in printed album but it has not been transferred every year and consequently the album is far out of date. New issues project over the border, revenues adorn the edges, locals ornament the covers and it is full to overflowing. It is a labor, even though a labor of pleasure, to mount three or four thousand stamps and to do it every year anew is a little too much of a good thing. Of that the collector becomes convinced. And the printed albums become in time bulky and unmanageable and at best an ordinary collection is but scattering in one. He searches the dealers' stocks of albums in vain for what he wants. If just now there comes to him his good genius again in the form of the advanced collector and shows him a collection mounted with care in a blank album with transferable pages as there did to me, he is satisfied in his mind at once as to his course. Let him once see a collection mounted in a blank album and the principle is revealed to him and everything is easy, and while he can follow as closely as he desires the idea of the collector whose album he has seen, there is left to him all the field that an original mind can desire in continuing from now on his collection.

There must be before me still



many more turning points in my career. I am certain, for I feel that my race is far from being run, with before me in the far distance such forms as those who have made familiar their names to all philatelists, and and that the goddess may ever guide me aright at the slippery places and in the narrow ways is not only my hope but my expectation.

CHARLES E. JENNEY.

**THE OHIO OBSERVER.**

Beginning with this issue of the C. P., I will give the approximate time of mail transit from New York to important places of the world. The list will be continued from month to month till finished. If I mistake not it will be interesting to collectors generally, particularly those having correspondence abroad.

|                                                  | Days. | Hrs. |
|--------------------------------------------------|-------|------|
| Amsterdam, . . . . .                             | 10    | 6    |
| Bahamas, . . . . .                               | 3     | 15   |
| Barbadoes, . . . . .                             | 14    | 3    |
| Berlin, . . . . .                                | 10    | 2    |
| Bermuda, . . . . .                               | 2     | 20   |
| Bremen, . . . . .                                | 9     | 16   |
| Brisbane, { via San }<br>{ Francisco } . . . . . | 35    |      |
| British Columbia, . . . . .                      | 8     |      |
| Brussels, . . . . .                              | 10    |      |
| Cairo, . . . . .                                 | 25    | 11   |
| Calcutta, . . . . .                              | 40    | 11   |
| Cape Town, . . . . .                             | 28    | 11   |
| Congo, . . . . .                                 | 52    |      |
| Constantinople, . . . . .                        | 14    |      |

The most valuable stamp paper is the Garden City Philatelist, Vol. I, No. 9, which is dated Sept. 1886. It was published at Chicago by A. J. Monat. There is only one copy of the above, which is now in the possession of Mr. H. E. Deats, the widely known literature collector, who I suspect, would not accept several copies of the high value State in exchange.

The color of four values of the present issue of postage stamps are to be changed as agreed at the Int. Post. Congress which recently convened at Washington. It is generally believed an entirely new set will be the result of this change, which will probably take place July 1, 1898.

At the Postal Congress Great Britain's representative greatly opposed the new standard of colors but finally came to terms. This change means a new issue for Great Britain.

Gen. Merritt, Third Assistant Postmaster General, contends that the post office department should have an establishment for making its own stamps. He recommends the discontinuance of newspaper and periodical stamps and that prepayment in full of all mail matter be required.

Messrs. Sperry & Hutchinson, enterprising business men of New York are the originators of a neat device to increase the retail trade of merchants. It is by means of a trading stamp. Briefly stated, the merchant who uses the stamps gives one for each purchase of ten cents worth of goods, and the purchaser saving the stamps thus received, takes them, when amounting to \$99, to a store maintained in the same town by the proprietors of the stamps, and there exchange them for premiums consisting of household articles, etc. The stamps are printed in green and are very attractive, but of course are not connected with Philately in the least.

The latest in regard to the 2c. present issue: When the contract for the printing of stamps expires July next a new ink will be used on

the 2c. stamps. It is red but is of a darker shade than that now used. The reason for the change is that the proposed new ink is not so expensive. Grant's portrait will be retained on the 5c. stamps and not Seward's as reported.

The business of the Post Office Department is an infallible indicator of the business of the country. The business of thirty of the largest offices was twelve per cent. greater in September of this year than in September of last year. The post office officials are ready to testify that prosperity is right here.

The plates for the new postal cards have been engraved by the Bureau and are soon to be turned over to the new contractor. It is estimated that the government will require two billion, five hundred million cards in four years at a cost of \$700,000. They will weigh 7000 tons, requiring 400 freight cars for their transportation. Vest Virginia forests will probably furnish the timber for these cards, and quite an area of woodland will be denuded of trees to make up the required quantity.

#### CANADIAN NOTES.

(BY BEAVER.)

On or about December 15th, the Ontario Philatelic Co., of Berlin, Ont., will publish the Canadian Philatelic Annual. This firm recently opened out an office in Berlin, and report business good.

The new issue of Canada postage stamps has been placed on sale in some of the larger cities, but it is not expected that they will be put into general use for a few weeks yet

as there is quite a supply of the old stamps still on hand which have to be used. The  $\frac{1}{2}$ c. stamp is black in color and the design is very pretty. It has a fine portrait of the Queen in an oval, with the words "Canada Postage" above, and "Half-Cent" below, and maple leaves in each of the corners. This is the only stamp of the set I have seen up to the time of writing, but hope to be able to give the readers of this paper something more next month regarding this issue.

There are a few values of the present issue of Canada stamps that promise to become quite scarce among which I might mention the  $\frac{1}{2}$ c., 10c., 15c., 20c., and 50c. The supply of  $\frac{1}{2}$ c. stamps is now exhausted and are already selling at a premium. I knew of one collector asking \$9.00 for a sheet of these stamps on thick paper, though this is rather high at present. A complete set of the present issue of stamps and stamped envelopes is something that is worth buying. If unused they are worth their full value at anytime, and soon will be worth far more, in fact they are worth more at the present time, and as soon as they become obsolete will continue to rise in value.

The second edition of the Ontario Philatelic Directory is now in the hands of the printer, and will be ready for delivery on or about December 1st.

The November issue of the Philatelic Advocate comes to hand in a somewhat improved form, though it is by no means perfect yet. I notice that two of the pages are printed up-side-down, but by standing on my head I found some quite interesting matter. Try one side-ways next time Messrs. S.

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J. F. DODGE,

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This Magazine goes to press on the 13th of each month and copy must be in by noon of that date to secure insertion. Change of standing copy must be in by the 10th of each month.

### OUR MONTHLY CHAT.

We have just received word from our printer that he is ready for this issue of the C. P., and as Betsy said to her lover, it is "Rather Sudden." True, the advertising copy is all in its proper box and we have a score of MSS. to select from, but it will be necessary to hustle around a bit to send it off in to-morrow's mail.

Printers are busy people at this time of the year with all other publishers spending all their energies to see how big a number they can put

out, and begging advertisements at almost any price with a promised 5000, 10,000 or 15,000 circulation, and the shrewd advertiser winks his eye and says: "Better advertise in a magazine of known circulation that makes no false promises."

We have been troubled much with printer's delays in the past, and unless we get better service we will be obliged to start a printing office of our own before long. Printers cannot be blamed for taking in all the work they think they can handle, but when all regular patrons demand extra work, somebody meets with delays.

The stamp business, as naturally might be expected, is dull and probably will be until after the holidays, when there will doubtless be a brightening up. The exchange business which has been remarkably good for the past three or four months is gradually decreasing for want of duplicates, and cash purchases are bound to follow.

The dismissal of Stigeler by the court, who claimed that it was simply a breach of trust is a bad blow to societies and dealers. After all, judges are but men, and differ in their opinions. There is an abundance of law, but justice is scarce.

The death of T. L. Green, which occurred on Nov. 6th at his home in Mt. Olivet, Ky., of neuralgia of the heart, removes a dealer from our midst who was known as an upright and honorable man and as such will be missed. He had just got the exchange department of the P. S. of A. into working order and no doubt would have conducted it in a manner that would have helped the Society to regain its foothold somewhat.

It is a matter of conjecture as yet who will be the new Exchange superintendent, but we presume that youth up to Reading who has the dealing out of such offices to his friends, will soon name Mr. Green's successor.

We think we have had enough of Kissinger Societies, and have resigned from all three of them. What we need in all of our societies is less ring-rule, less politicians and more earnest philatelists.

The fifty-eighth catalogue has not yet appeared but is expected daily. We should have had more advanced prices in last issue had we thought it would not have appeared on the date named, Nov. 15th, and here we are at the 25th and not here yet.

The International Philatelist (a sheet of 8 pages) has just blown into our sanctum and lo! H. C. B. is again the owner. We should have known it if he hadn't announced it, for he is at his old tricks again, viz: A great big December number "with FIFTEEN THOUSAND circulation. Rush in your copy quick," &c. We notice the subscription is now ten cents per year. Remarks are unnecessary.

The Knoxville (Tenn.) Philatelic Society, a live local organization has disbanded and on Dec. 10, the anniversary of its second birthday becomes Branch No. 1 of the Southern Philatelic Association. H. Fenton, president, and Chas. Waring, exchange superintendent of the S. P. A., well known citizens of Knoxville.

R. F. Albrecht & Co.'s special catalogue No. 3 is out, listing 1045 lots, mostly single stamps. From a hasty perusal we should say that the

owners place a fair value on their stamps.

An artistic pamphlet from the well known printer, D. H. Bacon, of Derby, Conn., lists Mr. Bacon's collection, or rather the remainder of it, as a portion of it was sold about a year ago.

The Baker's Falls Stamp is a new publication from Sandy Hill, N. Y. (Chas. C. Guy publisher, 25 cents per year). Barring frequent annoying typographical errors, it is a fairly creditable "first issue."

We secured a few lots at Wolsieffers' Oct. 30th sale at very fair prices, and the best of it was, Mr. W. bid in the lots a dollar under our bids. There's food for thought right here, and we have a lot of bids in his Nov. 27th sale.

And just as we get here our mail carrier arrives with the longlooked-for 58th. Our "blue cat" must now be laid aside to welcome the "yellow cat," and pussy, with all thy faults we love thee still. Critics will kick you, but after all you will receive many a caress in return.

But let us look you over. No postal cards, we miss them, but we believe a little cat (perhaps kitten) will arrive in a month or so. (Sorry for the delay Mr. Lohmeyer). And the errors and omissions in prices. (Yes, thought they would price the ribbed 6-cent Post-office after we offered them a couple which they declined with thanks). And the "Hints for Collectors" same as last year. Type differences of British Colonials copied from Gibbons. (Good thing for hair splitting specialists.) And then the body, oh!



dear! the hair splitting differences go all the way through. (Wonder if our stamps are the expensive shade?) Blue, dull blue, ultramarine, pale ultramarine, milky blue, chalky blue, bright blue, deep blue, dark blue. (Tommy, bring us a drink, we feel blue. A drink of milk, of course, and then we will be milky blue.) Well, we will have to buy a new pair of spectacles and get used to it. And I guess you will all have to have one, boys, to keep up with the times.

There, we wrote the above by artificial light and daylight has changed the color of our cat from yellow to buff, orange brown, orange, yellow orange, red orange, yellow brown, brownish orange, bright orange, dull orange, orange vermilion, rose orange, bistre orange, orange lake, vermilion orange, lemon orange, (Tommy, bring us a glass of lemonade.) Well! get one yourself, and you can decide on the color.

We have just received the annual report of the Birmingham (Eng.) Philatelic Society, which is very interesting. The Society has 227 members, 7 of whom reside in the U. S. The value of the packets in the exchange department for the year ending July 1st, 1897, was over \$180,000 and the sales over \$27,000.

Recently, while on a visit to the editor, the Rev. W. A. Carver, of Dillsburg, Pa., an enthusiastic philatelist, though young at the business, showed us the most complete and convenient device for stamp collectors that it has ever been our privilege to become acquainted with. Comprising no less than fifteen or sixteen distinct features, and being withal so compact as to be easily carried in the pocket, it is well named by him (he is the designer of it) the *Philatelist's Vade Mecum*, for

it seems to us to contain about everything a collector of stamps requires except, perhaps, cash.

We would gladly give here a full description of it but for two sufficient reasons: first, he wishes to protect himself in the benefits of his device till he can find some one who will manufacture and put it on the market, and second, we know we could not do it justice, having seen it but once. However, this much we can say of it with confidence, it is a very handy arrangement and we believe it would have a ready sale if some philatelist, who deals in philatelic novelties, would take hold of it. We are sure Mr. Carver would gladly correspond with any one who should write him with such a purpose in view.

And now we will have to wind up the "Dodge Miscellany," hoping our readers all enjoyed their Thanksgiving turkey as well as we did a few hours ago.

Dec. 7, 1897.

We have just recalled this copy from our old printer who has had it about 10 days and could not give us any definite promise as to when he could print. Our new printer says he will have it ready to mail Dec. 17th, and we believe we can soon catch up the time we have lost.

An apology is due Mr. F. C. Hammond whose advertisement last month read *Eldorado*, Iowa, whereas Mr. Hammond lives in *Eldora*, and in addition the P. O. & P. Service Envelopes listed should have read "unused."

The Boys' Own Philatelist is announced to appear from Berlin shortly. The Ontario Philatelic Co. are the publishers. The subscription price has been placed at 10 cents per annum, and the advertising rates at 10 cents per inch.

# Approval Books

As I make a specialty of the approval trade you need not fear that I retain my best stamps and only send out the less desirable ones.

I can supply something for any kind of a collection up to 7,000 varieties, or I can help along the beginner.

My books of stamps are works of art and not an eye-sore as some we have seen. They are arranged according to sets and countries as far as possible.

I have a fine line of U. S. Revenues.

These beautiful stamps are becoming more in demand daily and I find it difficult to purchase enough to meet my trade.

I can supply you most anything from a hinge to a stamp cataloging \$50. All orders, no matter how small, given prompt attention.

The mail is collected 17 times daily in this building, and as letters are answered as promptly as possible (as I believe collectors like to receive answers from their communications as soon as possible), you practically get a reply on the next train leaving Cleveland for your place, and there are any number of them. Send for a selection NOW and give good reference. 50c, Lease, (Cat. 50c),..... 25c  
1c, 1869, (Cat. 75c),..... 25c  
30c, Justice Used, \$16.50, post free.

## H. C. CROWELL,

502 Mohawk Bldg.,

...CLEVELAND, OHIO...

# Holyoke

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## Envelopes

I have just secured a few 2c legal and blue, Bartels' No. 1236, unused and entire. Price 50c.

Also 2c official and oriental buff, Bartels' No. 1227. 50c.

# Frank P. Brown

325 Washington St., Boston.

I have engaged this space for three months, and I trust I may be favored with a share of the patronage of the readers of the COLUMBIAN PHILATELIST. I will endeavor to offer good stamps at reasonable prices. Don't you think it will pay you to watch this space.

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|------------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| Argentine 1890, 40c. olive,.....                           | .03 |
| Bolivia 1867, 5c green,.....                               | .04 |
| *Barbados 1892, ½ on 4p. (provisional)                     | .09 |
| Belgium 1849, 20c. blue,.....                              | .05 |
| *Br. Bechanaland 1894, 2p. bistre,.....                    | .10 |
| Cape of Good Hope 1891-4, 4p. blue...                      | .02 |
| *China (Shanghai) 1888, 40c. black,<br>57th ed. 1.75,..... | .15 |
| *China (Shanghai) 1888, 60c. rose,....                     | .12 |
| *Col. Rep. Tolima 1884, 1c. gray,....                      | .04 |
| *Costa Rica 1889, 50c. rose,.....                          | .04 |
| *Costa Rica 1889, 1 peso blue,....                         | .10 |
| Dominion Republic 1885, 1c. and 2c.,                       | .03 |
| *Ecuador 1872, 1 peso rose,.....                           | .04 |
| Ecuador 1893, 5c. on 50c. (provisional)                    | .08 |
| *Guatemala 1894, 1c. on 2c. (provi-<br>sional),.....       | .02 |
| *Guatemala 1898, 1c. on 5c. (provi-<br>sional),.....       | .02 |
| * means used.                                              |     |

My 1898 Price List just out. It is Free.

**C. E. HUSSMAN,** 2736 Dayton St.,  
ST. LOUIS, MO.

Geo. M. Frame, of Haverhill, Mass., the well known dealer, has disposed of his stock and good will to Chase Brothers of the same city. Being personally acquainted with the Chase Brothers we can assure the public prompt, upright methods, and while we shall miss "Frame's Famous Filatelic Facts," we shall hope to see advertised "Chase's Choice, Clipped Close, Comprehensive, Catalogue Cutter, Compound Clincher, Cash Quotations."

"The Sept. 'Columbian' contained nearly five pages of 'Fifty-eighth Prices,' also a good letter from J. B. T. in regard to the 'Annual Evil.' Other articles were 'On the Value of English Stamps' by Jenney; 'Canadian Notes' by Beaver; 'New York Notes' by Quiz, and a number of others. The paper contained 32 pages and was well printed from page to page."

The above in regard to our issue of Sept. 20th appears in the Oct. number of *The Young Collector*, editorial column.

The effusion below is alleged (?) to be by a New York correspondent in the same issue:

"It is a fact there are many Philatelic Societies in the U. S. A., especially the smaller societies, who have no official organ at all; while there are others who take as official organ a stamp paper which already is the official organ for many societies, take for instance the 'Columbia Philatelist,' issued by Bro. J. F. Dodge, certainly a very good paper, but issued only semi-occasionally, sometimes two and even three months behind time. What good is that for stamp societies? Not much; it surely is preferable to have a regularly, 'on time' Monthly Philatelic paper, with bright, fresh, crisp, stamp news, and a large bona fide circulation. Among stamp collectors, dealers and philatelic associations in the U. S. A., Canada and Europe, a financially good standing, independent and fearless.

"Such is the 'Young Collector,' an eight page and cover monthly, clear and good printing.

"The true friend of Philatelic Societies."

[The italics are ours.—Ed.]

That New York (?) correspondent had an axe to grind evidently. Both he and Editor Smith very well know that this magazine has not been 30 days late but once during the past 15 months, and then from rush of holiday work with our printer. We welcome honest criticism, but we detest falsehood. *The Young Collector* is a bright little journal and

usually carefully edited, and we are sorry to have to record such a departure from its usual course.

In another column will be found an offer of a *fac-simile* of the famous Brattleboro stamp and a short history of the same in pamphlet form. We have looked over the pamphlet and found it very interesting and believe every collector will appreciate the offer made by Mr. Childs.

If you haven't your 58th yet, better send 58 cents and let us send you one by return mail and include free one year's subscription to this magazine (new subscriptions or renewal).

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## Our Eye

General Grant tells us in his "Travels" that at Bangkok, "great clumsy junks were lying here and there at anchor, with two great eyes in their prows to let them see their way on the sea,— the natives believing that they are as necessary to a ship as to a man." To us who live under the Stars and the Stripes, the idea seems idiotic, yet it is no more idiotic than many of the schemes and isms advanced in this enlightened age. Men have their eyes given them to make a wise and proper use of and we find them of about as much value, in many instances, as the eyes of these Siamese junks. May "Our Eye" prove powerful in its aim to grasp the truth.

No harm can come from friendly criticism! Our editors of newspapers, literary writers, press correspondents, and association officers ought all to benefit by the critic's pen. The pen need not be dipped in wormwood and gall to be effective, yet it is pleasant to feel that one can write freely and fearlessly with no dread of the editor's blue pencil. Said Mr. Rothfuchs to me recently: "I like the COLUMBIAN PHILATELIST very much. Dodge is an independent writer and he gives us a bright paper." Mr. Rothfuchs not only knows a good stamp when he sees it, but a good stamp paper as well.

"Our Eye" discerns an evil that may well be abated. November 6th, the *Era* published an entire page of prices realized by B. L. Drew & Co. at a recent auction sale in Boston. Some of the lots are tagged off-cen-

tre," "no gum," "imperfect at W.," "slight abrasion," "heavily cancelled," "cut close," etc. etc. It is filling valuable space with matter practically of no value. Editors should cease giving space to reports of auction sales that mean nothing.

Some of the correspondents of our philatelic press could give pointers to their brethren of the professional daily, in so far as space writing is concerned. News letters are filled with comment and criticism, so far removed from the domain of news that one is apt to wonder why the editor does not grasp the situation and give the correspondent a department for review or criticism. I have seen, recently, so-called news letters in which there was no sign of locality except in the heading. There is no doubt but the field of news is well covered and the sting in this criticism must be applied to the editor. When Milton saw that the restoration of monarchy was foreshadowed, a fury of utterance seized upon him and he poured forth with impetuous zeal pamphlet upon pamphlet, betraying "the restlessness of a coming despair." In his "Ready Way," there is a monster sentence of thirty-nine lines containing three hundred and thirty-six words. This is not a good model for philatelic paragraphers however.

I remember reading once about the interesting family of ex-Gov. Hogg, of Texas. He was reported to have two sons, Will B. A. Hogg and Moore Hogg, and two daughters, Ura Hogg and Ima Hogg, making a very interesting family. But this is not the only family of Hogg's in existence! In most any lodge, council, court, wigwam, division, association or church, you will find representatives of the Hogg family.



I have seen the list of officers of a stamp exchange recently organized in St. Louis that reminded me very forcibly of the sons and daughters of ex-Gov. Hogg.

Certain correspondents of philatelic papers have a quick eye to note the demand for stamps. It is a case of the desire being the father of the thought. For instance, "North Borneo is meeting with a good deal of patronage" or "The new 'Sultan's head' issue of Zanzibar finds a ready sale" may be taken as a hint that the correspondent is a dealer with good supplies of the aforesaid stamps.

And can "Our Eye" find no good thing in Nazareth. Let me commend the *Virginia Philatelist*, as a magazine, very creditable to its publishers. Neat typographically, its contents are of a high order and it deserves warm support.

WILLARD O. WYLIE.

BOSTON, MASS., NOV. 25.

#### NEWS FROM THE OLD BAY STATE.

Howard K. Sanderson is being mentioned for the postmastership of the city of Lynn. Howard has a faculty of winning out in anything he enters and if he means business in this, he will no doubt be successful. The writer, in company with Sanderson, has waged several successful political campaigns.

The pneumatic mail service becomes a reality in Boston the present month.

A very successful auction sale was held Nov. 23, by the Colonial Stamp Co., in Elks Hall, Boston. Mr. Lyons made glad the hearts of the attendants by presenting each one with a new half-cent Canada, issue of last month. Prices generally were from 25 to 40 per cent. of catalogue price. We note a few exceptions.

|                                              |        |
|----------------------------------------------|--------|
| U. S. 1846, Providence, 5c., cat. \$6 50     | \$2 25 |
| " 1857, 24c., used cat. 5 00,                | 2 00   |
| " 1861, 5c., " " 8 50,                       | 2 00   |
| " 1868, 24c., " " 6 00,                      | 2 75   |
| " 1869, " " " 7 50,                          | 3 50   |
| " 1893, Columbian, \$1 00, used, cat. \$5 00 | 1 60   |
| " " " " 2 00, " " 3 00                       | 1 20   |
| " " " " 3 00, " " 4 00                       | 1 60   |
| " Treasury, 24c., used, cat. 5 00            | 2 00   |
| " State, 2c., used, cat. 6 00                | 1 25   |
| Virgin Islands, 1867, 4d., used, cat. 7 50   | 2 00   |
| Bahamas, 1882, 4d., used, cat. 2 50          | 50     |
| U. S. War Dept. 90c., o. g., cat. 1 50       | 70     |
| " " " " 7c., " " 2 50                        | 1 35   |
| " Columbian \$4, used, cat. 5 00             | 2 50   |

Seychelles, 1897, 18c., block of 4, o. g., cat. 60, 80  
 Falkland Ids., 1/2d., block of 12, o. g., cat. 38, 40  
 Lagos, 1892, 1/2d. on 4d., block of 4, o. s., cat. 72, 75  
 Uruguay, 1897, six values, o. g., cat. 93, 2 80

William B. Hale, of Williamsville, was a recent visitor to the Hub.

One frequently finds that a friend or acquaintance of years standing is a lover of philately, yet both have been unconscious of the others interest. We noticed recently that F. M. Forbush had secured a philatelic prize from a New York firm. Mr. Forbush is a bright young member of the legal fraternity, residing in Natick, Mass., with an office on State St., Boston. We have been thrown in contact with him a great deal.

The November meeting of the Boston Philatelic society was well attended, Vice President Woodward presiding in his usually affable manner. Secretary Toppin made himself very much in evidence, particularly in his praiseworthy report as chairman of the committee on the Revenue Check List. A. W. Batchelder, in some extended remarks, declared that the work of this committee would give the Boston society enduring fame and upon his motion a further appropriation of \$100 was granted the committee. Frank Tent, Newton Centre, and M. H. Lombard, Winchester, were elected to membership. A committee was appointed consisting of Messrs. Howes, Batchelder, Wylie, Rothfuchs, and Smiley to recommend a program for the observance of the seventh anniversary. There was a small auction sale. Rev. Mr. Kilbon entertained the members with an untitled sketch that was finally christened "a Philatelic Dream."

Geo. M. Frame, Haverhill, has disposed of his stock in trade to Chase Bros., who will be found at 11, 13 and 15 Washington St.

Colonial Stamp Co. will hold its fourth auction sale on Tuesday eve, December 28, in Elk's Hall.  
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NEW OXFORD, PA.

## Society Reports and News.

**Special Notice to Secretaries:** All reports for next issue should be in hands of the publisher December 30th. Reports should be carefully written, especially names, to avoid errors by printer. Typewritten reports are the best. Please address Society Dept., *Columbian Phil.*

### The Columbian Philatelic Society.

#### OFFICERS FOR 1897.

President—J. F. Dodge, New Oxford, Pa.  
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Official Journal—The *Columbian Philatelist*.

Cost of Membership—Admission fee 10 cents; annual dues 25 cents. Membership outside of the United States, Canada, and Mexico: Admission fee 10 cents; annual dues 50 cents. Members receive the official organ free.

#### THE CONVENTION.

##### FELLOW MEMBERS:—

In accordance with the action of the last Convention, I hereby appoint Monday, January 31st, 1898, as the date of the Second Annual Convention, and New Oxford, Penna., as the place of holding the same. The convention will be called together at 10 A. M., of that date, at the office of W. H. Emmert. Nominations for the various offices should be forwarded at once to the Secretary so as to appear in the next issue of the official Journal. Forms close December 30th.

In this connection I would say that my intention was to call the convention at Columbus, O., but being advised by the Secretary, that in his opinion, it would be more advisable to call it here, I have respected his wishes. Secretary Fritter also advises me that he cannot accept a re-election which I very much regret for many reasons, but as his time will not allow him to do so, we must look for an active and willing member to take his place, and I take pleasure in recommending H. C. Crowell, of Cleveland, Ohio, and also recommending Secretary Fritter's election to the office of Vice-President. I trust that as many members as possible will attend the convention, and those who cannot, be prompt in returning the ballots which will be mailed by the Secretary about December 30th.

Respectfully Submitted,  
J. F. DODGE, Prest.

#### PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

##### FELLOW MEMBERS:—

The Secretary's report just in, shows four new applications, and really it isn't fair you should expect me to do it all. Reminds me of a pair of oxen my father had when I was home on the farm. They were good "willing" oxen, one was "willing" to do all the work, and the other was "willing" that he should. I am glad to see that "dead wood" dropped out. Among the members suspended are two that have owed me per-

sonal bills for over a year, and I could not even get a reply from them. Mr. Hesse was the chairman of the 1896 board of trustees and a dozen letters requesting that he turn over unfinished business to the new board brought no response whatever. We notice also the Messrs. Drown, of Boston, who nearly wrecked the Society by ceasing to publish the official Journal and giving no response to frequent letters inquiring about it, and a Colorado member who was expelled from the Queen City Philatelic Society. It is encouraging to know that many of them are outside of our ranks. We have nearly 300 paid up members and I trust the members will take a more active interest in introducing their friends.

Yours for the Col. Phil. Soc'y.,  
J. F. DODGE, Prest.

NEW OXFORD, PENNA., NOV. 25, 1897.

#### NEW MEMBERS.

- No. 345 Basil Aubley DeVere Bailey, 18 East-47th St., New York City, N. Y.  
" 346 Herbert F. Rollins, 217 Park Place, Brooklyn, N. Y.  
" 347 Wm. Augustin Montgomery, 135 Spring St., Medford, Mass.  
" 348 Geo. M. Finckel, 53 Wesley Block, Columbus, Ohio.  
" 349 Theodore H. Low, U. S. S. Iowa, Navy Dept., Washington, D. C.  
" 350 L. E. Clark, 57 Ida St., Oshkosh, Wis.  
" 351 Alan R. Fernald, 42 Howard St., Detroit, Mich.  
" 352 Wm. A. Koch, 112 Union St., Waukesha, Wis.  
" 353 L. O. Brosie, 3504 Butler St., Philadelphia, Pa.  
" 354 J. Francis Bowen, 39 St. James Ave., Boston, Mass.  
" 355 Olen Forrest Shreve, Easton, Md.  
" 356 A. S. Russell, Phillip St., Brisbane, Queensland, Australia.  
" 357 E. E. Weaver, Millcreek, Ill.  
" 358 Chas. Waring, Knoxville, Tenn.  
" 359 Dr. S. B. Boyd, Box 115, Knoxville, Tenn.  
" 360 Robert Kessler, New Braunfels, Texas.  
" 248 John Bisbee, Box 1108, Stoughton, Mass.  
" 253 Chas. King, 105 E. 10th St., New York City, N. Y.

Those of the above who have not paid their dues, should send same to me at once, and I will immediately forward to them their membership cards. The amount is three (3) cents, to January 1, 1898, or twenty-eight (28) cents to January 1, 1899. I hope that none will fail to pay these dues promptly. Remit by money-order, stamps, or silver.

#### APPLICATIONS.

I have received the following applications together with the accompanying references, since my last report; the age and occupation of each applicant is given in each case:

Leroy Dana Hovey, Winthrop, Iowa, Age, 17; Printer. Refs. J. F. Dodge, Mrs. D. W. Hovey.

Lewis L. Buckminster, Vineland, N. J. Age, 20; Printer. Refs. J. F. Dodge, Edwin F. Miller.

Chas. A. Glenkin, 367 Straight St., Paterson, N.

J. Age, 27; Book-keeper. Refs. J. F. Dodge, Chas. Seitter.  
Alvin Buechner, 233 E. 84th St., New York City, N. Y. Age, 27; Musician. Refs. J. F. Dodge, Al. Loewit.

The above applicants will be accepted, provided no sufficient objections are received within one month from date. Membership cards will then be sent to those who have paid their dues to January 1, 1899, (25 cents). Notices will be sent to those who have not done this, and when same are paid, cards will be sent. Let all attend to this matter at once.

#### SUSPENSIONS.

In accordance with my notice published in the August number of this magazine, I hereby notify the following members that they stand suspended from this society, and are therefore not entitled to any of its benefits. All officers will take notice accordingly, and refuse to dispense any privileges or benefits to these members. Any of the following who desire to be reinstated, can do so by paying up all back dues, which they may owe this society:

Members number—2, 5, 10, 11, 12, 16, 18, 19, 22, 23, 25, 27, 28, 29, 30, 36, 38, 44, 46, 48, 55, 58, 59, 66, 67, 69, 82, 83, 85, 89, 90, 91, 93, 94, 97, 98, 99, 101, 102, 103, 109, 111, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 121, 122, 124, 127, 129, 130, 132, 134, 136, 146, 147, 148, 149, 151, 153, 154, and 162.

#### NOTICE.

All members when writing to the different officers should also give their membership number. This will serve to identify you, so to speak, as the person to whom you have written may never have heard of you before. It will also serve to prevent those who have allowed their membership to expire, from enjoying the benefits of the society when they have no right to do so. I hope that this rule will be strictly followed in the future.

#### DEATH.

No. 315—T. L. GREEN, Mt. Olivet, Ky.

Upon behalf of the members of this society, I extend heartfelt sympathy to the family of the deceased, and hope that they may be comforted in their great affliction. Mr. Green was a comparatively new man as regards his connections with the Philatelic societies of this country, in that he held no offices until just recently, when he was chosen Exchange Superintendent of the P. S. of A. Everything indicated that he would distinguish himself in his administration of this important office, and much satisfaction was felt over his election. In his death Philately loses one of her most devoted followers, one of her most honest and courageous devotees, and one of her truest sons. His memory will infuse those who shall follow him, to look upon him as their example, and to not feel content until they shall have made a similar name for themselves. *Requiescat in pace.*

For the C. P. S.,

LEO FRITTER, Sec.-Treas.

COLUMBUS, O., November 15, 1897.

#### REPORT OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE COLEMBIAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY:—

In the case of Chas. King against whom an objection was made, we find the charge was too trivial and he is entitled to admission.

In the case of P. M. Weiss, we believe it for the best interest of the Society that he be denied admission and so order.

In the case of John Bisbee, as the charges have not been sustained we must admit him.

Respectfully,

A. JUNGMANN, Chairman,  
CHAS. TOELLE,  
WM. PROTZMAN.

Trustees, C. P. S.

MILWAUKEE, WIS., November 16, 1897.

#### EXCHANGE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

There are two complaints I have to make this month, one is about the delay in forwarding circuits and the other the failure to report and remit. I have one circuit which left me September 20th, two months ago to-day, the second man kept it a month, and I had to fine him. One circuit is in Louisiana, the holder being afraid to forward on account of the Yellow fever precautions, which perforate and fumigate all letters. I don't wonder the owners of books lose patience sometimes at the long delays, but I do my best, and in future wish to give warning that I intend to fine those who keep books too long. I have succeeded in catching one substitution, who has paid over \$20 in cash for stolen stamps, besides returning \$17 worth of the stamps themselves. I had trouble in one more circuit, but have not been able to catch the rascal yet. Amount was small, and is nearly paid up. Would like some more names on circuit list, a membership of over 300 should furnish at least a hundred for my Department. Note change of address to 130 Capitol Avenue.

FRED. P. HOLT, Ex-Supt., C. P. S.

## The Ohio Philatelic Association.

#### OFFICERS.

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#### PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

FELLOW MEMBERS:—

Another month has rolled around, and I am called upon to speak to you again, although in a very unsatisfactory manner. Still it will have to suffice. I hereby desire to announce the appointment of Mr. Ben L. Morris, of Bellaire, to the vacancy, caused by the resignation of our Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. W. B. Dobbins. Mr. Morris is especially fit to perform the duties of this office, and I think the society is fortunate in securing him to act in this capacity. All communications and applications should be addressed to him, and he will give his attention to them without delay. Owing to this matter, not much has been done in the way of securing new members, but now since it is no longer a hindrance, we should all work to the common end of building up the membership. At our stage of organization, this is the most important matter with which we must deal, and in order to have a successful organization, we must meet it and overcome it. I confess that I have been very inactive in this respect, and am very sorry that this is the case, but I have been very busy this winter, and my time has not been mine, to a very great extent. But I shall renew my efforts along this line after the holidays and trust that all the members will do likewise. Nothing should satisfy us except to have this society become the most beneficial and successful state organization in existence. We have the material, and all that is necessary is that this material should be worked up into members. But I shall not preach you a sermon on this subject, you, who do not need to be told your duty. I am sure that you

recognize the needs of the hour, and intend to follow up your chances, until the Ohio Philatelic Association shall be heralded abroad upon the waves of just approval as the model state Philatelic society. Am I too optimistic? I think not, and if anything I can do will bring around this state of affairs, it shall surely occur as I have just said.

I have asked Mr. W. H. Barnum, of Cleveland, to act as Vice-President, in place of Mr. Morris, appointed Secretary-Treasurer, and he has accepted. I am sure that this appointment will be received with pleasure by all of the members, as Mr. Barnum has had much experience with society work and it is certain that our association will profit greatly through his connection with it in an official capacity.

Hoping I may hear from the members at all times, and that they will feel free to make any suggestions or criticisms, and that success may attain all efforts made towards upbuilding and improving this, the "best" state Philatelic association in the world, I am

Fraternally yours,

LEO FRITTER, President.

COLUMBUS, O., November 15, 1897.

### SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT.

#### FELLOW MEMBERS.—

Upon the urgent request of President Fritter I have accepted the Secretary-Treasurership of the Ohio Philatelic Association. I ask your hearty co-operation to make it a grand success.

#### CHANGE IN ADDRESS.

12. Frank S. Poorman to 19 28th Ave., Denver, Colorado.

#### NEW MEMBERS.

64. H. A. Trebing, 28 Brainard Ave., Cleveland, Ohio.  
 65. H. R. Ward, 53 Clinton St., Newark, O.  
 66. P. E. Bridge, 494 W. Sixth Ave., Columbus, Ohio.  
 67. Leslie B. Powell, 176 N. 20th St., Columbus, Ohio.  
 68. George Linn, 135 Penna. Ave., Columbus, Ohio.  
 69. Frederick S. Harmer, 74 King St., Columbus, Ohio.  
 70. Charles McMurray, 27 King St., Dayton, O.  
 71. C. B. Buckwalter, Circleville, Ohio.  
 72. J. W. Sturgiss, 534 5th St. Marietta.  
 73. P. M. Thompson, 527 E. Broad St., Columbus, Ohio.

#### APPLICATIONS.

- Phinie Phillips, 813 Vine St., Cincinnati. Age, 39; Jeweler. Refs., P. M. Weiss, J. A. Meyer.  
 Charles K. Davis, Care of A. Davis, Sons & Co., Cincinnati, O. Age, 43; Manufacturer. Member in no other society. Refs., P. M. Weiss, Phinie Phillips.  
 C. S. Hook, 1049 Wesley Ave., Cincinnati. Age, 44; Jeweler. Member no other society. Refs., P. M. Weiss, Chas. Pendleton.  
 E. D. Allum, 636 Barn St., Piqua, O. Age, 47. Foreman. Member no other society. Refs., P. M. Weiss, W. K. Boal.

#### SPECIAL NOTICE.

*Dues*—The dues for 1897-98, twenty-five cents (25) are now payable. The majority of the charter members still owe, and quite a number of others. Send 25 cents to the treasurer at once.

Fraternally,

BEN. L. MORRIS, Sec'y.

#### FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

|                                           |               |
|-------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Received from treasurer, balance on hand, |               |
| Except \$1.00 which he still has,         | \$2 00        |
| For Fees,                                 | 40            |
| <b>Total,</b>                             | <b>\$2 40</b> |

#### EXPENDITURES.

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|-------------------------------------|------------|
| Expressage on books from Secretary, | \$ .35     |
| Postage,                            | .20        |
| <b>Total,</b>                       | <b>.55</b> |
| Balance on hand,                    | \$1.85     |
| <b>Fraternally,</b>                 |            |
| <b>BEN. L. MORRIS, Treas.</b>       |            |
| <b>McConnellsville, Ohio.</b>       |            |
| <b>Oct. 4, 1897.</b>                |            |

#### FELLOW MEMBERS, O. P. A.:

I have received the following since my last report:

The American stamp No.'s 1, 2, 3, 4, 5. Philatelic Advocate, Aug. Perforator, Sept. All around Stamp Adv., Aug. Evergreen State Phil., Sept. American Jour. of Phil., Aug. and Sept. Texan Phil., Aug. Phil. Advocate, Sept. Boston Stamp Book, Aug. Columbian Phil., Aug. New York Phil., Aug. Home Worker, Sept. Eastern Phil. Aug. Michaels Weekly, No.'s 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352. New York Phil., Sept. Stamps, Sept. Boston Stamp Book, Sept. Eastern Phil., Sept. and the American Journal of Philately for Oct. We will start the circulating library in two weeks. Those who wish to be put on circuits will drop me a card signifying their desire to do so. We are the only State society who has this feature. We tried it last year and it was successful in the extreme. The members who received papers once wanted them all the time, as they got papers in this manner that they did not subscribe for. As soon as ten papers are received they are sent out on one circuit and then the next ten follow, going to a different circuit. A special circuit will be made for the scientific stamp papers and magazines, so that members who don't want to be bothered with the smaller class of papers will get nothing but what they wish. The first circuit will start about two weeks after the publication of this issue of the C. P. Drop me a card if you want on a circuit.

Yours very truly,

HENRY S. ADAIR,

Librarian O. P. A.

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 Auction Manager—Frank P. Brown, 325 Washington St., Boston, Mass.  
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#### SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT.

30. Bogert, R. R., 154 Nassau St., New York City.  
 31. Clinton, E. T., 1008 Market, Philadelphia, Pa.  
 32. Clotz, Henry, 81 Maiden Lane, New York City.  
 33. Holton, Eugene A., 8 Summer St., Boston, Mass.  
 34. Leighton, Wm I., Concord, N. H.  
 35. Nutter, Wm., Concord, N. H.  
 36. Pardee, Willard F., 623 Warren St., Syracuse, N. Y.  
 37. Rothfuchs, C. F., 65 Huntington Avenue, Boston, Mass.

#### APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP.

Berger, Edward G., 1895 N. Marshfield Avenue, Chicago, Ill., age 38; occupation, Dealer in Charcoal. Reference: Chas. H. Stone, Jos. Rechert.





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| Grenada, 1883-87 set of 3.....               | 16    | 06    |
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| Jamaica, 1885 1p-2p.....                     | 50    | 20    |
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| 1/2p-1p, per 10.....                         | 08    | 03    |
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| " 5s.....                                    | 2 25  | 1 45  |
| 1885 1p unpaid.....                          | 12    | 05    |
| " 2p.....                                    | 20    | 08    |
| " 3p.....                                    | 20    | 08    |
| " 5p.....                                    | 25    | 10    |
| " 1/2p wrapper.....                          | 04    | 01    |
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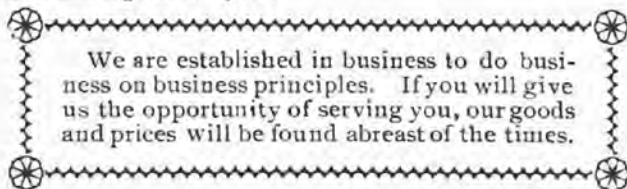
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| 2c green on amber   | " 3.....    | .08   |
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| 4c scarlet on amber | " 8.....    | .08   |
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## ENTIRE OR "CUT SQUARE"— WHICH?

BY S. A. D. COX.

The question embodied in the heading of this article is one that has agitated the Philatelic mind, to a greater or less degree, for some time past, and as the writer is earnestly and unequivocally in favor of the collecting of the envelope stamps in an entire condition, and as moreover he has at different times seen collectors of entires characterized as "stationery collectors," etc., he has made up his mind to give a few reasons why, in his opinion at least, envelopes should be collected entire.

In the first place, I would ask, wherein lie the charms of Philately—of stamp collecting in general? What makes the pastime a pleasure? Undoubtedly, the infinite variety and beauty—of design, colors, etc.—of the stamps of the world, and the great beauty of a collection of these different designs and colors when grouped together in a collection. It is the variety of designs, colors, watermarks, perforations, paper, etc., etc., that makes collecting a pleasure. If there was but one country in the world, and that country issued only one set of stamps, retaining the same design for years and years, and the same colors for all the stamps, there would be very few stamp collectors in the

world. It is the infinite variety—of design, paper, color, watermark, perforations, etc., that constitutes the charm, without doubt, and I would ask then, why should one cut his envelopes, when some of the most interesting features are embodied in the envelope proper, as watermark, shape, size, etc., these things being necessarily absent in the cut square specimens. It is the watermarks, shapes and gums that enable one to tell of what issue a certain envelope is, and who will deny that to know to what issue your specimen belongs is an essential and interesting matter? It is just as much so in envelope stamp collecting as in adhesive stamp collecting. If watermarks are interesting and an aid—an indispensable one in many cases, it may be added—to the determining to what issue a certain stamp belongs, then they are just as important in envelope stamp collecting for the same reason, and in the cut square specimens the watermark is missing more than half the time. If the perforations are necessary to the adhesive, to enhance its appearance and give it a look of completeness, constituting a perfect whole, then the envelope proper is just as necessary to the envelope stamp for the same reason. A collector of adhesives would cry out in holy horror at the very idea of cutting away the perforations from an adhesive stamp,

claiming, and rightly, that as the adhesive was created with these perforations, it is incomplete and imperfect when they have been cut away, and not desirable in a mutilated condition for collection. And if this is true of the adhesive, as it certainly is, it is true of the envelope stamp, the envelope proper being as much a part of the complete whole as the perforations are of the adhesive. And the envelope proper is even more necessary to the envelope stamp than the perforations are to the adhesive, as I will show: Take an unused adhesive, and cut away the perforations; it is then still good for postal purposes. You can stick it on a letter and it will prepay the postage just the same as if the perforations were there; all that is necessary is that the design proper is not cut. But with the envelope stamp it is different: Take an entire unused envelope, and cut the envelope away, leaving the stamp only, and it is no longer good for postal purposes; the government will not honor it if pasted on an envelope and mailed, nor will the stamp in this condition be redeemed. If, however, the unused stamp is still on the entire envelope, it will be honored for postal purposes, or, if the envelope be soiled, or the wrong address has been written on by mistake, the postmaster of your town will redeem the envelope, giving you, in adhesive stamps, the face value of the stamp. Cut the stamp out before his eyes and hand him both pieces, and he will not redeem it—they have to be together, entire and uncut, or they are worthless; the envelope and the stamp constitute the complete and perfect whole; either, separate, is worthless—it is not a perfect whole, and such being the case, is just as objectionable as a subject for collec-

tion as the adhesive with the perforations cut away.

Even though a man may never wish to use one of his specimens for postal purposes, it is nevertheless a great satisfaction to know and feel that, if he so desired, he could take any one of them out of his album, enclose a letter in it, mail it, and the envelope would carry its enclosure safely and surely to its destination. The face value of an unused stamp is always there, unvarying, unwavering, and this gives an added interest and value; this will appeal to even a non-collector, and when one has his envelope collection in an entire condition, he can gaze upon it with a satisfaction that can never be known or enjoyed by the collector of cut squares. He has a collection that will never decrease in value or lead to disappointment in the future. The man who has cut his envelopes, however, has a collection of nondescript affairs which are neither "flesh nor fowl," to use an old simile, in that, while they may be unused, are perhaps as clean, bright and handsome-looking as the day they were printed, they are yet worthless in so far as actual value is concerned; they have never prepaid postage, nor ever can. Their mission is ended—they are failures. How much more interesting and valuable they would have been had they not been cut out of the envelopes! In this connection I will say that there may be (though I doubt it) some chance of salvation for the man who cuts used envelopes, as these stamps have performed their mission, but for the man who wilfully and knowingly cuts his unused envelopes, there is absolutely no hope. However, don't cut either; collect them entire; in this condition, and in no other, can you know just what you have in your collection, size of envelopes,

watermark and shape constituting some of the chief differences between common and rare varieties, and where you have a cut square specimen it is rarely that you can determine these matters—as to size, never (unless you know that such a color of paper was printed in only one certain size—this rarely the case); as to shape, it is mostly a guess, while once in a while you will get a small piece of the watermark, but more often none at all. The remedy is to collect them entire.

I note that the majority of the writers who favor the cut square side of the question advise that the stamps be cut out "with as large a margin as possible." Why? It is very simple: By cutting wide margins, one runs a slight chance of securing enough of the envelope so that one may venture to guess at the shape, and may, perchance, if he be lucky, get a small bit of the watermark! That is it—nothing else, and I ask, why not go the whole hog, and save the envelope entire? Then you have something that fills the bill, fully and completely, and that will answer every question that the test of examination can propound. There is absolutely nothing lacking from an entire envelope; there is much that is disappointing in the cut square specimen.

I do not wish to be understood as advocating the destroying or throwing away of the cut square specimens in the collections throughout the country—not at all. These collections were made before the proper understanding of the relation of the envelope to the envelope stamp were understood, and as they are of interest—the used varieties more especially—they should remain a portion of the collectors' stock of the world; but, for the good of the future generations of Philatelists, don't

cut any more envelopes. I have no wish to tear down any one department of collecting, to aid in up-building another—and in fact, it is not necessary, the collecting of entires being bound to rise of its own might and merit; so let the cut squares that are in existence remain with us, but at the same time, do not, under any circumstances, be a party to increasing the present stock. Make up your mind to collect only entire envelopes, and stick to it. You will be glad to the end of your days that you did so.

Advocates of cut squares tell us that the entire envelopes cost too much. This is not to be considered at all as an argument against the collection of entires, the truth being that, with some exceptions, a collection of entires will not cost more than twenty-five per cent. more than a collection of cut squares—and just think of the satisfaction of having such a collection! Think of the security of such a collection! No chance for a loss on account of some change in the system of collecting envelope stamps there! Whatever direction the style may take, you are all right. If they decide to collect the stamp cut square, with flap attached, you will have it; if they decide to collect it with half the envelope, cut vertically, horizontally or diagonally, or any old way, you will have it, and if they should decide to collect the ENTIRE ENVELOPE—you will have it! That's the point; it's coming to that. See that you get in line at an early date. Be able to show a fine collection of entires when that time comes. And did you ever stop to think that the argument of too great cost as advanced against the collecting of entire envelopes is in reality a strong argument in its favor? It is. If the entires cost more, they are certainly

worth more, are they not? And they will keep on growing more and more valuable every day. I am truly sorry that I can not say the same of cut squares.

Now listen to good advice for once: Start a collection of entire envelopes. It will make you happy, as it has made, and is making happy hundreds of collectors who have begun to collect entires within the past few years—and it will save to future generations thousands of perfect entire envelopes that would otherwise have been mutilated and practically destroyed.

### CANADIAN COMMENT.

BY A. M. MUIRHEAD.

The fight between Hamilton, Ont., and Halifax, N. S., for the 1898 D. P. A. convention seat is at last at an end and the verdict is Hamilton. Hamilton should not be very proud of the result, and Halifax in accepting its defeat, does so with certain well-defined convictions, one of which is that no place outside of Ontario can ever get a convention of the D. P. A. It is not well that one province should monopolize a national organization, and this fact will no doubt be brought home to our western friends when they find the membership outside of the western provinces decreasing every year.

"Hamilton, 1898" is no doubt a cry of triumph for those living in that city but it is also the noise of despair to those who would have the association a national affair. It was a triumph of sectionalism and in two years time the Dominion Philatelic Association will be dead as a door-nail.

*The Philatelic Messenger*, of Oak-hill, New Brunswick, erstwhile a fortnightly, is now issued monthly

and reflects credit on its publisher, Rev. Mr. Knight. Mr. Knight is one of Canada's oldest philatelists and his publication shows his master hand on every page.

We are looking eagerly now for the new permanent Canada issues which are to be similar to the new half-cent. It is confidently expected that they will be placed on sale Jan. 1st.

The popular ex-secretary of the Halifax Philatelic Club, Mr. Edward A. Whalen, will likely return shortly after the new year. He has been away since October and the philatelist contingent have missed him greatly. Preparations are being made to give him the glad hand on his return and there is likely to be a hot time in the old town that night.

The new one cent and two cent Newfoundland are out. They reached St. Johns on the 2nd inst. and were immediately placed on sale. The one cent is red, its design being very similar to the one cent of the Cabot Issue. The two cent is a grand sweet song. It has the startling countenance of the Prince of Wales, familiarly referred to among the aristocrats in Halifax as "Valsey." The stamp is in orange and Albert is wearing a full set of whiskers. The surcharged "one cent" on 3-cent should now be a desirable stamp.

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For some time past British entomologists, or bug hunters, have been exercised over the extermination of certain insects in consequence of the zeal of the collectors, who roam over the country with butterfly nets. An association has been formed of collectors agreeing to leave rare insects alone awhile

and do all in their power to curb the sporting instincts of others. Imagine a stamp collector agreeing not to pick up a rare specimen from the roadside, yet a similar temptation will be met, and have to be resisted by the insect collector.

Ohio has at last got another stamp periodical, The Stamp Collector's Figaro, neat in appearance, and I don't see why we Ohio collectors can not support at least one monthly. Mr. C. B. Duffy is at the head of the above and promises us twelve numbers containing some good articles. May he succeed.

Cramp is a very common affliction with the Philatelic writers, they are always cramped for money.

The Newfoundland, one cent surcharge is a good stamp and you should not let the chance pass even if you have to pay a good price for it. It will be a good stamp, and take all you can get as the supply is limited and they are very few of them, taking into consideration the number of collectors.

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## CANADIAN NOTES.

BY R. G. WIDDICOMBE.

A philatelic club has been organized in Hamilton under the name of "The Hamilton Philatelic Club," branch No. 4 of the Dominion Philatelic Association. The following officers were elected:

*President*—F. M. Robinson.

*Sec.-Treasurer*—R. S. Mason.

*Librarian*—C. S. Applegath.

*Auction Manager*—E. A. Marris.

*Supl. Bureau of Information*—W. B. Grant.

The recent contest for the convention seat of the Dominion Philatelic Association for 1898 has ended, and Halifax came out at the little end of the horn. Hamilton won by a majority of three, only 31 votes being cast. Don't you think it should be taken over? I wonder if there is a leak somewhere. I have heard of members not getting the official organ regularly.

The Dominion Government has arranged for a three cent per ounce rate on letters sent to points in the British Empire, instead of five cents per half-ounce as heretofore. This change will go into effect January 1st, 1898.

Scott's catalogue has reached St. Catharine's—about two months earlier than last year. The sale of this work has been far greater than in previous years.

Stamp dealers in all parts of the Province report business exceptionally good. The demand for the medium grade of foreign stamps is now at its height. Canada revenues are also much sought after.

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### OUR MONTHLY CHAT.

Several interesting matters were crowded out of this issue.

We won't waste any words on an apology for being late, as on receiving last issue one subscriber wrote "no apology was needed, it was worth waiting for, and contents up to date even if nearly 30 days after date on the cover."

The holidays are over and we trust that 1898 will be a happy and prosperous new year to all our

readers, and we will try to do our part to make it so. We are saving our readers dimes and dollars, and trust they all appreciate it.

Subscriptions come along very nicely, but we shall be glad to have more, and those of our subscribers who think the magazine is worth 15 cents per year should not be selfish, but let their friends have a chance to invest that sum to the same good advantage.

There seems to be a general opinion among dealers that we are to have a good spring business, as is indicated by the advertising columns of the various publications.

One prominent dealer writes us that he believes the stamp business suffers heavily from the overpricing of stamps in the 58th catalogue allowing dealers to give  $33\frac{1}{3}$  to 50, 60 and even 75 per cent. discount from catalogue prices, and believes dealers should combine and issue a net catalogue, from which it would hardly be possible for a dealer to give more than 10 to 15 per cent. discount. If dealers could and would combine and agree on prices, it would doubtless be a good thing, but is the plan feasible? We certainly should welcome such a movement if properly organized and carried out.

There is one other thing needful among stamp dealers and publishers, and that is reliable up-to-date information about collectors and dealers. A confidential circular mailed monthly or oftener giving results of dealings with one another would be of benefit to all, and were we not so busy we would inaugurate such a movement as we are certain it would succeed. John Jones

is honest, he intends to pay for his advertising, but he doesn't for 3, 6, or 12 months until perhaps the postage eats up all the publisher's profit. One publisher after another inserts his advertisement and drops it for the same reason that No. 1 did, because the pay wasn't forthcoming. If the first publisher reported the fact to a central office and thus by a confidential circular to all other publishers, they could be on their guard in dealing with him. The same is true in sending out stamps on approval. Some parties are slow, keeping consignments one, two, three and sometimes six months or a year and all dealers should know about their methods. Who will work up such a plan or must we do so?

Brother Chapman's *Perforator* grows better every month, and Christmas week brought him nearly 50 new subscribers, a record many publishers have never had, and never will have. As all publishers know, new subscribers are not obtained as easily as many would suppose, no matter how good the publication. For instance you would think about everybody would be willing to pay 15 cents for this magazine, but there are a few collectors that wouldn't, but—there are others.

Our friend Herbst of *The New York Philatelist* had a very interesting Christmas number. He makes a mistake, however, in adopting such a poor quality of stock for the covers.

We have received a bulky catalogue of stamps and philatelic supplies for sale by C. E. Hussman, and it is well worth sending for if you did not get one.

We were agreeably surprised in Beardsley's *International Philatelist* for December. It was the best he ever got out and the contents were of interest to collectors, and we trust that he will keep up the record. It is so much better to speak well of a good article than show up the bad points of the opposite kind.

And Martin's *International Stamp* for November is a great improvement over former issues and we are glad to make note of it.

And there is Brother Mekeel's *Weekly Stamp News*, that seems to be improving a little in the value of its reading matter. Really if we could report the same of all papers, how pleasant it would be.

*The Philatelic Bulletin* now edited by E. B. Horn, Jr., contains original matter, and we wish Bro. Horn all success. He says that in point of beauty, "*The Virginia Philatelist* leads *The Rocky Mountain Stamp*." And we agree with him as far as the November issue of the *R. M. S.* is concerned, but the December "*Rocky*" is out and has redeemed its reputation for beauty, and contains 14 pages of solid reading matter.

*The California Stamp*, No. 2, shows an improvement in contents as well as signs of its appreciation.

The seventh annual sale of the Baltimore Philatelic Society will be held on January 15th, at the Society's rooms. It comprises 525 lots in which as usual there are a number of rarities.

W. Sellschop & Co., have favored us with a neat calendar, for which they have our thanks.



Richard H. Bunce, of Middletown, Conn., writes us that he will publish the second edition of his *Dealers' Address Book* about January 15th. It will list nearly 600 stamp dealers and will be well worth the price of 10 cents. Mr. Bunce has an advertisement elsewhere in this number. He has been in the stamp business for about five years and bears an excellent reputation.

The American Souvenir Card Co. use up a page of our space this month to announce a novelty that we predict will have a large sale. They have our thanks for samples of the cards, and they are certainly very neatly executed. With the backing of such men as Henry Clotz, (Pres.); R. F. Albrecht, (Treas. and Manager) and Robt. S. Lehman, (Secy.) the company is bound to do a large business.

And we are permitted to gaze upon a copy of "*The Philatelic Rambler*" published by James A. Anderzen, of Loomis, Neb. It is very much after the style of D. W. Osgood's cute little "*Stampman*." We notice he is "cussing" Leon G. Lambert, "purchasing agent of the S. of P." There are others doing the same, Mr. Anderzen, including two of our English correspondents, but Mr. Lambert is not purchasing agent of the S. of P. nor even a member, having been expelled on account of his "moral depravity."

Wolsieffer's sales go merrily on, the next one being announced for January 29th. The sale of January 8th contained over 500 lots including some pretty scarce stamps.

Joe F. Beard has issued a price list of "current" entire envelopes.

(Holyoke envelopes are hardly "current" Mr. Beard), and we reproduce it entire as a page advt.

J. V. Revelo favored us with a unique "Christmas Greeting," in the shape of a feather card which we highly cherish. To the many others who extended greetings, we heartily extend our best wishes for 1898, and regret that time does not permit us to reply to each singly.

The Connecticut Philatelic Society has disbanded, as nearly all the members also belong to The Columbia Philatelic Society and are satisfied with the benefits to be obtained of the latter.

Considerable complaint has been made against a bad man over in the Mosquito State. It was "A. A. Scott, C. P. S. 287, P. S. of A. 186" that solicited a consignment from Messrs. J. M. Bartels and Co., but those numbers do not belong to Mr. Scott(?) This letter was from Kirkwood, N. J. A similar request dated at Kirkwood and mailed at Camden, N. J., was received by Willard B. Dobbins, of Barnesville, Ohio, with a different set of society numbers, one number being nine in excess of the highest membership number in the society. About three weeks before, viz. Oct. 10th, Mr. Dobbins had received a similar request from Cramer Hill, N. J., but mailed at Camden, N. J., signed "Chas. A. Sharp," to whom he sent a small selection and could get no returns, his last letter being forwarded to Galveston, Texas, and returned as "unclaimed." When "A. A. Scott" wrote, the writing being identical with that of Mr. Sharp(?), Mr. Dobbins did not send him anything. Some other dealers were not so fortunate.



"Our Eye" notices two or three names occasionally in the philatelic press that were familiar to the writer in years gone by and in another sphere of action. We refer to Warren J. Brodie, Cleveland, Ohio; Howard K. Sanderson, Lynn, Mass., and C. W. Kissinger, Reading, Pa., all of whom were members of the National Amateur Press Association and have served it in official positions. In 1883 the writer was president. Mr. Kissinger seems to possess to-day the same desire for running things as when connected with amateur journalism. The difference between then and now is, that while he seems to hold the reins of government to-day with a firm hand, in the National Amateur Press Association he cut a small figure.

The society with the sibilant sounding name is having a hard passage in American philatelic waters. Between the Scylla of collectors who will collect what suits their fancy and the Charybdis of dealers who will sell what collectors want supplied them, are so many rocks as to seriously imperil this craft with the alliterative name. Seriously though, the S. S. S. S. has taken a big task upon its shoulders in putting the Canada and Newfoundland Jubilee on the black list. Though the Chinese built their wall forty-five feet in height, eighteen in thickness and five hundred leagues in length, it proved no barrier to the Tartars who were not at pains to make a breach in this rampart; they

had only to travel a little to the eastward to about forty degrees of latitude when China was totally defenceless. The S. S. S. S. can build a strong defense of its position, but dealers are human and will sell what there is a demand for, and this breach in the defenses of the S. S. S. S. cannot be disposed of with argument.

A representative of Boston's leading stamp company takes a common sense view of the situation. Said he to the writer recently: "We make no effort to push these goods upon our patrons, and if any one asked my opinion I should strongly advise collectors to let speculative issues severely alone. These stamps are made so attractive as to no doubt induce many to take up stamp collecting and herein they are useful. Our policy is to meet and not create a demand for such issues."

The *Era* for a number of months has published the advertisement of a Baltimore dealer who announces "February list just issued." If we can only possess our souls in patience the cycle of time will bring this around all right. By the way, in keeping with our criticism of the *Era* last month, future auction sales reports will give quotations upon only perfect stamps.

The last *Boston Stamp Book* contained a striking advertisement by the New England Stamp Co., offering \$2500 for a 2 cent Hawaiian Island. This was a shrewd move and shows genius in advertising. It carries upon its face the assumption that this firm deals in rarities where some smaller concern would be looked upon as playing a game of "bluff." But there is a string to

the advertisement. The stamp must be in fine condition. And thereby may hang a tale.



Mr. Jewett and Mr. Toppan of the B. P. S. have had a little tilt based upon the action of the former in publishing in the *Era* the monthly club circular. It has been brought before the last two Boston society meetings. If in Mr. Jewett's place, we would grapple with this matter at its most vulnerable point: The broadcast printed minutes as official records when said minutes are not as yet approved by the society.



After the last Boston society meeting we could hear voices deploring the liberty of the press and condemning the libellous (?) utterances of a man by the name of Dodge. There are many men who are able and willing to frame a code of morals for the guidance of others. For our own part we believe in calling a spade a spade. Lincoln used the word "sugar-coated" in one of his messages. Defrees, the government printer, was a good deal disturbed by the use of the word and finally went to the president about it, as lacking dignity. "Defrees," replied President Lincoln, "that word expresses precisely my idea and I am not going to change it. The time will never come when the people won't know exactly what 'sugar-coated' means."



What "Our Eye" had to say last month regarding dealer-correspondents who were quick to note demand for certain stamps aroused "S. E. L." of the *Era*. If the latter is not a dealer what was written could not apply to him, if a dealer - well we are told that "its the wounded bird that flutters."

WILLARD O. WYLIE.

BOSTON, MASS.

### If you don't know how to write an "ad"

Just drop a line to Robie.  
Although he's busy, he won't get mad;  
A genial man is Robie.  
He likes baked beans and lobsters, too,  
He got filled up with dishes new  
At Boston. But the ocean blue  
Just coaxed them all from Robie.

He's a curious crank of the traveling kind,  
This western hustler Robie,  
He sells corn plasters and kidney pads,  
So they say, does this man Robie,  
But the way he pulls over the druggists' stock  
To find the stamps on the bottles of—Bock,  
And the rarities he gets would give you a shock.  
But he never gets rattled, does Robie.

Postage and envelopes have no charm  
For Mr. Lewis Robie;  
But for match and medicine he would trade a  
good farm.  
That's what they say of Robie.  
And stacks of stamps of this sort he has got.  
He wants to buy more for cash on the spot.  
If you want to buy he will send you a lot  
On approval, write Mr. Robie.

Just now he's on the way to the Golden Gate  
And we wish you luck, Mr. Robie.  
Forgot to send copy, the printer can't wait  
So we fill out the space for Robie.  
He will shortly return. Just when we confess  
We don't know. But at his old address  
His partner will answer in a few days or less.  
Chicago is headquarters for Robie.

"Smiling Brody" is booming the Omaha Exposition of 1898 in true western style, and if the statement that the post office department will authorize a special issue of postage stamps to commemorate the exposition can be depended upon, it will be a fresh cause of rejoicing among our western brethren but a bad thing for philately. The Nebraska collectors have secured space for a stamp exhibition, and the committee in charge invite the co-operation of collectors everywhere to make it a grand success.

We have received specimen pages of a new magazine, *El Filatelista Internacional*, to be published by the International Stamp & Publishing Co., of Mexico City, beginning with Jan. 15, 1898. It will be a monthly at 25 cents per year, 8 to 20 pages and cover, size of page about twice the size of this. We wish them success in their venture.

## Society Reports and News.

### SPECIAL NOTICE TO SECRETARIES.

All reports for next issue should be in hands of the publisher January 20th. Reports should be carefully written, especially names, to avoid errors by printer. Typewritten reports are the best. Please address Society Dept., *Columbian Phil.*

### The Columbian Philatelic Society.

#### OFFICERS FOR 1897.

President—J. F. Dodge, New Oxford, Pa.  
 Vice-President—Geo. B. Klebes, Sharon Valley, Conn.  
 Sec.-Treas.—Leo Fritter, 233 Lexington Ave., Columbus, O.  
 Ex-Supt.—Fred. P. Holt, Hartford, Conn.  
 Auc. Manager—H. Smith, Medford, Mass.  
 Librarian—H. S. Adair, McConnellsville, O.  
 Supt. Bureau of Information—Chas. F. Bridge, Albany, N. Y.  
 Attorney—Geo. A. Katzenberger, Greenville, O.  
 Counterfeit Detect.—Frank P. Brown, Boston, Mass.  
 Trustees—A. Jungmann, Chairman, 529 Twelfth St., Chas. Toelle, H. W. Protzman, Milwaukee, Wis.  
 Official Journal—The *Columbian Philatelist*.  
 Cost of Membership—Admission fee 10 cents; annual dues 25 cents. Membership outside of the United States, Canada and Mexico: Admission fee 10 cents; annual dues 50 cents. Members receive the official organ free.

### THE CONVENTION.

The Second Annual Convention will be called together at 10 A. M. at the office of W. H. Emmert, New Oxford, Penna., Jan. 31, 1898, and we hope to see a good attendance. Ballots and proxies should be promptly mailed to the Credential Committee at once. Should you fail to receive a ballot send in one of your own make-up, rather than none at all.

Yours for the C. P. S.,  
 LEO FRITTER, *Sec.-Treas.*

#### PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

NEW OXFORD, PENNA, Jan. 3, 1898.

#### *Fellow Members:*

Four weeks from to-day occurs our Second Annual Convention and your votes and recom-

mendations are needed to make it a success. The list of nominees is found in the secretary's report, and I much regret that up to date no suitable person has been named as my successor, as I feel that my various duties will not allow of my giving such attention to the duties of the office if re-elected, as I should like. During the time that I have held the office, I have given a great deal of time and have been at considerable expense also, but I feel gratified to look over the quality of our membership, as well as in its numbers. Many difficulties have been removed, and serious ones, too, and I wish to thank all the members, especially my brother officers, for the kind assistance rendered me in the performance of my duties. The paid up membership has nearly doubled, and when I see that nearly one-half of the present membership were introduced by me personally, and that more than 75 per cent. of the other half were brought in by the members that I introduced I feel a pardonable pride in our Society and do not feel at all ruffled when I see it referred to in the philatelic press as "Dodge's pet Society." Should you desire me to retain the position for another year, as much as I would like to relinquish its arduous duties, I shall endeavor to guide its course in the best interests of the entire membership, and trust that I shall have their hearty co-operation. Our state vice-presidents, with one or two exceptions have been a dead failure, and I trust a better selection will be made by my successor. We have been very much hampered by lack of funds, and I trust all who have not already done so, will forward their dues to 1899 or if convenient to 1900, and assist in the liquidation of a few small debts and put a working balance in the treasury. [It has been necessary for me recently to loan the Society \$10 to meet current expenses.] Besides your vote or proxy (these are being mailed to every paid up member) will be of no value unless your dues are paid up to Jan. 1, 1899. Wishing our society, and each of its members individually a prosperous New Year.

I am yours sincerely,  
 J. F. DODGE, President.

#### NEW MEMBERS.

No. 361—Objected to. Referred to trustees.  
 No. 362—Lewis L. Buckminster, Vineland, N. J.  
 No. 363—Chas. A. Glenkin, 367 Straight St., Paterson, N. J.  
 No. 364—Alvin Buechner, 233 E. 84th St., New York City.

The above members who have paid their dues to January 1, 1899 (25 cents) have received their cards. The others will likewise receive theirs upon the payment of the amount. Remit in silver, stamps, or by money order. Do not fail to attend to this matter at once.

#### APPLICATIONS.

I have received the following applications, together with the accompanying references, since my last report:

J. F. Johnson, 83 Thornton St., Boston, Mass., age 43, Life Insurance; refs. Gardner R. Kennedy, Leo Fritter



Geo. F. Steger, Columbia Hts., Ill., age 20,  
 Piano M'fg; refs. J. F. Dodge, Jas. N. Kelly.

Chas. G. Burrows, Windsor, Conn., age 35,  
 Draughtsman; H. E. Heath, E. E. Roberts,  
 Fred J. Garraty, Richmond, Quebec, Can., age,  
 19, Student; refs. Wm. A. McDonnell, Philip W.  
 Jutices.

Ashmead G. Rodgers, Windsor, Conn., age 25,  
 Electrician; H. E. Heath, A. H. Eddy.

Arthur H. Eddy, 318 Collins St., Hartford,  
 Conn., age, 40; H. E. Heath, E. E. Roberts.

L. T. Brodstone, Superior, Nebraska; Refs.  
 J. F. Dodge, Leo Fritter.

E. Blumenthal, 16 Watkin St., Newtown, Syd-  
 ney, N. S. W., Australia, age, 20, Accountant;  
 J. F. Dodge, R. K. Lambert.

The above applicants will be accepted within  
 one month from date if no sufficient objections  
 are received within that time. Membership  
 cards will then be sent to those who have paid  
 their dues to Jan. 1, '99, (25 cents). Those who  
 have not attended to this matter before should  
 forward their dues to the secretary at once.

#### RESIGNATIONS.

No. 278—R. A. McCulloch, Henderson Ave.,  
 New Brighton, N. Y.

#### CHANGES IN ADDRESS.

No. 43—Chas. T. Taylor, Room 602, 269 Dear-  
 born St., Chicago, Ill.

No. 353—L. O. Brosie, 3405 Butler St., Pitts-  
 burg, Pa.

#### DUES NOTICE.

Thereby beg to notify all members that the  
 dues for the ensuing year (25 cents to January 1,  
 1899) are now due, and should be paid at once.  
 The treasury is entirely without funds, and I  
 hope all members will hasten to pay their dues  
 promptly so that the society will not have to in-  
 cur any debts. A notice will be sent to all mem-  
 bers, and I trust that immediate attention will  
 be given to it. It is not necessary however to  
 wait for a notice. You know the amount. This  
 notice affects all members, excepting the few  
 who have paid their dues to January 1, 1899. No  
 society can be successfully run unless the mem-  
 bers are prompt in paying their dues. The  
 amount is very small, and should not inconven-  
 ience anyone. Do you not think that you have  
 received a quarter's worth of benefit during the  
 past year?

#### NOMINATIONS.

In accordance with our President's call for  
 nominations for officers for the next year, I have  
 received the following. As it has only been  
 about two weeks since the call was issued, the list  
 of nominations is small, but all that are received  
 up to the time of sending out the ballots, will be  
 placed thereon, so that members can have a  
 broader field to select their officers from:—

President—J. F. Dodge, Pa.

Vice-President—Leo Fritter, Ohio.

Sec. Treas.—H. C. Crowley, Ohio.

Chas. D. Lowe, California.

\*Leo Fritter, Ohio.

Exchange Supt.—Fred P. Holt, Conn.

International Secretary—R. J. Russell, M. D.  
 of Penna.

Counterfeit Detector—F. Noyes of Texas.

Gordon C. Corbaley of  
 Wash.

Auction Manager—H. Smith, Mass.

Attorney—Geo. A. Katzenberger, Ohio.

Chas. F. Bridge of N. Y.

Librarian—H. S. Adair, Ohio.

Supt. Bureau of Information—John Arbtin of  
 Iowa.

Trustees—A. Jungmann, Chas. Toelle, H. W.  
 Protzman, Milwaukee, Wis.

\* Declines.

#### PERSONAL.

I must decline to accept a re-election to the  
 office of Sec. Treas., owing to lack of time to  
 properly discharge the duties of the office. Dur-  
 ing the past six months I have had very little  
 time to devote to the office and consequently the  
 members have not received the proper and  
 prompt attention to their requests, which I  
 would have liked to have given them. But I did  
 not feel as though I could sacrifice my other af-  
 fairs for an office which gave me no remunera-  
 tion, although I should have liked to have done  
 so very much. Then too I do not think I ought  
 to put myself again in a position where I could  
 be abused by any member who failed to secure  
 immediate attention to his demands, considering  
 I was filling the office without pay, and at a  
 great sacrifice. Some members do not seem to  
 consider the difficulties which I have had to meet,  
 and have criticized me upon the slightest pro-  
 vocation. Such treatment does not make an officer,  
 who also takes much pride in the fact that he  
 was the organizer of our grand society, feel like  
 again accepting the responsibilities of the office,  
 which he has filled for two terms, although the  
 latter one very unsatisfactorily to himself and  
 the members of the society. So I have decided  
 to not yield to the urgent requests of my friends,  
 and therefore I will make way for my successor,  
 hoping he may be able to successfully fill the  
 office, and assuring him of my hearty support,  
 and good will. If the members see fit to elect  
 me to some office which will not require so much  
 time, I will accept the same, and do all I can to  
 rebuild our society. I now desire to thank  
 those members who have given me their support  
 and advice during my two terms of office. I hope  
 I may still continue to merit their friendship  
 and approval. I also desire to say that I shall  
 do all I can to make the "Columbian" the best,  
 largest and grandest philatelic society in exist-  
 ence, and extend my support to the new board  
 of officers which you, as members, will see fit  
 to elect at our 2nd Annual Convention. Again  
 thanking my friends for their many kindnesses  
 during the past, I am,

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

LEO FRITTER, Sec. Treas.

Columbus, O., December 29, 1897.

#### EX-SUPT.'S SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT.

*Fellow Members of the Col. Phil. So.*

Below will be found my report of receipts and  
 sales. Am glad to say that there has been in-  
 creased interest in my department since last  
 July, both in number of books sent in and their  
 value. As a result sales have been better and  
 I have received very few complaints. The  
 members have been very careful recently in  
 forwarding circuits, but several fail to report  
 and remit. I am a candidate for re-election, but  
 if I am not elected, I should be short just about  
 the amount the members owe, as I have taken  
 my commission out entirely in stamps. So  
 anyone knowing that he owes will save me  
 postage (a big item with me) if he will remit  
 amount at once on reading this. I have not yet  
 seen the S. of P. Ex-Supt.'s report, but under-  
 stand that he gives the name of the substituter  
 whom I referred to last month, C. A. Hall, of  
 Salem, Mass., the publisher of the "Philatelic  
 Bulletin." He has made good all claims against  
 him. There was one other case of substitution,  
 \$3.00 worth, which lies between two members,

both well known to Philately, one of whom has left for parts unknown. I have been unable to fix the blame, but have paid nearly all the claim from fines collected. I would like very much to have a good many more names on my circuit list as buyers, everybody wants to sell.

Wishing you all a happy and prosperous New Year.

I am yours truly,  
FRED P. HOLT.

On hand July 1, 40 books valued at..... \$369.09  
Rec'd since July 1, 92 books valued at.... 741.51  
\$1110.60

Have sent out 21 circuits, 5 still out.  
Have returned 64 books to owners, value, \$548.75  
Sales from these books amounted to..... 138.84  
being a little over 25 per cent.

FRED P. HOLT,  
Ex. Supt. Col. Phil. So.

#### AUCTION MANAGER'S REPORT.

I have once more to appeal for a little more support and encouragement for this department.

The late appearance of the O. O. has rather interfered with the dates set for closing of bids and receipt of entries, but for the future these dates will be fixed to fit in with the receipt of the O. O. by the members.

Out of 18 lots offered in the 5th sale, 6 lots were sold, although only 2 parties sent in bids.

I feel sure that if the members would look over the list of entries, they would find something they could bid upon, and if reasonable, no doubt secure.

I would also be pleased to receive entries for future sales. Send them in at any time and they will appear at the first possible opportunity.

Look out for the 7th sale.

H. SMITH, Auction Mgr.

McConneville, Ohio.  
Dec. 14, 1897.

#### FELLOW MEMBERS C. P. S.

I have received since my last report the following papers:—

Virginia Philatelist, California Stamp, New York Philatelist and Columbian Philatelist for December. The number of papers this month has been small. No doubt occasioned by the mind of the editor being occupied with thoughts of Christmas Turkey. I hope that he will remember us after that momentous occasion and favor us with copies of his publication. Let each publisher turn over a page and write down on a new leaf the name of the C. P. S. for a year's subscription. I will be a candidate for re-election and hope to receive the votes of the society. Wishing you all a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year, I remain,

Yours for the C. P. S.,  
HENRY S. ADAIR, Librarian.

### The U. S. Envelope Exchange.

President—Joseph Rechert, Hoboken, N. J.  
Vice Pres.—Chas. H. Stone, Box 718, Concord, N. H.

Sec.-Treas.—Joe F. Beard, Muscatine, Iowa.  
Sales Manager—J. F. Dodge, New Oxford, Pa.  
Auction Manager—Frank P. Brown, 325 Washington, St., Boston, Mass.

Attorney—Chas F. Bridge, 600 Madison Ave., Albany, N. Y.

Reference Committee—J. V. Painter, Cleveland, O.; S. B. Boyd, Knoxville, Tenn.; S. G. Stein, Muscatine, Iowa

Official Journal—The Columbian Philatelist.

Dues 50 cents per annum, which should be sent with application.

Members receive official Journal free.

[No report from secretary up to date of going to press.]

#### SALES DEPARTMENT.

No consignments have been received since last report. Some of the bargains advertised in last report are still to be had.

Respectfully,  
J. F. DODGE, Sales Manager.

### The Newport R. I. Philatelic Club.

#### OFFICERS.

President—Percival Parrish.  
Vice President—Winfield S. Sisson.  
Secretary—Hugh L. Taylor.  
Treasurer—Miss S. S. Bowen.  
Librarian—Miss S. S. Bowen.  
Exchange Superintendent—H. L. Taylor.  
Official Journal—The Columbian Philatelist.  
No report from secretary up to time of going to press.

### Albany N. Y., Philatelic Club.

#### OFFICERS FOR 1897.

President—J. Benton Tipton.  
Vice-President—Geo. H. Stevens.  
Secretary-Treasurer—Charles F. Bridge.  
Exchange Superintendent—John Skinner.  
Official Journal—The Columbian Philatelist.  
All collectors residing in Albany and vicinity are invited to join us. Information and blanks cheerfully furnished. Chas. F. Bridge, Sec-Treas., 600 Madison Ave., Albany, N. Y.

#### IMPORTANT TO MEMBERS OF THE CONNECTICUT PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

Members of the above Society are hereby notified that it is thought best to merge the Conn. Phil. So. into the Col. Phil. So. So many were members of both, which use the same Official Journal, that it will save trouble and expense. We hope those who are not members of the Columbian, will join, and no admission fee will be charged Conn. Phil. So. members, merely dues for 1898. Send membership cards to the Secretary with 25 c. and he will see that you get your new cards.

GEO. B. KLEBES, President. FRED. P. HOLT, Secretary.

### U. S. Entire

#### Envelopes

New price list just issued post free. Send for one and look it over.

### B. V. JENKINS,

1224 N. Charles St. Baltimore, Md.

## NEWS FROM OLD BAY STATE.

A correspondent last month made reference to the use of "trading stamps." Massachusetts has been wrestling with the problem during the past three months and the police authorities of various cities have placed them under the ban of the law. These trading stamps are green pieces of paper given when sales are made and afterwards redeemed in merchandise.

Gardner R. Kennedy informed me at the last Boston Philatelic Society meeting that his connection with Frank P. Brown would be severed January 1. He had formed no plans for the future as yet.

Beacon in the last *Collector* commented upon the gruffness of the employees at the stamp windows of the Boston post-office. There are others who think the same way, witness a correspondent of the *Boston Record*, who is replied to by "J" as follows: "If he is dignified, as your informant states, it must be the dignity of conscientious rectitude. At heart he is one of the kindest and gentlest of men and any stiffness must be only a mannerism. He is a man of devout religious feeling and of unblemished reputation." Deliver us from such dignity.

Add still another to the already long list of Boston dealers. This time it is G. A. Flagg who will be located at 170 Tremont St. Mr. Flagg is a resident of Malden.

The meeting of the Boston Philatelic Society on December 21st, was attended as well as usual. The society has a president but for the third successive time since our enrollment as a member Vice-president Woodward presided. Secretary Toppan reported that the Revenue Committee would be obliged to cease work for a short time owing to circumstances which rendered it advisable. A. W. Dunning, Cambridge, a stamp dealer, was proposed for membership. The election of officers will take place at the January meeting. No entertainment was provided and this announcement brought a very tired look into the faces of the members. There was an informal auction sale with B. L. Drew as auctioneer.

In the last *Philatelic Bulletin*, Marshall, of Cambridgeport, offered a block of 4, U. S. 3c. 1757. A typographical error means much in a philatelic ad-

vertisement. By the way the December number shows a vast improvement over preceding issues. An ugly charge is made against Mr. Hall, one of its advertisers, by Chas. E. Shaw, Supt. of Sales of the S. of P., that of "substitution." What Mr. Shaw has to say regarding this practice in the last *Collector* will be heartily endorsed.

The Boston Stamp Book is to be published in the future by a stock company. Editor Kilbon wishes to be relieved from some of the responsibilities that weigh him down.

We cannot close our letter without referring to the sale to be held by B. L. Drew in the latter part of the month. Two evenings will be utilized, January 19th and 20th, and \$10,000 worth of gilt-edge stamps will be placed on sale. The catalogue shows numerous beautiful things:—St. Louis 5 c. gray lilac and 10 c. greenish; Nevis, 1861, 4d. grayish; New Brunswick, 1851, 1 sh. used; St. Vincent, 4 d. red-brown o. g; Nova Scotia, 1 sh. catalogued at \$140, and—there are lots of others.

TREMONT.

Jos. S. Davis writes us that Emil A. Stigeler, lately acquitted on the charge of larceny of some \$2,000 worth of stamps, has recently forged a check of \$112, and disappeared. He is believed to be on his way to Europe, but detectives are on his trail and we wish them success in their effort to catch the rascal.

## STAMPS.... FOR BEGINNERS.

Send for my Approval sheets and Books of fine foreign stamps at 50 per cent. Discount!

Send for a selection to-day!

Good reference must accompany the order.

AGENTS WANTED.

**Chas. A. Glenkin,**  
Paterson, N. J.

The post-office at the Strait of Magellan consists of a small painted keg or cask, and it is chained to the rocks of the extreme cape, in a manner so that it floats free, opposite Terra del Fuego. Each passing ship sends a boat to take letters out and put letters in. This curious post-office is unprovided with a postmaster, and is, therefore, under the protection of all the navies of the world. Never in the history of the unique "office" has its privileges been abused.

The postal service of the U. S. costs nine million dollars a year above receipts, while that of Great Britain yields a profit of over fourteen million dollars, that of France nearly ten million, Germany six million, that of Russia eight million, and that of even India, and Japan one million five hundred thousand. About the only other nations whose postal service does not pay expenses are Canada, Norway, Siam, Chile, Peru, Bulgaria and Bolivia. This deficit in the U. S. is caused largely by an interpretation of the law which carries in the mails an enormous amount of printed matter at a sum greatly below the cost of so doing.

### HAVE YOU SEEN

Our special list of UNUSED Stamps at net prices? If not, send for it.

Our discounts on stamps on approval are as follows:

Stamps listed 1 to 5 cts.—60 per ct.

" " 5 to 10 cts.—50 per ct.

" " 10 cts. and over—40 per ct.

Can we send you a selection?

W. H. Walker & Co., Box 887, Denver, Colo.

### ...PHOTO BUTTONS...

Made from any photograph; latest and most fashionable fad; send photo and 25c for 3 celluloid buttons, photos returned promptly. W. F. Fratcher, 344 Michigan Ave., Detroit, Michigan.

## Ho, Everyone that Seeketh!

Seekers after small but "hard to get" lots are sure to find something here which they need, and at a still smaller price.

|                                              | Cat P | My P |
|----------------------------------------------|-------|------|
| Barbados 1892, set of 4.....                 | \$ 08 | 5 03 |
| 1882, set of 4.....                          | 22    | 09   |
| British Guiana 1889, 8c.....                 | 35    | 15   |
| 1891, set of 3.....                          | 08    | 03   |
| *British Honduras, 1891 6c on 10c black..... | 20    | 08   |
| Colombia, Panama, 1887 10c straw.....        | 10    | 04   |
| 1894 set of 3.....                           | 12    | 05   |
| Grenada, 1883-87 set of 3.....               | 16    | 06   |
| 1895 set of 2.....                           | 05    | 02   |
| Jamaica, 1883 1p-2p.....                     | 50    | 20   |
| Leeward Island, 1890 set of 3.....           | 07    | 03   |
| Peru, 1896 set of 3.....                     | 07    | 03   |
| St. Vincent 1883-5 set of 3.....             | 12    | 05   |
| Tobago, 1894 1p.....                         | 05    | 02   |
| Trinidad, 1884 set of 4.....                 | 16    | 06   |
| " 1/2p-1p, per 10.....                       | 05    | 05   |
| 1896 set of 3.....                           | 08    | 03   |
| " 1p per 10.....                             | 05    | 05   |
| " 1/2p to 1s set of 7*.....                  | 1 28  | 75   |
| " 5s.....                                    | 2 25  | 1 45 |
| 1885 1p unpaid.....                          | 12    | 05   |
| " 2p ..                                      | 20    | 08   |
| " 3p ..                                      | 20    | 08   |
| " 5p ..                                      | 25    | 10   |
| " 1/2p wrapper.....                          | 04    | 01   |
| Venezuela 1893 set of 4.....                 | 17    | 07   |
| " 25c Columbus.....                          | 15    | 05   |

\*Means unused. Cash with order. Unused stamps taken. Postage on orders below 25c. Satisfaction guaranteed or "your money back."

### A. DOLPH STAMP CO.,

NEW YORK.

## WHEW?

Scott's 58 is out. It costs 58 cts. post-paid everywhere. Send me 58 cts. and I will mail you one at once and give you

## FREE

One year's subscription to either the Columbian Philatelist, The American Collector or the Rocky Mountain Stamp. For 70 cents, catalogue and any two of the above publications. For 80 cents, catalogue and all three of them. New subscribers or renewals. DO YOU WANT THE EARTH?

Address PUB'G. DEP'T.,

## J. F. DODGE,

NEW OXFORD, PA



## Entire Unused Envelopes.

|                                       | Cat. | Price  |
|---------------------------------------|------|--------|
| Complete set Col. Env., 22 var.,      |      | \$1.25 |
| Set 4 var. Col. Env., 1, 2, 5, 10c.   |      | .25    |
| 1874, 1c blue on fawn,                | .75  | .15    |
| 1875, 5c blue on white,               | .50  | .18    |
| 1874, 5c blue on amber,               | .35  | .15    |
| 1874, 5c blue on blue,                | .75  | .25    |
| 1874, 1c blue on Cream,               | .10  | .04    |
| WAR, 3c on blue, used,                | .05  | .02    |
| 1883, 4c green on white, Die A, used, | .30  | .06    |
| 1874, 1c blue on fawn, used,          | .75  | .10    |

### Revenue Corkers

|                   |     |                   |     |
|-------------------|-----|-------------------|-----|
| 1c Prop.          | .02 | 25c Ent. of Gds., | .03 |
| 2c "              | .02 | 50c Mort.,        | .02 |
| 3c "              | .05 | 50c Surety Bond,  | .03 |
| 5c Frn. Exch.,    | .02 | \$2.00 Mort.,     | .08 |
| 25c Life Ins.,    | .10 | 1871, 1c Prop.,   | .03 |
| 25c Pow. of Att., | .01 | 1878 4c Prop.,    | .03 |

We have a few duplicates of the lots we sold at auction last month. We will sell them the same they went for then, as follows:

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| 53. " 10c 1870 71, Unused...<br>part gum                                               | 198                        | 1 20 00   |
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| 57. Hawaii 2c. Fine used copy,<br>used as 1c. and 1d. No. 14,<br>on part or cover..... | 29                         | 1 5 00    |
| 58. Brit. Honduras Prov'l 1/2                                                          | 32a                        | 1         |
| 59. Set Can. Rev. 1869, 1, 2, 3,<br>4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 20, 30, 50,<br>and \$1.....     |                            | 13 2 50   |
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| 1c blue on white,                | 2   | 10 | 1c blue on amber,               | 5   | 03 | 2c yellow green on O. buff,      | 5   | 05 |
| 1c dark blue on white,           | 2   | 10 | 1c blue, shade, on amber,       | 5   | 10 | 2c blue green on O. buff,        | 5   | 04 |
| 1c light blue on amber,          | 2   | 03 | 1c blue on amber, notched,      | 5   | 10 | 2c blue gr., shade, on O. buff,  | 5   | 04 |
| 1c blue on amber,                | 2   | 03 | 1c lgt. bl. on man. wv. no wmk. | 6   | 03 | 2c yel. gr. on am. man., wove,   | 5   | 05 |
| 1c dark blue on white,           | 3   | 40 | 1c blue on man., wove, wmk.     | 6   | 03 | 2c yel. gr. on am. man., laid,   | 5   | 04 |
| 1c blue on amber,                | 3   | 05 | 1c blue on man., laid, wmk.     | 6   | 03 | 2c blue gr. on amb. man., laid,  | 5   | 05 |
| 1c lgt. blue on man. amb. wove   | 3   | 25 | 1c ultramarine on white,        | 11  | 03 | 2c yellow green on man., laid,   | 5   | 05 |
| 1c dark blue on white,           | 5   | 15 | 1c ultramarine, shade, on wht.  | 11  | 03 | 2c yellow green on man., wove    | 5   | 05 |
| 1c light blue on amber,          | 5   | 05 | 1c blue on white,               | 11  | 03 | 2c blue green on man., laid,     | 5   | 04 |
| 1c blue on amber,                | 5   | 05 | 2c yellow green on white,       | 11  | 05 | 2c yellow green on white,        | 7   | 05 |
| 1c blue on manilla, wrapper,     | 50  | 50 | 2c blue green on white,         | 1   | 04 | 2c blue green on white,          | 7   | 04 |
| 2c yellow green on white,        | 1   | 05 | 2c yellow green on white,       | 2   | 05 | 2c blue green, shade, on white   | 7   | 04 |
| 2c yellow green on white,        | 2   | 10 | 2c yel. green, shade, on white, | 2   | 04 | 2c yellow green on amber,        | 7   | 05 |
| 2c blue green on white,          | 2   | 05 | 2c blue green on white,         | 2   | 04 | 2c blue green on amber,          | 7   | 04 |
| 2c yellow green on amber,        | 2   | 05 | 2c blue gr. on white, dotted    | 2   | 10 | 2c yellow green on white,        | 7   | 05 |
| 2c blue green on man., wove,     | 2   | 15 | 2c yellow green on amber,       | 2   | 04 | 2c blue green on blue,           | 7   | 04 |
| 2c yellow green on amber,        | 3   | 10 | 2c blue green on blue,          | 2   | 05 | 2c blue green, shade, on blue,   | 7   | 04 |
| 2c blue green on amber,          | 3   | 10 | 2c blue green, shade, on blue,  | 2   | 05 | 2c yellow green on O. buff,      | 7   | 05 |
| 2c bl. gr. on am. shade paper,   | 3   | 15 | 2c yellow green, on O. buff,    | 2   | 04 | 2c blue green on O. buff,        | 7   | 04 |
| 2c yellow green on blue,         | 3   | 15 | 2c blue green on O. buff,       | 2   | 04 | 2c yellow green on white,        | 8   | 05 |
| 2c yellow green on buff,         | 3   | 30 | 2c blue gr., shade, on O. buff, | 2   | 04 | 2c blue green on white,          | 8   | 04 |
| 2c blue green on white,          | 5   | 15 | 2c blue gr. on O. buff, dotted  | 2   | 10 | 2c blue green, shade, on white   | 8   | 04 |
| 2c yellow green on amber,        | 5   | 05 | 2c green on amber manilla,      | 2   | 04 | 2c yellow green on amber,        | 8   | 05 |
| 2c blue green on amber,          | 5   | 05 | 2c green on amb. man., wove,    | 2   | 05 | 2c blue green on amber,          | 8   | 04 |
| 2c yellow green on blue,         | 5   | 20 | 2c gr. on amb. man., dotted     | 2   | 10 | 2c yellow green on white,        | 9   | 05 |
| 2c green on amb. man., wove,     | 5   | 10 | 2c yel. green on man., laid,    | 2   | 05 | 2c blue green on white,          | 9   | 04 |
| 2c yellow green on amb. man.     | 5   | 25 | 2c yel. green on man., wove,    | 2   | 05 | 2c yellow green on white,        | 10  | 05 |
| var. paper,                      | 5   | 25 | 2c blue gr. on man., dotted     | 2   | 10 | 2c blue green on white,          | 10  | 04 |
| 2c yellow green, extra official, | 25  | 25 | 2c yellow green on white,       | 3   | 05 | 2c blue gr., shade, on white,    | 10  | 04 |
| 2c blue green, extra official,   | 20  | 20 | 2c blue green on white,         | 3   | 04 | 2c yellow green on white,        | 11  | 05 |
| 2c blue green, wrapper,          | 10  | 10 | 2c blue green, shade, on white, | 3   | 04 | 2c blue green on white,          | 11  | 04 |
| 2c yellow green on amber,        | 13  | 15 | 2c yel. green, shade, on amb.   | 3   | 04 | 2c blue gr., shade, on white,    | 11  | 04 |
| 2c blue green on amber,          | 13  | 15 | 2c yellow green on blue,        | 3   | 05 | 2c yellow green on white,        | 13  | 05 |
| 2c blue green on white,          | 14  | 25 | 2c blue green on blue,          | 3   | 04 | 2c blue green on white,          | 13  | 04 |
| 2c bl. gr. on white, sm. bar,    | 15  | 15 | 2c yellow green on O. buff,     | 3   | 05 | 2c blue gr., shade, on white,    | 13  | 04 |
| 2c yel. gr. on white, l. bar,    | 20  | 20 | 2c green on O. buff,            | 3   | 04 | 2c green on amber,               | 13  | 04 |
| 4c scarlet on white,             | 7   | 10 | 2c blue green on O. buff,       | 3   | 04 | 2c yellow green on blue,         | 13  | 05 |
| 4c scarlet on white,             | 8   | 10 | 2c yellow green on amb. man.    | 3   | 05 | 2c blue green on blue,           | 13  | 04 |
| 4c scarlet on amber,             | 8   | 10 | 2c green on amber manilla,      | 3   | 04 | 2c blue green, shade, on blue,   | 13  | 04 |
| 5c blue on white, Die B.,        | 3   | 10 | 2c blue green on amb. man.,     | 3   | 04 | 2c yellow green on O. buff,      | 13  | 05 |
| 5c blue on amber, Die B.,        | 3   | 10 | 2c yellow green on manilla,     | 3   | 05 | 2c blue green on O. buff,        | 13  | 04 |
| 5c blue on white,                | 5   | 10 | 2c green on manilla,            | 3   | 04 | 2c blue gr., shade, on O. buff,  | 13  | 04 |
| 5c blue on amber,                | 5   | 10 | 2c blue green on manilla,       | 3   | 04 | 2c yellow green on white,        | 14  | 05 |
|                                  |     |    | 2c yellow green on white,       | 4   | 05 | 2c green on white,               | 14  | 04 |
|                                  |     |    | 2c blue green on white,         | 4   | 04 | 2c green, shade, on white,       | 14  | 04 |
|                                  |     |    | 2c blue green, shade, on white  | 4   | 04 | 2c green on amber,               | 14  | 04 |
|                                  |     |    | 2c blue gr., '90 wmk., on white | 4   | 20 | 2c yel. gr., '90 wmk., on amb.   | 14  | 15 |
|                                  |     |    | 2c yellow green on amber,       | 4   | 05 | 4c red on white,                 | 7   | 10 |
|                                  |     |    | 2c yel. green, shade, on amber  | 4   | 04 | 4c red on amber,                 | 7   | 10 |
|                                  |     |    | 2c yel. green, shade, on amber  | 4   | 04 | 4c scarlet on amber,             | 7   | 10 |
|                                  |     |    | 2c yel. gr., '90 wmk., on amb.  | 4   | 15 | 4c red on white,                 | 8   | 10 |
|                                  |     |    | 2c yellow green on white,       | 5   | 05 | 4c scarlet on white,             | 8   | 10 |
|                                  |     |    | 2c blue on white,               | 5   | 04 | 4c scarlet on white,             | 9   | 10 |
|                                  |     |    | 2c blue green, shade, on white  | 5   | 04 | 4c red on amber,                 | 9   | 10 |
|                                  |     |    | 2c blue green, shade, on white  | 5   | 04 | 5c blue on white, Die A.,        | 3   | 10 |
|                                  |     |    | 2c blue gr. on white, dotted    | 5   | 15 | 5c blue, shade, on white, Die A. | 3   | 10 |
|                                  |     |    | 2c yellow green on amber,       | 5   | 05 | 5c blue on white, Die A.,        | 5   | 10 |
|                                  |     |    | 2c blue gr. on amb. shade paper | 5   | 05 | 5c blue, shade, on white, Die A. | 5   | 10 |
|                                  |     |    | 2c blue green on amber,         | 5   | 04 | 5c blue on amber,                | 5   | 10 |
|                                  |     |    | 2c yellow green on blue,        | 5   | 05 | 1c blue on manilla wrapper,      | 03  |    |
|                                  |     |    | 2c blue green on blue,          | 5   | 04 | 2c green on manilla wrapper,     | 05  |    |

## Hartford Envelopes.

|                                 | SZ. | PR |                                 | SZ. | PR |
|---------------------------------|-----|----|---------------------------------|-----|----|
| 1c light blue on white,         | 2   | 03 | 1c blue on white,               | 2   | 03 |
| 1c blue on white,               | 2   | 03 | 1c ultramarine on white,        | 3   | 03 |
| 1c ultramarine on white,        | 3   | 03 | 1c blue on white,               | 3   | 03 |
| 1c blue on white,               | 3   | 03 | 1c light blue on manilla laid,  | 3   | 03 |
| 1c light blue on manilla laid,  | 3   | 03 | 1c light blue spec. man. laid,  | 3   | 10 |
| 1c light blue spec. man. laid,  | 3   | 10 | 1c blue on manilla, laid,       | 3   | 05 |
| 1c blue on manilla, laid,       | 3   | 05 | 1c blue on manilla, wove,       | 3   | 03 |
| 1c blue on manilla, wove,       | 3   | 03 | 1c light blue on am. man. laid, | 3   | 03 |
| 1c light blue on am. man. laid, | 3   | 03 | 1c blue on amb. man., laid,     | 3   | 03 |
| 1c blue on amb. man., laid,     | 3   | 03 | 1c blue on amb. man., wove,     | 3   | 05 |
| 1c blue on amb. man., wove,     | 3   | 05 | 1c light blue on white,         | 5   | 03 |
| 1c light blue on white,         | 5   | 03 | 1c blue on white,               | 5   | 03 |
| 1c blue on white,               | 5   | 03 | 1c blue, shade, on white,       | 5   | 03 |
| 1c blue, shade, on white,       | 5   | 03 | 1c blue on white, spur,         | 5   | 10 |
| 1c blue on white, spur,         | 5   | 10 | 1c blue on white, spur, used,   | 5   | 05 |

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## S. B. Hopkins.

The portrait of Mr. Hopkins which adorns this page is not new to the philatelic press, but when not overdone sketches like these are pleasing to the public, when selected from those who are prominent as dealers, writers or promoters.

While Mr. Hopkins' writings have for the past year or two been confined largely to the Mekeel publications, previously he penned valuable articles for the monthlies, notably the *Eastern Philatelist*, *Rocky Mountain Stamp*, this magazine and the "Penny". The products of his pen, with the exception of his review work in *Mekeel's Weekly*, were all pertaining to stamps, of which

Mr. Hopkins is a thorough student, and his knowledge of counterfeits and reprints has made his services valuable to the members of the P. S. of A., of which he has been for three years the counterfeit detector. At one time he published the *Eagle Philatelist*. He also prepared the copy for "Wolsieffer's Specialties"

and a descriptive catalogue of the A. P. A. exhibit at the World's Fair in 1893. The public are well acquainted with the review work of Mr. Hopkins in the *Daily Stamp Item* and *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News*. He has been the shaft of many a criticism, many of which were just, but as there are many men of many minds no one could fill the position he does and please everybody.

Mr. Hopkins has a fine collection of U. S. Revenues and Bavarian and Russian stamps, and these are his three specialties. His collection of the former is practically complete, and Bavaria and Russia nearly so, though he is continually looking up minor

varieties of all three of his specialties. He was examiner of sales books of the A. P. A. when Geo. D. Mekeel was Sales Supt., and now performs the same service for the Stamp Exchange. He was also secretary of the Chicago Philatelic Society, while living in the "Windy City". He was born at



S. B. HOPKINS.

Ashtabula, Ohio in 1871 and graduated in 1863 (with the degree of Bachelor of Arts) from the Lake Forest University near Chicago.

We have never had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Hopkins, but our frequent correspondence has been very pleasant.

### New Issue of Peru.

On January 1st 1898, were issued 3 stamps, 1c. blue, 2c. brown, and 5c. pink; also 7 postcards, 1c. red, 2c. blue, 2+2c. blue, 3c. red brown, 3+3c. red brown, 4c. black, and 4+4c. black.

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| 62     | " " " 1328 † fine                                       | 1        | 1 00    |
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| 64     | Sarawak no. 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 9, 21, 22, mostly †          | 8        | 2 82    |
| 65     | Brunswick no. 2, 3, 4, 7, 12, * fair                    | 5        | 7 45    |
| 66     | Prussia Env no 43 * † close fair                        | 1        | 12 50   |
| 67     | " " " 40 * † " " "                                      | 1        | 7 50    |
| 68     | Shanghai no. 3 thin in centre                           | 1        | 3 75    |
| 69     | Gl. Br. no. 125 10¢ * perf with small letters, fair     | 1        | 12 00   |
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| 71     | Naples no. 12 *                                         | 1        | 2 50    |
| 73     | Conf. States no. 98 bl'ck 3 3 (1 rubd)                  | 3        | 30      |
| 74     | Bavaria no. 12 cut close on left                        | 1        | 50      |
| 75     | " " " 6 good clean copy                                 | 1        | 1 00    |
| 76     | " " " 13a " " "                                         | 1        | 2 00    |
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| 79     | St. Pierre & M. no. 1                                   | 1        | 15      |

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| " 1859, 1c pink and 5c verm                                           | 65   |
| " 1868, 1c brown red                                                  | 12   |
| " 1882-97 1/2c to 50c new                                             | 1 75 |
| " 1893, 20c and 5c used                                               | 43   |
| " new issue 1/2, 1, 2, 3, 5c, used                                    | 60   |
| " " 1/2, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, and 8c<br>(unused high values not issued yet) | 35   |
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## A Few Remarks on Early Euro- peans.

BY A. B. HAXELL.

The collection of European  
(Continued on page 64.)

### The Selection and Use of Business References.

It is universally the custom in philatelic commerce, as in all business operations, for dealers, intending to entrust their goods to prospective purchasers, to require of them, either a cash deposit as a guarantee of good faith, or reference to individuals or firms of known commercial standing for a testimonial as to their financial ability and business integrity. This is right. And philatelists, knowing this to be a sound business principle, do not, as a rule, try to evade it, but the rather, to comply with it. So far, so good. But the selection and use of references, in which people—not cash; people with sensitive natures and with rights to be respected—not cold, inanimate and irresponsible metal, are concerned, is a delicate and serious matter, that needs to be carefully considered, lest it be grossly abused.

The writer has been not a little annoyed the past few months by receiving letters from many widely separated points in the United States, and even from Canada, inquiring about the financial standing and business integrity of a certain dealer in stamps, whom (1) he does not know personally, (2) of whose financial ability he is wholly ignorant, and (3) with whom he has had brief correspondence and unimportant business dealings. The objection we urge against this procedure is, that our name was used without our consent, and up to the time of the receipt of the first letter of inquiry, without our knowledge also. We regard such an act as this as a breach of both etiquette and honor, and worthy only of condemnation. Knowing as little about us as we know about him, how could this

ambitious dealer assume that we would commend him to others? Not intending to do him an injustice, we were self-conscious enough to suspect that he thought our ministerial title would make us a valuable reference, whose word would be accepted without question. Ordinarily this might be so of any minister of the gospel, but in strict commercial law, not necessarily. Then, again, we do not deem ourself sufficiently well known, or with commercial rating of sufficient dimensions, to believe that our testimony concerning stamp men far removed from us would be of very great value.

The above incident furnishes food for the following reflections and hints which we record for the benefit of our not *too* virtuous fraternity everywhere:—

1. When seeking a reference in your own behalf, do not select a stranger to yourself; for this is presumptuous, and liable to make you enemies, or give you trouble.

2. Do not select one whose good standing in the commercial world is not itself assured; because so doing leaves room for the conviction that you may be imposing upon your patrons.

3. Never refer a third party to another for a testimonial without first consulting the latter; for thereby you weaken confidence in yourself, and lay yourself open to criticism and censure.

W. A. CARVER.

### Musings.

"With all her faults we love her still" i. e. the Standard Catalogue, yet by criticism we may improve and there is a vast room for improvement, hence the following. Shades are all very well in stamps as long



as they denote a distinct issue, for instance the four cents Ceylon rose and rose-lilac and the St. Christopher one penny rose-lilac and rose. Beyond this I do not consider that they are of value to a philatelist. In cataloguing and pricing shades of some of the dollar value Columbians so evident is the purpose to create a demand and sale for these stamps to benefit some speculators who have large stocks, that it ought to disgust collectors. These shades do not exist except caused by sunlight, water, or neglect in cleaning the plates in printing, causing a blurring of color on the paper, and have no interest whatever for anyone.

I notice that some labels that formerly came under the heading of local stamps in the catalogue have been now promoted to the class of semi-official stamps. There is a suggestion of humor about this and who is holding stocks, we wonder?

Various reports are in circulation with regard to a proposed new issue in commemoration of the Omaha exhibition. At first they seemed to indicate that a sort of local stamp was to be issued. Later reports, however, point it out as a national issue of commemorative taint, to be used in all post-offices where desired, in addition to the current issue. If this is the fact, and we are informed that the P. O. D. is already open to bids on designs, then it is certainly time for collectors to raise a howl. How can we ever look the philatelic world in the face if, after all our condemnation of Canada in the "late unpleasantness", we turn around and put forth such an issue. I, for one, will head a petition, or foot it, to beseech our government not to permit such an issue.

A fad, starting I believe in Ger-

many, has spread over Europe and the contagion has been brought across the Atlantic to Canada and threatens an epidemic in our own country, which may do a great deal of harm to Philately from a point of values. I refer to the illustrating of postal cards with views of cities and celebrities, antiquities and actresses,—these-called souvenir cards. These met with a great sale in Europe and many were imported to this country or sent over by tourists. The gaudy colors more than the idea of local interest (which more than the pictures really gives the certificate of genuineness) attracted the attention of the many curio hunters and relic fiends, for the most part people satisfied with superficial attractions rather than those earnest collectors who make true philatelists. If this fad attains like dimensions in America it will deduct from Philately the many adherents or rather camp-followers, who are held in service only by the enthusiasm and example of genuine philatelists. It may be no real loss to Philately but it will divert cash which these people expend for stamps and which is not inconsiderable, into other channels and may be sufficient to reduce further quotations on stamps, but no true collector will ever lose courage on account of this, since he will be able the better to fill his blank spaces.

It was a very fine, large collection that John Ford purchased at the 296th auction sale of Blank & Co. It contained some 6000 varieties and as he paid a little less than \$200 for it he felt he had secured a bargain. Its former owner, Frank Williams, had been a general collector of the advanced type. He collected varieties, shades, watermarks, perforations, papers, etc., going enthusias-

tically into each new fad until finally he actually grew tired of its infinite resources and one day put his collection in the hands of a dealer for sale at auction, took to bicycling and was lost to the ranks of Philately. John Ford was an O. S. collector. Not officially sealed, you know, but Old Style. He set to work remounting the collection he had bought. He had no use for duplicates in his collection and much preferred to add an entirely new specimen of some stamp to having a rare shade of some particular one. Consequently he kept but one shade of each stamp and traded off the many rare shades. Williams had gathered together, the toil of years. It would have turned white the hair of the former owner to see broken up his long line of scarlet, pink, red, rose, reddish gray, carmine, lake, orange brown, and innumerable other shades of the 3-cent of 1861 but they all went to add to the collection of Ford a 24-cent Treasury which was lacking, and he felt hugely satisfied with the trade. There were a number of U. S. revenues and a few of the regular issues with double perforations on one or two or three sides, which Williams had treasured as priceless rarities. The extra row of perforations Ford tore off and then the stamps fitted nicely into their places. It made his album look much neater. From the well-filled pages of Native Indian States and Strait Settlements he took out a full half hundred stamps in which surcharges were spelled wrong, or upside down, or sideways or part on one stamp and part on the other and he tore them all up. He wondered that a collector so careful as to the condition of his specimens as Williams had been should have allowed such poor

specimens as these careless spellings and errors to creep into his collection. There were a lot of Newfoundland 1897 surcharges of various types and careless printings which Williams had paid a dollar apiece for. Ford tossed them into the fire saying that he would have nothing but good specimens in his collection. The sets of old Austrians on thick and thin paper and the Tasmanias on glazed and ordinary paper, the English and Indian on blued and white paper, he ruthlessly broke and exchanged the poorer specimens for the new stamps for his collection. An inverted medallion of the 15-cent 1869 he cut out and turned around right side up and gummed it in place so that he had a perfect (?) specimen. Sets of U. S. departments on thin crackly paper and on thick, soft paper he likewise broke up, keeping the better specimens for himself, and trading the other for the values lacking in his album. The result of it was that when the collection was all mounted it contained about one third of the number of stamps that it had originally but there were no two alike in it as would be evident to the eye of the merest tyro. It gave pleasure to the eye by its variety and a novice in looking over the pages would not have to keep asking, "Why, what have you got these two alike for here?" or "why don't you trim up that stamp with the great ragged edges?". John Ford will be an enthusiastic collector a score of years from now and will never be sorry for the thinning out and thorough pruning he gave this new collection.

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The new Postal Card has arrived also and been placed on sale; the general appearance is an improvement over the old card, and the quality of paper being much better.

A petition is being circulated here among the prominent collectors asking the Postmaster General not to issue the proposed set of stamps for Omaha Exposition, setting forth the fact that it is a disgrace to our fair name as a Country.

A rumor has been circulated by some of the knowing ones, that the Collector's Club is going to build a Club House that will place this Club far in advance of all Philatelic Clubs. We trust it is true, and not an empty story.

Several prominent collectors and dealers have paid us a visit during the last three weeks, among whom we have noticed our friend Dr. Homburger.

The Bogert and Durbin Co's. ninety-fifth sale was held last Saturday, and, as usual, there was a good attendance of buyers. Some of the lots were sold for mere nothing, considering what they were worth. The United States Revenues brought good prices showing the popularity of these pretty stamps.

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stamps has, to my mind, latterly rather fallen into disrepute, more especially amongst beginners and collectors of all classes of fairly modern date.

This I consider very undeserved they have in fact for me far more interest than the bulk of recent issues including even Colonial ones, and apart from the great variety of the stamps themselves they have peculiar attraction, in presenting, as they do, an outline history over a period of great political change in Europe, embracing amongst other events the unification of Germany and Italy, and what is a matter of some importance to the average collector in these days of advancing prices, they can in the main be got at moderate figures, varieties of the first rank being few, though there are of course some, such as the Tuscan 3 lire, Madrid 3 cuartos, and one or two Moldavian first issue.

Taking first the German group, one realizes in the great variety of coinage expressed on the stamps, the confusion that then existed there before 1866, and the great checks to trade that the various differing regulations of all sorts must have caused. That some sort of unification must eventually have worked out its own problem may perhaps be guessed at by the growing similarity of the stamp issues of the various states issuing their own stamps; the issues subsequent to 1860 are usually an oval in shape, with the state arms in the centre and with a fairly general agreement as to the color of each value. For instance, the Saxon 1863 issue corresponds very closely with that of Prussia in 1861, notwithstanding the absolute want of harmony between the two governments at that

time. The 1862 Oldenburg are even a closer approximation to the general type.

Several of the states never issued stamps of their own, being content with one or other of the two general issues of the Thurn and Taxes office, though it is curious that states of the importance comparatively of Hesse-Cassel and Hesse-Darmstadt did not do so, whilst Oldenburg and the two Mecklenburgs all had distinct stamps. I think I am right in stating that the Thurn and Taxis post was the private property of the princely family of that name, who probably got any profit resulting from it, and that stamp issuing states had first to purchase from it the right to run their own post-office.

The issues of Schleswig Holstein have a special interest of their own, illustrating a sharp crisis in the two Duchies. We have first the pair issued in 1849-50 by the revolutionary government set up by the German population there, a government that was curiously enough suppressed by Prussia in favour of Denmark, a proceeding roughly reversed 15 years later, then resulting in the annexation of the Duchies to Prussia, strongly against the wishes of the aforesaid German population. The pear had no doubt ripened since 1850 when an intervention on behalf of the Germans could but have resulted in the creation of an autonomous state, which was not exactly Prussia's aim.

The troubles of 1864-6 are marked by 4 distinct stamps issues by as many different authorities. To refer to matters more purely philatelic, the Oldenburgs have always been the rarest of the German issues, being scarce at a date when Bremen and Lubeck, now rare, were easily



obtainable, the absence of and great commercial centre in the Grand Duchy no doubt accounting for this.

Most of the designs are free from complicated details, but are effective and calculated to serve their legitimate purpose well, and were entirely free from the semi-advertising taint that now seems to hang about so many current issues of to-day.

Going south to Spain we come to a country of almost annual emission, simple in design and rather rough of execution, in consequence perhaps of which the fear of the forger was ever before the eyes of post-office, leading to frequent changes, and in at least one case, that of the 20c. 1866, a re-issue in the 1864 type, of a special stamp to take the place of one of the regular issue suspected of being largely forged and used postally. Notwithstanding its numerous issues, the stamps rather appeal to my fancy, and even to-day are fairly reasonable in price, leaving room for some considerable advance in value, should Spain become philatelically fashionable. Three distinct coinages will be seen on the stamps, the 18 cuar. of the first standard being a curiously isolated value and not capable of being made up exactly by any combination of the other values current with it; this value is however always *the* scarce one of the set, the post-office no doubt frequently getting the benefit of an extra cuarto when the 19s were not stocked.

It referring to the question of change of coinage, it is curious to notice that almost every country, large or small, in Europe, has now a decimal standard, the exceptions being Turkey and ourselves, that this was not the case when postage

stamps first came into being can readily be seen, and Great Britain, in this particularly, seems rather behind the age.

In the Italian group of former separate states we have rather a pointed fact in the Modenese issues viz., that in the inscription on the stamps the name of the Duchy is left out in favor of the ruling house the D'Estes, which gives no doubt a clew to the ease with which the governments went down before Piedmont, and which in its turn led to provisional issues in each state merged into the Kingdom of Italy, Sicily excepted, and causing temporarily the creation of a new pseudo state, the Romagna, with a stamp issue of its own, an issue the used stamps of which should by rights be very valuable.

Tuscany seems to be the favorite state to-day, resulting in several varieties commanding rather stiff prices, but beyond noting the fine variety of coinage expressed in the ducal issues there is not very much to comment on.

The three Sardinian issues of 1851, 1853 and 1854, the design of which is practically identical, differ from each other in the application of the printing and embossing, the execution of the 1853 issue being poor in idea and resulting in some cases in a plain piece of colored paper with a faint trace of embossing only, the 1854 issue not showing very much improvement and both being far behind the first issue of 1851 so it by no means follows that the stamps issued by any particular country improve as time goes on, the reverse being often the case, and I consider that our current issue is greatly inferior to the issues extant from 1855 to 1880.

—*Stamps (Rushden, Eng.)*

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## Our Monthly Chat.

Late, but unavoidable. The editor spends the larger part of each day in the open air under advice from his physician. This makes it a task with other duties requiring his personal attention to gain much time with his publications. We notice however that in being late we have such contemporaries as *The Boston Stamp Book*, *Weekly Era*

and *Post Office* to keep company with us.

We note that the latter has been purchased (and the stock of the late Henry Gremmel as well) by J. C. Morganthau & Co. of 87 Nassau St. N. Y.

And the *Boston Stamp Book* has our genial friend W. O. Wylie as business manager, and we wish him the success he deserves and is bound to have.

And Gardner R. Kennedy has secured a divorce from Frank P. Brown. (we judge from incompatibility) and will engage in business for himself at Worcester, Mass. and here's luck to you Mr. Kennedy.

We have been favored with a copy of the second edition of Messrs J. M. Bartels & Co's. plate number catalogue which is well worth 25 cents the price the publishers ask for it.

Also price list of Isaac J. Cohen & Co. Tangier, Morocco.

Our old friend Cook "The Revenue Man" is at last settled down at Stratford, Conn. (10 minutes by trolley from Bridgeport.)

We mentioned in our last issue a plan by which dealers and publishers could assist each other in giving their experience with slow and bad customers in a confidential report. The plan has materialized and the January issue of *The Philatelic Mercantile Agency's Confidential report* is out and Feb'y. issue will be out about the 25th. If you are a dealer or publisher it will pay you to join the agency for a year at 50 cents or 6 months at 25 cents, as it

may save you as many dallars. address the publisher of this magazine.

Lewis Robie has issued a neat little vest pocket edition catalogue of Canadian Revenues. It is well worth the dime he asks for it but if he would throw in a copy of his "phiz" such as appeared (in Klondyke apparel) in the *Weekly Era* it ought to bring a dollar.

The new 1 cent green stamp is getting quite common now, and the Chicago postmaster who telegraphed the P. O. Department at Washington of his sudden discovery of a counterfeit ought to "Set 'em up" for the Chicago "boys".

The Omaha Exposition stamps are coming, despite all that has been said against them, and petitions circulated to stop their issue, well, we hope they will make it a general issue, so we can all buy them at our own post offices.

In the *Herald Exchange* we find "Timely Topics from Denver" by Oney K. Carstarphen in which he reviews the Stigeler case. Mr. Carstarphen certainly deserves great credit for his work in endeavoring to secure the conviction of the rascal, and it is to be deplored that the Judge let Stigeler loose on the community to do further damage. Oney infers that we thought he was seeking newspaper notoriety, but he does us an injustice as we do not think we ever mentioned his connection with the matter, through an oversight, and if we had done so we should have been lavish in our praise for the good work accomplished.

By the way Mr. Carstarphen has

some very sensible ideas about the proposed new Western Philatelic Association that some of our Omaha brethren should copy, and though we don't live out in "the wild and woolly" we would like to see a live association out there, and Mr. C. on the list of officers.

*The Revenue Philatelist* is a new one, hailing from Johnstown, Pa., and published quarterly by the Johnstown Stamp & Publishing Co. at 25 cents per year. Devoted to the collection of all revenue stamps foreign as well as U. S. It will we believe find plenty of support in a field which has been much neglected on this side of the Atlantic. The illustrations both of stamps and of local points of interest are neatly executed.

Mr. Joe F. Beard has our thanks for a very neat price list (No. 4) of United States envelopes entire, used and unused. It is a very full list of 24 pages, embracing many rare envelopes from 1853 to date. There is one thing about Mr. Beard's list. *He always has in stock what he advertises.*

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R. G. Widdicombe is to re-issue the *Ontario Philatelist* on March 1st, having purchased the interests of W. A. Beatty.

The second edition of Wm. R. Adams' catalogue of Canadian revenue stamps has reached us. A neat pamphlet of 16 pages. Price 10 cents.

*The Young Collector* of Red Lion, Penna. has been discontinued. W. O. Smith, the publisher, is now at Hillsdale Mich., engaged in the portrait business.

E. B. Jones has sent us samples of his library cards, also part I of his priced catalogue of philatelic literature.

Chas. W. Grevning writes to us from St. Luke's Hospital, 113th St. and Amsterdam Ave., that he is extremely weak and confined to his bed, but is more comfortable than at his home, and having good treatment, hopes for recovery.

We have received a sample copy of "*The Kid*", an amateur paper published at Beaver City, Neb., and we notice it contains the Nebraska Philatelic Society's report. Why not *Philatelic West*?

The news of the death of Gustav B. Calman of New York City the well known wholesale dealer which occurred on Jan. 25th will come as a surprise to many of our readers. Mr. Calman probably carried on the largest business in the wholesale line in this country. He was a brother of Henry Calman, president of the Scott Stamp & Coin Co. He was in his thirtieth year.

Frank L. Van Dermark, auction manager of the Sons of Philatelia, died at his home in Alden, Mich. on Feb. 4. of malaria fever after an ill-

ness which had last several months. He would have been 25 years old on the 7th of Feb. Mr. Van Dermark conducted his office in a manner that was pleasing to the membership and he will be greatly missed by those who have had dealings with him, as well as by a large circle of acquaintances.

### Warning.

The undersigned desires to warn all persons against dealing with one A. A. Thompson of Laconia, N. H. known to me to be a stamp fraud and against whom the United States Court brought an indictment in 1896.

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## Our Eye.

At the adjournment of a recent session of the Boston Philatelic Society, one of the officers came to me and greatly surprised me by propounding the conundrum:—"Are you a lawyer?" I was forced to say "no" and in addition, I asked him why he put the question to me. "Oh! because you participate so frequently in debates and seem particular about parliamentary forms. Our society has taken matters free and easy and members have always been permitted a great deal of latitude." I am willing to permit plenty of "latitude" in some matters but parliamentary bodies should have their meetings carried on in a parliamentary manner and if insisting upon this is a part of Blackstone, I shall certainly be well versed in one phase of a lawyer's vocation.

At Stratford-upon-Avon last June in company with an elderly friend, I found quarters at the Red Lion Tavern. After retiring for the night a third member of the party arriving at Stratford from Liverpool, tried to find us. Rousing the people at the tavern he essayed to find two "American friends" and came near departing when a thin, shrill voice piped out. "you don't mean an old man, do you, who has with him a young minister-like looking fellow?"

I am neither a lawyer nor a minister and only an amateur in philately, but Mr. Dodge may soon inform me that unless "Our Eye" brings itself to bear upon matters philatelic I may suffer an eclipse. I may as well remark that this de-

partment has no particular orbit in which to move.

Some one is suggesting permanent head-quarters for the Boston society. And why not? With a membership of over 200, a treasury with a balance of over \$400, and plans made for the further extension of the Society, permanent head-quarters could be easily opened and maintained.

The Newfoundland surcharge has been the theme for public consideration during the past two months. Week after week the *Era* dished up Newfoundland, until I really felt glad to have even the Omaha Exposition take its place. Ohman, the Newfoundland dealer, in a circular to Boston firms offers the first type for 75 cts., second for \$3.00 and third for \$12.00. In face of the fact that Boston dealers have been selling the last type for about 50 per cent. off and in view of the ease with which surcharged sheets are obtainable "Our Eye" has this word of advice—"wait."

But there are others:—The Omaha Exposition and the Otago, New Zealand, Public Library stamps are fair samples and it is really amusing to note the manner in which philatelists justify the issue of one and place an embargo upon the other. How is the platform upon which they stand constructed?

Some boys learning where the text of the old negro preacher was to be, played a joke upon him by fastening the leaves of the Bible together. On Sunday morning the old preacher announced his text:—"And Noah, when he was an hundred and twenty years old, took unto himself a wife who was"—turning the leaves "140 cubits long, 40 cubits wide, built of gopher wood

and covered with pitch inside and out." This astonished the preacher. He had never read that in his Bible before. A second time he read it when he declared:—"My friends, this thing is in the Bible and it must be true, but it only goes to show how fearfully and wonderfully we are made."

How fearfully and wonderfully constructed are those platforms that can condemn speculative issues, yet applaud the Omaha Imposition issue.

WILLARD O. WYLIE,  
BOSTON, MASS.

## Yes, They All Are

Perfect Specimens, no damaged or "edge" stamps sent.

| U. S.           |      | FOREIGN.              |       |
|-----------------|------|-----------------------|-------|
| '55 1c          |      | 08 Barbadoes ½ on 4p  | *09   |
| " 3c            | * 05 | 01 Bavaria '62 12c    | 25    |
| " 3c outer line | 17   | " " '62 18k verm      | 35    |
| " 10c           | 30   | " " '67 12k           | 60    |
| '61 12c         | 30   | Brazil '61 28or       | 1 25  |
| " 30c           | 35   | Br. Guiana '60 set 4  | 30    |
| '69 3c          | * 55 | 01 Montserrat '76 1p  | *20   |
| " 12c           | 50   | Niger Coast '93 2p    | *60   |
| '71 24c nat'l   | 1 10 | St. Vin. '83 2½ on 1p | *25   |
| '70 15c Am.     | * 35 | 10 Siam '89 1a on 1p  | *05   |
| '82 6c          | * 65 | " " 1a on 2a          | *05   |
| " 10c           | * 30 | 01 Tobago '79 6p      | *2 00 |
| '88 30c         | 30   | Turkey '90, or 92 set | *50   |
| " 90c           | 60   | Virgin Isles '89 1p   | *10   |

\* unused. Our Price Lists are Free.

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|                                      |         |      |
|--------------------------------------|---------|------|
| U. S. 1847 5c catalogued             | 85c     | 55   |
| " 1871 24c "                         | \$2.00  | 1 40 |
| " interior 2c unused o. g. cat.      | 30c     | 15   |
| " interior 10c "                     | cat 75c | 50   |
| P. O. and Postal Service unused envs |         | 10   |
| Confederate stamp on original cover  |         | 10   |
| 100 varieties foreign stamps         |         | 10   |
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# Society Reports and News.

## SPECIAL NOTICE TO SECRETARIES.

All reports for next issue should be in hands of the publisher March 2nd. Reports should all be carefully written, especially names, to avoid the errors by printer. Typewritten reports are the best. Please address Society Dept., Columbian Phil.

## The Columbian Philatelic Society.

### OFFICERS FOR 1898.

President—J. F. Dodge, New Oxford, Pa.  
 Vice-President—Leo Fritter, Columbus, Ohio.  
 Sec-Treas.—H. C. Crowell, 502 Mohawk Bdg. Cleveland, Ohio.  
 Sales Supt.—Fred. P. Holt, Hartford, Conn.  
 Auc. Manager—H. Smith, Medford, Mass.  
 Librarian—H. S. Adair, McConnellsville, Ohio.  
 Attorney—Chas. F. Bridge, Albany, N. Y.  
 Int-Secy.—R. J. Russell, M. D. Hanover, Pa.  
 Supt. Bureau of Information—John Arbtin, Des Moines, Iowa.  
 Counterfeit Dect.—G. C. Corbaley, Waterville, Wash.  
 Trustees—A. Jungmann, (Chairman, 529 12th St.) Chas. Toelle, and K. W. Protzmann of Milwaukee, Wisc.  
 Official Journal—THE COLUMBIAN PHILATELIST.  
 Cost of Membership—Admission fee 10 cents; annual dues 25 cents. Membership outside of the United States, Canada and Mexico: Admission fee 10 cents; annual dues 50 cents. Members receive the official organ free.

No report from our new Secretary up to time of going to press, probably on account of transfer of papers from his predecessor.—Pub.

## The Convention.

The Second Annual Convention of the Columbian Philatelic Society was called together at 10.15 a. m. by the president at the office of W. H. Emmert, New Oxford, Penna. on January 31st. R. J. Russell, M. D. was chosen temporary secretary. W. H. Emmert, J. W. Barnitz and W. F. Sheely were appointed a Credential Committee and Messrs. Emmert, Sheetz and L. B. Dodge committee on standing rules. Adjourned till 1.30 p. m. to meet at the office of the President. The ballot resulted as follows:—

|          |             |    |
|----------|-------------|----|
| Pres.    | J. F. Dodge | 77 |
| V. Pres. | Leo Fritter | 73 |

|                      |                 |    |
|----------------------|-----------------|----|
| Sec'y Treas.         | H. C. Crowell   | 66 |
|                      | Chas. D. Lowe   | 09 |
| Exch. Supt.          | Fred P. Holt    | 78 |
| Auc. Mgr.            | H. Smith        | 77 |
| Attorney             | G. Katzenberger | 37 |
|                      | Chas. F. Budge  | 38 |
| Librarian            | H. S. Adair     | 73 |
| Int. Sec.            | R. J. Russell   | 78 |
| Supt. Bureau of Inf. | John Arbtin     | 73 |
| Ctf. Detector        | F. Noyes        | 34 |
|                      | G. C. Corbaley, | 43 |
| Trustees             | A. Jungman      | 74 |
|                      | Chas. Toelle    | 74 |
|                      | H. W. Protzman  | 71 |

Letter of Res. Vice Pres. Herbst of N. Y. read, which caused a ripple of amusement.

Communication from Exchange Supt. Holt regarding C. A. Hall who substituted stamps on every circuit which passed through his hands, but confessed his fault and paid up in full, also regarding Ben. L. Morris, charged with retaining books overtime and refusing to pay fines, also for forwarding packets without registering.

Report of Secy. Treas. Fritter was listened to with interest. All of the communications and publications were read bearing on the cases against Eben S. Martin and Raynor Hubbell.

An adjournment was then taken to 2 p. m. Feb. 2nd at some place. The following committee to prepare resolutions on the death of T. L. Green: Messrs. J. L. Sheetz M. D., J. W. Barnitz and Rev. G. J. N. Ketner.

The Secretary was instructed to notify C. A. Hall to forward his

resignation within 60 days, or else stand expelled without further notice. The secretary was instructed to notify Raynor Hubbell that he is suspended from membership for the period of 60 days from receipt of notification, at the end of which time he will stand expelled without further action provided he does not within this period make due reparation and payment to the parties aggrieved. The secretary was also instructed to notify Eben S. Martin that he is suspended from membership until such time as he makes due reparation for the false reports published, and pays over the amount due J. F. Dodge. The secretary was also instructed to notify Ben. L. Morris that he stands suspended from membership until he settles in full with the Exchange Supt.

It was voted that the Exchange Department should hereafter be known as the Sales Department and the Exchange Supt. as the Sales Supt.

The next Convention will be held in Jan. 1899, within 200 miles of Cleveland, Ohio, the place and date to be determined and announced by the President at least 60 days before the Convention. The COLUMBIAN PHILATELIST was continued as Official Journal. Adjourned.

R. J. RUSSELL M. D.,  
Temporary Sec'y.

#### PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

Fellow Members:—

I wish to thank one and all for your expressions of good will and congratulations in personal letters and regret that I have not time to answer all individually. I wish also to thank the membership for their evident approval in again placing me at the head of the Society for another term, and I assure you I shall do all in my power to make our Society one of the best for the collector. We have had many difficulties in the past year, and may our past experience lead us to improve in our methods the coming year. I do trust that the members will cooperate with the officers in increasing our membership and extending its influence. Next month I will name a list of resident vice-presidents and shall ex-

pect that each one will assist materially in advancing our growth in his section. Now let our new Secretary start off with a list of 35 applications next month.

Yours for the C. P. S.,

J. E. DODGE, Pres.

#### THE SECRETARY-TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT.

Members of our grand society in Convention assembled:—

I hereby beg to submit to you my annual report for the year 1897, as your Secretary and Treasurer, and I hope some will meet with your approval. The past year has not been a satisfactory one to your Secretary-Treasurer, in that he has not been able to discharge the duties of his office with any kind of satisfaction to himself, and I fear without any satisfaction to the members. This has been owing to the fact that I have not been enabled to give the office near the time which it demanded. Consequently I have been criticized severely by some members for neglecting to attend to their wants immediately. But on the whole I have formed many pleasant friendships since acting as an officer of this society, which I would not give up for a small fortune. I have been treated much better than I deserved, by the great majority of the members, considering the return I was giving them in an official capacity. I sincerely hope I may still retain their friendship. Although I may not still serve the society as an officer, nevertheless I will do all I can to increase its membership and usefulness, and I shall always be ready to aid the members whenever I can.

During the past year, about 150 new members were added to the membership roll, thus indicating that our society is progressing very nicely. I believe this increase is equal to that in any of the other societies, considering all things. It should be our aim during the present year to either equal or eclipse this gain, and we should by all means, have 500 members when you are again called upon to meet in convention. Anything short of this will be disgrace; anything better, honor.

#### SUSPENSIONS.

But as an off-set to our great gain, there has been a large number of suspensions for non-payment of dues. The number is much larger this year because all the old members who have failed to pay up have been dropped, thus ridding the society of a great mass of "dead-wood", which it could not afford, and did not desire, to carry. The suspensions were not made until everything possible was done to secure a settlement. The membership numbers of those suspended during the year are as follows:—

Numbers, 2, 5, 10, 11, 12, 16, 18, 19, 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 36, 38, 44, 46, 48, 52, 53, 58, 59, 60, 62, 69, 82, 85, 89, 90, 91, 93, 99, 101, 103, 115, 116, 117, 119, 121, 129, 136, 146, 147, 148, 149, 151, 153, 154, 162, 162, 161, 171, 163, 177. Total, 55.

There are some who still owe their 1897 dues, but I look for a settlement from these. But it will not do to carry persons who will not think enough of their membership to see to it that the same is kept paid up.

#### RESIGNATIONS.

During the year just closed the following members handed in their resignations, which were accepted after publication in the official organ.

- No. 15—J. O. Jones, Wymau, Ark.  
 " 13—F. H. Adams, Beaver, S. Dak.  
 " 24—Chas. C. Hart, Pipestone, Minn.  
 " 78—Chas. E. Newton, Hartford, Conn.  
 " 79—Chas. S. Stearns, " " "  
 " 80—H. J. Pearson, " " "  
 " 81—Chas. S. Tolles, " " "



No. 17—Hugo G. Hess, Cincinnati, O.  
 " 18—Richard H. Bance, Middletown, Conn.  
 " 27—R. A. McCulloch, New Brighton, N. Y.  
 " 28—John P. Wright, Newport, R. I. (Not yet published.) Total 11.

#### DEATH.

In 1897, death invaded our ranks, for the first time since our organization, and took from us one of our most active and loyal members. I refer to Mr. T. L. Green, of Mt. Olivet, Ky., who died on Nov. 6, 1897. Our society sustained such a big loss by his death that it cannot be even estimated. I recommend that the President appoint a committee to draw up a memorial to be sent to the family of our deceased brother.

#### OBJECTIONS TO MEMBERSHIP.

As this matter will be treated fully in the report of the Board of Trustees, I will only state here that the following persons were objected to by some members.

Mr. P. M. Weiss, of Cincinnati, O., whose case had not been acted upon last year, was finally refused admittance.

Mr. Chas. King, of New York was objected to by some, but the charges were not considered important enough to refuse the applicant membership. Therefore he was admitted.

Mr. John Bisbee, of Stoughton, Mass., was objected to, but the charges were not sustained, so he was admitted.

Mr. Geo. W. Archard, of Minneapolis, Minn., was objected to, and refused admittance.

Mr. Walter G. Foye, of Athol, Mass., was also objected to, and refused membership.

Mr. L. D. Hovey, of Winthrop, Iowa, has applied for membership, but as his application has been objected to, his case has been placed in the hands of the Trustees for decision. Total loss in this way is 3.

#### OFFICIAL ORGAN.

THE COLUMBIAN PHILATELIST has very ably acted as official organ during the year just closed; I should recommend that it be continued as such. It is undoubtedly one of the best stamp papers, and being named after our society, I think that it deserves our support. Then too, our efficient President is the publisher, and were there no other reasons I think this one would be enough. By helping THE COLUMBIAN PHILATELIST we help our society.

#### THE DEPARTMENTS.

The different departments of the society have been more successful during 1897 than ever before. Especially is this so of the Exchange Department, under the able management of Mr. F. P. Holt, who has demonstrated that he knows how to run such a department, and deserves a unanimous re-election at the hands of the members. Mr. Smith has done nobly considering the little interest manifested in his department. I bespeak for him the support of all the members. Mr. Bridge has been desirous of making his department of use to members, but I do not know how well he has succeeded, but he was willing at all times. Mr. Adair has succeeded in making the library of our society one of the finest in the country. He has worked hard for his department and deserves the approval of the society. Mr. Katzenberger has not had anything to do in his department, but I am sure he would have been glad to give his legal advice to the members if they had asked for it. Mr. Brown has not had anything to do as far as I know. I do not doubt that he was ready at all times to give assistance along his line.

And now having spoken of all the departments I wish to say a few words of commendation to the other officers, who have performed their work well. Our President, Mr. Dodge, has done excellent work, and I do not hesitate to say that we are largely in his debt for the position which our society now holds in the philatelic world. He has sacrificed his time and money to improve this society, and no better proof of his ability as an officer can be shown than the success which has characterized our society since his connection with it in an official capacity. I do not believe that there is one member in the society who does not desire his re-election, and thus insure a continuation of our success.

Mr. Klebes, owing to the great interest taken by the presidents has not been called upon to do anything in an official way, but had the occasion demanded it, I am sure that he would have done his duties well. Messrs. Jungmann, Protzmann, and Toelle, constituting the Board of Trustees, have discharged the arduous duties of their office with rare success and I think they have shown very clearly just what this board can do when it is composed of men who have the interests of the society at heart. I speak these words of praise for my fellow officers because I have been in a position to see clearly what they were doing, and I do not hesitate to say that they constitute the best board of officers we have ever had. With such men as associates, any one could act as an officer without much trouble or worry. They have made my burdens lighter, and I shall remember their many kindnesses as long as I live.

In concluding my report as secretary, I desire to return thanks to you for the confidence reposed in me in this important office for two successive terms, and I hope I have repaid in part, the great debt you have thus thrust upon me.

Respectfully submitted,  
 LEO FRITTER, Secy-Treas.

(Mr. Fritter also furnished a financial report, which was incorrect and a corrected report has not been received up to time of going to press. —Publisher.)

## The U. S. Envelope Exchange.

President—Joseph Rechert, Hoboken, N. J.  
 Vice Pres.—Chas. H. Stone, Box 718, Concord, N. H.

Sec-Treas.—Joe F. Beard, Muscatine, Iowa.  
 Sales Manager—J. F. Dodge, New Oxford, Pa.  
 Auction Manager—Frank P. Brown, 325 Washington St., Boston, Mass.

Attorney—Chas. F. Bridge, 600 Madison Ave., Albany, N. Y.

Reference Committee—J. V. Painter, Cleveland, O.; S. B. Boyd, Knoxville, Tenn.; S. G. Stein, Muscatine, Iowa.

Official Journal—THE COLUMBIAN PHILATELIST.  
 Dues 50 cents per annum, which should be sent with application.

Members receive Official Journal free.

#### SECY-TREAS. REPORT.

#### NEW MEMBERS.

- 38 Berger, Edw. G., 1895 N. Marshfield Avenue, Chicago, Ills.  
 39 Brainard, Dr. John B., 18 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass.  
 40 Cox, S. A. D., Humbolt, Kansas.

#### APPLICATIONS

Withee, N. Haskell, 230 S. 5th St., La Crosse, Wis., occupation, Lumberman; age, 30, proposed by Joe F. Beard.

## FINANCIAL REPORT.

|                            |    |        |
|----------------------------|----|--------|
| Amount on hand last report |    | \$5.60 |
| Receipts:—                 |    |        |
| Cox, S. A. D.              | 75 |        |
| Withee, N. Haskell,        | 50 | 1.25   |
|                            |    | <hr/>  |
| Total                      |    | 6.85   |

Would call attention of all members of the Society to the fact that their membership fee for 1898, 50c, is now due and payable. Please remit same to the Secy-Treas who will return receipt. Application blanks for the securing of new members may be had by applying to the Secretary. I trust each member will try and secure some new members for the Association. Our membership is now 40.

JOR. F. BEARD, Secy-Treas.

## SALES DEPARTMENT.

No consignments have been received since last report. Some of the bargains advertised in last report are still to be had.

Respectfully,  
J. F. DODGE, Sales Manager.

## Albany, N. Y., Philatelic Club.

## OFFICERS FOR 1897.

President—J. Benton Tipton.  
Vice President—Geo. H. Stevens.  
Secretary Treasurer—Charles F. Bridge.  
Exchange Superintendent—John Skinner.  
Official Journal—THE COLUMBIAN PHILATELIST.  
All collectors residing in Albany and vicinity are invited to join us. Information and blanks cheerfully furnished. Chas. F. Bridge Sec-Treas. 600 Madison Ave., Albany, N. Y.

## IMPORTANT TO MEMBERS OF THE CONNECTICUT PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

Members of the above Society are hereby notified that it is thought best to merge the Conn. Phil. So. into the C. P. S. So many were members of both which use the same Official Journal that it will save trouble and expense. We hope those who are not members of the Columbian, will join, and no admission fee will be charged. Conn. Phil. So. members, merely dues for 1898, send membership cards to the Secretary with 25c and he will see that you get your new cards.  
GEO. B. KLEBER, President.  
Fred. P. Holt, Secretary.

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Also want more correspondents in Foreign Countries. We will pay for reliable information. Write.

Will also buy an established stamp paper. Give full particulars and price.

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Lock Box 43, Palmyra, N. Y.

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Blatchford, O., Jan. 8, 98.

Mr. Crowell.

Dear Sir:—I want to say that the "Klondike" packet is the greatest surprise I have ever received in the way of packets. The Stamps are all in good condition and exceeded my expectations in every particular.

Please accept my heartiest thanks. I remain,

Yours Respectfully,

CHARLES A. RUGLE.

It will be about the best dollar you ever invested.

H. C. Crowell,

502 Mohawk Bldg., Cleveland, O.

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Beginning in January, we shall, during the coming season, sell a magnificent lot of stamps at auction, comprising collections and parts of collections, and including many of the rarest United States revenue stamps.

Catalogues of all our sales will be sent free to all who will send us their names and addresses.

## Scott Stamp & Coin Co.,

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18 East 23rd St., New York, N. Y.

# United States.

|                            | Per 10 | Per 100 |
|----------------------------|--------|---------|
| 1890, 15c blue             | 40     |         |
| 1893, 8c Sherman           | 20     | 1 50    |
| " 4c Columbian             | 15     | 1 00    |
| " 6c "                     | 50     |         |
| " 8c "                     | 30     | 2 50    |
| 1895, 3c purple            | 05     | 35      |
| " 6c red-brown             | 08     | 70      |
| " 6c per 1000              |        | 6 00    |
| " 8c lilac                 | 08     | 70      |
| " 8c per 1000              |        | 5 00    |
| " 15c blue                 | 20     | 1 50    |
| " 4, 5, and 10c ass'd      |        | 20      |
| " Special Del. blue        | 15     | 1 00    |
| " Unpaid Letter, 3c claret | 15     | 1 00    |
| " " " 5c "                 | 15     | 1 25    |
| " " " 10c "                | 15     | 1 25    |
| " " " 5 var. 100 sets      |        | 3 25    |

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## Carl Young,

112 N. 5th St.,

Phila., Pa.

## Almost Given Away.

I return your money if you are not pleased.

This month I offer to the readers of THE COLUMBIAN PHILATELIST Three choice stamps at prices which ought to sell them. They are as follows:

3c. Orange Park City Match, unused very fine, catalogue price \$2.50, my price \$1.10.

W. S. Wrapper Scott's No. 1700, 1861, 1c. blue, unused very fine and clean, catalogue price \$1.50, my price 60c.

W. S. Envelope Scott's No. 1481, 1875, 5c. blue on fawn, "Die A," unused, in P. O. state, catalogue price \$12.00, my price \$4.75.

Will send on approval when good references are sent.

## C. E. HUSSMAN,

4320 W. Belle Pl.

St. Louis, Mo.

## Entire Unused Envelopes.

|                                     | Cat. | Price |
|-------------------------------------|------|-------|
| Complete set Col. Env., 22 var.     |      | 1 25  |
| Set 4 var. Col. Env., 1, 2, 5, 10c. |      | 25    |
| 1874, 1c blue on fawn,              | 75   | 15    |
| " 5c blue on white,                 | 50   | 18    |
| " 5c blue on amber,                 | 35   | 15    |
| " 5c blue on blue                   | 75   | 25    |
| " 1c blue on cream                  | 10   | 04    |
| War 3c on blue used                 | 05   | 02    |
| 1883, 4c green on white Die A. used | 30   | 06    |
| 1874, 1c blue on fawn, used         | 75   | 10    |

## Revenue Corkers.

|                   |    |                  |    |
|-------------------|----|------------------|----|
| 1c Prop.          | 02 | 25c Ent. of Gds. | 03 |
| 2c Prop.          | 02 | 50c Mort.        | 02 |
| 3c Prop.          | 05 | 50c Surety Bond, | 03 |
| 5c Frn. Exch.,    | 02 | \$2.00 Mort.,    | 08 |
| 25c Life Ins.,    | 10 | 1871, 1c Prop.,  | 04 |
| 25c Pow. of att., | 01 | 1878, 4c Prop.,  | 03 |

We have a few duplicates of the lots we sold at auction last month. We will sell them the same they went for then, as follows—

18,0, 100, 2c lakes, 15c. 1890, 35, 2c cap left and both 25, 65c. 1894, 100, 2c light pink 25c. War, 10 each, 2c & 6c unused o. g. 48c. 20 rev. slightly damaged, cat. at \$2.70, 45c; 1c, 3rd issue damaged, cat. 1.75, 24c. 20 var. M. & P. card all more or less damaged, cat \$3.00, 70c. 100 stamp papers, 50c.

Anything unsatisfactory may be returned and money will be refunded. Postage extra on orders under 20 cents.

## HURST STAMP CO.,

1517 Forest Ave.,

Kansas City, Mo.

## NOTICE

# TO STAMP COLLECTORS.

May 1st, 1898, I will give away as a premium one complete, unused set of Columbians, from one cent to \$5.00, to any party who buys most stamps from me up to that date,

On May 1st, I will also give away three premiums on the same conditions. 1st premium, Scott's \$3.00 Stamp Album. 2nd, \$1.50 Album and 3rd, \$1.00 Album.

### New Premiums After That Date

Send want list of U. S. Adhesives and Revenues.

I have such as 3c pink, 3c grill 13x16, 12 and 24c grill 1870 in stock.

Prices for U. S. are from 33 $\frac{1}{3}$  to 50 p. c. discount according to condition.

Approval Sheets of all Kinds of Foreign at 50 per cent. Discount.

**JOHN ARBTIN, Des Moines, Ia.**

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On May 15th, 1898 we shall distribute

### Fifty Valuable Premiums

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| 1c blue on white             | 2 10  | 1c blue on amber             | 5 03  | 2c yellow green on O. buff   | 5 10  |
| 1c dark blue on white        | 2 10  | 1c blue shade on amber       | 5 03  | 2c blue green on O. buff     | 5 04  |
| 1c light blue on amber       | 2 05  | 1c blue on amber notched     | 5 10  | 2c blue gr shade on O. buff  | 5 04  |
| 1c blue on amber             | 2 05  | 1c lgt bl on man wv no wmk   | 6 05  | 2c yel gr on am man wove     | 5 10  |
| 1c dark blue on white        | 3 15  | 1c blue on man wove wmk      | 6 03  | 2c yel gr on am man laid     | 5 04  |
| 1c blue on amber             | 3 05  | 1c blue on man. laid wmk     | 6 03  | 2c blue gr on amb man laid   | 5 04  |
| 1c lgt blue man. amb. wove   | 3 25  | 1c ultramarine on white      | 11 03 | 2c yellow grn on man wove    | 5 10  |
| 1c dark blue on white        | 3 15  | 1c ultramarine shade on wh   | 11 03 | 2c yellow grn on man laid    | 5 04  |
| 1c light blue on amber       | 3 05  | 1c blue on white             | 11 03 | 2c blue green on man laid    | 5 04  |
| 1c blue on amber             | 3 05  | 2c yellow green on white     | 1 10  | 2c yellow green on white     | 7 10  |
| 1c dark blue on amber        | 3 20  | 2c blue green on white       | 1 01  | 2c blue green on white       | 7 04  |
| 1c blue on manilla wrapper   | 5 0   | 2c yellow green on white     | 2 10  | 2c blue green shade on wht   | 7 04  |
| 2c yellow green on white     | 1 05  | 2c yel grn shade on white    | 2 04  | 2c yellow green on amber     | 7 10  |
| 2c yellow green on white     | 2 05  | 2c blue green on white       | 2 04  | 2c blue green on amber       | 7 04  |
| 2c blue green on white       | 2 10  | 2c blue grn shade on white   | 2 04  | 2c yellow green on blue      | 7 10  |
| 2c yellow green on amber     | 2 05  | 2c bl gr on white dotted 2   | 2 10  | 2c blue green on blue        | 7 04  |
| 2c blue grn on man. wove     | 2 45  | 2c yellow green on amber     | 2 10  | 2c blue green shade on blue  | 7 10  |
| 2c yellow green on amber     | 3 10  | 2c yellow green on blue      | 2 10  | 2c yellow green on O. buff   | 7 10  |
| 2c blue green on amber       | 3 10  | 2c blue green on blue        | 2 04  | 2c blue green on O. buff     | 7 04  |
| 2c bl gr on am. shade paper  | 3 15  | 2c bl green shade on blue    | 2 04  | 2c bl green shade on O. buff | 7 04  |
| 2c yellow green on blue      | 3 15  | 2c yel green on O. buff      | 2 10  | 2c yellow green on white     | 8 10  |
| 2c yellow green on buff      | 3 30  | 2c blue green on O. buff     | 2 04  | 2c blue green on white       | 8 04  |
| 2c blue green on white       | 3 45  | 2c blue gr shade on O. buff  | 2 10  | 2c blue grn shade on white   | 8 04  |
| 2c yellow green on amber     | 3 45  | 2c bl gr on O. buff dotted 2 | 2 10  | 2c yellow green on amber     | 8 10  |
| 2c blue green on amber       | 3 45  | 2c green on amber manilla    | 2 10  | 2c blue green on amber       | 8 04  |
| 2c yellow green on blue      | 3 20  | 2c grn on amb man wove       | 2 10  | 2c yellow green on white     | 9 10  |
| 2c green on amb. man. wove   | 3 10  | 2c gr on amb man. dotted 2   | 2 10  | 2c blue green on white       | 9 04  |
| 2c yellow green amb. man.,   | 5 25  | 2c yellow gr on man. laid    | 2 05  | 2c yellow green on amber     | 9 10  |
| var paper,                   | 5 25  | 2c yel green on man. wove    | 2 15  | 2c blue green on amber       | 9 04  |
| 2c yellow grn extra official | 25    | 2c blue gr on man dotted 2   | 2 10  | 2c yellow green on white     | 10 10 |
| 2c blue green extra official | 20    | 2c yellow green on white     | 3 10  | 2c blue green on white       | 10 04 |
| 2c blue green wrapper        | 10    | 2c blue green on white       | 3 04  | 2c blue gr shade on white    | 10 04 |
| 2c yellow green on amber     | 13 15 | 2c blue grn shade on white   | 3 04  | 2c yellow green on white     | 11 10 |
| 2c blue green on amber       | 13 15 | 2c yellow green on amber     | 3 10  | 2c blue green on white       | 11 04 |
| 2c blue green on white       | 14 25 | 2c yel grn shade on amber    | 3 05  | 2c blue gr shade on white    | 11 04 |
| 2c bl. gr. on white sm. bar. | 15    | 2c yellow green on blue      | 3 10  | 2c yellow green on white     | 13 10 |
| 2c yel. grn on white 1 bar.  | 20    | 2c blue green on blue        | 3 04  | 2c blue green on white       | 13 04 |
| 4c scarlet on white          | 7 10  | 2c yellow green on O. buff   | 3 10  | 2c blue gr shade on white    | 13 04 |
| 4c scarlet on white          | 8 10  | 2c green on O. buff          | 3 04  | 2c green on amber            | 13 04 |
| 4c scarlet on amber          | 8 10  | 2c blue green on O. buff     | 3 04  | 2c yellow green on blue      | 13 10 |
| 5c blue on white Die B       | 3 10  | 2c yellow grn on amb. man    | 3 10  | 2c blue green on blue        | 13 04 |
| 5c blue on amber Die B       | 3 10  | 2c green on amber manilla    | 3 04  | 2c blue grn shade on blue    | 13 04 |
| 5c blue on white             | 5 10  | 2c bl green on amb. man.     | 3 04  | 2c yellow green on O. buff   | 13 10 |
| 5c blue on amber             | 5 10  | 2c yellow green on manilla   | 3 10  | 2c blue green on O. buff     | 13 04 |
|                              |       | 2c green on manilla          | 3 04  | 2c blue gr shade on O. buff  | 13 04 |
|                              |       | 2c blue green on manilla     | 3 01  | 2c yellow green on white     | 14 10 |
|                              |       | 2c yellow green on white     | 4 10  | 2c green on white            | 14 04 |
|                              |       | 2c blue green on white       | 4 04  | 2c green shade on white      | 14 04 |
|                              |       | 2c blue grn shade on white   | 4 04  | 2c green on amber            | 14 04 |
|                              |       | 2c blue gr 90 wmk on "       | 4 20  | 2c yel gr 90 wmk on amb      | 14 15 |
|                              |       | 2c yellow grn on amber       | 4 05  | 4c red on white              | 7 10  |
|                              |       | 2c yel grn shade on amber    | 4 04  | 4c red on amber              | 7 10  |
|                              |       | 2c yel grn shade on amber    | 4 04  | 4c scarlet on amber          | 7 10  |
|                              |       | 2c yel gr 90 wmk on amb      | 4 15  | 4c red on white              | 8 10  |
|                              |       | 2c yellow green on white     | 5 10  | 4c scarlet on white          | 8 10  |
|                              |       | 2c blue on white             | 5 04  | 4c scarlet on white          | 9 10  |
|                              |       | 2c blue grn shade on white   | 5 04  | 4c red on amber              | 9 10  |
|                              |       | 2c blue grn shade on white   | 5 04  | 5c blue on white, Die A      | 3 10  |
|                              |       | 2c bl grn on white dotted 2  | 5 15  | 5c bl shade on white Die A   | 3 10  |
|                              |       | 2c yellow green on amber     | 5 10  | 5c blue on white Die A       | 5 10  |
|                              |       | 2c bl gr on amb shade papr   | 5 05  | 5c bl shade on white Die A   | 5 10  |
|                              |       | 2c blue green on amber       | 5 04  | 5c blue on amber             | 5 10  |
|                              |       | 2c yellow green on blue      | 5 10  | 1c blue on manilla wrapper   | 03    |
|                              |       | 2c blue green on blue        | 5 05  | 2c green on manilla wrapper  | 05    |

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## NERVE A FACTOR.

BY S. A. D. COX.

As an aid to acquirement of a good and valuable collection of stamps I know of no one thing more potent than nerve—with one exception, viz., money. And oft-times even money is forced to take a back seat, a collector with plenty of nerve and good tact and judgment being able frequently to amass a better collection than other collectors who have plenty of money, but are lacking in nerve and expert knowledge.

So cultivate knowledge of stamps and cultivate nerve. You will find it will be money in your pocket, and will do a great deal toward making it possible to amass a good collection.

What I mean is that you must not be afraid to ask for stamps, nor to ask anybody for the privilege of looking over their old correspondence for stamps and envelopes. It is in this manner that the greater number of rarities are turned up, and added to the collectors' stock of the world. True, one hates to go up to almost entire strangers and ask them to allow you to go through their correspondence, but as a rule the old business correspondence of an individual or firm has nothing in it that said business man or firm would not wish to be seen, and many of them will not object. You do not know which ones will object and

which will not until you try them, and if you are refused in some instances it will not hurt you; you will at least have the satisfaction of knowing that you tried, and that is all that you can do. It certainly does take nerve to ask, as I have said, but you will find that courage comes with practice, and that nerve in this particular respect can be acquired—and doubtless it could be acquired in like manner in any department of life. At any rate, don't be afraid—don't be backward. Go in and win; go after the stamps; get all you can for nothing; it is herein lies the profit. Just think of finding a Die B., July, 1884 envelope, worth \$20.00, and adding it to your collection at no cost! When the time comes when you wish to sell your collection—if such time ever does come (don't be in a hurry to have it come)—just think of how much more profit there will be in that envelope than if you had acquired it by purchase and paid \$10.00 to \$15.00 for it. Just think of finding a 6 cent orange proprietary stamps on an old bottle of patent medicine in some old drug stock, and adding it to your collection at no cost, instead of paying \$25.00 or \$30.00 for it!

More profit in finding it, is there not? All it requires, sometimes, is a little nerve to ask the druggist to let you look through his stock of old

patent medicines. It is so in hundreds of instances, and you will be surprised if you go at it in a systematic manner, how many really good and rare specimens of stamps and envelopes you will be able to acquire through the medium of nerve expenditure instead of money expenditure. I do not wish to be understood as advocating depending altogether on nerve in the acquirement of a collection, but simply as an aid, where the collector has not the money to spare that he would wish to have to buy the stamps and envelopes he would like to acquire. It is all right and proper to buy, of course, and every collector spends money for stamps he is not able to secure in any other way, but by cultivating his nerve, and working along this line a collector may unearth many specimens of undoubted rarity and value, which he may, if he already has them, exchange for others not in his collection. I have no grudge against the dealers, nor any wish to say or do anything to in any way hurt their business, but I do wish to impress the fact upon the mind of every dealer of this that it is very important that you should acquire as many specimens as possible at little or no cost—as by finding them, or exchanging and getting them for others that you have found. In other words, cultivate your nerve. Make up your mind to secure all the stamps possible for nothing, or for the cost only of the work of asking and searching for them. So long as no dishonorable practices are resorted to, this is a perfectly legitimate method of acquiring stamps. And in my own experience at least, the specimens acquired in this manner have a greater attraction for me, and are more highly prized, and give me greater pleasure than

any others that I have. There is a history, an interesting history that it is a pleasure to remember, connected with each and every one of these, and it does me good to, occasionally, take my album and look them over and recall the particular experiences gone through with in the acquirement of the different specimens. There is nothing else connected with collecting that gives me more pleasurable sensations. Here is a 1-cent 1861 re-issue that I found between the leaves of an old note-book in an old trunk (not a hair-trunk, this time, nor in the attic, either,) worth \$10.00 of any man's money; there is a Die B., July, 1884 stamped envelope found in the correspondence of a friend, a Die C., Plimpton, two or three "rejected die" specimens, etc., etc., and all bring up memories and experiences pleasant or otherwise diverting, making them an unfailing source of delight. Of their value there is never any doubt.

Buy stamps and envelopes, of course, but—take my advice and utilize your nerve as well as your money in the acquirement of specimens for your collection.

#### The Ohio Observer.

Approximate time of mail transit from New York to important places of the world, continued in next issue.

|            | Days. | Hrs. |
|------------|-------|------|
| Honolulu,  | 11    | 8    |
| Jamaica,   | 7     | 12   |
| Lima,      | 19    | 19   |
| Lisbon,    | 12    |      |
| Liverpool, | 8     | 15   |
| London,    | 8     | 11   |
| Madeira,   | 15    |      |
| Madras,    | 39    | 11   |
| Madrid,    | 11    |      |

|              |                        |    |
|--------------|------------------------|----|
| Marseilles,  | 10                     | 2  |
| Melbourne    | } via San Francisco 32 | 17 |
| Mexico City, |                        |    |
| Moscow,      | 12                     |    |
| Nassau,      | 3                      |    |

Many complaints are being put forth relative to the removal of stamps from envelopes, while in transit. Many times within the last few months, my letters from abroad would be neatly clipped on one end and in cases where stamps were loosely inclosed a loss was often incurred. This practice is gaining all over the country. Only recently on receipt of my 58 catalogue the stamp had been "peeled" off. This is an extremely annoying obstacle and would be very severe on the perpetrator if sufficient evidence was obtained.

A novel parcel for delivery was recently handed in at a Birmingham post office. A workman, who had been out of town with his 3 year old child arrived at the above city in time to reach his place of business but not in sufficient time to take his child home. He therefore walked into the nearest P. O. and tendered the youngster as a postal parcel. The authorities accepted the child and delivered it at a charge of ninepence. This stamp on the "original cover" would "animate" the album of any collector.

Of the many so-called shades given in the 58th catalogue many deserve collection as such and represent distinct issues or printings of the stamp while on the other hand many included as distinct varieties are merely those of which an even impression has not been obtained throughout or that one end of the plate was some what worn or

was not so heavily inked as the other; thus causing an innumerable number of shade varieties. It is most impossible to distinguish the bona-fide varieties and as has been written here to fore: persons likely to turn their attention to the above minorates have already the many shades given and the listing will not necessarily create any great demand for them.

Minor varieties exist on our postal cards as well as on the stamps. I notice on a current card received recently two bars in H of "nothing," in place of S in "side" a distinct figure 6. Other cards have a rouletted appearance on all sides and in many ways show inferior workmanship.

The "Souvenir Cards" advertised in the "C P." are very attractive and the engraving are particularly fine. Collectors of postal cards now have a new field to work in. An album of these "patriographs" will indeed make a thing of beauty.

Advertisements appear in some of the daily papers in which a cash payment has been offered for uncancelled printed postal cards. Many business houses have occasion to have large numbers of postal cards printed to advertise some line of goods. For some reason the conditions may change so that perhaps only half of the cards are used, and are often consigned to the waste basket. A process has been discovered by which all of the printed matter may be removed. The man who does the work charging one half: \$2.50 on 500 cards.

The officials at Washington have made arrangements with the contractors for the paper upon which internal revenue stamps are printed,

by which all paper hereafter shall contain a uniform water mark as follows: "U. S. I. R."

From a correspondent at the Metropolis I learn the out look is very bright for a live trade in things philatelic the remainder of the season and with the appearance of the proposed Omaha Commemorative Issue, many recruits will be added and collectors who have been dormant will be revived, which will necessarily strengthen the already active demand. Entire envelopes are finding ready sale and the Collectors of same are considerably on the increase. Canada Jubilies find few buyers, with an active demand for the Newfoundland provisional.

The postoffice department is vigorously pushing its idea that the marks in the cancellation of the mail matter shall be legible, and it deserves credit for such a reform. A special postmark has been suggested for Omaha during the exposition, something entirely different from any cancellation yet used. The design has not as yet been made known, only that something new is proposed in the way of an obliteration.

I will say in connection with the above that at the beginning of the postal service 30 percent of the whole number of post marks were practically illegible, but it has now been brought down to 10 percent. The committee of the P. M. Gen. is engaged in examining designs and inventions designed to take the place of the hand stamps now in use, in hope that even a lower percent may be obtained.

The announcement is made that the Canucks are to have a three cent rate from Canada to any part of the British Empire. Those whose habi-

tat is the U. S. and border on the line will evidently profit by the above arrangement as they may save 2c, per letter on those addressed to any of the British possessions if they step over in Canada and from there forward their mail as the present rate with us is 5c.

A very clever mail delivery box has been placed in a number of the larger buildings at Geneva, Switzerland, by an enterprising electrician. This mail box has a compartment for each story of the building and the letter carrier delivering the mail deposits it in the several compartments as required, on the ground floor. The deposit of a single letter makes an electric contact, rings a bell on the respective floor which does not cease ringing until the letter is taken out, and at the same time opens the faucet of a tank on the roof of the house which causes water to flow into the cylinder forming the counter-weight of the mail box elevator until the weight is heavier than the box, when the box ascends and the flow of water ceases simultaneously. Passing each story the mail intended for it, letters, papers and small packages fall into boxes fastened to the apparatus in the corridor on that floor automatically. This is performed very reliably because a little spring at the bottom of each compartment in the elevator mail box causes the bottom of the compartment to catch for a moment and the release throws out even a single piece of paper thinner than a postal card into the stationary box provided for its reception on the upper floors. When the box has passed the uppermost floor the cylinder filled with water strikes a bolt provided at the bottom, which allows



the water therein to flow out, and by its own weight the box descends to its place at the ground floor. Should by any mischance a single piece of paper have remained in the elevator it will at once, upon striking the bottom, go through the same series of movements as before.

—*Ph. M. and World.*

### In Germany.

We have received from Mr. A. P. Lahr, who is at present in Hamburg, Germany, a number of illuminated postal cards. They range from etchings which are works of art, illustrating some of the beautiful castles in Germany and Austria, to the comic cards, illuminated in colors, that are sent from cities where fairs are held. Mr. Lahr writes that there is hardly a city of any size in that portion of Europe that does not have its own distinctive postal cards. Whenever a great gathering is arranged for, almost the first thing that is done by the city is to have special postal cards made illustrative of the event. That kind of advertising, says Mr. Lahr, keeps the name of the city where the gathering is to be held, constantly before the public, not only in the vicinity of the city, but all over the world where these postals are sent by the citizens of the place. He suggests that this foreign idea might be taken up in America.—*Evansville (Ind.) Tribune.*

### Minor Varieties.

BY EVERY PAGET.

From the trend of my previous remarks on other subjects, the reader has a fair opinion of my idea as to minor varieties.

As a matter of fact the first care of the young collector just embarking upon the philatelic seas is to procure a number of stamps. This

I re-iterate. As we get to the point where our progress will be slower, we can then go more into details, and study our stamps with much more care, and commence to arrange and classify them just as they should be.

After we have once become enthusiastic over the subject of stamp collecting, it is almost an impossibility to drop it entirely. We may drop it for a time, but the chances are we will surely take it up sooner or later. Of ten collectors that think stamp collecting has no more charms for them and decide to give it up, nine of them will store their collection away some where, and the chances are they will resurrect it in after years. The tenth will perhaps dispose of his collection out right, and if he ever does take up collecting again, he will most likely pay increased prices for the same stamps. Some of them may be then entirely beyond his reach.

To a collector who shall follow my example and endeavor to make as good a collection as possible of all the postage stamps of the World, he has comparatively little time to classify and recognize the various minor varieties.

Many a person ventures to remark: "Why do you collect stamps? You can never hope to get a complete collection." Of course not. What would be the beauty of collecting if you could go to your dealer, hand him your check and tell him to fit you out with a complete collection of stamps? We would have them all then. The effort would be gone. Our great pleasure in getting the stamps, studying them and placing them would be gone. Robbed of this, philately would have very little further interest for us. We go

on daily trying to reach those placed on the top round; a few, aye a very few, of us succeed in reaching it. Some of us get partly up and go no further; some are called away by death; others fail ignominiously. And thus it goes. It is the same in the business world; in the social world: it is the same everywhere. Very few, indeed, are fortunate enough to stand at the top of the ladder. The majority of us are content to remain at the foot, or a few rounds from the bottom. And yet we struggle on. Some of us, in fact a majority of philatelists, take things philosophically and recognise that contentment is the greatest blessing after all.

It is now getting to a point where the present stamps are issued and used in such an abundance they will never become rare. It will only be the minor varieties—the error—that may command high prices on account of their scarcity. The stamps of former years were not nearly so extensively used, and fewer of them were saved. Now, however, they (the present stamps) have an extensive use, and almost everybody, from the rag picker to the clerk in the office, is saving and disposing of them to anybody who will buy.

Some of the "minor varieties", however, are so suspicious that it is very well to watch them closely, as we suspect these so-called errors creep in solely for the collector's benefit.

Those who specialize, naturally pay closer and more minute attention and study to those stamps upon which they specialize, than do those of us who generalize, as our field is much larger, but our knowledge philatelic can be, in the aggregate, much larger and broader than that of the specialist.

Specialism in stamps is just the

same as it is in any other thing. The man who devotes his time and talent solely to the eye would not by a good doctor in a case of diphtheria. Neither would the doctor be a good eye specialist, perhaps. The collector who specializes and devotes his time to the stamps of Afghanistan could not go minutely into the history of the stamps of Canada, without some preparation

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In response to a call for names of those desiring to unite in the formation of a society for collectors in the Keystone State, free from politics and ring rule, the list has come back with these names in order, and organization should be at once effected. The proposition made was that "*The Young Collector*" should act as official Journal, but that magazine having ceased publication, another will have to be selected. W. O. Smith who was proposed as Secretary is at present so engaged that he can not attend to its duties and I would suggest that all the members send a ballot with their choice for all the officers of the society (known as *The Keystone Philatelic Association*) to Chas F. Zaruba Bx 875 Pittsburg Penna. who, I believe would make a model secretary-treasurer. Indicate also what publication is desired as official Journal. D. Harlan King seems to be the choice for president.

Let each one also send as many new applicants as possible to the temporary Secretary-treasurer Mr. Zaruba. I would suggest that the dues be 35 cents per year to all applicants before May 1st and 3 cents per month to Jan. 1st to all others with no admission fee.

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1. J. F. Dodge New Oxford.
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12. Louis O. Brosie Pittsburg.
13. C. A. Provost Adamsford.
14. John Holt 1236 Adams, Phil.
15. R. J. Russel M. D. Hanover

I would suggest that all names received by May 15th be considered charter members. Let each send with their ballots so that organization may be effected at once.

Yours for a society for collectors,  
J. F. Dodge Promoter.

"What is the difference between a Chinaman and a Chinese stamp?"

"Give it up."

"The Chinaman will wash but the stamp won't."

### Quaker's Quotations and Queries.

The use of stamps as an advertising medium is again claiming the attention of merchants. Following in the wake of others, Messrs. Hance Brothers and White, of this City have issued a new circular to all the leading Druggists, in which they state that they have plenty of stamps, ranging in value from one cent to fifty cents, which they will present gratis with each order, the value of the stamp to depend upon the value of the order received.

Below I give a list of the Postal Distances and time from New York City to the principal cities of the United States:

|                    | Miles. | Hours. |
|--------------------|--------|--------|
| Albany, N. Y.,     | 142    | 4 1/2  |
| Atlanta, Ga.,      | 882    | 24 1/4 |
| Baltimore, Md.,    | 188    | 6      |
| Bismark, N. D.,    | 1738   | 60 1/2 |
| Boise City, Ida.,  | 2736   | 92 1/2 |
| Boston, Mass.,     | 217    | 7      |
| Buffalo, N. Y.,    | 410    | 11 1/2 |
| Cape May, N. J.,   | 172    | 6      |
| Carson City, N.,   | 3036   | 109    |
| Charleston, S. C., | 804    | 21     |
| Chattanooga, T.,   | 853    | 32     |



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|---------------------|------|-----|
| Cheyenne, Wyo.      | 1899 | 56  |
| Chicago, Ill.,      | 900  | 25  |
| Cincinnati, O.,     | 744  | 23½ |
| Cleveland, O.,      | 568  | 19½ |
| Columbus, O.,       | 624  | 20  |
| Concord, N. H.,     | 292  | 13½ |
| Deadwood, S. D.,    | 1957 | 65½ |
| Denver, Colo.,      | 1930 | 60½ |
| Des Moines, Ia.,    | 1257 | 37½ |
| Detroit, Mich.,     | 743  | 20  |
| Galveston, Tex.,    | 1789 | 56½ |
| Harrisburg, Pa.,    | 182  | 6   |
| Hartford, Conn.,    | 112  | 4   |
| Helena, Mont.,      | 2423 | 89  |
| Hot Springs, Ar.,   | 1367 | 55  |
| Indianapolis, I.,   | 808  | 23  |
| Jacksonville, Fla., | 1077 | 31½ |
| Kansas City, M.,    | 1302 | 43  |

To be continued next month.

A sheet of fifty Newfoundland stamps with the new surcharge was recently received in the East. The bottom row only has the rare type of surcharge, showing the proportion they bear to the common variety. A block of four with both varieties sold in Boston last week for \$5 while the two stamps sold separately are bringing 50 and 75 cents each.

The existence of the Danville, Virginia, Confederate Local, was first made known by a member of the London Philatelic Society in November 1881 and was brought to the notice of the Philatelics at large in April of the next year.

The "Collectors Club of Philadelphia" have moved from their old club room in the Continental Hotel, to larger and much better quarters in the new Girard Building, Cor., Twelfth and Girard Streets, Room 201. Collectors will kindly note change of address and when in the neighborhood drop in and get acquainted.

## Our Eye.

One of the Era's correspondents insists that plate members are *the* thing. Furthermore the advertising columns of the same paper convey the pleasureable information that this same correspondent has a fine supply of plate members for sale. We don't mean to intimate that there is any connection whatever between these two facts!

When a lad we found some huge water mains by the road side fresh from the foundry. What a fine opportunity to shout "boo" in one and hear the echo. No sooner done than tried, once, twice, thrice, when a bumble bee made his appearance and we went home with a lip twice its normal size. There are plenty of writers in the philatelic press who like to hear the sound of their own voices and hate criticism. A pen dipped in wormwood may often work a needed reform.

There was once a time when in common with other philatelic writers we thought the whole world rested on our shoulders. One day, however, getting tired we dropped it and have never since picked it up. Our range of vision can take in only a small part of the world consisting of the follies and foibles of the philatelic fraternity, yet in exposing these we act conscientiously. If you find us shouting "boo" please administer the sting of criticism.

We are simply an amateur in philately, a mere student of its beauties. Our daily labors have

brought us largely in contact with black. We have seen blue-blacks, jet blacks, brown-blacks, etc., etc., but when it comes to distinguishing shades of blue and other "minor varieties" we ask to be excused. It's better to know a few things positively, than to know a great many things and not be sure of your footing.

Our English mail brings us *Bric-a-Brac* in which is the poster head line "The Government and Mr. Palmer at Last Agreed." As we read the sheet we found ourselves drifting away unconsciously from the subject matter and asking ourselves, "How many times can the name Palmer be found?" After counting up to 30 we turn our attention to something else.

A collector in Brooklyn sent us 10 cents for three return letter sheets, some *three weeks* after he was informed they were on sale at the Boston office. In the meantime the supply was exhausted. Within 48 hours of sending in his cash, a second missive was received urging prompt attention to his order. There are times when promptness is a virtue.

"Our Eye" noted an advertisement in the boom edition of *Mekeel's Weekly* of a Colorado dealer who offered 500 varieties for \$1.00. We forwarded carriage for same, furnished A 1 references and requested a lot an approval. A polite reply came informing us our wish could not be gratified, but that in case of dissatisfaction money would be refunded. Of course the impression conveyed was that the dealer was not anxious to do business. He had either enough cash business to keep him busy or else

what he offered was not the bargain so eloquently pictured in print.

On Feb. 9, Baron Harden-Hickey committed suicide in an El Paso, Texas hotel. His career was an eventful one and of particular interest to philatelists because of his connection with the fraudulent issue of stamps of the Principality of Trinidad. Of a wild roving disposition he found himself upon the uninhabited isle of Trinidad, and returning to the States proclaimed himself Prince of Trinidad. His stamps did not touch a responsive chord either in the breast or the pocket of the philatelist.

The Scott Stamp & Coin Co., hold the key to the situation and however much the philatelic press may rail and criticize, makers of album and catalogue can dictate in a large measure the standing of an issue, speculative, fraudulent or necessary. Let the entire philatelic press condemn the Omaha issue, it will nevertheless become popular if Scott Co., give it a place in their albums or catalogue it. We have considerable faith in the power of the press, but in this instance its power is largely curtailed.

Some little effort is being made, looking to the starting of a Collector's Club in Boston. At the same time opposition is developing from some who look upon it as injurious to the dealers interest. We are unable to see the force of the arguments against the movement. The arguments are selfish and we believe can be offset with decided advantages.

WILLARD O. WYLIE.

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THIS magazine is printed by Lewis L. Buckminster, Vineland, N. J. S. of P., C. P. S.

**A Point of View.**

The fraternity which seems to be ever prominent in stampdom is very reminding of brotherly love and as soon as a collector is ushered into the folds of philately the spirit of mutual assistance is infused into him and when he is a man he finds he is still a collector and so he says once a collector always a collector. Since Stamp collecting has assumed the proportions that it has and when fortunes are made in so short a time in the trading of old stamps, it would seem that the energetic dealers would forge to the front and stir things up. Advertising in the stamp papers seem to be on the gain as far as the amount done is concerned and although dealers complain that profits are narrow I think it is a good sign for the collector after all. The collector has money to spend and perhaps reads the ads. as carefully as ever but the dealer is perhaps not as artful in his advertising or competition is keener. The regular advertisers puzzle their brains to know what will draw. That is the question with every dealer. Doubtless each one will answer it by his own experience or by his own taste. The lack of experience and taste will put you in the class of poor advertisers or slow dealers. The dealer that pushes is the dealer that gets the pull with collectors and the way to get the pull is by up to date advertising. I fancy that some of the dealers that have been complaining of late are like patience on the monument waiting for business that never came for the poor unoffending collector didn't know he was a dealer. If you would make money in stamps, advertise. Advertise continuously and judiciously.

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## Our Monthly Chat.

We are with you once again and we are not going to make any promises as to when we will catch up, but we will do the best that our health—and our printer—will permit.

Mr. W. C. Odiorne, of Huntingdon, Pa., sent us 3 copies of the 5c. Grant in the new color blue and they look very pretty. Now look for the change in color of the 10c.

and the 15c. as the 5c. is a dark blue.

The editor presumes he is a member of the P. S. of A. for life, as he can't find his certificate, and he is informed by King Kissinger that it must be received before his resignation can be accepted.

By the way Master Kissinger is worried about his Penna. Phil. Association. A lot of the members have resigned including some of the officers, and it looks as if it would go to pieces.

The condition of trade holds about the same. We still read advertisements offering stamps at 50, 60, 75 and even 90 per cent less than Scott's quotations, and as the Scott Co., themselves are offering stamps at less than their catalogue prices them, we hope they will cut down prices about half in their next edition, on 95 per cent. of the stamps listed.

By the way the demand for the 58th edition still continues with us. We have mailed 110 thus far (more than any dealer outside the large cities) but will supply all who order, and give a years subscription as usual.

Chas. W. Grevning former publisher of "The Stamp" of New York, and for one term, counterfeit detector of the Sons of Philatelia died of consumption at St. Luke's Hospital, New York City on Mar. 15th. Beyond the pleasant business relations we have had with him, we have little knowledge of his career, but in common with many other S. of P. members, we shall miss him.



We are having complaints from some sections that this magazine is not received regularly since it was mailed in envelopes. For that reason we mailed in wrappers to those sections last month and no complaints were received.

A. A. Thompson is now in the hands of the U. S. authorities for misuse of the mails. We are inclined to believe he is not right in the upper story. His queer antics with us cannot be explained as the acts of a sane person.

Some parties about Mullbury and Worcester, Mass., are evidently a bad gang if not one and the same person. We have placed several letters [bearing different names and addresses but probably written by the same person] in the hands of the P. O. Inspector.

From the best information we can get, the stamp business is enjoying a brisk season in England and on the continent.

Mr. F. P. Gibbs, of Olean, N. Y. has our thanks for a large illustrated price list of rubber stamps, stencils, etc.

Our printer made a very brilliant scholar out of Mr. S. B. Hopkins in our last issue, by inverting a figure 9. "Born in 1871 and graduating in 1863." He takes it good naturedly however.

By the way Bro. Hopkins you have mentioned our being late several times, why not mention the cause or say nothing about it? It leaves a wrong impression you know. Besides people who read the reviews, are more interested to know what is in

a publication and that you sometimes omit. Better say nothing.

*The Philatelic Bulletin* scarcely issues a number without a slur on the editor of this magazine or one of his publications from which it is easy to imagine that C. A. Hall who was exposed as a substituter through our efforts, still has a hand in its publication.

The wife of U.S. Senator Thurston of Nebraska died while on a visit to Cuba a short time ago and many philatelists we are sure extend sympathy to the son Clarence late of the *Omaha Philatelist*.

The death of Frank L. Van Dermark removes from our ranks a well and favorably known philatelist. "Van" had many friends who will miss him. Wm. A. McDonnell of New York will probably succeed him as auction manager of the Sons of Philatelia.

Well, well, these Iowa people are getting "hitched up" fast, we congratulated Joe Beard only a few weeks ago and now J. A. Cook has joined fortunes with a young lady from Illinois. Many years of happiness Mr. and Mrs. Cook.

There are some dealers who have sent us price lists catalogues etc. during the past month expecting us to notice them in these columns; we are always glad to do so if they contain matter of general interest to philatelists, so that the average dealer helps to fill our waste basket. In mentioning these lists etc. we are advertising the dealers business, and the most of these lists come from those who seldom if ever have patronized our advertising columns, and ever from

those who have never sent us a subscription. Space in this magazine is worth money.

### The Press.

*The Allegheny Philatelist* comes along quite regularly and is quite newsy, and those who may poke fun at it are just the ones who couldn't do half as well when they were the age of Master Keifer who we believe is the youngest Philatelic editor and publisher 15 years, thus beating Bro. Shephard of the *Omaha Philatelist* by a year or two.

*Il Francobollo* is a bright Italian paper that has just arrived. It touches up our proposed new issue notes, the 1 cent in the new color, the new postal for ladies, appears to be surprised at the vast number of postals we use, and notes the decision of the Government to issue the special series for the Trans-Mississippi Exposition "in the land of Omaha" though objected to by philatelists. The illustrations and notes on new issues are very good.

*The Weekly Era* had a very well written story of the capture and subsequent escape of Fischer *alias* Kaiser, Walle etc. It arrived here Friday evening; *Mekeel's Weekly* arrived with the same news (but not nearly so complete) on Monday morning the 21st. *The American Collector* with the same news in a brief item was mailed on Saturday the 19th and was the first monthly publication that had it.

Editor Pinkham of *The Eastern Philatelist*, has been elected Town Treasurer of New Market, N. H. This office will not however make the E. P. any less interesting.

*The New York Philatelist* is as regular as a clock and contains some good things. The editor still insists that sample copy fiends are a nuisance and that the N. Y. P. is a valuable advertising medium.

*The Philatelic Review* has improved in contents. The March issue has a portrait and sketch of Bro. Chapman. The editor says the government having refused his magazine second class rates, must consider it a first class magazine.

The March *Perforator* is the best number yet. It is full of newsy items including a group of 8 portraits of the officers of the Empire State Philatelic Society with their sketches, the editor's trip to Boston and Whitman, (where "snowed in" he played whist with Miss Amy Swift) Joe Beard "winks the other eye" from the front cover and Miss Amy fills a couple of quite readable pages. Notes from half a dozen points complete the number. *The Evergreen State Philatelist* comes out for the Omaha issue, and sits down rather hard on the American Souvenir cards. The Critic is an important feature of the lively *Evergreen*.

*The Boston Stamp Book* is now appearing quite regularly but in contents it is not what it "use to was."

*The Virginia Philatelist* is rapidly forging to the front ranks of philatelic journalism. It is one of the few whose loss would be seriously felt.

Miss A. F. Williams conducts a very well written column devoted to philately in the Sunday edition of *The Pittsburg Press*, and this should bring many recruits into the philatelic ranks.

# Society Reports and News.

## SPECIAL NOTICE TO SECRETARIES.

All reports for next issue should be in hands of the publisher April 4th. Reports should all be carefully written, especially names, to avoid the errors by printer. Typewritten reports are the best. Please address Society Dept., *Columbian Phil.*

## The Columbian Philatelic Society.

### OFFICERS FOR 1898.

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### PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

Fellow Members:—

I trust by next month, the Secretary-Treasurer will have all matters righted and we can report a more active state of affairs, and a livelier growth.

The list of resident vice presidents will be found below, and I trust that each will take an active interest in building up our Society in his (or her) own Section, though there is nothing to prevent each one obtaining applicants from other localities, and I trust the members will all co-operate with the officers not only in promoting the growth of the Society, but in all other matters pertaining to its welfare.

Yours fraternally,  
 J. F. DODGE, Pres.

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 New South Wales, B. Blumenthal.  
 Additional appointments will follow.  
 Yours fraternally,  
 J. F. DODGE, Pres.

### SECRETARY'S REPORT.

First of all I wish to thank the members of the Columbian Philatelic Society, for their kind support in my campaign just ended. And as a prefatory to the years work before us, I wish to say that before I was even a member and now more so than ever, I have regarded this Society as one of the best managed and the freest from politics of any of the larger societies. Collectors in general are tired of this sort of thing and really do not care who are officers so long as they attend to their duties and attend strictly to the business in hand. I have just received from Mr. Fritter the books and papers belonging to this office and I shall immediately get the Society's matters in shape for the coming year. Some members have not paid their dues and membership cards are now ready for those who are entitled to them or who send in their dues now.

Respectfully,  
 H. C. CROWELL, Secy.-Treas., O. P. S.  
 208 Superior St., Cleveland, Ohio.

### NEW MEMBERS.

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 366. Geo. F. Steger, Columbia Heights, Ill.  
 367. Chas. G. Burrows, Windsor, Conn.  
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 370. Arthur H. Eddy, 318 Collins St., Hartford, Conn.  
 371. L. T. Brodstone, Superior, Neb.  
 372. B. Blumenthal, 16 Watkin St., Newtown near Sydney, N. S. W.  
 Cards have been forwarded to all of above who have paid their dues for 1898. Those who have not done so, should send the amount (25c.) at one, or better still send 50c. which pays to January 1st 1899.

### APPLICATIONS.

Abe Levi, 115 S. Clinton St., Syracuse, N. Y.

Bookkeeper. Age 29. References J. F. Dodge, Louis Gerst.

R. G. Widdicombe, St. Catharines, Ont. Printer, References J. F. Dodge, H. C. Crowell.

These are all the applications I have received to date, probably there are others, but they have not been forwarded to me as yet.

H. C. CROWELL, Sec.-Treas.

#### CHANGES IN ADDRESS.

- 237 Roy B. Bradley, Waco, Tex.  
 249. W. W. MacLaren, 652 Bank of Minn., Bldg. Minneapolis, Minn.  
 259. D. E. McCurdy, Meadow Creek, W. Va.  
 324. Abram Goldsmith, 113 E. 120th St., New York City.

#### ANNUAL REPORT OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

Wilwaukee, Wis., Feb. 19, 1898.

The following cases were acted upon and a decision given.

Chas King of New York and John Bisbee of Stoughton, Mass., were admitted.

P. M. Weiss of Cincinnati, O. G. W. Archlar, of Minneapolis, Minn. Walter G. Foye, of Athol, Mass. Emil A. Sigler, of Denver, Col., refused admittance.

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No report from Secy. up to date of going to press.

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#### IMPORTANT TO MEMBERS OF THE CONNECTICUT PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

Members of the above Society are hereby notified that it is thought best to merge the Conn. Phil. So. into the C. P. S. So many were members of both which use the same Official Journal that it will save trouble and expense. We hope those who are not members of the Columbian, will join, and no admission fee will be charged

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| 4   | Canada Jubilee, 1, 2, 3, 5c.,                     | 12    |
| 11  | Canada Jubilee, 1/2 to 50 unused,                 | 2.00  |
| 9   | Cape of Good Hope, 1/2 p. to 1 sh.,               | 14    |
| 9   | Ceylon, 1882, 2c., to 30c.,                       | 20    |
| 4   | Ceylon, "On Service" 2, 5, 15, and 30c.           | 30    |
| 7   | Ceylon, 2c., on 4c., complete,                    | 30    |
| 10  | Dutch Indies, 1 to 50c. Queen,                    | 18    |
| 8   | Egypt, 8 var.,                                    | 66    |
| 8   | Gambia, 1/2 p., to 1 sh., unused, now obsolete,   | 1.50  |
| 3   | Grenada, 1883, to 2 1/2 p.                        | 12    |
| 4   | Grenada, 1883, same with 4 p.,                    | 32    |
| 5   | Haiti, 1841, 1, 2, 3, 5, 7c.,                     | 15    |
| 11  | Hungary, 1 to 5c.,                                | 6     |
| 13  | Hungary, same with 1 and 2 florins,               | 18    |
| 13  | Italy, Victor Emanuel, complete,                  | 15    |
| 19  | Italy, 19 var., fine set,                         | 15    |
| 12  | Italy, Segnatasse, complete,                      | 28    |
| 8   | Italy, Official, complete,                        | 12    |
| 13  | Jamaica, 13 var., old and new,                    | 30    |
| 4   | Jamaica, Official, 1/2, 1/2, 1 and 2 p.,          | 9     |
| 40  | Japan 40 var., grand set,                         | 35    |
| 7   | Lubuan, 1894, 2 to 40 7 var., complete,           | 35    |
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| 3   | Leeward Islands, 1/2, 1 and 2 1/2,                | 4     |
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| 6   | Matla, 1/2 p., to 1 sh.,                          | 28    |
| 8   | Natal, 1/2 p., to 1 sh.,                          | 25    |
| 7   | Newfoundland, 1/2 to 24c. old issue,              | 1.00  |
| 10  | New South Wales, 1/2 p., to 1 sh.,                | 12    |
| 9   | New Zealand, 1/2 p. to 1 sh.,                     | 14    |
| 3   | New Zealand, Life Insurance 3 var.,               | 6     |
| 7   | North Borneo, 1887, 1/2 to 10,                    | 20    |
| 8   | Persia, 1889, 1 sh. to 5 Krans,                   | 30    |
| 8   | Persia, 1864, 1 sh., to 5 Krans,                  | 60    |
| 10  | Queensland, 1/2 p. to 1 sh.,                      | 20    |
| 7   | Roumania, 1873, 1/2 to 50 Bani,                   | 30    |
| 7   | " 1891, 1/2 to 50 Bani,                           | 8     |
| 3   | " 1895, 1/2 to 25 Bani,                           | 5     |
| 12  | " 12 var.,                                        | 10    |
| 6   | St. Lucia, 1/2, 1, and 2 1/2 p.,                  | 6     |
| 7   | St. Lucia, 1/2 1 sh. unused,                      | 95    |
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| 6   | Servia, 1881, 6 var., complete,                   | 10    |
| 3   | Sierra Leona, obsolete, 1/2 to 1 sh.,             | 1.85  |
| 4   | Spain, 1851-4 8 cetas. 4 var.,                    | 13    |
| 9   | Switzerland, unpaid, 1 to 200,                    | 20    |
| 7   | Transvaal, 1/2 to 1                               | 15    |
| 12  | Victoria, 1/2 to 1 sh.,                           | 18    |
| 5   | St. Vincent, 1/2, 1, 2, 4, 6 p. and 1 sh. unused, | 60    |
| 1   | St. Vincent, 5 sh. carmine lake unused,           | 1.50  |
| 5   | British Guiana, 5 var.,                           | 8     |
| 4   | Danish West Indies,                               | 6     |
| 3   | Tonga, 1886, 1 and 2 p. and 1 sh.,                | 18    |
| 4   | Trinidad, 1865, 1/2, 1, 2 1/2 and 4 p.,           | 10    |
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Official Journal of the Following Philatelic Societies: The Columbian Philatelic Society; The Albany (N. Y.) Philatelic Club; The U. S. Envelope Exchange.

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## Philatelic Pick-Ups.

If the Post Office Department wished to give us a really beautiful set of stamps to commemorate the Omaha Exposition why did it not make arrangements to print the stamps in two colors? Undoubtedly the set will be a handsome one, as it is, but had the plates been made so that two printings could have been made, the first (the frame) being printed in color, and the center-piece in black, then would we have had one of the most beautiful sets of stamps ever issued for any purpose and by any country. I have always been in love with the high values of the 1869 issue, on this account, and with the revenue stamps that are printed in two colors. I hope that the Post Office Department of the United States will some day give us an entire set of stamps printed in two colors, as specified above.

The writer is an ardent plate number collector, and speaking of a set of stamps in two colors makes me think of how handsome an appearance a collection of plate number strips would make, made up of stamps printed in two colors. It would present an appearance as beautiful as unique. All plate number collectors would welcome a bi-colored set of stamps.

Another thing: If the Post Office Department wished to be consistent why does it not change the color of the stamped envelope stamps as well as of the adhesives. This is just as important, and if the adhesives are of necessity changed in color to conform with International agreement, then the stamped envelope stamps should be changed in color also. To this end, the two-cent green stamped envelope stamp should be changed to red, and the one-cent blue should be changed to green. The current five cent stamped envelope stamp being in blue is all right as it is, that being the proper color, and the same as the adhesive. I do not understand why the Department does not give this matter its attention, as more and constantly more envelopes are being used by the people every year. The stamped envelope branch of the business is growing in importance all the time, and whatever is done in regard to adhesive stamps should be extended to stamped envelope stamps. Entire stamped envelope collectors would welcome a change in colors of the one-cent and two-cent stamped envelope stamps, and they would not be displeased if the designs were changed.

I don't know whether or not many of the readers of this publication are

plate number strip collectors, but such as are not should give the matter some thought, as there is no branch of collecting which is, to my way of thinking, more interesting than this, and there is no branch that gives greater opportunities for securing valuable rarities at small cost; all that is necessary is to keep right along, and make purchases of strips as they become current; then after a time one will find himself possessed of some rarities. The writer has some of the rare low numbers of the one-cent strips in the new color, green, i. e., Nos. 439 and 440, and they will certainly be very scarce. Nos. 446 and 452 have also been found in green, and these will be scarce. No. 496 has been found in blue, also, and this high number in the old color will likely be as much of a rarity as the low numbers mentioned in the new color. There will be some scarce numbers in either the brown or blue color of the five-cent stamp, too, and all collectors should be on the lookout for strips bearing a high number in brown or a low number in blue. When the ten-cent is changed in color [as doubtless it will be soon] the same remarks will apply to this denomination. I would urge all collectors to begin the collection of plate number strips, as in this branch of collecting they can not lose, since they secure the stamps at face value, as a rule, and by exchange of strips of equal value, and the stamps will always be worth face, and in the majority of instances will be worth in a short time, comparatively speaking, many times their face.

The growing interest in the Private Proprietary stamps of the

United States makes it urgent that collectors who have any liking for these stamps secure what specimens they need at once, as the prices are constantly going up, and the rarities are even now being held at, in some instances, more than catalogue, while the scarce varieties are selling at auction for about two-thirds of catalogue. Only a year or so ago an auction firm would have laughed at you had you offered Private Proprietary stamps for sale at auction; indeed no auction firm would go to the expense of cataloguing and pricing these stamps, claiming that they would not sell at any price; now they are about the best selling stamps that can be offered. Take a quiet look through that old drug stock in your town and see if you can't unearth some good Medicine stamps. Keep your eyes open when doing so, as you might overlook an inverted medallion or some rouletted varieties.

No circulars in regard to the issuance of the Omaha set of stamps have as yet been received by postmasters throughout the country. Doubtless instructions regarding these stamps will be sent out soon, however.

I note that in the event of war with Spain (which seems the only logical outcome of the present situation, diplomacy having practically failed,) one of the means of raising a war revenue will be by placing special taxes on various articles, including a two-cent tax on checks, as was the case in the late war.

The collecting of entire stamped envelopes becomes more and more fascinating with the practice, and I would urge every collector to at least collect such as come in his

way; after a time he will find the charm growing upon him, and sooner or later he will be a full-fledged enthusiast in this branch. Begin picking up a specimen here and there; give it a trial.

THE PICKANINNY.

### Album Gossip.

I have seen a stamp album—a blank one, by the way—whose clean, white pages no writing of any kind mars, not even the date of issue of the stamps, but which contains a mine of information and is moreover a storehouse of interesting tales. The owner originally intended only to make a description as to watermark, perforation, etc., on the space for each stamp before he inserted it but later developed it into placing thereunder any stray items of interest that might be connected with the stamp, in fine handwriting. That this is not necessarily a dry, uninteresting detail of former owners and may add uncalculable interest to any collection I shall endeavor to show by the following imaginary gossip between two stamps, a common U. S. two cent current issue and a Western Australia 4-pence rose, representing two extremes of the album and also two great nationalities, on their neighboring stamps, all of which gossip might with a little stretch of his imagination be embodied in the real facts which any collector might write beneath his stamps as a history of acquisition. Such memoranda not only add to a collector's interest in his own collection but give it added value when it passes into the hands of another, since counterfeits, dates of issue of obsolete stamps and causes for peculiar cancellations, etc., can often be traced with comparative ease by such data. It may

a so lead the collector to value more highly those stamps which he removes from original covers which have told him their history, and value less those which he purchases from a dealer, and thus lead him back to the original interest and aims of stamp-collecting.

"Good morning, Miss Western Australia. How are you and all your folks?"

"Quite well, thank you, Mr. Two cent Carmine. My Aunt Sixpence Lilac has been feeling sort of worn out for a while back but she went to the stamp repairers this morning and is feeling as bright and well as ever now."

"I've got a little cold myself. Been taking some important despatches up to a press correspondent in the Klondyke region and the change from the balmy air of Washington to forty below zero gave me a cold on the lungs."

"Dear me. You ought to take something right away. I'll tell you what is good. Six-cent orange Proprietary was telling me about it this morning. It seems she was living with a bottle of Koff's Lung Balm. A certain doctor prescribed it for a philatelist sick with consumption. He was almost gone when he began on the first bottle but began to pick up immediately and was a well man in three weeks. Some folks say it was the sight of the Six-cent Proprietary on the bottle and not the medicine that cured him, but at any rate I would try it."

"Thank you. Say, are you acquainted with that Nicaragua stamp over there?"

"No, we British Colonials never associate with Seebecks."

"He has a rather interesting

history, though, and is a pretty good fellow when you get to know him well. He came up from the Mosquito coast and landed in New Orleans at the time of the yellow fever epidemic in 1897. They were using disinfecting cancelling machines there then which perforated holes all through the envelopes and stamps and he got several scars—you can see them on his face yet although they are nearly healed by Bilkins Patent Repair Hinges”.

“Oh, is that what those marks are? I didn’t know but it was small pox”.

“Who is that there?”

“What is Sir Dominica One-shilling, C. A.”

“Aha, some of your nobility. You English Colonials have so many titled heads. Almost everyone you meet is a C. C. or a C. A.”

“Yes, we are most all of Royal blood, with crown watermark.”

“Speaking of watermarks reminds me of my own. Some people claim that I have one and some that I am of the .895 No Watermark issue. Confidentially, I’ll tell you I think I have one but it would never have been seen.”

“Dear me. You shock me. It is horrid to pun so. I really hope you do not use benzine.”

“Have to, you know. Regular diet. You folks with good constitutions and plain watermarks don’t know anything about it. Now, there is a family over there with more original cheek than any other I knew,” indicating a set of unused Hawaiians.

“Original gum, you mean.”

“Well, its all the same thing. They are so stuck up and think they are the most privileged people in the world and yet they never carried a letter or did anything useful in their

lives. Just because they were given away by King KalaKau to a friend in the United States they think they are better than common folks.”

“There’s one of our new neighbors just moved in, Surcharged Newfoundland. They tell me he was sent with a marked letter that was mailed to catch a post office clerk who was suspected of taking stamps off letters and packages. The clerk fell into the trap and was convicted through the evidence of this stamp, losing his position and just escaping imprisonment.”

“That reminds me of the good old times of ’93 that my Uncle One-dollar Columbian used to tell about, when post office clerks frequently “held up” high value stamps as rich booty. So annoying did this become that Uncle One-dollar, when sent out to carry a package of stamp albums, was protected after cancellation by a coat-of-mail, a sheet of thin, transparent mica, and so arrived safely. I also had a relative who once tried to pass through the mail without a passport, which as you know is the cancellation. Or rather his owner, a Chinaman, tried to pass him through. After attaching him to the letter he smeared him all over with a thin gum that hardened and which was almost invisible, so that the cancellation took effect on this coating only and did not touch my cousin. He went to China, had the varnish washed off, came back and started to go again but was caught in the act. At the trial he turned state’s evidence on the Chinaman and got off *Scott* free. He’s the Twenty-four cent purple on the next page.”

“It seems to me that Three-cent 1861 is looking brighter”

“Yes, poor thing, she was in pretty bad condition when she first



came, feeble and poor color, but she's been taking peroxide and is getting back her color again. She was quite rosy once but an experience she has had turned her gray."

"Do tell me about it."

"She was in the Washington post office in 1865. Next floor was the B. & O. Telegraph office. There was a brown Telegraph stamp there that she used to chat with quite often through the open window. She grew to think a great deal of him. One day they quarrelled over something—a trifle. She accused him of being fast. He retorted that she was as slow as a mail wagon. She replied in a sarcastic tone that he was *Complimentary* and thanked him frigidly. Just then the window slammed down. The shot that jarred a whole nation might have caused it. President Lincoln was shot. *The Telegraph Stamp* was sent to a far Northern city to tell the news; the Three-cent 1861 was sent to the far West. They never met again. She is here; he is in some collector's album far away, and they quarrelled at parting."

"How very sad. She used to have a sister that they called the Imp, didn't she?"

"Yes, she was a little older; born in 1851. How she hated to be called Imp. Don't call me an Imp, she would say, 'I am Imperforate.' She went off on a Star route somewhere and has never been heard from. What queer folks stamps are. Now there's old Mauritius over there. Claims close relationship to the original Post Office Mauritius and carries her chin two dots in the medallion frame higher in consequence. But what did she ever do of note. No one knows; carried a letter doubtless, or perhaps it was on a paper or package, from some

British sailor to no one knows who in England. While over there is a common Brazilian stamp who brought the news of Dom Pedro's fall to a court of Europe."

(A Three-cent Canadian Jubilee approaches.)

"Hello, Aunt Spec."

"You are very *disrespectful*. Why do you call me that?"

"Oh, come now, you know you are speculative. You can't deny it."

"Our family is just as respectable as your rich Uncle Dollar Columbians. Good day."

"Ho, ho, ho. Goes off on her ear. Double-faced old lady, that. But she's not far off about Uncle Columbian."

"They tell me there are rumors of a new addition to your family. Do tell me, is it true?"

"Please don't speak of it. That Omaha Exposition business is a sore point with us. It will bring disgrace on us all."

"Oh dear, here comes that Native Indian State. He is a regular Bore. He wearies me so."

"Did he ever tell you how he came to this country?"

"No."

"It seems an American autograph collector wanted Rudyard Kipling's 'fist' and wrote to him in India for it. Rudyard was up there in the jungles somewhere stalking tigers or elephants or something [that's another story, anyhow] and wrote him from there that owing to an accident to his arm he was unable to hold a pen and signed it and send the Bore stamp with it down to Calcutta, where one of the regular Indian stamps joined it and they came over to New York together. Rudyard's arm is still a little lame, I hear."

"Well, here comes your match."

"Hello, Ives How do you feel?"

"Blue, blue".

"What's the matter?"

"If you'd been through what I have I guess you'd feel blue. You know our relatives on pink paper are held in high esteem and I being but a common paper envied them and wanted to be like them. So I tried to blush to see if I couldn't make my complexion pink but in the effort I set fire to the matches whose wrapper I was attached to and the factory caught. I barely escaped by leaping from a three-story window to the ground, where a street urchin collector picked me up unconscious. I am the only one saved. Wouldn't you feel blue?"

"Hot stuff, isn't he?" to Miss Australia, as Ives Match passes on, "Wonder Robie hasn't signed him for his circus. What's all that noise? What is everyone running out for?"

"A Counterfeit. A Counterfeit.

Put him out. A counterfeit Numeral Hawaii. Off with him to Molokai. Off with him to the leper colony at the end of the album. That's the place for all counterfeits. Come on, come on, let's hustle him". [Exieunt all.]

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## Our Eye.

Tradition says that at the time of Dorr's Rebellion in Rhode Island, Gov. Dorr gathered his men on a hill and as the state troops advanced toward them, delivered himself of a little speech:—"Men, stand your ground nobly! Fight till you can fight no longer, and if you are compelled to retreat, face back in good order with your faces to the foe!" and then he added in a low voice as the troops came nearer, "As I am a little lame, I guess I will go now!"

There is a good deal of that kind of bravery in the world. It is based upon love for office, popularity, riches and feeds on sponge cake and flattery. We need more philatelic journals whose editors will say what they mean, and more contributors who will speak their thoughts over their own names.

And now we have forgeries of the Newfoundland surcharge. It is not unexpected. When a Newfoundland dealer issues a circular, printed possibly in the very office where the surcharge was executed, containing perfect representations of the three styles of type what more natural to expect than that some enterprising and unprincipled individual should try his skill in overprinting stamps in similar manner. Dealers of course maintain that a forgery of this kind should not be given wide publicity owing to its bad effect on trade. I feel differently. An evil of this kind is better revealed than concealed.

I fear the prevalent mania has taken possession of Roumania. 2000 sheets of 5 bani were printed in December, one stamp in each sheet

bearing the figures 25. Before the error was discovered 216 sheets had been sold, but the remaining 1784 were reclaimed by the officials and I am informed are to be *disposed of by auction or otherwise.*

I believe it was Representative Cobb of some Southern state who became somewhat mixed in a congressional discussion a few years ago. Indulging in tariff debate he made heavy and frequent inroads upon his desk. Some charitably inclined persons said it was tea. If so, it was terribly strong tea! At least he quaffed a particularly strong quantity, dropped the thread of his argument, floundered in the bewildering maze of uncertainty and turning to the speaker said in contrite manner:—"Mr. Speaker, where am I at?"

When we are treated to such a piece of governmental imposition as Roumania threatens to impose upon us we may well ask:—"Where are we at?" I notice Gambia, after two or three withdrawals of the present issue, has finally fixed upon May 1st, 1898 as the last day of grace and stamp dealers and collectors are cordially invited to contribute to the Colony's coffers by buying up the remainders. Indeed it is reported that instead of waiting until May 1st, the new issue of the De La Rue type is already (Apr. 8) in use.

Have you heard anything drop recently? I have. Nothing more or less than the prices of Canadian half-cent jubilees, and what a d. s. t. it must seem like to those holders who have paid from 25 to 40 cents each for this stamp. The last quotation I noticed was 20cts. but don't get anxious, the price will go still lower. Let the pass word be "wait".

WILLARD O. WYLIE.

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This Magazine goes to press on the 13th of each month and copy must be in by noon of that date to secure insertion. Change of standing copy must be in by the 10th of each month.

## Our Monthly Chat.

This being an emergency issue made up before we see the last number which the printer has had nearly 3 weeks, it is the smallest number in point of size that we have issued for nearly a year and a half.

Speaking of an "emergency number" we believe we are indebted to Eben S. Martin for the phrase, but we haven't seen even an emergency number of the *International Stamp* for several months. Has it joined the silent majority?

Although we are rushing out this number, it will be found quite interesting. No pains are spared to get the productions of the best

writers. We have a lot more choice MSS. stored away for future issues.

The sweeping reduction in advertising rates in this magazine [see inside front cover] may be a matter of surprise to many, but it will be remembered that some time ago, we stated that we desired only a fair remuneration for conducting the publication, and we have inaugurated this movement partly on that account and believe we shall have more cash patronage than ever. Advertisers are generally well pleased with results even in the dull times, and we could publish scores of testimonials, but we haven't the time, or space, and the majority of our readers are collectors who wouldn't be interested in such nonsensical waste of space.

*Mekeel's Weekly* is wofully thin these days, except when by a tremendous effort a "boom" number is issued. But though only 8 pages it occasionally has some good things. According to latest reports its regular circulation is about half that is reported by the Mekeel Co., in 1896 to the American Newspaper Directory.

Isaac was evidently a little jealous of the lively Jewett's success in pushing out such a complete resume of the Walle-Stein capture and subsequent escape. We are about half way between the two rivals and we received the *Era* 63 hours ahead of the *Stamp News*. The same train that brought the *Era*, brought *The American Collector* (with the same news) from the printer and it was mailed 12 hours later, and was in Ohio, Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York etc., as soon if not ahead of *Mekeel's Weekly*, providing of



course that the issue of the latter was all mailed at once and that both papers traveled in the mails at their usual speed.

The *Era* seems to doubt the success of the new weekly, *The Metropolitan Philatelist*, mainly we judge from the price, but Mr. Jewett should remember that the best paper published at the lowest price is bound to succeed with proper management and backing. The low price of this magazine brings in large numbers of subscribers, and that is what interests advertisers. One copy mailed to the collector who pays for it, is better for the advertiser than 10 sample copies mailed to names from the best lists obtainable.

Mrs. W. D. Smith, of Portsmouth, N. H. wishes us to state that she has not lived at 15½ Austin St. for the last two years, and that all mail for her should be addressed to 20 Wibird St.

*The Perforator*, unable to obtain second class rates at Hartford, Conn. has been sold to J. W. Stowell, the printer at Federalsburg, Md., who is addressing all our advertisers a circular inviting patronage at 50 percent below any other publication provided they use the same copy that appears in any of the publications, he prints. As to whether this is business like or honorable we leave our patrons to judge. One half our rates for a page advertisement in *The Perforator* is \$1.37½, a fact we mention for any of our advertisers who wish to place ads in *The Perforator*.

But it would hardly be justice to our advertisers to suggest patronage

for *The Perforator* and leave them in darkness about its circulation. Paid circulation as we have stated is an important factor. Mr. Chapman wrote us a few days before disposing of the magazine that he had 75 subscribers in addition to 65 paid subscriptions of members of the Philatelic Literature Society. On the basis of paid subscriptions then *The Perforator's* advertisement rates should be about 40 cents per page.

And in this connection we would say Mr. Chapman writes us that his mother recently died, leaving him a home and some money and he will move away from Hartford. We sympathize with him in his loss, and congratulate him on being able to give up a life of incessant toil for ease and comfort for the remainder of his days.

And right here the April *Perforator* arrives, the first one from Federalsburg. It is not so pretty as the last issue. The contents are about the same as former numbers, newsy and gossipy, and being edited by a lady of course we must expect it.

By the way Mr. Chapman states that the 5c blue was on sale at East Hartford, Conn. *more than a month previous to March 8*. We are inclined to think there must be some mistake about this.

The uncertainty resulting from the impending war with Spain, has affected business to an enormous extent in many lines, and the stamp business is no exception. However a war will eventually increase values in nearly all lines of business in our opinion and business will improve, as a large part of the amount

the government is spending will circulate among the workmen and business men.

## SOCIETY REPORTS AND NEWS.

### SPECIAL NOTICE TO SECRETARIES.

All reports for next issue should be in hands of the publisher April 28th. Reports should all be carefully written, especially names, to avoid the errors by printer. Typewritten reports are the best. Please address Society Dept., *Columbian Phil.*

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This number being sent to press immediately after receiving last issue, there is no time for the Secretary's report. The next issue will go to press in about 15 days and contain full reports. Let each member strive to do his best to add reliable collectors to our ranks.

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| 1c blue on white                     | 2 10  | 1c blue on amber             | 5 03  | 2c yellow green on O. buff   | 5 10  |
| 1c dark blue on white                | 2 10  | 1c blue shade on amber       | 5 03  | 2c blue green on O. buff     | 5 04  |
| 1c light blue on amber               | 2 03  | 1c blue on amber notched     | 5 10  | 2c blue gr shade on O. buff  | 5 04  |
| 1c blue on amber                     | 2 03  | 1c lgt bl on man wv no wmk   | 6 05  | 2c yel gr on am man wove     | 5 10  |
| 1c dark blue on white                | 3 15  | 1c blue on man wove wmk      | 6 03  | 2c yel gr on am man laid     | 5 04  |
| 1c blue on amber                     | 3 05  | 1c blue on man. laid wmk     | 6 03  | 2c blue gr on amb man laid   | 5 04  |
| 1c lgt blue man. amb. wove           | 3 25  | 1c ultramarine on white      | 11 03 | 2c yellow grn on man wove    | 5 10  |
| 1c dark blue on white                | 5 15  | 1c ultramarine shade on wh   | 11 03 | 2c yellow grn on man laid    | 5 04  |
| 1c light blue on amber               | 5 05  | 1c blue on white             | 11 03 | 2c blue green on man laid    | 5 04  |
| 1c blue on amber                     | 5 05  | 2c yellow green on white     | 1 10  | 2c yellow green on white     | 7 10  |
| 1c dark blue on amber                | 5 20  | 2c blue green on white       | 1 04  | 2c blue green on white       | 7 04  |
| 1c blue on manilla wrapper           | 5 50  | 2c yellow green on white     | 2 10  | 2c blue green shade on wht   | 7 04  |
| 2c yellow green on white             | 1 05  | 2c yel grn shade on white    | 2 04  | 2c yellow green on amber     | 7 10  |
| 2c yellow green on white             | 2 10  | 2c blue green on white       | 2 04  | 2c blue green on amber       | 7 04  |
| 2c blue green on white               | 2 10  | 2c blue grn shade on white   | 2 04  | 2c yellow green on blue      | 7 10  |
| 2c yellow green on amber             | 2 05  | 2c bl gr on white dotted 2   | 2 10  | 2c blue green on blue        | 7 04  |
| 2c blue grn on man. wove             | 2 15  | 2c yellow green on amber     | 2 14  | 2c blue green shade on blue  | 7 04  |
| 2c yellow green on amber             | 3 10  | 2c yellow green o r blue     | 2 10  | 2c yellow green on O. buff   | 7 10  |
| 2c blue green on amber               | 3 10  | 2c blue green on blue        | 2 14  | 2c blue green on O. buff     | 7 04  |
| 2c bl gr on am. shade paper          | 3 15  | 2c bl green shade on blue    | 2 04  | 2c bl green shade on O. buff | 7 04  |
| 2c yellow green on blue              | 3 15  | 2c yel green on O. buff      | 2 10  | 2c yellow green on white     | 8 10  |
| 3c yellow green on buff              | 3 30  | 2c blue green on O. buff     | 2 04  | 2c blue green on white       | 8 04  |
| 2c blue green on white               | 5 15  | 2c blue gr shade on O buff   | 2 10  | 2c yellow green on white     | 9 10  |
| 2c yellow green on amber             | 5 05  | 2c bl gr on O buff dotted 2  | 2 10  | 2c blue green on amber       | 8 10  |
| 2c blue green on amber               | 5 05  | 2c green on amber manilla    | 2 14  | 2c blue green on amber       | 8 04  |
| 2c yellow green on blue              | 5 20  | 2c grn on amb man wove       | 2 10  | 2c yellow green on white     | 9 10  |
| 2c green on amb. man. wove           | 5 10  | 2c gr on amb man. dotted 2   | 2 10  | 2c blue green on white       | 9 04  |
| 2c yellow green amb. man. var paper. | 5 25  | 2c yellow gr on man. laid    | 2 05  | 2c yellow green on amber     | 9 10  |
| 2c yellow grn extra official         | 25    | 2c yel green on man. wove    | 2 15  | 2c blue green on amber       | 9 04  |
| 2c blue green extra official         | 20    | 2c blue gr on man dotted 2   | 2 10  | 2c yellow green on white     | 10 10 |
| 2c blue green on amber               | 13 15 | 2c yellow green on white     | 3 10  | 2c blue green on white       | 10 04 |
| 2c yel. green on amber               | 13 15 | 2c blue green on white       | 3 04  | 2c blue gr shade on white    | 10 04 |
| 2c blue green on white               | 14 25 | 2c blue grn shade on white   | 3 04  | 2c yellow green on white     | 11 10 |
| 2c bl. gr. on white sm. bar.         | 15    | 2c yellow green on amber     | 3 10  | 2c blue green on white       | 11 04 |
| 2c yel. grn on white 1 bar           | 20    | 2c yel grn shade on amber    | 3 05  | 2c blue gr shade on white    | 11 04 |
| 4c scarlet on white                  | 7 10  | 2c yellow green on blue      | 3 10  | 2c yellow green on white     | 13 10 |
| 4c scarlet on white                  | 8 10  | 2c blue green on blue        | 3 04  | 2c blue green on white       | 13 04 |
| 4c blue on amber                     | 8 10  | 2c yellow green on O. buff   | 3 10  | 2c blue green on white       | 13 04 |
| 5c blue on white Die B               | 3 10  | 2c green on O. buff          | 3 04  | 2c blue gr shade on white    | 13 04 |
| 5c blue on amber Die B               | 3 10  | 2c blue green on O. buff     | 3 04  | 2c green on amber            | 13 04 |
| 5c blue on white                     | 5 10  | 2c yellow grn on amb. man    | 3 10  | 2c yellow green on blue      | 13 04 |
| 5c blue on amber                     | 5 10  | 2c green on amber manilla    | 3 04  | 2c blue grn shade on blue    | 13 04 |
|                                      |       | 2c bl green on amb. man.     | 3 04  | 2c yellow green on O. buff   | 13 10 |
|                                      |       | 2c yellow green on manilla   | 3 10  | 2c blue green on O. buff     | 13 04 |
|                                      |       | 2c green on manilla          | 3 04  | 2c blue gr shade on O. buff  | 13 04 |
|                                      |       | 2c blue green on manilla     | 3 04  | 2c yellow green on white     | 14 10 |
|                                      |       | 2c yellow green on white     | 4 10  | 2c green on white            | 14 04 |
|                                      |       | 2c blue green on white       | 4 04  | 2c green shade on white      | 14 04 |
|                                      |       | 2c blue grn shade on white   | 4 04  | 2c green on amber            | 14 04 |
|                                      |       | 2c blue gr 90 wmk on white   | 4 20  | 2c yel gr '90 wmk on amb     | 14 15 |
|                                      |       | 2c yellow grn on amber       | 4 05  | 4c red on white              | 7 10  |
|                                      |       | 2c yel grn shade on amber    | 4 04  | 4c red on amber              | 7 10  |
|                                      |       | 2c yel grn shade on amber    | 4 04  | 4c scarlet on amber          | 7 10  |
|                                      |       | 2c yel gr 90 wmk on amb      | 4 15  | 4c red on white              | 8 10  |
|                                      |       | 2c yellow green on white     | 5 10  | 4c scarlet on white          | 8 10  |
|                                      |       | 2c blue on white             | 5 04  | 4c scarlet on white          | 9 10  |
|                                      |       | 2c blue grn shade on white   | 5 04  | 4c red on amber              | 9 10  |
|                                      |       | 2c blue gr shade on white    | 5 04  | 5c blue on white, Die A      | 3 10  |
|                                      |       | 2c bl grn on white dotted 2, | 5 15  | 5c bl. shade on white Die A  | 3 10  |
|                                      |       | 2c yellow green on amber     | 5 10  | 5c blue on white Die A       | 5 10  |
|                                      |       | 2c bl gr on amb. shade papr  | 5 05  | 5c bl shade on white Die A   | 5 10  |
|                                      |       | 2c blue green on amber       | 5 04  | 5c blue on amber             | 5 10  |
|                                      |       | 2c yellow green on blue      | 5 10  | 1c blue on manilla wrapper   | 03    |
|                                      |       | 2c blue green on blue        | 5 05  | 2c green on manilla wrapper  | 05    |

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| "    *no gum, 3                  | 25   | 2c. brown                  | 08 |
| 10c black,                       | 1 95 | 3c. blue                   | 01 |
| 1851 1c blue,                    | 12   | 6c. " "                    | 40 |
| 3c red*,                         | 60   | 10c. yellow *3 50          | 65 |
| 10c green,                       | 45   | 12c. green                 | 40 |
| 1854 1c blue,                    | 06   | 1870 1c. blue              | 25 |
| 3c red*,                         | 06   | 2c. brown                  | 08 |
| 1855 10c green*,                 | 1 90 | 3c. green                  | 01 |
| "    used,                       | 25   | 6c. side of sheet and      |    |
| 1861, 1c blue, *18               | 03   | no perf's on right side    | 25 |
| 5c brown,                        | 22   | 1872 1c. National          | 05 |
| 10c green, *1 00                 | 07   | 2c. " "                    | 02 |
| "    on cover,                   | 10   | 10c. " "                   | 08 |
| 861, 12c. black                  | 23   | 12c. " "                   | 25 |
| 24c. lilac                       | 23   | 1873 1c. continental *, 35 | 02 |
| 10c. rare type few pref's.       |      | 2c. " "                    | 03 |
| Gone out of top cat. \$*15. 5.00 |      | 10c. " "                   | 03 |
| 1866 15c. black                  | 25   | 15c. " "                   | 25 |
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WHOLE NO. 24.

## OUR POSTAL STATIONERY.

Now that we have nearly ceased arguing over the Jubilee stamps of Canada, whether speculative or not, and the philatelic press seems to be awaiting the issue of the new Omaha Exposition stamps, before pitching into them again or perhaps boycotting them, I would like to suggest a few permanent changes that ought to be made in our own postal stationery. The newspapers telling us that the contract has just been let for our stamped envelopes and wrappers, for four years longer to Purcell & Co., which means little or no change, but nothing is said about any change of color for their embossed stamps, which I think a very important omission.

Any collector of U. S. envelope stamps knows very well that all through the years of our early history the postal department was very prompt in changing the color of their envelope stamps, whenever the colors of the adhesives were changed, with a change of dies when a new contractor took charge. Up to the year 1870, or for a period of seventeen years, our envelope stamps had been red or pink, as handsome in color as any ever issued. With that year the reign of the sickly green stamp was begun, and the envelope stamps changed color and design at once. In 1883 when our postage rate was reduced

to 2 cents the green 3 cent stamped envelope disappeared, only to be replaced by the far homlier two cent brown stamp and envelope. We had had a two cent brown envelope since 1870, only in 1875 it had followed the stamp and been changed to a vermilion, followed by two beautiful varieties of red in October and November 1883. So it was a change for the worse when they were replaced by the homely brown of the adhesive, after giving us a fine set of varieties for the collector, in red, brown, etc. So much complaint was found with the brown stamps, that four years later a new administration made a new roar by changing the adhesive back to the green of the old 3 cent stamps and very soon thereafter the two cent envelopes came out in green, a color in which they have remained for ten long years. With the notable exception of the Columbian issue of envelope, when for a wonder the colors of the two and five cent envelopes were again changed to conform with the adhesives our envelopes remain about the same, it taking the watermark or change of folding the flap or an entire envelope to decide where they belong.

Now I think the time has about arrived for a change in our envelope stamps, for why have not the two cent envelopes been printed in red since our last change in colors in 1890? Partly because red ink

may cost a few cents more per thousand in printing, but it may be a mere oversight or negligence on the part of the proper officials in the Post Office Department. There can be no great difference in the price of red ink as compared with green ink, and if there is, why cannot the size of the die be cut down to conform with the size of our adhesives? When I think of all the handsome stamped envelopes we might have had all these nine years, I wonder that we philatelists have not risen up and demanded a change of color long ago. And it is not too late now to ask to have the change made. Why could we not appoint a committee of philatelists and leading envelope collectors like Mr. Bartels, Mr. Rothfuchs and Mr. Dodge to wait on the proper officials in Washington, and ask them to make such a change, and give the reasons therefor.

The present seems to be a good time to ask for such a change, because our one cent stamp having been changed from blue to green, to conform with the U. P. U. treaty, the everlasting green envelope stamp should be relegated to the one cent envelope by rights. To be sure our one cent envelopes have been blue ever since their first issue in 1857, but the 5c envelope has also been blue most of the time for the past ten years—why not let it have the entire field as also comply with the new treaty.

Most of us have read the story of the high toned lady who could not bear to stick our guady little red 2c stamps on her mourning envelopes, because they did not harmonize, so purchased 15 cent stamps, as being the nearest match. You laugh, but confess, does it give you a pang to stick a two cent carmine upon a two cent green stamped envelope when

you find double postage is necessary, they are so very unlike in color, while of the same denomination?

Our Post Office Department made a notable advance in its stationery when it issued the set of Columbian envelopes, on paper of the latest style, of much better quality than our common issue, but we have much yet to learn of our neighbors. I refer to an issue of thin envelopes on strong silk paper, like Great Britain issues for her merchants and citizens who are in the colonial trade and have a big correspondence abroad. One of our philatelic weeklies states that among our envelopes on hand in Washington are large quantities of 5 and 10 cent Columbians of various sizes, which will be destroyed in June because there is no sale for them, but why is there not a sale for them—why have not our merchants bought them for foreign correspondence? Great Britain furnishes its colonies with thin tough envelopes of this description, which are just the thing for foreign correspondence. I have seen letters from northern India enclosed in these stamped envelopes that have stood the long trip from there better than letters from our own sunny south. Anyone who has handled foreign mail knows how badly used up the large cheap soft paper envelopes used in Germany, Switzerland and other countries are by the time they have reached the interior of our own country, and how they ought to use stamped envelopes of this kind, for foreign mails.

It seems to me our Canadian cousins have taken a step ahead of us by even conforming to the wishes of the U. P. U. in having the stamp on their new issue of postal cards green, while the inscription is in black, a good safeguard from

counterfeiting. But of course our own government is too poor to pay for the printing of our common postal card in two colors, or even in a delicate green, which would make it look so much prettier. We ought instead to be truly thankful that after all the changes supposed to be made in them they did make a change for the better in the second line of inscription, as also a change in size, so we will not have to determine its date of issue by watermark, etc., but why was it not printed in green.

Also if we must have our 5 and 15 cent stamps in two shades of blue, why not make one or the other of them a clear ultramarine like the four cent Columbian and so give us one beautiful stamp.

As I write this the news comes over the wire that our Post Master General Gary has retired from that office and a practical newspaper man stepped into his place. Now let some of our philatelic newspaper men call on him and ask for these changes. Why not?

FOSTER A. LILLY.

She walked into the office of the Judge of Probate and inquired :

"Are you the judge of reprobates?"

"I am the judge of probate," was the reply.

"Well, that's it, I expect," quoth the lady. "You see my husband died detested and left me several little infidels, and I want to be appointed their executioner."—*Boston Pilot.*

A fellow who lived in Quebec,  
Bought up some remainders Seebeck,  
But he finally got  
So tired of the rot,  
That he threw them away by the peck.

## OUR EYE.

WILLARD O. WYLIE.

The *Stamp Collector's Fortnightly* is nothing if not original. The number before us teems with interesting matter that our eye cannot fail to note. The new *Metropolitan* comes in for a share of attention, the editor saying considerable about weekly journalism in America. He assumes there is room for a third weekly in the United, but urges that it be made a literary rather than an advertising sheet. "As regards the *Era* we are unable to speak with any certainty, for Mr. Jewett its publisher, seldom allows us the pleasure of scanning a copy of his publication; but *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News* we receive with fair regularity and we think that Mr. John Walter Scott may aspire to equal, if not to excel, *Mekeel's News* without being a man of transcendent genius, or of enormous money bags."

The *Fortnightly* gives the *News* a severe talking to as regards the manner in which advertising and reading matter are mixed up. More especially is it severe in condemnation of special or boom issues, the Stanley Gibbons Ltd. receiving particular attention. It intimates that such enterprise upon the part of English periodicals would be disastrous. "After reading the illustrated puff of Stanley Gibbons one has only to turn to the end of the journal to ascertain what Mr. Mekeel's reward has been."

It is too bad that our newspapers do not follow in the paths laid out by our English brethren! I fear the day has long since passed when the desired reform will be accomplished. "Write-ups," are taken for what they are worth and it is

"taken" for granted usually that money sets the type and feeds the press. Customs are hard things to change. Our electric cars and herdies do not announce in flaring letters "This line to Peter Robinson's." Our merchants advertise somewhat upon the inside of street conveyances but the æsthetic temperaments of nervous women are not shocked by having huge placards, advertising pills and soap, seen on every bus or street car. Associations, Mr. Editor, have a great deal to do, after all, with our education.

Speaking of Stanley Gibbons Ltd reminds me that the firm has failed in its attempt to increase its working capital by share holdings. The present is a bad time to seek to enlarge the volume of any business more especially a business that is frowned upon by hard headed professional men who need no magnifying glasses to discover fortunes in undeveloped Colorado silver mines. Possibly Stanley Gibbons would have fared better to have given more attention to philatelists than the general public.

Have you given any thought to the possibility of the *Metropolitan* becoming the official organ of the A. P. A? Perhaps it would be well for Bro. Jewett to look to his laurels. If this idea of the brain, is a mote in "Our Eye," I shall gladly cast it out.

The 400th anniversary of this, that and the other thing is proving a great boon to impecunious treasuries. Trinidad is to have a 500,000 issue of two penny stamps on July 31st, the 400th anniversary of its discovery; Portugal will celebrate the 400th anniversary of the discovery of the Cape of Good Hope route to India by a set of stamps;

Bucharest wants money to pay for a new P. O., so a new set will be provided to be on sale fifteen days:—Thus the bad work continues!

*Tid-Bits* an English periodical perpetrates the following:

"Mr. Ayre, an American philatelist, is said to have invested \$60,000 in collecting stamps. His album is the most splendid private one in the world."

Comment is unnecessary!

What a wide latitude newspaper correspondents enjoy in writing their weekly letters. "Our Chicago Letter" or "New York News" may have scarcely a line of news, yet be dignified with the name of news service. You can't blame the correspondent—he is writing for space!

But there is a limit to human endurance,—when a subject has been written to death as the Newfoundland surcharge seems to have been! Visions of sheets perforated in part and on all sides, tableaux of five to a person, photographs of postmasters who will exchange one issue for another entering weekly into my philatelic reading makes me cry "enough."

I cannot close "Our Eye's" observations without remarking that our friend Dodge is certainly showing wonderful recuperative powers. I did not think it possible for his four publications to get back "on time" without combining two numbers. That is not his style, evidently.

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If you want to get a good stamp at a small price and one that will command a much larger figure procure the Russia 1882 70k priced at 35c.



## THE INFLUENCE OF SPECIAL POSTAL ISSUES.

CHARLES E. JENNEY.

The value of the Omaha stamps as a means of adding to our ranks new collectors is over-estimated by those misled enthusiasts who uphold this questionable issue. It will start up a collecting interest in many hundreds of people as did doubtless the Columbian issue but of its permanent value, I for one, have little hope. From my experience with those whom the Columbian issue started to collecting, I do not believe philately will be much the gainer by the temporary increase in its members. Temporary, I say, for the reason that those who are attracted to our fad only by the hue and cry, and gaudy colors and complex designs of a commemorative (I will not say speculative out, of regard for some tender skinned opponents) issue are not the ones to eventually make the quiet students and silent enthusiasts of stamp-collecting,—the permanent collectors. Starting with a flaring and attractive issue they do not care to go back to the plainer and often faded old rarities that delight older collectors. Their tastes call for other speculative issues, stamps of unique design and shape, showy stamps. In short, they are a new school of collectors. A triangular Cape of Good Hope might appeal to them but a Sydney view would have no interest. It is this class of collectors that the Columbian issue called into existence and they called into existence, in turn, a flood of commemorative issues. Little cared they for this historic or geographic value of a stamp as long as it was odd of shape or poster-like in appearance. Let what financially embarrassed

state or business-like speculator pleased cater to them, they accepted all that attracted the eye. I venture to state that not one per cent. of all who were first led to collect stamps on account of seeing the Columbian issue are to-day collectors, and I feel sure that such will be the fate of those whom the Omaha possess with a sudden passion. Behind all these butterflies of a day are the great mass of earnest collectors who stick to philately for the love of collecting, and who prize a homely, scarred "old issue" far above a "Dollar Columbian" and who are represented by the voices we hear through the philatelic press dutifully condemning all unnecessary issues wherever it may crop out, even though they may have to stifle patriotism for a moment owing to a misguided Postmaster-General,—condemning them in spite of the raking they call down upon themselves from those parties who are only looking forward to making money out of a new issue.

Poor Mr. Gary. Did we collectors make life too hard for him. In spite of his mistaken course one cannot but feel commiseration for him should he ever have to read one-tenth the harsh criticisms his Omaha set has received both at home and abroad. American collectors have been honest and consistent in this point and have striven to remove the beam from their own eye. And now we have a new Postmaster-General,—Charles Emory Smith. Let him take warning in season from the example of the man he succeeds and try to spring no other commemorative issue on us in this Nineteenth Century. The non-recognition of such stamps by the International Postal Union after 1900 will, we trust, put an end forever to speculative issues.

## CANADA NOTES.

BY W. J. PORTER.

It is clearly perceptible with the naked eye that the hopes of those persons who speculated extensively in jubilee stamps have not been realized. Many of the people had the idea that the post office would redeem these stamps if they desired, but they have found out their mistake too late. Those who bought 2, 3, 4, and 5 dollar values will now dispose of them at almost any price. Even stamps cannot always be turned into money, at short notice and I am sorry to say, I have learned this from experience. Two months ago I was as bad as the rest, crawling over each other's necks in order to buy these stamps. Only the fortune of a millionaire would have been able to purchase these stamps from us at the prices we held them at. I have before me now a jubilee stamp face value \$5.00 or at least that is what it cost me. I am just thinking what a lot of nice things I could purchase with that stamp if it were only what it is supposed to be namely, \$5.00. I had purchased these stamps without any thought of what the consequence would be. "But too late," no use crying over spilt milk. I will now have to dispose of these stamps at a discount that would buy me many a desirable stamp that I might add to my collection. Now dear reader, think before you purchase these Omaha Exhibition stamps if that is your intention you may be served in the same way as I have been with the Canadian Jubilee stamps. The collector to succeed, is he or she who buys stamps they deem necessary to improve their collection, and not a quantity of stamps of the same kind with a

view of their increasing in value. In many cases their hopes are shattered by the stamps decreasing thus disgusting the owner that he straight away goes and sells his collection.

The Bookseller at the Queen's Hotel, Toronto, has a number of the \$1.00 sets of the Jubilee issue. He sells the set from 1c to \$1.00 for \$5.00. He sells singly the 6c for \$1.50, the 1c for 50c and the 8c for 40c, and although these prices are extortionate I am informed that he has many customers. Of course the Queen's is the fashionable hotel of the city.

At an assembly in the House of Commons, Ottawa, Sir Charles Topper leader of the opposition party in Canada read a telegram he had received from Sand Point, British Columbia, calling his attention to the lack of postal facilities on the line of the Crow's Nest Railway. The Postmaster General said he would look into the matter. I have not yet heard what the neglect (if it is neglect) on the part of the Postoffice Department is. The Crow's Nest line is nearing completion, 100 miles having already been finished. It runs through a wild uncultivated country called the Koolney District. This line was recently purchased from the charter holders by the Canadian Pacific Railway.

The only lady lawyer in Canada, Miss Clara Brett Martin, of the firm of Shilton, Wallbridge & Martin, Toronto, is an enthusiastic stamp collector. She was first smitten with the desire to collect by seeing and hearing so much about Jubilee stamps. She now possesses a collection that would make many a philatelist's heart glad. Miss Martin is a delightful young lady as a conver-

sationalist and as a lawyer has a brilliant career before her. Dealers who have accounts in Canada to be collected would do well to put them in Miss Martin's or this firm's hands as philatelic matters will have their best attention.

Although summer is almost at hand the stamp trade still holds good throughout Canada. At present Canadian Revenues are all the rage. It is not to be wondered at as these stamps are the handsomest in the world. Brother Robie is doing his share in booming them.

Mr. Edgar Nelson, who recently visited Canada, has returned to his home in New York.

### WARNING

AGAINST THE EAGLE 1867 ISSUE STAMPS OF BOLIVIA.

DANGEROUS COUNTERFEITS ON THE MARKET.

Collectors are warned against counterfeits of the Eagle 1867 issue stamps of Bolivia which having been obtained by the photographic process are *very dangerous* imitations, being exact reproductions of the genuine.

They can be detected by :

**THE PAPER :** which is much too white and looks too new for such old stamps.

**THE COLORS :** which are different and generally too light, the 5c is plum instead of violet ; 10c is light brown instead of brown ; 50c is lemon instead of yellow ; 50c is light blue instead of blue or dark blue ; 100c is light green instead of green ; 100c is greenish blue instead of blue.

**THE ENGRAVING :** which is also much different ; the genuines were deeply engraved on copper plates and are showing an heavy set-off which the counterfeits have not but are so well made that they seem to have it if you do not examine them in the proper light.

These counterfeits are to be found unused and used with pen cancellations and different postmarks, the commonest being an oblong red one.

GEORGE CARION.

### THE OHIO OBSERVER.

| From New York to             | DAYS | HOURS |
|------------------------------|------|-------|
| Panama                       | 8    | 2     |
| Paris                        | 9    | 2     |
| Pernambuco                   | 23   | 8     |
| Rio de Janeiro               | 24   | 15    |
| Rome                         | 10   | 5     |
| St. Domingo                  | 15   | 23    |
| St. Thomas                   | 9    | 16    |
| St. Petersburg               | 12   |       |
| Shanghai (via San Francisco) | 32   |       |
| Singapore                    | 44   | 11    |
| Sydney (via San Francisco)   | 34   | 3     |
| Tokio                        | 24   | 6     |
| Valparaiso                   | 33   |       |
| Vienna                       | 10   | 18    |
| Yokohama                     | 24   |       |

The above is the approximate time of mail transit from New York. Concluded in this number.

It is often argued that the present philatelic journalism is not what it should be, that it is on the decline, etc. Such would seem the case if one was to take the hundred and one smaller magazines as a criterion, but there is great praise deserved by the standard publications, as here is generally to be found literature pertaining to our hobby of a high and advanced order. All philatelists are aware there was a much larger scope for the philatelic scribe twenty years ago ; there being matters of question as to perforations, surcharges, etc., which are now a fixed certainty, and while I believe it is a more difficult task to produce good articles now than sometime back, yet I am satisfied philatelic journalism is not on the descent, but the ascent.

There are 125 women employed in the P. O. Department at Washington. There are sent to this de-

partment daily 20,000 undelivered letters. A clerk is expected to handle a certain number each day and a credit of proficiency is awarded.

A very noticeable and decided improvement is found in two or three of our philatelic periodicals. It is the grouping together of the exchange ads of the various publishers of philatelic journals. When set up in this manner the contents may be read more conveniently, the reason being obvious.

Mr. C. H. Haverly, a postal clerk running between Cincinnati and Chatanooga, broke the record for the U. S. recently in a mail service examination. Haverly at one sitting of 6 hours and 22 minutes threw 10,205 cards.

A philatelic journal contains hundreds of distinct pieces of metal according to the size of the metal and type. The displacement of any one of these means an error. Some of the so-called reviewers always see these mistakes and make it a point to tell it in their review.

The Postmaster General of Canada seems adverse to philatelists generally, allowing but few of the stamp periodicals second-class rates and for some unknown reason is very much opposed to any journal appearing from Toronto. He also forbids the illustration of any cuts of stamps.

The Virginia Philatelic Society which was organized last fall has barred all dealers in stamps admittance.

Mr. Henry S. Adair, of McConelsville proposes to issue an Ohio directory. It will contain the names of all Ohio collectors with

numerous half tones and promises to be the neatest thing of the kind yet put forth.

The constant drop of water wears away the hardest stone; the constant gnaw of Towser masticates the toughest bone; the constant cooing lover ever carries off the blushing maid and the constant advertizer is the one that gets the trade.

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### WISDOMLETS.

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OBSERVER.

Mr. Dealer, has it ever occurred to you that the largest stamp dealers in the country do the largest amount of advertising? Have you not noticed that the business grows as the advertising is extended? that is why the big advertisers do the big business? If you want big business do big advertising. If there is any reason why collectors should buy from you, tell them about it in your ad.

The collector is always an interesting subject to the dealer. How to reach the mind? How to gain the confidence? How to get the trade? One answer:—Advertising.

If advertisements are written right and standard publications selected, the drops of ink used in their preparation will turn into dollars. There are other things to be taken into account in successful advertising, but above all else, the writing of the ad must be as good as it possibly can be made.

Who are the successful stamp dealers to-day? Look in the advertising columns of this paper.

There is one rule always applicable in advertising.—“Be sure you’re right then go ahead.”



# THE COLUMBIAN PHILATELIST.

Issued on the 20th of each month.

Entered as second-class matter.

Subscription Price—United States, Canada and Mexico, 15 cents per year. All other countries 30 cents. All subscriptions commence with current number.

For advertising rates see inside front cover.

Both old and new address should be given in case of removal. We are always looking for good manuscript, for which we are willing to pay the highest prices. Always state price when sending MSS. on approval.

Unused 1c and 2c stamps always acceptable for amounts under 50 cents when protected by wax paper. Address all communications and make drafts, checks and money orders payable to the publisher.

Foreign remittances by money orders on Littlestown, Pa., but small amounts may be remitted in unused stamps of low denominations, except from Spanish-American countries.

**J. F. DODGE, Publisher.**

New Oxford, Penna., U. S. A.

Exchange (1 or 2 copies) desired with all Philatelic papers.

This magazine goes to press on the 13th of each month and copy must be in by noon of that date to secure insertion. Change of standing copy must be in by the 10th of each month.

## OUR MONTHLY CHAT.

ANOTHER number small in size, but replete in good things, and our chat must be short. Next month we will probably resume our usual size.

OUR readers find news of interest in the proposed new issue of revenue stamps to raise money to meet war expenses. We hope the designs will be attractive.

THE Omaha issue is expected shortly and whatever has been said about them, there is no doubt that canceled specimens will be in demand all over the world. Now why not use these for revenues also as some other countries do?

BRO. CHAPMAN, late of the *Perforator* takes us to task in a postal for statements in our last regarding his failure to get second class rates, also denying that he ever received a request from us for the *Perforator* if he ceased publishing it. About the rates we will say he addressed us a postal saying rate had not been granted two days before we received a letter from Mr. Stowell announcing his purchase by his printed letter head, "The *Perforator*, Federalsburg, Md." At the time we sent our last issue to press we did not know rates had been granted, but from the above missives, it must have been entered after the publication was sold to Mr. Stowell. About the request, we wrote him twice and told him face to face when he was our guest last summer, so Chap if your memory is poor, don't lay up anything against us, and if our explanation don't suit, let us know and we will try and make it more definite by publishing all the correspondence. We cherish no ill feeling and you have our best wishes.

GEO. C. BAKER, of Albany, N. Y., has favored us with sample pages and printed matter descriptive of his "Perfect" Stock Book, Scrap Book, Envelope Album, Bill File, etc. We judge that they will be quite popular with philately's adherents.

*The Montreal Philatelist* has arrived, half English and half German and is a creditable first issue. By the way did you ever see the first issue of this magazine? It makes us tired every time we look at it.

OUR new weekly trots right along regularly and seems to be prospering and is going into the boom

number business. Some of our brethren of the quill seem to think it wont pay Mr. Scott. Bro. Jewett says if we remember correctly (we can't place our hand on that ERA just now) that it takes 8 days out of every week to get up a paperlike that, and Bro. Pinkham says the subscription price is too low. The editing, and making up for the printer, of such a magazine as this, takes 4 to 6 hours, the printer, if right here, could have it off the press in 24 hours and it could with proper help be mailed 12 hours afterward, so we don't see why Mr. Scott needs any sympathy.

THE "boom numbers" we judge will be quite interesting, he proposes no increase in advertising rates, and we think Mr. Scott will not go quite as deep into the log-rolling business as some of his contemporaries.

*The Philatelic West* has absorbed the *Omaha Philatelist*, and what is left of *The Philatelic Californian* is turned over to *The International Philatelist*, and now we expect "boom" numbers 10,000 to 15,000 circulation. The combination March—April number of Bro. Beardsley's paper was a veritable picture gallery. When we got hold of it, we thought at first it was a western edition of *The Pennsylvania Journal of Praise*.

S. A. D. Cox, of Humboldt, Kansas, announces *The Western Philatelist*. It will he says be a work of art and those who have read Mr. Cox's articles in this magazine know it will be up to date, and filled with articles of interest.

BEN L. MORRIS, of Bellaire, Ohio seems to have fallen from grace.

He kept books of the Columbian Philatelic Society 10 to 30 days and refused to pay fines and always forwarded the circuits by ordinary mail. He was appointed Sec'y-Treas., of Ohio Philatelic Association and they could get no word from him at last accounts and the publisher of the official organ cannot get any remittance or reply from him either.

WE occasionally get a copy of *The Philatelic Bulletin*. We understand that rates have not been granted as yet, but it is a pretty little magazine as far as appearance goes and the editor is doing his best to serve up proper food for its readers. If the publisher would only exercise a little more care in admitting advertisements it would improve it.

*The Virginia Philatelist* for May is a royal good number throughout, and as usual is right on time.

WE have a "List of Special Offers of U. S. and Foreign Stamps at 50% discount" from W. Ledyard Scott 40 La Clede B'd'g, St. Louis, Mo.

OUR advertisers have some interesting offers in this issue. Any collector looking for bargains should not miss reading them carefully.

Jones—I stopped at Brown's on my way home from the quarry where I work and asked him for some of those rare stamps.

Jenks—What did he say?

Jones—He told me to take my pick—

Jenks—(breaking in.) You are a lucky man.

Jones—No, he told me to take my pick and shovel and get out.

## SOCIETY REPORTS AND NEWS.

### Special Notice to Secretaries.

All reports for next issue should be in hands of the publisher May 28th. Reports should all be carefully written, especially names, to avoid the errors by printer. Typewritten reports are the best. Please address Society Dept., *Columbian Philatelist*.

## The Columbian Philatelic Society.

### OFFICERS FOR 1898.

President—J. F. Dodge, New Oxford, Pa.  
Vice President—Leo Fritter, Columbus, Ohio.  
Sec. Treas.—H. C. Crowell, 208 Superior-st., Cleveland, Ohio.

Sales Supt.—Fred P. Holt, Hartford, Conn.  
Auction Manager—H. Smith, Medford, Mass.  
Librarian—H. S. Adair, McConnellsville, Ohio.  
Attorney—Chas. F. Bridge, Albany, N. Y.  
Int. Sec'y—R. J. Russell, M. D., Hanover, Pa.  
Supt. Bureau of Information—John Arbtin, Des Moines, Iowa.

Counterfeit Dept.—G. C. Corbaly, Waterville, Wash.  
Trustees—A. Jungmann, (chairman, 529 12th-st.)  
Chas. Toelle, and Wm. Voigt of Milwaukee, Wis.

Official Journal—THE COLUMBIAN PHILATELIST.  
Cost of Membership—Admission fee 10 cents; annual dues 25 cents. Membership outside of the United States, Canada and Mexico; Admission fee 10 cents; annual dues 50 cents. Members receive the official organ free.

### PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

FELLOW MEMBERS—Poor health has prevented my doing as much as I would have liked in building up our society. See prizes offered to stimulate your efforts. Let's see if we can't have a big list for next issue. Fraternally,

J. F. DODGE, Pres.

FELLOW MEMBERS!—No objections have been received to the following applicants and they are hereby declared members of our society. Those of them who have not paid their annual dues, will kindly remit me 25c, and membership card will be mailed to you promptly.

374 Mrs. John E. Morris, 2 Ward-st., Hartford, Conn.  
375 Abe Lehr, 115 S. Clinton-st., Syracuse, N. Y.  
376 R. G. Widdicombe, St. Catharines, Ont.

Those who will not have paid their annual dues by next month will stand suspended. If your membership card does not read paid up until Jan. 1st 1899, you should remit 25c and receive a new one. The following resignation has been received.

\* John P. Wright, Newport, R. I.

### APPLICATIONS.

W. A. Willey, 265 Water-st., Bridgeport, Conn., 18.  
Refs., J. F. Dodge, S. B. Prescott.  
Wm. F. Palmer, East Haddon, Conn., 48, Supt.  
Refs., J. F. Dodge, H. C. Crowell.  
W. G. Cowles, Box 426, Hartford, Conn., 40, Attorney.  
Refs., F. P. Holt, H. A. Chapman.  
Sara E. Reily, McSherrystown, Pa., 22, Refs., R. J. Russell, M. D., Martin H. Hemler, P. M.

The above will be admitted to membership in 30 days provided no sufficient objections are received, and membership cards will be mailed to those who have paid their dues to January 1, 1899. Those who have not done so should send 25 cents without further notice. The president is offering a list of prizes. Here is an opportunity to build

up the Society and get some good stamps for nothing.

### RESIGNATIONS RECEIVED.

226 Wm. v de Wettern, Jr.

Members of the Columbian Philatelic Society, the time for the payment of annual dues has passed and there are many delinquents.

The following have paid their dues for 1898 or longer. Are you among them? If not remit me 25c and receive your membership card to 1899, or 50c will pay to 1900. 1, 8, 20, 46, 54, 56, 61, 63, 66, 71, 73, 74, 75, 87, 108, 110, 155, 156, 158, 169, 176, 181, 182, 183, 186, 189, 197, 198, 200, 202, 206, 216, 219, 225, 226, 230, 234, 236, 241, 245, 251, 252, 254, 257, 258, 259, 260, 262, 263, 266, 268, 269, 271, 274, 276, 280, 283, 287, 289, 294, 298, 299, 302, 308, 309, 311, 313, 319, 324, 328, 332, 333, 334, 335, 337, 340, 341, 343, 344, 345, 348, 349, 351, 352, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 362, 363, 364, 366, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373.

Fraternally, H. C. CROWELL, Sec'y-Treas.  
208 Superior-st., Cleveland, Ohio.

I trust that the members will take a little more interest in adding to our ranks and to stimulate the efforts of all. I have arranged a few

### PRIZES.

1st. To the member introducing 12 or more fully paid applicants whose applications reach me before July 15th an unused 50c watermarked due stamp.

2nd. 8 or more applicants on same conditions a 30c watermarked due stamp.

3rd. 3 or more applicants on same conditions a 10c watermarked due stamp or set 1, 2, 3, 5c, as preferred.

4th. I will send with the membership card to the first new member from each state and country whose application is received after May 1st an unused watermarked 3c due stamp.

Now lets see if we can't have a good batch of applications. The offers are open to all and cost the society nothing, but let each member watch the interests of the society by sending in applications of reliable collectors. Those refused admittance will not be counted.

Yours fraternally J. F. DODGE, Pres.

### TO THE MEMBERS ON COLUMBIAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY CIRCUITS.

GENTLEMEN: April first I sent out duns to all who owed my department for stamps taken from circuits, and urged payment. I am now paying members who own books out of my own pocket, because not a single man responded to my appeal. The amounts due range from 10c up to \$3.00, and much as I dislike to resort to extremes, I wish to give warning that I shall publish the names of those who fail to remit after reading this.

FRED P. HOLT, Sales Supt. Col. Phil. So.

## The U. S. Envelope Exchange.

President—Joseph Rechert, Hoboken, N. J.  
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Dues 60 cents per annum, which should be sent with application.

Members receive Official Journal free.

No report from Secretary up to date of going to press.

## Albany, N. Y., Philatelic Club.

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 Vice President—George H. Stevens.  
 Secretary-Treasurer—Charles F. Bridge.  
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All collectors residing in Albany and vicinity are invited to join us. Information and blanks cheerfully furnished. Chas. F. Bridge, Sec.-Treas. 600 Madison-ave., Albany, N. Y.

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| Canada Jubilee, 1, 2, 3, unused, o. g.            | \$ 11  | \$ 08 |
| Mexico, 1895, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10                      | 12     | 01    |
| Honduras, 1891, 1, 2, 5 unused                    | 09     | 01    |
| Salvador 1891, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 11, 20, 25, 50, 1p | 76     | 35    |
| Martinique 1892, 1, 2, 4, 5, unused               | 10     | 04    |

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| Philippine Islands, 1898, 1, 2, 3, 5m       | 05       |
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| " " 1898, 10, 15, 20, 40c                   | 1 20     |
| Nicaragua, 1896, 1c to 5 pesos, 9 varieties | 50       |
| " 1896, official, 1c to 5 pesos, 9 var.     | 50       |
| " 1896, unpaid, 1c to 50c, 7 var.           | 50       |

Vasco da Gama issue.

|                                                              |    |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|----|
| Portugal, 2-1/2, 5, 10, 35, 50, 75, 100, 150 reis            | 65 |
| Africa, 2-1/2, 5, 10, 25, 50, 75, 100, 150 reis              | 65 |
| Azores, 2-1/2, 5, 10, 25, 50, 75, 100, 150 reis              | 65 |
| Macao, 1/2, 1, 2, 4, 8, 12, 16, 24 avos                      | 65 |
| Madeira, 2-1/2, 5, 10, 25, 50, 75, 100, 150 reis             | 65 |
| Portuguese India, 1-1/2, 1 1/2, 6, 9 reis, 1, 2, 4, 8 tangas | 65 |
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## BARGAINS....

## In U. S. Stamps.

|                     |       |
|---------------------|-------|
| 1869 1c used        | \$ 40 |
| 1869 30c "          | 2 00  |
| 1869 24c "          | 3 25  |
| 1869 6c "           | 39    |
| 1869 5c "           | 40    |
| 1847 5c "           | 2 00  |
| 10c Justice new     | 1 75  |
| 3c Executive used   | 3 75  |
| 3c State used       | 38    |
| 3c Justice used     | 38    |
| 1851 10c green used | 48    |
| " 12c black "       | 1 15  |
| Imperial Albums     | 20    |
| Favorite "          | 28    |

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I have a lot of philatelic papers, many old ones 3/4 of them covered magazines, will exchange 10 for every 30c catalog from sheet. The better the stamps the better the papers. Satisfaction guaranteed everything postpaid. J. F. Dodge, New Oxford, Penna.

I have a lot of stamp papers which I wish to exchange for magazines such as Munseys, Harpers, McClures, Cosmopolitan, Century, Scribners and certain No.'s of Arena, North American Review and Forum. Good papers and splendid value given. What have you? All letters answered. H. E. French, Box 489, Toledo, Ohio.

Ten good stamp papers for any of the following: Canadian Phil. III 4, 9, 12. Quaker C. P. Nos. 43, 55, 57, 60. Stamp (Denver) I, 1, 7, III, 10. Phil. Gaz. No. 61. Good exchange for complete file of Dominion and Charleston Phil. Send for big want list. H. E. French, Box 489, Toledo, Ohio.

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If you will mention this paper when writing will enclose good stamp with list.

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|---------------------------------------|-------|
| one year with                         |       |
| The Columbian Philatelist,            |       |
| The American Collector,               |       |
| The Rocky Mountain Stamp,             | \$ 28 |
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### 18 CENTS.

Or complete set of same country newspaper stamps unused

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|-------------------------------|-------|
| 1886 issue list 22 cents..... | \$ 09 |
| 1894 " " 9 " .....            | 05    |
| 1896 " " 9 " .....            | 04    |

The 4 sets 17 stamps list \$1.11 for 32 cents.

Sierra Leone 1/2, 3, 4, 6d unused 1884-95 (list 90c) price 53c.

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|                                                              |        |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| Canada 1859 17c blue used.....                               | \$ .90 |
| " 8c register blue used.....                                 | 1.75   |
| " Jubilee 1/2c black unused.....                             | .35    |
| " " 6c brown used.....                                       | .55    |
| " " 8c violet.....                                           | .17    |
| " " 1/2c to \$1.00 unused 12 var.....                        | 2.80   |
| Newfoundland Cabot issue complete unused<br>14 var. set..... | 2.75   |
| 1866 Newfoundland 24c blue unused.....                       | .35    |
| P. E. I. complete unused set 13 var. cat. \$12.75            | 4.50   |

W. J. PORTER,

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FREE—All answering this ad will receive 4 var. of Canada's new issue.

I can supply anything in Canadian stamps at lowest prices. Send me your want list.

**Rubber Stamps** All kinds made, write us and state your want. Set of numbers for pricing and working approval sheets 25c. Ink Pads each 15, 25 and 50c. Daters, just what you need for your letters, etc., 25c. Nickel plated stamp, self inking with name and address 50c. Knob stamp, name and address 25c.

NETHERINCH STAMP CO.,

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## Wanted.

The following U. S. stamps, canceled, in large or small quantities.

1890, 3, 6, 8, 15, 30 and 90 cent.

1894, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 15, 30 and 50 cent.

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3c vermilion, 4c carmine, 30c brown, 90c purple.

Special Delivery, all issues.

1895, Dues, 3, 5 and 10c claret.

If you have anything in the line of U. S. stamps to sell cheap, send them on approval, with lowest cash price.

Torn or heavily canceled stamps are not wanted at any price.

Pricelist of foreign stamps free to dealers only.

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Penna.

112 N. 5th-st., Philadelphia, Pa.

**Unused Entire  
U. S. Envelopes.**

**35 Varieties For a Dollar Bill.**

|                                                                                               | Bartels No. | Cat.   | My p  |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|--------|-------|
| 2c green on manila amber.....                                                                 | 1102        | \$7 50 | \$ 75 |
| 2c brown on fawn, die B.....                                                                  | 752         | 3 00   | 75    |
| 2c " manila " wrap.....                                                                       | 775         | 1 00   | 75    |
| The last 2 are cat. by Scott at \$5 each. I will sell any 2 for \$1.40; all three for \$2.00. |             |        |       |
| Postal Service on white.....                                                                  | 1613½       |        | 12    |
| The same □.....                                                                               |             |        | 05    |
| 6c Post Office, Ex. Offi.....                                                                 | 1514        | 1 00   | 25    |
| 6c " ".....                                                                                   | 1577        | 1 50   | 40    |
| 6c " ".....                                                                                   |             | 50     | 35    |
| 3c red on white, die 5.....                                                                   | 14          | 12 00  | 5 50  |
| 10c green on buff, die 2.....                                                                 | 25          | 50     | 30    |
| 2c black on manila, wrapper.....                                                              | 111         | 75     | 20    |
| 2c verm. manila, wrapper, die C.....                                                          | 498         | 1 00   | 75    |
| 2c " on cream.....                                                                            | 421         | 30     | 20    |
| 10c brown on white.....                                                                       | 604         | 25     | 12    |
| 2c brown on fawn die A.....                                                                   | 748         | 5 00   | 1 40  |
| 90c purple on manila (Off).....                                                               | 1029        |        | 25    |
| 4 var. 1, 2, 5, 10 Columbian env..                                                            |             |        |       |

Money order or bills : no stamps : I pay postage and refund money when not satisfied. I have others send want list. 17-19

**W. C. ODIORNE,**

**Huntingdon, Pennsylvania.**

**UNUSED** 

**UNITED STATES**

**Postage Stamps.**

|                                                      |       |
|------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| Issue 1890, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8 and 10c.....         | \$ 50 |
| " " 1 to 90c complete set.....                       | 2 00  |
| " 1893, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8 and 10c.....             | 55    |
| " " 15, 30 and 50c.....                              | 1 10  |
| " " 1c to \$5 complete set.....                      | 18 00 |
| " 1894, 1, 1, 2, 2, 2, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8 and 10c..... | 60    |
| " " 15, 50c.....                                     | 75    |
| " " 1c to \$5, complete set.....                     | 10 75 |
| " 1895, 1, 2, 2, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8 and 10c.....       | 50    |
| " " 1c to \$5 complete set.....                      | 9 50  |
| Five var. of the special delivery stamps.....        | 60    |

Pairs and blocks of four above stamps at same rate as long as they last.

Send money order or bills in registered letter ; no stamps taken ; money refunded if not satisfied.

For a silver dime I will send you a packet of used United States revenues, or obsolete United States postage stamps that will price by the 58th edition catalog half a dollar or over. Send with this order a self-addressed and stamped envelope.

I have others both used and unused. Send want list.

**W. C. ODIORNE,**

**Huntingdon, 17-18\* Penna.**

**Cheap Enough to Buy to  
Sell Again.**

| U. S.                                    | MY PRICE. | CAT.   |
|------------------------------------------|-----------|--------|
| Black Horseman Carrier.....              | \$1 50    | \$5.00 |
| " " unused, o. g.....                    | 2 50      | 7.00   |
| State Dept., 2c.....                     | 2 50      | 6.00   |
| " " 7c.....                              | 1 50      | 3.00   |
| Treasury Dept., 7c.....                  | 1 00      | 2.50   |
| Executive Dept., 1c specimen.....        | 1 50      |        |
| Post Office Dept., 15c.....              | .50       | 1.00   |
| " " 30c.....                             | .30       | .75    |
| 1867, 1c blue, grill 11x13.....          | .50       | 1.25   |
| 1869, 1c brown.....                      | .25       | .75    |
| 1870, 1c blue grill.....                 | .15       | .50    |
| 1870-71, 2c red brown, unused.....       | .50       | 2.00   |
| " " 12c purple.....                      | .25       | .50    |
| 1873, 12c purple.....                    | .25       | .50    |
| 1879, 90c carmine.....                   | .35       | 1.00   |
| 1888, 5c blue, Type I or II, unused..... | .15       | .50    |
| Alabama Revenue, 1c red.....             | .15       |        |
| Louisiana Lottery, 7½c green.....        | .35       |        |

**U. S. ENVELOPES.**

|                                        |      |       |
|----------------------------------------|------|-------|
| 1853-55, 6c green on white.....        | 1.75 | 4.00  |
| " " 6c red on white *.....             | 1.50 | 3.00  |
| " " 10c green on white, die 2.....     | 4.00 | 10.00 |
| " " 10c green on buff, die 2.....      | 1.25 | 3.00  |
| " " 10c " " die 4 *.....               | 2.50 | 7.00  |
| " " 10c " " ".....                     | 1.50 | 3.00  |
| 1857-61, 4c on white.....              | 4.25 | 10.00 |
| 1861, 20c on buff.....                 | 3.50 | 8.00  |
| 1864, 9c yellow *.....                 | 2.25 | 5.00  |
| " " 9c orange.....                     | 1.25 | 3.00  |
| " " 12c brown.....                     | 2.25 | 5.00  |
| " " 24c blue.....                      | 1.00 | 2.00  |
| " " 30c green *.....                   | 1.25 | 2.50  |
| " " 40c rose *.....                    | 1.25 | 2.50  |
| 1870, 1c blue on white *.....          | .35  | .75   |
| " " 6c carmine on white.....           | .35  | .75   |
| " " 12c plum on white *.....           | 1.75 | 4.00  |
| " " 15c orange on white *.....         | 2.25 | 5.00  |
| " " 6c carmine on amber *.....         | .25  | .60   |
| " " 7c vermilion on amber *.....       | .90  | 2.00  |
| " " 12c plum on amber *.....           | 1.80 | 4.00  |
| " " 15c orange on amber *.....         | 2.25 | 5.00  |
| " " 24c purple on amber *.....         | 2.75 | 6.00  |
| " " 6c carmine on cream *.....         | .40  | 1.00  |
| " " 12c plum on cream *.....           | 2.25 | 5.00  |
| " " 15c orange on cream *.....         | 2.75 | 6.00  |
| " " 30c black on cream *.....          | 3.00 | 7.50  |
| " " 90c carmine on cream *.....        | 2.75 | 6.00  |
| 1874, 10c brown on white, Die B *..... | .15  | .40   |
| " " 10c brown on amber, Die B *.....   | .20  | .50   |
| " " 15c orange on white.....           | .60  | 2.00  |
| " " 90c carmine on white *.....        | 1.10 | 2.50  |
| 1886, 10c brown on manila *.....       | .25  | .50   |
| " " 10c brown on amber manila *.....   | .25  | .50   |
| 1887, 90c purple on manila *.....      | 1.50 | 3.50  |

**WAR DEPARTMENT.**

|                                    |      |      |
|------------------------------------|------|------|
| 1873, 3c light red on white *..... | .10  | .25  |
| " " 15c " " " *.....               | 2.25 | 6.00 |
| 1875, 1c " " " " *.....            | 1.00 | 2.50 |
| " " 6c " " " " *.....              | .25  | .60  |
| " " 12c " " " " *.....             | .50  | 1.25 |
| " " 2c " " " " *.....              | .10  | .25  |
| " " 6c " " " " *.....              | 1.00 | 2.50 |
| " " 2c " " " " *.....              | .20  | .50  |

\* means unused.

**W. H. Emmert,**

*New Oxford, Penna.*

# WHOLESALE!



## A Few Sample Quotations.

|                   | Per 10 | Per 100 |                       | Per 10 | Per 100 |
|-------------------|--------|---------|-----------------------|--------|---------|
| 1851 3c red       | \$ 07  | \$ 60   | 1890 3c purple        | 07     | 65      |
| " (on cover)      | 10     | 75      | 4c brown              | 03     | 30      |
| 1857 " "          | 08     | 60      | 5c chocolate          | 03     | 25      |
| 3c red            | 06     | 45      | 6c red brown          | 15     |         |
| 1861 3c rose      | 03     | 20      | 8c lilac              | 12     |         |
| 1868 " "          | 08     | 65      | 10c green             | 03     | 15      |
| 1869 3c blue      | 08     | 75      | 15c blue              | 32     |         |
| 1870 3c grilled   | 09     | 80      | 30c black             | 45     |         |
| 1871 2c brown     | 10     |         | 1893 1c blue          | 02     | 08      |
| 3c green          | 10     |         | 2c violet             | 02     | 05      |
| 1873 1c blue      | 10     |         | 3c green              | 18     | 1 50    |
| 2c brown          | 10     |         | 4c ultramarine        | 08     | 70      |
| 3c green          | 03     | 20      | 5c chocolate          | 10     | 90      |
| 6c pink           | 35     |         | 6c purple             | 30     | 2 90    |
| 10c brown         | 25     |         | 8c magenta            | 20     | 1 95    |
| 1879 2c vermilion | 03     | 30      | 10c brown             | 12     | 1 10    |
| 5c blue           | 18     |         | 15c green             | 80     |         |
| 6c pink           | 18     |         | '94-5 3c purple       | 04     | 30      |
| 10c brown         | 10     | 90      | 4c brown              | 02     | 15      |
| 1882 5c brown     | 06     | 50      | 5c chocolate          | 03     | 20      |
| 10c brown         | 05     | 40      | 6c red-brown          | 08     | 60      |
| 1883 2c claret    | 02     | 05      | 8c lilac              | 08     | 60      |
| 4c green          | 07     | 60      | 10c green             | 02     | 15      |
| 1887 3c vermilion | 60     |         | 15c blue              | 20     |         |
| 1888 4c red       | 15     |         | '79-97 Dues mixed     | 10     | 95      |
| 5c blue           | 06     | 50      | Special Delivery blue | 10     | 1 00    |

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**J. C. MILLER,**

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WHOLE NO. 25.

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### Perforate Revenues.

|                         |    |    |
|-------------------------|----|----|
| 1. \$2 Mortgage         | \$ | 06 |
| 2. 3c proprietary       |    | 03 |
| 3. \$1 Conveance        |    | 06 |
| 4. 50c Probate of Will  |    | 40 |
| 5. 25c Life Ins.        |    | 10 |
| 6. 10c Foreign Exchange |    | 22 |
| 7. 1c Proprietary       |    | 02 |

### Lots below are entire U. S. Envs.

|                                      |      |
|--------------------------------------|------|
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| 5c ultramarine         | 4             | 9                                 |
| 10c black              | 1 00          | 18                                |
| 15c brown              | 1 50          | 35                                |
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WHOLE NO. 25.

## METHODS.

**T**HE methodical man saves time, avoids confusion and preserves accuracy. This holds good whether in business or in the pursuit of pleasure, and especially is method of advantage in stamp collecting.

The counting of one's stamps is often a task full of interest, especially if the sum total exceeds one's expectations. But when the numbers climb into the thousands a frequent repetition of counting up grows tiresome and laborious. Still one of the essential facts about a collection, although not *the* essential one, is the number of stamps it contains. My method is as follows. In the front of my album I keep a loose sheet of paper ruled vertically into six columns. The first column is for the date, the second for number of U. S. stamps, third for U. S. revenues, fourth for foreign postage, fifth for foreign revenues, and sixth for the total number. If I collected cut square envelopes I should add a column for them, but I keep envelopes only in an entire condition and as a separate collection. My collection once counted I never have to count them all over again. Thus on Jan. 1 1898 I had so many U. S. postage, U. S. revenues, foreign postage and foreign revenues—a total of so many. As fast as I get any new stamps I check them off in my catalogue and then

put them in a little envelope. A person working nine hours a day and giving some time to study, amusement and social duties cannot stop to mount each stamp in his album as it comes to him. So they gather in this envelope until there is quite a satisfactory lot of them. Then comes a leisure half hour or hour along, usually on Sunday, I confess, with me, and what a pleasure it is to hinge them into their places and review those already mounted! I mount say 42, divided among the four headings I have made, and add the number on the previous amounts. Thus with scarcely any trouble at all I always know just how many stamps I have mounted in my collection. Once in a while, I come to the end of my sheet of paper I keep this tally on and have to start a new one. In such a case I do not destroy all the memoranda but keep for future reference the number of stamps I had on the first of January of each year. This may prove of interest to one at some future date.

In writing this simple method of keeping run of the stamps in one's collection I do not know that it is at all original with me, neither do I at all expect all collectors to adopt it. But I believe that some may receive ideas from it that may lead to a system of their own. There are dozens, hundreds of little simple methods which different collectors

use to their own advantage, unscrupulously, which would be of benefit to others if made known and I hope this may lead to some of them being put in print. There is no knowing how many may be benefited, if not directly at least by suggestion. There may be some who have a better system than mine. If so, instead of smiling in a superior way I hope they will publish it and give me a chance to learn.

CHARLES E. JENNEY.

### PHILATELIC PICK-UPS.

**C**OLLECTORS may now again mount Newspaper and Periodical Stamps in their albums and show them to their friends without looking and feeling like criminals. This is as it should be.

It is expected that the laudable (?) attempt on the part of the Spanish gentleman, Jos. M. DeCastellar, of San Antonio, Texas, to raise a half million dollars to aid Spain in fighting Cuba, by means of selling Spanish "patriotic" stamps will meet with but little encouragement. He will be able to lift without straining himself all the money he will raise in this country in this manner.

A number of collectors are reported as having gone to klondyke, and at least one has been heard from. He wrote to a San Francisco firm asking for an offer for playing cards stamps in quantity—which would give a pointer on one article at least which is in demand there.

There may be uses and need for the dollar-value stamps for postal purposes, but not more than a million of us have ever had occasion to use them, up to the present writing. When I get rich, however, I am

going to send bricks to my friends in "Yurrupe" and Kamschatky, just to get a chance to use the big stamps and help "Uncle Sam" out.

Which gives one the more pleasure—to find a rare stamp, worth ten dollars, in some old correspondence, and for nothing, or to find a rare stamp, worth ten dollars but marked ten cents, and forty off, on an approval sheet from a firm that is amply able to sell a ten-dollar stamp for six cents? *You* answer.

The news that patent medicine manufacturers are to be allowed the privilege of furnishing designs and dies of their own for the proprietary stamps, the use of which will be made necessary by the War revenue bill, will be hailed with delight by collectors who have a liking for the private proprietary stamps issued during the late war. The writer is one of 'em, and would earnestly advise all who are not collecting these handsome and interesting stamps to begin doing so at once, as prices are going up, and ever upward for these varieties.

It is stated that plate 504, 2-cent, was cancelled, so no stamps will be found bearing this number, and plate number collectors need not look for it.

Mr. Bartels states that the Purcell Co., which secured the contract for printing the stamped envelopes for the ensuing four years, is equipped with a new plant, and will be enabled to do the work, this time, and will not fail as it did four years ago. This is good news—though entire envelope collectors do not object to a few legitimate varieties, occasioned by inability to fulfill contracts, etc.

The Omaha stamps being the same size as the Columbians will be



the occasion of some kicking on the part of the public. Said public wants its stamps neither too large nor too small; a happy mean is desired.

If Dewey gets another whack or two at Spain, there won't be enough of the defunct monarchy left to form a basis for a commemorative issue of stamps—which is saying it all.

The consensus of opinion seems to be that the war with Spain will not have nearly so bad an effect on matters philatelic as was at first feared.

The question of whether or not auction sales are beneficial to Philately still attracts the attention of many. It is, of course, a difficult question to answer, but if a collector has really rare stamps he can doubtless get as much at auction sale as from dealers—often more, in which case the auction sale would be a benefit.

When one can collect stamps just as well as not why not do so? That is one of the fine features of our pastime—anyone can enter the ranks who will. There are no entry fees, no inaugural ceremonies, no goat to ride. All you have to do is to simply make up your mind to collect, and go at it. It's very simple; very easy, and none the less pleasing on that account.

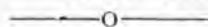
Doubtless it would be a hard thing to do, but if, when your fellow-collector who happens to be pinched for money, comes to you and offers to sell his collection at a sacrifice in order to raise money, you would tell him to keep his collection, and then lend him the necessary sum, you would be doing a great kindness to a brother in distress, and be, perhaps, the means of

keeping him in the ranks. Such actions would reflect credit upon you, and would do you no harm. Banish selfishness from our pastime—be ready at all times to lend a helping hand, for the good of our hobby.

Never mind if you do get to feeling "tired" this hot weather. Keep up courage and keep on adding to your collection at every opportunity—and if you don't see any opportunities make some. As "eternal vigilance is the price of success," so is eternal vigilance and work the price of a good collection. Be willing to pay the price.

The feelings of a collector who finds that a stamp he has for years regarded as a common variety is a rare variety, worth fifty dollars, is in pleasing contrast to the feelings of the collector who learns that the cherished rarity he has gazed upon with pride and delight for so long is a counterfeit.

#### THE PICKANINNY.



THE latest journalistic exploit of Mr Dodge is worthy of far more consideration than would be accorded the advent of any philatelic venture of the stereotyped form. It is nothing more or less than an attempt to do for the philatelic what Bradstreet's and Dunn's commercial agencies have done for the general world. The information is, of course, confidential, and as I am not at liberty to review its contents beyond intimating that many stamp firms whose advertisements appear in our journals are herein given free announcement, the report being in some instances very favorable, and in some non-committal, and in some of a very damaging nature. I think the commercial portion of our com-

munity should welcome the advent of such a plan of protection, which if rigidly supported would be a terror indeed to evil doers, but, from which an honest dealer has nothing to fear. The *Philatelic Commercial Agency* is well worth its 50c per annum — *A. M. Muirhead in Herald Exchange.*

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## Our Eye.

**L**IKE the poor in this respect, we shall ever have the auction sale with us. The past season has been no exception to the general rule. Every philatelic centre in the Union seems to have the means of averaging one or two auction sales for every month in the year. New York, Chicago and Boston are particularly active in this respect, and some are deserving of severe condemnation in their attempts to foist upon the public stuff that would not be purchased over the retail counter. I cannot be too emphatic in my denunciation of these cheap auction sales. They establish fickle prices and render it necessary for a dealer to handle his wares with an apology or explanation on his lips. He must meet the claim "that stamp sold for so much at Blank's auction sale". The collector looking over his favorite journal finds that a certain auction sale a stamp in which he is interested sold for a sum much below one-half catalogue. He has heard it said that an auction sale regulates prices, hence his quest.

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Of course the dealer cannot meet his would-be customer upon a proper footing. He is not aware of, nor has he the facilities for knowing, the true condition of the particular stamp quoted. It may have been badly canceled, perforations may be missed or it may have been sold "to order."

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Sold "to order" is a phase of the auction business enveloped in mystery. Attendants at auction sales would be pleased to get a glimpse

of the "sold to order" patron, that they might note the color of his hair and estimate the influence of his connection with the sale. There seems to be good grounds for the belief that these mail bids are frequently reserve prices that the owners put on their property, preferring to pay the auctioneer his percentage than to sacrifice their holdings.

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It seems ridiculous to me to enter the claim that auction sales reflect the real value of stamps. A score or more of persons, many of whom may be specialists, gathered in an auction room intent upon procuring bargains, cannot be relied upon to establish fair market prices. The sales shop is a more potent agency than the auction room in establishing reliable market values. The auction sale is too strongly entrenched to expect anything more than a reform in their methods of operation. Let us contend for clean stamps and clean sales.

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Mr. Jewett thinks it unwise to put upon the shoulders of the "three months experiment weekly", referring to the *Metropolitan*, the burden of being the official organ of the A. P. A. This is a case where the burden would be far from irksome, and Mr. Scott's shoulders would no doubt be broad enough to carry it.

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An editorial in the *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly* is deserving of perusal by every philatelist. "The Tax on Philately" is the title, and it shows up the three methods now in vogue for mulcting philatelists. It declares that the issue of gum-paps, the sale of government remainders, and postmarking to order constitute an evil that can be abolished if collectors make up their

minds to accomplish this result. "All might be brought into line, showing a united front to the foe, if only the right man came forward to lead the movement. But who, where is the man?"

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In this connection I notice that the governor of St. Helena, in his last report, gave out the information that a much needed water works scheme is to be carried out with the proceeds of a sale of government remainders of postage stamps. On general principles I believe in giving a community all the water they want, both for external and internal use, but I don't like the watering of philatelic stock in the manner indicated, particularly when it gets to be a perennial thing. It would be some satisfaction to know that the plates are destroyed.

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Judging from the number of unused Columbians that one sees in the channels of trade it is certain that many persons believed that the issue of 1893 would prove a gold mine investment. Thousands of dollars were invested in the smaller denominations, and holders are now glad to get face value, let alone any interest on the capital tied up four or five years. It is only further proof of the old-time maxim that "All is not gold that glitters." John A. Sutton, the discoverer of gold in California, and the man on whose land gold was discovered are both poor men to-day. All of which goes to show that a man who finds what he imagines is a gold mine may be disappointed in working it, and if he really has a good thing some other man may get the benefit of it. Verily, the path of the speculator is somewhat thorny.

WILLARD O. WYLIE.

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**J. F. DODGE, Publisher,**  
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This magazine goes to press on the 13th of each month and copy must be in by noon of that date to secure insertion. Change of standing copy must be in by the 10th of each month.

**Our Monthly Chat.**

**A** LITTLE behind yet in date, but gaining slowly by small issues of 16 pages. Serious illness of the editor's little daughter has taken much time from various duties the past two months.

**ONE** of our publications, *The Rocky Mountain Stamp*, has been disposed of to Warner Hammond, Palmyra, N. Y., who will continue its publication from that city, so that we have only three to care for now, and after the siege of the past month we wouldn't care much if someone would relieve us

of these and allow us to take a few months rest.

**I**N our last issue "Ohio Observer" says there are hundreds of different pieces of type metal used. It takes 40,000 to 50,000 for a journal of this size. Is it any wonder that a few get misplaced?

**WE** have received *The Revenue Philatelist* for the second quarter 1898, and is even better than the first issue. A model of typographical neatness, with fine engravings, and well filled with matter of interest to collectors of the revenue stamps of the world.

**M**ESSRS. Bartels & Co. have given up their office at 702 14th St., N. W., Washington D. C. and a "For Rent" sign hangs in the window. Mr. Bartels writes us that he is to take a three months outing, but that mail addressed to him as usual will be attended to.

**L. V. LINDSEY**, the old timer, with whom we have done more or less business the past three or four years, is closing out on account of poor health.

**I**T would have given us great pleasure to accept the kind invitation of A. E. Layman to be present at the Commencement Exercises at Miami University, Oxford Ohio, June 5th to 9th. but it was impossible. Mr. Layman, who is a well-known collector, is a member of the Senior Class.

**OUR** readers must not think that *The Weekly Era* isn't a good paper because we don't mention it oftener. It is a paper we would miss a great deal, but when friend



Jewett says "Editor Dodge has adopted the same fearless independent policy as made the *Era* what it is" we rise to a point of order, not from the bad grammar but from the implication that we were inspired in our course by the *Era*. Now we seldom see anything very independent in the editorial utterances of the *Era*, except when there is a grudge to pay off, and an advt. is running in its columns of a party we called attention to by name as a substitute some time ago. And we think what independence the *Era* has was inspired by the independent course of this magazine. However, as we have said, it is a good paper, and barring a few faults it would be a model weekly.

THE above remarks were prompted by the *Era* of May 14th, and we find in the issue of May 21st that Mr. Jewett quoting from the last issue of this magazine regarding the new *Weekly Metropolitan Philatelist* and the time necessary to get out such an issue says:

"It is quite evident that Bro Dodge takes it that we were treating the matter in a light vein when we made the above quoted statement. His statement that a paper like his *Columbian* can be issued inside of 36 hours is too ridiculous to consider," and wonders if such is the case why we are so late.

Well, if we had such a printing office as Mr. Jewett ought to have after his long experience and the amount of advertising he carries at his rates, we could edit and with proper help print and mail an ordinary 8 or 12 page *Era* in six hours instead of thirty-six. We hardly thought it possible that Mr. Jewett had not visited Boston and witnessed the printing and mailing of the

*Daily Globe*. As for being late, if Mr. Jewett had to depend on a printer 500 miles away, who has his hands full at times with other work, he could understand why we are sometimes late, and as for the amount of work on our publications there is more of it than there is on the *Era*. If business ever gets good again, and we can get a good printing outfit right here we will start a weekly to prove what we have stated above. As for Mr. Jewett's speaking of the *Metropolitan* in a light vein, we have only to look on the next page of the *Era* and see him refer to it as the "struggling *Metropolitan* three-month-experiment weekly". Ah, Mr. Jewett, you are too jealous. The *Era* is a good paper, especially when you don't write too much yourself, but "there are others".

AND we get a little "dab" from the new editor of the *Perforator*. and for what? Alas, we published information received on two postal cards from Mr. Chapman, which were not marked "private", and as for the first we thought our expressions of sympathy were in proper language, but it seems not, and why? Well, Mr. Stowell, whom we understand is Miss Noble's right hand man, did not like it because we stated how many subscribers the *Perforator* had. Well, we shouldn't have done so, even though it was not confidential, but for the fact that Mr. Stowell addressed a circular to every one of our advertisers, offering to insert the same advertisement in his paper for half the money. We might make some caustic remarks about the matter were it a man who wrote it, and as the editor is not as well acquainted with her predecessor as we are we

will excuse the falsehoods and hasty conclusions arrived at.

**B**RO. Osgood, of *The Stampman*, seems to think we feel bad over not securing the *Perforator*. Bless you, Daniel, we haven't lost a bit of sleep over it, but we do like to have a man do as he agrees.

**O**NE of the facts noticeable these hard times is the scarcity of applications to our societies and the increasing number of resignations and suspensions. Many of the publications also feel it severely in the lack of advertising patronage, and publishers complain more than ever of slow payments. We have refused many advertisements because we could not feel sure of payment therefor. Our cash rates are low enough to bring cash in advance from those who mean to pay promptly on a credit contract, and there are many advertisements running in other publications we would not accept at any price.

**P**OLITICS are with us again, like the flies, and I presume we shall have to stand it for the next three months. We hope for the best, a clean campaign, and the best men as winners, but we fear it is a forlorn hope.

**E**DITOR Pinkham says Mr. S. A. D. Cox will issue the *Western Philatelist*, and instead of wishing him success, says if he expects to make any money out of it he will be a "Sad" Cox before the year is out. Mr. Cox was a valued contributor to Pinkham's magazine, and we judge that he is jealous because Mr. Cox writes exclusively for our magazines, as a few lines

below we notice he wants some first-class MSS. (we want some too though we have over twenty first-class articles on hand.) But friend Pinkham, is that all a publisher aims for in publishing a magazine, the money he can make out of it? If so it accounts for the poor returns subscribers to most of our magazines get. We give more solid reading matter for the money than any other philatelic publication in existence, and we give our advertisers a larger paid circulation for their money than any other two. We are satisfied to get \$10 or \$15 a month for our work on this magazine.

**O**NE of our Michigan subscribers in renewing wants us to get a correspondent in Detroit to write up the obituary of the Michigan Philatelic Society, and tell where the remains are buried. Poor Michigan! with a dozen short-lived papers in the last few years, its society languishing for want of a regular mouth-piece. We are always glad to publish the *doings* of any society 25 of whose members are paid subscribers to this magazine.

THIS Magazine was printed by Lewis L. Buckminster, Vineland, N. J. S. of P., C. P. S.

## Historical China

I have on hand, Plates; Trenton Falls, Pittsfield, Landing of Lafayette, McDonough's Victory, Catskill Mountains, Conway, States, etc.

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**W. F. Sheely,**

*New Oxford, Penna*

## Society Reports and News.

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#### President's Address.

FELLOW MEMBERS—Application blanks are now ready. Send to me or to the Sec'y. and see how many of your friends you can induce to join. The prizes should stimulate you a little in your efforts. Yours for the C. P. S.,

J. F. DODGE, President.

#### Sec.-Treas. Report.

FELLOW MEMBERS—I have the following report to make this month:

##### NEW MEMBERS.

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There a large number of members who have not paid their dues. Kindly look at your membership card and see that it reads, "Dues paid to Jan. 1st, 1899" or beyond that date.

I would like to see more applications coming in. All the officers are working hard to secure them but the members in general are not doing their duty, although some deserve a long credit mark for what they have done in this respect. Surely you know at least one collector whom you would like to see with us. As a matter of business every collector and dealer should see that everything connected with the pursuit is successful. Hoping to hear from you all with applications, I remain, Yours,

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There seems to be no objections to the officers as listed above, and most of them are ready for any business that may come before them. All members who have not done so should send their dues to 1899 (18 cents) and all applicants accepted before Nov. 1st will be included in the list of charter members. Let us start off with at least 50. The publisher of this magazine, the promoter of this society, will make a present of a good stamp to No. 30, No. 40 and No. 50, and also to any member proposing 5 new applicants. Applications will be ready soon. Let me hear from each of the members already enrolled at once, please.

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|---------|-------|------------------|--------------------|---------|
| 114     | U. S. | Rev. 1c          | fine 1             | \$10.00 |
| 115     | "     | Scott No. 2950   | " o. g. 1          | 1.50    |
| 116     | "     | 2c Certificate   | orange fine 1      | .50     |
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| 119     | 2c    | Justice surch.   | (Specimen)         | 1       |
| 120     | 3c    | P. O. Env.       | ent sq. used and " | 100     |
| 121     | 2c    | "                | " " "              | 50      |

| Lot No. |                                                           | No. pcs. | Cat.  |
|---------|-----------------------------------------------------------|----------|-------|
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| 128     | Gt. Britain, Scott No. 45 and 86,                         | 25       | 1 00  |
| 129     | " " " 88                                                  | 25       | 1 25  |
| 130     | " " " 85                                                  | 25       | 1 00  |
| 131     | " " " 121 14 dots,                                        | 6        | 72    |

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| 10c brown         | 10     | 90      | 4c brown              | 02     | 15      |
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| 2c claret            | 06   | 03 |
| 3c "                 | 15   | 06 |
| 5c "                 | 15   | 07 |
| 10c "                | 05   | 02 |
| 30c "                | 1 25 | 45 |
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## NORTH PACIFIC ITEMS.

Gathered by a Philatelic Reporter in Portland, Ore., and Vicinity.

Flat, yes, very flat. That is the only characterization that properly expresses the state of the stamp world hereabouts at present. There is always enough going on during the winter months in a philatelic way, but now the summer dullness rests upon us most depressingly. The majority of the local cranks are either out of town on holidays, or are too busy with outdoor amusements to devote much time to their hobby. The club, which has been the headquarters of those philatelically affected since its inception, has been closed since the first of May, so the yarns which delighted the Oregonian's stampic heart remain unspun and there is a dearth of philatelic news.

In the hope of worrying something in the way of a startling find out of him for the readers of this paper, the Gadfly betook himself to the office of Dr. Fried, President of the Portland Philatelic Club, but found the cheerful announcement on the door that the doctor was out of town and would not return till July 25th. Probably he is making finds. He always does when he goes on trips. The medical gentleman has quite a reputation here for

picking up things for a song, or even less. Recently he was presented with some twenty St. Vincents of the 1880-81 issue, including several of the 4 p. ultramarine, in splendid condition. A snap for \$5 fell into his hands later in the shape of an old collection cataloguing over \$150, including a fair sprinkling of old U. S., such as 24 and 30c 1855, and many desirable foreign of thirty years ago, although the latter class was as a rule in rather bad condition. The doctor has entire envelopes galore. It does the heart of the envelope enthusiast good to see bunch after bunch produced and never a one cut (from which it will be seen that the doctor is a little ahead of his times philatelically).

Speaking of envelopes, Mr. H. F. Bartels had a very good showing in that line some months ago, consisting chiefly of the issues before 1870, cut square and new. Whether he has them still I do not know, as Mr. Bartels is no longer one of the central figures in the philatelic firmament here, the greater portion of his time being taken up by the Portland Philatelic Society, to which organization he bears about the same relation as Mr. Kissinger does to the P. S. of A. Added to this that the late manager of the Unxld Stamp Co. has caught the camera fever, and it may easily be seen that Phil-

ately may consider him as one of her lost sheep.

We have been unfortunate in having a number of serious cases of philatelic blacksliding. Mr. H. Anderson, formerly one of the most liberal buyers of stamps in this vicinity, has sold out and as yet has been able to resist the temptation to commence again. Mr. Philip Lombard, ex-A. P. A. member and possessor of a very fine collection once upon a time, has left Philately for good and all. Even the erratic "Veritas," that mangler of foreign tongues, seems to have left the field. He no longer frequents the haunts of the stampmen and his writings for the philatelic press appear to be growing beautifully less. Still, you never know where you are at with "Veritas," and he may be sharpening his pencil preparatory to making a most terrific onslaught on Editor Dodge, who threw down the gauntlet so recklessly in the June American Collector.

Undoubtedly the event of the year in this country has been the issue of the new revenues, not even excepting the appearance of the Omaha advertisements. The Revenues will doubtless be with us for several years to come, while the Nebraska pasters will be but a bad "dream and a forgetting," on the part of the government as well as on that of collectors, let us hope.

If the rest of the country was supplied in the way Portland was, there must have been a good deal of uncomplimentary comment on the government's method of furnishing Revenue stamps. On the morning of the first of July the limited supply on hand was exhausted, and up to the 12th the small quantities received went as fast as they arrived.

Now there seems to be enough to go around for some time.

Of Documentary stamps we have the 2, 4, 5, 10, 25, 50c, and \$1, 5, 25, and 50, 1c postage surcharged, 2c ditto, which seems to be the commonest of the lot. Of Proprietaries the writer has been able to pick up the  $\frac{3}{8}$ ,  $\frac{1}{4}$ ,  $\frac{3}{8}$ ,  $\frac{5}{8}$ , 1 and 2c. The other values have not been placed on sale, to the best of his knowledge.

The Battleship series is undoubtedly the handsomest issue this government has ever turned out, and while philatelists may stick up their noses at the return to rouletting as a means of separation, the issue of 1898 is likely to convert the last of those old-fashioned collectors who held that revenues should not be collected into enthusiastic fiscalists.

The Gadfly flitted to the post-office yesterday to find out the situation in regard to Omahas, regular issue, etc., and what do you think? Portland is Omahaless for the time being. When the first stock of the boom series arrived, the post-office was out of the regular issue 2c, and the 50,000 of the big stamps sent were cleaned out in two days. The other values are also gone, as the idea seems to be to sell as many Omahas as possible. "Good riddance, bad rubbish," the post-office people possibly think. At any rate we are rid of them for the present, for which small favor we should be thankful.

How some western writers can go into such raptures over these chromos is a mystery. They cannot hold a match, much less a candle, to some of the fine work that is being produced abroad now.

It seems as though American collectors have decided to grin and bear it as far as the Omaha series.



is concerned, swallow the pill with a pleasant face, and say they enjoy taking it first rate. This is all wrong, though. Philatelists should leave the stamps severely alone, neither collecting nor using them, and doing their utmost to prevent their non-philatelic friends from utilizing them. "A long pull, a strong pull, and a pull altogether" may do something. People like to laugh at stamp cranks. Why not show them that the cranks' influence amounts to something after all?

THE GADFLY.

### THE STAMPS OF STE. MARIE DE MADAGASCAR.

The island of Sainte Marie de Madagascar, which does not appear upon the maps of the American edition postage stamp albums, is situated at the northeast of the main island of Madagascar, between Choiseul on the north and Foulepointe on the south. Lake Alaotra is nearly opposite.

In 1892, when the set of stamps for Diego Suarez et Dependences was issued, the French colony of Ste. Marie de Madagascar was one of the dependencies of the government of Diego Suarez, and consequently the stamps Diego Suarez and dependencies were in use in Ste. Marie de Madagascar.

But later on some differences were raised regarding money valuations, for a dollar in one town was sometimes worth only 75 cents in another, causing a loss for the colony on the sale of postage stamps. Therefore a set of stamps of the same type as those used in other colonies was ordered from Paris, with the name of the colony, Ste. Marie de Madagascar, printed on them.

During the time required to print the stamps the following values of the Diego Suarez colony were surcharged "Ste. Marie de Madagascar" in a double-lined circle, in blue ink. This was in April, 1894, and the values were as follows:

1. On the 1881 issue of French colonies, perforated: 35c., black on orange.
2. On the 1892 issue of stamps of Diego Suarez et Dependences: 1c., black on blue; 2c., brown on buff; 4c., claret on lavender; 5c., green on greenish; 10c., black on lavender; 15c., blue on white quadrille paper; 20c., red on green; 25c., black on rose; 30c., brown on straw; 40c., red on straw; 50c., carmine on rose; 75c., black on orange; 1f., bronze-green on straw. These stamps were only surcharged for the needs of the colony, without any speculative purpose, and were not intended to be sold to stamp dealers. As only from 30 to 35 of each value, so surcharged, are known to exist, it can safely be inferred that those provisionals are the scarcest of all the French colonial stamps, and come next to the Reunion, 1852, issue in point of rarity.

In all probability those stamps were only used for one mail, as the sets with the name of the colony, "Ste. Marie de Madagascar," printed in Paris, were received in May, 1894, and consisted of thirteen values, as follows: 1c., black on blue; 2c., brown on buff; 4c., claret on lavender; 5c., green on greenish; 10c., black on lavender; 15c., blue on white quadrille paper; 20c., red on green; 25c., black on rose; 30c., brown on straw; 40c., red on straw; 50c., carmine on rose; 75c., black on orange; 1f., bronze green on straw.

The above stamps have since been replaced by the set bearing the name of Madagascar and dependencies, issued in 1896, as the colony of Ste. Marie de Madagascar was attached to the government of Madagascar after the conclusion of the peace and the annexation of this colony to France. Therefore all the stamps of Ste. Marie de Madagascar are now obsolete; and, since the correspondence of this small island never amounted to much, these stamps will some day become rare.

GEORGE CARION.

### PHILATELIC PICK-UPS.

So, after all, on account of lack of time in which to make two printings, the Omaha stamps are in one color. I think most collectors would have been willing to wait a month or so longer, if by so doing they could have gotten these stamps in two colors, as bi-colored stamps are much handsomer than in a single color.

A trouble with some philatelic writers and reviewers is that, if they do not themselves have a liking for a certain branch of collecting, they can see nothing good in it, and say nothing good of it, and will run it down at every opportunity. This is bad policy. The worth of philately lies in the pleasure it gives its votaries, and it is not so much a question of what we shall collect as how much pleasure does it give? There are hundreds of collectors who collect plate number strips and entire stamped envelopes, and they get as much enjoyment out of these branches as any collectors get out of any other branches. The review editor of "Mekeel's Stamp News" is, unfortunately, afflicted in this way, and runs down plate number

strip, and entire envelope collecting. This is, as I have said, bad policy, and not at all conducive to the good of stamp collecting in general. Whatever you do, do not discourage collecting in any legitimate branch that affords its votaries pleasure; it is their privilege and their right to so collect, even though you may not approve of the branch. Perhaps you have a liking for proofs and essays, or something like that, of which the collectors of plate number strips and entire envelopes might not approve. Do you collect whatever you like, however, and allow others the same privilege. And brag up your favorite branches of collecting, too, if you like, but don't run other collectors' favorite branches down. The writer of these paragraphs has favorite branches—plate number strips and entire envelopes among them—and he is always ready to say a good word for them, but at the same time he realizes that there are other collectors who like other branches, and he does not run the other branches down simply because he does not happen to fancy them himself. Because I had a few good words to say of plate number strip and entire envelope collecting, the review editor in question accuses me of trying to dictate to "other stamp men what they shall collect." Such is not the case at all; I simply state my views, and the readers can accept or reject as they see fit. Another thing: He says the "Pick-aninny" has mistaken his calling, that he should have been "Chief Adviser to the Bureau of Engraving and Printing and the U. S. Government," all because I said I was in favor of bi-colored stamps for the Omaha series, and suggested changing the colors of the 1 cent and 2 cent stamped envelope stamps to

conform with the international agreement as to colors. I was stating my views, not trying to advise; still, having held a position in the U. S. Postal Service under two Administrations, and in two different States, and having made every effort, always, to post up in all matters pertaining to the postal service, in order to give the best possible service to the public and reflect credit upon the P. O. Department, it would doubtless be safe to assume that the "Pickaninny" could come as near filling the position of Chief Adviser to the Bureau, etc., as the review editor in question. Enough has been said, however, and if you have no hard feelings on account of this little defensive article, Bro. Hopkins, the "Pickaninny" has none on account of what you have written. "Birds in their little nests agree," and I think it looks better if philatelic writers refrain from wrangling. The Pickaninny is the best natured fellow in the world, bar none, and can be depended upon to not yell until after his corns have been trampled, so simply be careful where you set your boot-heel and all will be well.

"Provisional" postage due stamps, made either by cutting a stamp of higher denomination into two or more pieces, or by impressing ordinary postage stamps into service, are getting as common as birds' eggs in July.

There is considerable curiosity regarding the general idea of designs for the new revenue stamps. There is no doubt but the stamps will be very beautiful, and, should the war come to an end suddenly, they would be used in such comparatively small numbers as to

make them rare and valuable in a few years.

The main thing in stamp collecting, the one thing above all other aimed at, is—or should be, at least—pleasure, enjoyment. Don't lose sight of this general principle, and govern yourself accordingly. Whatever gives you the most pleasure, that is the thing to do, and if you do this, regardless of whether or not you are suiting some one else, then will you be doing yourself justice and getting the pleasure out of stamp collecting that is your due.

"The mills of the goods grind slowly, but exceedingly fine;" likewise with a stamp collection, it is made slowly but in the end it will be fine. Even though your collection seems to grow slowly, keep at it. The ultimate result will be worth waiting a long time for.

One of the designs for the new revenue stamps is said to be a picture of the Battleship Maine, as she looked before she was blown up in Havana harbor. Certainly such a picture on a stamp would arouse the patriotism of even a miser sufficiently so that he would not kick on having to pay the tax the stamp represents.

Don't laugh at the boy who collects postmarks, spool labels, and tin tags. The collecting instinct is shown thereby, and, if not discouraged, the boy will make a stamp collector, some day.

THE PICKANINNY.

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## OUR MONTHLY CHAT.

STILL behind in date, but up to date in contents, and few of the magazines that get out on time furnish the amount of solid reading matter that is found in the COLUMBIAN, and that is why it has so many readers. In reply to our own advertisements we find many collectors that we never sent a copy to, and never heard of before, which shows that the magazine is loaned out and read by many who have not as yet subscribed to it. While it is a source of much annoyance to us that we are not always up to the date that appears on the cover, we have done all that is possible under the circumstances, but so far we have not been able to obviate the difficulties without resorting to the

"double-number" plan, so much in vogue, or its twin sister, the "skip-issue" plan.

THE last issue (May) went to the printer on the 7th of June, but we go to press with this issue without seeing it. This issue is not going to the same printer, however.

*The Philatelic Monthly and World* now comes to us franked with a 1c stamp, and without the usual "Entered as second class" clause. It is too bad, if true, that it has lost second-class rates, as it contains more matter of interest than dozens of papers that enjoy the privilege.

THIS magazine will hereafter appear in its present form (without the colored cover) for many reasons, the chief being, saving in time to the printer, as all can be printed at the same time on the same press, and consequently there is a saving in expense, without any actual loss to our readers or advertisers.

WE go to press without "Our Eye" this month, but you will see it in the next one in about a week.

*The Philatelic Messenger* is catching up with Father Time, and is always a welcome visitor. We note that our old friend Chapman is finding time to write breezy notes for this as well as several other papers. While they are not always interesting from a philatelic point of view, we always enjoy reading them, and probably we are not alone in this respect.

*The Western Philatelist*, initial number, is on our desk, and it is the best "No. 1" we have seen for a long time, and every inch of it is interesting. It is just about per-

fect typographically, the antique cover adds to its appearance, and as most of the contents are contributed by the editor, who is a well-known writer on philatelic subjects and an earnest student of philately, it is needless to say that they are far beyond the average in interest. May its visits never cease!

THE month of June was the dull-est we ever experienced in the stamp business, and the majority of our patrons reported the same state of affairs, but July business is decidedly better. In our own experience, and as far as we have heard from others, the volume of business during the first half of the month exceeded that for the whole month of June.

L. M. STAEBLER, manager of the Johnstown Stamp and Publishing Co., of Johnstown, Pa., made us a pleasant call on the 21st of July. He is on his wheel *en route* to Old Orchard, Me., where he spends a few weeks hunting and fishing every summer. He tells us that business has been very good with him, but that the better grade of stamps are not being offered by his company at present, as he thinks they will bring much better prices in the fall. He had his gun and fishing rod with him, and is enjoying his trip very much. He says that all of his publications, though only launched this year, are on a paying basis, and, we think, there are not many publishers that can say as much truthfully.

THE "Penny" will soon be a thing of the past, as, beginning with the September number, it will be merged with the *Perforator* and published by Stowell & Kissinger, Mr. Kissinger still having charge of the

advertising part of the business, as usual.

THE *Perforator* has adopted a new cover design. It has for a change a good article by Miss Swift, and the balance of the issue is newsy and gossippy as usual.

THE *New York Philatelist* for July is a "convention number," and will be found of interest to all who will attend the conventions to be held there next month.

*The National Magazine* of Boston is one of the first of the ten-cent magazines to break away from cheap and common photographic reproductions and substitute good drawings by the best artists. This is a most hopeful sign.

THIS issue goes to the printer on the 25th of July, and the next will follow shortly. We are compelled to drop out some advertisements, as the copy is with the printer (?) of the last issue. We will gladly adjust any losses with our patrons arising from the delay. This and the next one or two issues will be smaller than usual, but not as thin as some of our contemporaries. You will always find solid articles of interest in every issue.

RECENTLY, while looking over some used entire envelopes, we found one that proves to be a rarity. It is an Extra Official Postal Service, blue on blue paper, but instead of the usual Postal Service watermark it has the monogram watermark of the regular postage issue. Mr. Bartels had never heard of it. Mr. Rechert had heard of such an envelope, but never believed it existed until he saw the copy we sent him.

## SOCIETY REPORTS AND NEWS.

### SPECIAL NOTICE TO SECRETARIES.

All reports for next issue should be in the hands of the publisher Aug. 7th. Reports should all be carefully written, especially names, to avoid the errors by printer. Typewritten reports are the best. Please address Society Dept., Columbian Philatelist.

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### PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

Fellow Members: No one regrets the unfortunate delays in the appearance of the Official Journal, more than your leader, but it has been beyond his power to order otherwise; not having the last issue which is still in the hands of the printer, where it has been for nearly two months. The report of the secretary is somewhat disjointed, but this will be righted in the next issue, which will appear shortly after this one, if no delays occur with our new printer. I hope that our members, as they meet the members or other societies in the conventions, will do a little missionary work for the "Columbian." Yours Fraternally,

J. F. DODGE, Pres.

### SECRETARY'S REPORT.

#### APPLICATIONS.

W. H. Barnum, 431 Giddings Ave., Cleveland, Ohio, architect.  
 Frank W. Coning, Maryville, Tenn., clerk, age 17.  
 George B. Hyde, box 141 Windsor, Conn., age 40, mechanic.  
 Arthur A. Bailey, Windsor, Conn., age 25, electrician.  
 Walter C. Odiorne, Huntingdon, Pa., clerk, age 55.

The above will be admitted one month from the date of their application, providing no objections are made to them in the meantime.

I have a large lot of new application blanks that I will be pleased to send to members if they will ask for same.

Fraternally,  
 H. C. CROWELL.

To the Members of the Columbian Philatelic Society,

Gentlemen: As will be seen from my report, my per cent. of sales has not been quite as high as usual during the last six months. Unless it is the war, I know not what to lay it to, but it is certain that the members do not take the interest they should in this department. I hope there will be renewed activity in the fall and also that the war will be over. Should

like to have more buyers. Will not many of the members send in their names to be put on circuits?

I succeeded last week in catching another substitute, this time hailing from Chicago. He was a beginner, I think, from the small amount, and has settled in full. With best wishes for the success of our society, I am

Yours Truly,  
 FRED P. HOLT, Sales Supt.

### SALES SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT FROM JAN. 1, 1898, TO JULY 1, 1898.

|                                                                                  |                   |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| On hand Jan. 1, 1898, 68 books valued at *                                       | \$ 560.00         |
| Recd. since Jan. 1, 1898, 62 books valued at                                     | 530.70            |
| <b>Total,</b>                                                                    | <b>\$ 1090.70</b> |
| Have sent out 15 circuits. Have returned 100 books to owners valued at \$919.57. |                   |
| <b>Total sales,</b>                                                              | <b>\$ 212.05</b>  |

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### SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT.

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 4. Joe. F. Beard, Muscatine, Iowa.

#### APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP.

Edwin P. Gamble, Millersburg, Ky. Proposed by J. F. Dodge.

#### FINANCIAL REPORT.

|                            |                 |
|----------------------------|-----------------|
| Amount on hand last report | \$ 6.85         |
| Receipts:                  |                 |
| W. Allan Gardner,          | .50             |
| E. A. Holton,              | .50             |
| C. F. Rothfuchs,           | .50             |
| Henry Clotz,               | .50             |
| Herman F. Buckman,         | .50             |
| Edwin P. Gamble,           | .50             |
| Jos. Rechert,              | .50             |
| Fred O. Conant,            | .50             |
| E. G. Berger,              | .50             |
| E. F. Clinton,             | .50             |
| R. R. Bogert,              | .50             |
| J. M. Bartels,             | .50             |
| A. A. Holt,                | .50             |
| Dr. John B. Brainerd,      | .50             |
| J. W. Schaefer,            | .50             |
| Chas. F. Bridge,           | .50             |
| Geo. L. Toppon,            | .50             |
| <b>Total,</b>              | <b>\$ 15.35</b> |

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| Expenses:                                                              |                 |
| J. F. Dodge, Official Jour. from Oct. '97 to May '98, inclusive,       | \$ 4.05         |
| D. T. Eaton, Postage (Feb. to June '98) as per bill approved by Pres., | 1.00            |
| Balance on hand,                                                       | 10.30           |
| <b>Total,</b>                                                          | <b>\$ 15.35</b> |

It was with considerable reluctance that the undersigned consented to accept the position of Secy.-Treas., after it having been held by so able and popular a man as our late lamented member, Mr. Beard, but, having been appointed, I shall do my best to fill the position in a manner acceptable to the members of the Exchange.

I have received all cards, blanks, etc., from Mrs. Kate E. Beard.

The receipts acknowledged above are the 1898 membership fee from the members named, and all members whose names do not appear in said list will please send the amount, 50c. in payment of their fee.

Any of the members named above who have not received card receipt, please notify me by postal card, and I will send it at once, as I find no statement regarding this among the papers.

The death of our Secy.-Treas. leaves us with 40 members.

Application blanks for securing new members may be had by applying to the Secretary. Send for some, and try to get a few new members.

With kindest regards to all members, and with best wishes for the success of the Exchange, I am

Very Respectfully,

July 18, 1898.

S. A. D. COX, Secy.-Treas.

#### REPORT OF SALES MANAGER.

Fellow Members: In order to make this department of more value to the members, there being very few at present purchasing for cash, I have, with the approval of the president, inaugurated an exchange plan that will, I think, be of much benefit to those having duplicates. While it will be of no financial benefit to me, I shall be glad if it benefits other members. The plan is:

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The philatelist has scarcely time to ponder a moment over one move e'er another glides before him and withdraws his attention. The daily newspapers are filled with the decrees of the post-office department. The Omaha circulars, the establishing of army post-offices, the regulations for mail facilities in Cuba and the Phillippines, the methods of circulating the revenue stamps, and a dozen other matters claim public attention and add to the distraction of postmasters and mail clerks, but most of all they keep the stamp collector on an eternal *qui vive*. Not only has he scant time for speculation as to the results of this or that late addition to the annals of philately, but scarcely for the watching for and picking up of each new set of stamps.

The editors and writers for the philatelic press, gladly and eagerly siezing on so much material for news-giving and discussion, are no longer forced to grind and rehash antediluvian subjects, and so the fast-flowing productions of their pens swell the interest that is upon us. With such conditions, how can the summer of 1898 be a dull one in philately? I prophecy that we shall not soon see a more vigorous campaign. The uninitiated, having con-

stantly before them so many sources of information, not only through the philatelic press, official circulars, and the daily papers, but even in the popular magazines and periodicals (for instance, the July Strand Magazine contains two articles appertaining in a degree to philately—one on the Postmen of the World and the other on Stamp Designs) cannot help but soon become the initiated, and, as their insight into our tad grows and the panorama of new issues float before their gaze, will not the mania seize upon them—will not Philatelia cast her spell over them and once under her influence become hopelessly entangled?

I may almost say that a crisis is taking place in the annals of stamp-collecting. While we are staring aghast at the rapid succession of anniversary issues, jubilee sets, commemorative stamps, and speculative ventures of national post-offices; while we are scrambling for the latest issue of Canada, the Newfoundland surcharges, New Zealand reprints, and Cannibal Island errors; while we are awaiting with bated breath the Omaha set and the new revenues in all the combinations which the reading of the decrees seems likely to multiply interminably; while we are striving to keep abreast of the rapidly moving events, there is taking place a metamorphosis in philately, and eight months from now conditions will prevail that have been unknown hitherto. I believe that our ranks will receive a vast increase soon and that a general knowledge of stamp-collecting will become almost universal. But aside from this I dare not prophecy. Whither are we tending? In what direction will the fancy of the collector turn? Will the old collector, the collector of to-

day, be left behind or side-tracked, the fads of the new-comers leaving his collection hopelessly unfashionable and valueless? The new collectors will be numerous enough to form the majority and set the pace. But the enthusiasm of the older collectors will have its influence, and it behooves every ardent lover of stamp-collecting, as it has been and is, to train and direct, by example, speech, and the pen, all the new-comers within his radius, in the good old way.

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## CURIOSITIES IN U. S. REVENUES, AND OTHER ITEMS.

Collectors of the fiscal stamps of our government, whether as a specialty or in connection with a general all-round collection, have been greatly gratified to notice that this most beautiful and interesting branch of Philately has for some time been receiving from students, and also from the writers of this branch of literature, the attention it so justly merits.

An excellent article by Miss Amy L. Swift, entitled "A Few Uncatalogued Oddities," appeared in the *Detroit Philatelist* about a year ago; others have been written from time to time; and, at the risk of being accused of following in well-worn paths or dwelling too long on topics already exhausted by abler pens than mine, I would like to say a few words upon this (to me) most interesting subject.

First, in regard to the several varieties which have been found printed in ultramarine. E. R. Marshall, in the *Eastern Philatelist* for January, 1895, says: "The 2c Proprietary; 10c Certificate, Contract, Foreign Exchange and Proprietary; 50c Conveyance and Surety Bond; and the \$15 Mortgage, are to be found printed in ultramarine. Their issue was the result of improper mixture of color, and their first appearance was in the early part of 1868. They were printed upon old paper, and the

color was a dull ultramarine, of a trifle lighter shade than the 1c 1890. I have also found varieties issued in 1870 upon thin wove paper and of a much brighter shade; and also the 50c Conveyance upon silk paper. These shades are much rarer than the blue varieties, although the 10c Contract, 50c Conveyance and Surety Bond are by no means uncommon. The \$15 is naturally the rarest, with the 10c Proprietary second. I have seen but two of the latter, and consider it an exceedingly rare stamp. These varieties should certainly be collected and catalogued, as they are a distinct issue."

I have the 10c Foreign Exchange, the 50c Conveyance and Surety Bond, and have seen the 10c Contract. I bought the 50c Conveyance from an approval sheet last spring, for the munificent sum of one cent, and a few weeks later had the pleasure of seeing one on another dealer's sheet marked 35c. It is not often that one has the satisfaction of seeing one's stamps increase in value so rapidly!

Scott lists the Proprietary as violet only, which is strange, as the stamp in the dull reddish color, similar to the 5c Agreement, Certificate, etc., cannot be very scarce. I have it in both colors, and have seen several specimens in the red shade. My collection contains the 3c Proprietary in a decided yellow-green, and also in a light bluish-green; in the latter, the background

behind the head, instead of a solid color, is composed of crossed lines, similar to the 5c Garfield of 1882. The 2c Internal Revenue is perhaps the most prolific in shades. Specimens which lie before me vary from the light brown, spoken of by Miss Swift, through light, dull, and dark orange. In one, the background of the medallion is a rich dark brown, almost a mahogany color, while the frame is of the usual orange shade. In another, the letters forming the inscription "U. S. Int. Rev." at the top of the stamp, instead of being in a solid color on a white ribbon, are double-lined, the space between the lines showing the white of the ribbon, while over the numeral in the upper right-hand corner is a well-defined "cap."

In the 2c black and orange, third issue, the frame, or a portion of it, is sometimes found to be very dark, a sort of black-brown. It may occur in other denominations of the same issue, but I have not noticed it. Since the advent of the 58th edition of Scott's catalogue, with its multitudinous shades, we find dealers advertising and sending out certain varieties of the Revenues that are usually printed in blue, marked as "gray-blue," a peculiar shade of dull blue, for which they are demanding higher prices than for those in the ordinary color. Whatever faults may be attributed to this catalogue, it has certainly made us study our stamps, for which the publishers deserve our gratitude. Now that we have the new issue of "war" stamps—and they are likely to remain with us for many years to come—we shall have a vast field for study opened up before us, and there is no reason why one may not greatly increase his collection, for there will be an almost limitless variety from which to choose, especially when the private proprietaries

make their appearance, as they are bound to do in the not very distant future. What a chance for a specialist! Meanwhile the most of us will improve our opportunities.

Curiosities exist among postal issues also. I have a 10c brown, issue of 1870, printed by the Continental Bank Note Co., which is on pink paper, the color being as evenly distributed through the paper on which it is printed as in the Match or Medicine stamps which are thus listed. A friend tells me that he has the 2c black of 1863 on similar paper, but I have not seen it. I am aware that no such varieties are listed in the catalogues, but many varieties which actually exist are not mentioned in them, either. Will not some expert philatelist tell us whether such issues are genuine, or if the color is due to some chemical change? If it be from the latter cause, how can the color be so evenly distributed?

How many collectors have the 3 centavos of Mexico, issue of 1887, on pink wove paper? It is not catalogued, but the specimen in my collection is cancelled, has a good margin, but is not perforated, save for a single vertical line of perforations extending through and about one-fourth of an inch from the right-hand edge of the design of the stamp. I have never seen its mate, though it may be quite common. By the way, why are the Mexican stamps perforated so carelessly? Their rough, jagged edges and irregular perforations, often cutting through the design of the stamps, detract much from their beauty.

I have the 1d orange of Queensland mentioned by Miss Swift, "with the lower horizontal line of the L running into the left prong of the A." I also have a horizontal pair of this denomination, in which the right-hand stamp shows this



peculiarity, while the left does not, thus proving that the error, if such it may be called, was not found in every stamp of a sheet. I also have a fine specimen of the 3d brown, 1891-4, with the same letters joined, and think I have noticed it in the 6d green, but my specimen does not show it. Scott says there are four types of the 1d and two of the 4d and 1 shilling stamps, but kindly leaves us to discover them for ourselves.

I am well aware that many of the advanced collectors frown upon discoveries of "infinitesimal variations, oddities, errors, etc., etc.," of whatever country we may chance to study, yet I find that an occasional discovery of this sort, made by a philatelist and by him communicated to others, awakens interest even among the more indifferent, sharpens their wits, cultivates their powers of observation, and proves generally helpful. Of course, when one has learned all there is to learn, such frivolities become wearisome; but as I never expect to reach that plane, I hope others will give us descriptions of their discoveries, so that we who are less fortunate in this respect may profit by their good fortune.

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Timor, July, 1898, ½, 1, 2, 2½,  
3, 4, 8 avos .....the set 25c  
Macao, July, 1898, ½, 1, 2, 2½,  
3, 4, 8 avos .....the set 25c  
Cape Verde, July, 1898, 2½, 5,  
10, 15, 20, 25, 50r.....the set 25c  
Guinea, July, 1898, 2½, 5, 10,  
15, 20, 25, 50r.....the set 25c  
North Borneo, 1887-92, ½, 1, 2,  
3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10c, cancelled...the set 15c

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(worth \$1.50) only.....\$ .40  
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NEWTON, - Mass.

behind the head, instead of a solid color, is composed of crossed lines, similar to the 5c Garfield of 1882. The 2c Internal Revenue is perhaps the most prolific in shades. Specimens which lie before me vary from the light brown, spoken of by Miss Swift, through light, dull, and dark orange. In one, the background of the medallion is a rich dark brown, almost a mahogany color, while the frame is of the usual orange shade. In another, the letters forming the inscription "U. S. Int. Rev." at the top of the stamp, instead of being in a solid color on a white ribbon, are double-lined, the space between the lines showing the white of the ribbon, while over the numeral in the upper right-hand corner is a well-defined "cap."

In the 2c black and orange, third issue, the frame, or a portion of it, is sometimes found to be very dark, a sort of black-brown. It may occur in other denominations of the same issue, but I have not noticed it. Since the advent of the 58th edition of Scott's catalogue, with its multitudinous shades, we find dealers advertising and sending out certain varieties of the Revenues that are usually printed in blue, marked as "gray-blue," a peculiar shade of dull blue, for which they are demanding higher prices than for those in the ordinary color. Whatever faults may be attributed to this catalogue, it has certainly made us study our stamps, for which the publishers deserve our gratitude. Now that we have the new issue of "war" stamps—and they are likely to remain with us for many years to come—we shall have a vast field for study opened up before us, and there is no reason why one may not greatly increase his collection, for there will be an almost limitless variety from which to choose, especially when the private proprietaries

make their appearance, as they are bound to do in the not very distant future. What a chance for a specialist! Meanwhile the most of us will improve our opportunities.

Curiosities exist among postal issues also. I have a 10c brown, issue of 1870, printed by the Continental Bank Note Co., which is on pink paper, the color being as evenly distributed through the paper on which it is printed as in the Match or Medicine stamps which are thus listed. A friend tells me that he has the 2c black of 1863 on similar paper, but I have not seen it. I am aware that no such varieties are listed in the catalogues, but many varieties which actually exist are not mentioned in them, either. Will not some expert philatelist tell us whether such issues are genuine, or if the color is due to some chemical change? If it be from the latter cause, how can the color be so evenly distributed?

How many collectors have the 3 centavos of Mexico, issue of 1887, on pink wove paper? It is not catalogued, but the specimen in my collection is cancelled, has a good margin, but is not perforated, save for a single vertical line of perforations extending through and about one-fourth of an inch from the right-hand edge of the design of the stamp. I have never seen its mate, though it may be quite common. By the way, why are the Mexican stamps perforated so carelessly? Their rough, jagged edges and irregular perforations, often cutting through the design of the stamps, detract much from their beauty.

I have the 1d orange of Queensland mentioned by Miss Swift, "with the lower horizontal line of the L running into the left prong of the A." I also have a horizontal pair of this denomination, in which the right-hand stamp shows this

peculiarity, while the left does not, thus proving that the error, if such it may be called, was not found in every stamp of a sheet. I also have a fine specimen of the 3d brown, 1891-4, with the same letters joined, and think I have noticed it in the 6d green, but my specimen does not show it. Scott says there are four types of the 1d and two of the 4d and 1 shilling stamps, but kindly leaves us to discover them for ourselves.

I am well aware that many of the advanced collectors frown upon discoveries of "infinitesimal variations, oddities, errors, etc., etc.," of whatever country we may chance to study, yet I find that an occasional discovery of this sort, made by a philatelist and by him communicated to others, awakens interest even among the more indifferent, sharpens their wits, cultivates their powers of observation, and proves generally helpful. Of course, when one has learned all there is to learn, such frivolities become wearisome; but as I never expect to reach that plane, I hope others will give us descriptions of their discoveries, so that we who are less fortunate in this respect may profit by their good fortune.

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| 10, 15, 20, 25, 50r             | .....the set 25c  |
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| 15, 20, 25, 50r                 | .....the set 25c  |
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## PHILATELIC PICK-UPS.

Lack of means with which to buy rare and costly varieties of stamps is not such a misfortune as many collectors think. Of course every one would like to own a valuable collection, but at the same time it has always seemed to me that the collection that has been acquired almost wholly through the medium of purchase could not be wholly satisfactory; a portion acquired in this manner, say half or even two-thirds, would do, but the collector who has never tasted of the delights of seeking and finding has missed one of the greatest pleasures within the gift of the Goddess of Philately.

Then there are pleasures that may be cultivated and experienced by the collector with limited means that the collector with plenty of money never thinks of, and not the least of these is reading up on everything connected with stamps and their production—learning all that one can regarding stamps. The study of stamps is an interesting one, and the collector who is enthusiastic will get as much enjoyment out of three or four dollars per year, invested in stamp periodicals, as a collector with more means will out of as many hundreds of dollars invested in the stamps themselves; of course, the stamps will be worth all they cost, and a great deal more than the periodicals, but, when the enjoyment is taken into consideration, the collector with limited means will be on at least equal terms with the other. And enjoyment and pleasure, as we go along, is what all collectors should be seeking for, rather than ultimate money profit, though, where this comes as a matter of course, it is all right, and makes just one more pleasing feature to the pastime.

Do not under any circumstances let the lack of means deter you from collecting stamps.

The New York dealer who put Cuban stamps in his show-window surcharged "U. S.," and labeled "Anticipated U. S. Issue," may not be so far out of the way, after all, as when the U. S. troops have invaded and occupied Cuba they will wish to write home and receive letters from home, and it is quite within the bounds of probability that Cuban stamps should be surcharged "U. S.," and used in this manner.

Will the awarding of the contract for printing the stamped envelopes for the next four years to the Purcell Company result as it did four years ago, when the same man, or company, had to farm the work back to the Hartford concern? If so, there will be some more rarities, and entire envelope collectors will do well to keep their weather eyes open. I wish the new company, when it takes hold, would give us new designs and new colors for the 1-cent and 2-cent denominations to conform with the adhesive stamps of the same values.

Bedrock in stamp values has certainly been reached, and the collectors who invest in stamps that they need for their collections will never have cause to regret their action.

It looks to me very much like plate number collectors are to be treated to a "treat" indeed, in the coming Omaha set. A complete collection of the plate numbers of the Omaha issue will certainly be handsome, and will be interesting as well, as the designs are all of such nature as will be understood



and appreciated by the American people.

The more good periodicals there are published in the interests of stamp collecting, the better it is for our hobby; and at the price at which they are published most collectors can afford to take the majority of the good ones.

Speaking of surcharged provisional stamps, it looks as if the Spanish stamps for use in the Philippine Islands would sooner or later be surcharged "Japan," and the stamps of Hawaii would be surcharged "U. S.," as the newspapers hint at an alliance between Japan and the United States, with this end in view, Japan having had an eye on the Philippines for a good while.

Whatever you do, do not under any circumstances let your interest in stamps and stamp collecting wane. You may be rushed with business for weeks at a time, so that you can find no time to devote to the pastime, but do not allow yourself to lose sight of the fact that you are a collector, and if an opportunity comes to secure some specimens, do so, and then when you have leisure you can give them a place in your collection. Never miss a chance to secure a stamp; it is keeping constantly and everlastingly on the lookout that keeps the interest up to the proper pitch, and retains in one the proper amount of enthusiasm.

An iron heats slowly, and when taken out of the fire cools quickly; it is so with collecting: once you have become an ardent, enthusiastic collector, do not risk a cooling of your enthusiasm by slack and lax methods; keep collecting, steadily

even if slowly, all the time, and you will be all right.

It is best to give young collectors to understand at the very outset that it is impossible to ever amass a collection at all complete, save in the cases where one specializes in certain countries or issues. This will start him aright, and will perhaps save him from experiencing disappointment later on. A complete collection is far from being a necessity.

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| Roumania 69, 15 carmine.....         | 22c |
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| Roumania 71, 5 carmine.....          | 18c |
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J. F. DODGE, Publisher.

New Oxford, - Penna., U. S. A.

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This magazine goes to press on the 13th of each month and copy must be in by noon of that date to secure insertion. Change of standing copy must be in by the 10th of each month.

### OUR MONTHLY CHAT.

This issues follows the last very closely, and in one or two more issues we will, if no unforeseen difficulties arise, be up to the date on the cover. While this issue is somewhat smaller than the average, its contents show a goodly array of matter interesting to our readers.

The editor expects to be in New York City, Aug. 27th to 31st inclusive, and will be pleased to meet all of the COLUMBIAN readers who can make it convenient to call on him at Miller's Hotel, 37-41 West Twenty-sixth street.

At the above address, a meeting of philatelic publishers and editors is suggested, on the evening of Aug. 29th, and we hope as many

as possible will be present. By meeting and comparing notes each is bound to gain knowledge and avoid the mistakes of others.

The four conventions will doubtless be largely attended. The A. P. A. hold theirs at the Collector's Club on the 23rd, 24th, and 25th; the P. S. of A. at Grand Union Hotel on the 25th, 26th, and 27th; the S. of P. and the E. S. P. S. at Miller's Hotel on the 29th, 30th, and 31st.

There is no doubt that the latter named hostelry will be the stopping place of a majority of the members of all societies. Being only a few minutes walk from the Collectors' Club, it will be handy for the A. P. A. members, as well as for those who belong to the societies that meet there, and, being such a cool and quiet resort, and low special rates being named to members of all societies, we hope to find a goodly number there to greet us.

Wm. v. d. Wettern, Jr., who recently resigned from several societies, has discontinued advertising, and announces that he is fast closing out his large wholesale business, as the time can not be spared to attend to it. He will be missed from the ranks of the dealing fraternity.

W. G. Worcester, of Columbus, O., a well-known member of the Columbian Philatelic Society, is at camp, having enlisted in Battery H, 1st Ohio Vol. Lt. Infantry.

R. W. French, publisher of the *Evergreen State Philatelist*, is reported as being ill, and we are sure we voice the sentiments of a large number in wishing him a speedy

recovery and the renewal of the visits of his wide-awake monthly.

Niagara Falls is making a strong effort to secure the next year's conventions. It has many attractions, and will have a heavy vote. There are usually low railroad rates from all points during the summer months.

Detroit is also after the conventions and will put up a good argument to secure them. There are many attractions in and about "the city of the straits."

Since July 1st a regulation has been in force providing for an indemnity of not exceeding \$10 on each piece of registered first-class mail which is lost, stolen, or for any other reason fails to reach the addresses and cannot be recovered.

The provisional surcharged revenues have been seen with inverted surcharge on both values, and the 1c is surcharged with two varieties of type. There are also some minor varieties, though of little importance.

All the plates of the Newfoundland issues previous to the Cabot issue have been destroyed, so that there will be no more reprints made. There are enough of the reprints on the market, however, to last some time.

Canada has now adopted the special delivery system which we have enjoyed for a dozen years, and has issued a ten-cent stamp for that purpose which is quite pretty.

We go to press with this issue before the arrival of the May number, which is still lingering in the printing (?) office of Mr. Ham-

mond, at Palmyra, N. Y., and the last word we had was that Mr. Hammond was ill and would not be able to do any business for some time, but we hope his manager will send the issue along before this number appears. Some ads. are missing from this issue, the copy being at Palmyra. We will adjust matters satisfactorily with all advertisers affected by the delay.

Wolle, Fischer, Stem, Wagner (or whatever his name is), who is serving a sentence in the workhouse at Cleveland, made his third escape on the 28th of July, but was recaptured after a chase of two miles. The knowledge of a St. Louis warrant to be served on him as soon as released from his present abode led him to make the break for liberty.

The Lake State Stamp is a new issue from Jackson, Mich. J. Roy Zwick, editor and publisher, four pages, same size as this, monthly, at 15c per year. It is well printed.

The report of the Keystone Philatelic Association is with the printer (?) of the May issue of this magazine, and the members will see it soon, we hope.

Mr. J. C. Miller has a vertical strip of 5 of the new 10c Documentary revenues that are rouletted only at the sides.

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Fellow Members: In order to make this department of more value to the members, there being very few at present purchasing for cash, I have, with the approval of the president, inaugurated an exchange plan that will, I think, be of much benefit to those having duplicates. While it will be of no financial benefit to me, I shall be glad if it benefits other members. The plan is:

For 10c each, or 5 for 25c, I furnish forms on which members list their wants, and similar lists at the same price on which they list their duplicates. The forms contain 17 spaces each for listing. These numbers will appear in the official journal once, and those who need envelopes listed as duplicates by other members, will be placed in communication with each other, on receipt of a return postal card by me, on which I can give the owner's name.

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## OUR EYE

"Our Eye" notes this ad. in the Era: "This chapter [in 'Stamp Hunting'] tells you all about how we found, right here in Illinois, not one copy, but 300 unused and perfect six cent orange proprietaries in sheets, strips, and blocks, bought for \$15.00 and sold for \$100.00 cash." Of course we do not question the truth of Mr. Robie's statement—that would be ungentlemanly! We are led to ask, however, whether this ad. is to be taken seriously in view of the spice Mr. Robie sometimes uses when advertising his philatelic wares.

"Ignotus," the London correspondent of Mekeel's Weekly News, falls into the bad habit of using the word "transpire" as a synonym for "happen." In a recent letter referring to an American practice he writes: "The same thing is transpiring here," a use condemned by good writers in both England and America. "This vile specimen of bad English," writes Mill in his "Logic."

"Our Eye" notes that certain papers are engaged in the reprehensible practice of publishing advertisements of firms that deal in fac-similes or forgeries. It is not confined to small and insignificant papers, but so influential a magazine as the *Pennsylvania Philatelist* lends its support to parading these wares before the public gaze. The less publicity given fac-similes the better for all concerned.

Two San Francisco dealers are in the arena stripped for the fray. Tahiti counterfeits form the bone of contention, and some one will get

hurt ere the thing blows over. Carion is entitled to credit for the manner in which he worked his Tahiti article into a dozen or more papers. The next dose he serves his collaborators will be a dissertation on St. Marie de Madagascar, unless all signs fail.

Philatelists have eagerly sought the "I. R." sur-charged revenues, and many a block has been carefully put one side for the rise (visions of Columbians come up before us) that will take place—sometime! There's the rub. Plate numbers have been especially looked after, and, while these may prove good property, their value is no doubt over-estimated. So many millions have been put into use that it does not seem possible for these sur-charged revenues to attain much value.

And, while we are considering revenues, let it be said that no words can express my disgust at the botch of the department in giving us so much uniformity in design. It will prove a sad blow to the interest that might be aroused in revenues, and can only be offset by having new designs made as fast the department can handle them. This latter project is being considered by the department, which realizes that it would be an easy matter to thus determine the amount of business done in the various branches of trade.

In a preceding paragraph we referred to the Columbians in rather a dubious manner. In reading a magazine of 1896 I find Columbians listed, \$2.00 value for \$3.00, \$3.00 value for \$3.50, etc. To-day all of these stamps can be bought below face. Situated where subscriptions are received in the publication office

of a lively philatelic monthly, it is a matter of almost daily occurrence to have stamps of the Columbian issue turned in for cash. The 3c and 8c denominations seem to have been put away in greatest numbers.

Herman Decker, of Germany, has come to the point where, notwithstanding his long connection with philately, he must pay the penalty for defrauding his fellowmen. A fine and sentence to prison, for substitution of valuable stamps sent him for examination, is none too severe a punishment to mete out to him. We may well ask: "Who will be the next?"

WILLARD O. WYLIE.

## THOUGHTS.

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## OUR EYE

"Our Eye" notes this ad. in the Era: "This chapter [in 'Stamp Hunting'] tells you all about how we found, right here in Illinois, not one copy, but 300 unused and perfect six cent orange proprietaries in sheets, strips, and blocks, bought for \$15.00 and sold for \$100.00 cash." Of course we do not question the truth of Mr. Robie's statement—that would be ungentlemanly! We are led to ask, however, whether this ad. is to be taken seriously in view of the spice Mr. Robie sometimes uses when advertising his philatelic wares.

"Ignotus," the London correspondent of Mekeel's Weekly News, falls into the bad habit of using the word "transpire" as a synonym for "happen." In a recent letter referring to an American practice he writes: "The same thing is transpiring here," a use condemned by good writers in both England and America. "This vile specimen of bad English," writes Mill in his "Logic."

"Our Eye" notes that certain papers are engaged in the reprehensible practice of publishing advertisements of firms that deal in fac-similes or forgeries. It is not confined to small and insignificant papers, but so influential a magazine as the *Pennsylvania Philatelist* lends its support to parading these wares before the public gaze. The less publicity given fac-similes the better for all concerned.

Two San Francisco dealers are in the arena stripped for the fray. Tahiti counterfeits form the bone of contention, and some one will get

hurt ere the thing blows over. Carion is entitled to credit for the manner in which he worked his Tahiti article into a dozen or more papers. The next dose he serves his collaborators will be a dissertation on St. Marie de Madagascar, unless all signs fail.

Philatelists have eagerly sought the "I. R." sur-charged revenues, and many a block has been carefully put one side for the rise (visions of Columbians come up before us) that will take place—sometime! There's the rub. Plate numbers have been especially looked after, and, while these may prove good property, their value is no doubt over-estimated. So many millions have been put into use that it does not seem possible for these sur-charged revenues to attain much value.

And, while we are considering revenues, let it be said that no words can express my disgust at the botch of the department in giving us so much uniformity in design. It will prove a sad blow to the interest that might be aroused in revenues, and can only be offset by having new designs made as fast the department can handle them. This latter project is being considered by the department, which realizes that it would be an easy matter to thus determine the amount of business done in the various branches of trade.

In a preceding paragraph we referred to the Columbians in rather a dubious manner. In reading a magazine of 1896 I find Columbians listed, \$2.00 value for \$3.00, \$3.00 value for \$3.50, etc. To-day all of these stamps can be bought below face. Situated where subscriptions are received in the publication office



of a lively philatelic monthly, it is a matter of almost daily occurrence to have stamps of the Columbian issue turned in for cash. The 3c and 8c denominations seem to have been put away in greatest numbers.

Herman Decker, of Germany, has come to the point where, notwithstanding his long connection with philately, he must pay the penalty for defrauding his fellowmen. A fine and sentence to prison, for substitution of valuable stamps sent him for examination, is none too severe a punishment to mete out to him. We may well ask: "Who will be the next?"

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## WAR AND ITS EFFECTS.

S. A. D. COX.

One of the most apparent effects of the war is a rain of stamps—all kinds of stamps.

This, from a philatelist's standpoint, is not bad, as it gives him plenty of opportunity for acquiring at little or no cost many varieties that will in future years be scarce and desirable.

There are people, however, who, not being stamp collectors, do not like this flood of stamps for the reason that, being business men, it costs them a lot in the way of taxes on documents of various kinds; still they seem to pay the money cheerfully, as a general thing.

The war is going to make more changes and varieties in stamps than was anticipated.

There is going to be much chance for varieties of U. S. stamps as regards their use, on matter mailed from Manila, Porto Rico, and Cuba. It is even possible that, as is the case with the stamps of Great Britain used in the different colonies before regular stamps were printed for said colonies, the stamps bearing cancellations of Cuba, Porto Rico, and Manila will have an added value. It will do no harm to think of this anyway.

Then, who looked for provisional revenue stamps, made by surcharging postage stamps? For fifty-one years we have been using stamps, yet never before in that half century of time did it become necessary to have recourse to surcharging.

This time, however, so much work came crowding in upon the Bureau in the way of new plates of the current regular issue postage stamps, plates for printing

bonds, the Omaha stamps, and the revenue stamps, that it was found necessary to over-print a lot of the regular postage stamps for revenue use. And now it is reported that there are two varieties of this surcharge—an old style and a gothic letter, and of different sizes. It is indeed hard telling what will be the result, in the way of provisionals and varieties, of this war, before it is ended.

Then think of fractional values in stamps! Think of having  $\frac{1}{8}$ -cent stamps! Isn't that something as unusual as unique? Yet the proprietary stamps can not be too "fractional" to suit the druggists and manufacturers of proprietary articles. They are well satisfied with the  $\frac{1}{8}$ -cent stamps.

Then we are to have private proprietary stamps again—though it is claimed these have to be put on packages and bottles in such a manner that they will be destroyed when the packages or bottles are opened. Do you think this will be observed? I doubt it. The private proprietary stamps of Civil War times were saved, and are collected, and I think the private proprietary stamps of the present time will be saved and collected. In fact, many manufacturers who used private dies then will have new ones just like the old, and it will be difficult to tell which are used then, and which this time.

What fun the collectors of a quarter of a century hence will have, digging, delving, and hunting for the used revenue stamps that are now being put on documents and proprietary articles by the hundreds of thousands. We who for years past have been experiencing this with the Civil War revenue stamps can understand just what is in store for the

younger collectors of to-day—and may be some of “us old fellers” may be at it still, too. The writer wishes he might, but—35 and 25 is 60, and fewer reach that age than fail to reach it. Well, I hope the boys will have lots of fun gathering in the revenues, just the same.

And that they will, there is no doubt; and when the bulk of the stamps have been unearthed, in that distant time, I will venture to predict that many varieties not known to exist will have been found. There will be imperforates and shades and varieties galore.

Taken all in all, so far as Philately is concerned, the effect of the war will be anything but bad. The issue of stamps of various kinds in countless thousands, and their use naturally attracting the attention of the whole people, cannot but have the effect of interesting people in stamps and stamp collecting.

The effect will be good, rather than bad.

Of course, I would not be understood as approving of the war and its dire disasters to hundreds and thousands of human beings; but the war is a fact, is upon us, by and through no connivance of our making, and, such being the case, there is no harm in figuring on the effect of the war. I trust I am as humane and patriotic as the majority, and I hope the war will end speedily; but I am glad, too, that the effect of the war, so far as Philately is concerned, will be good.

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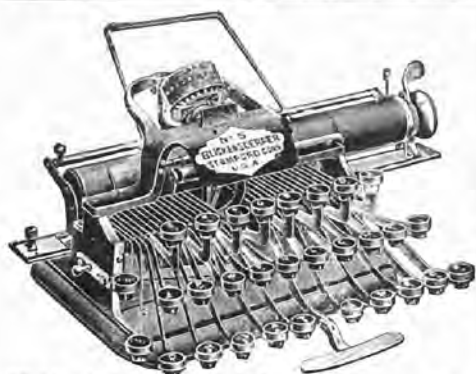
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**J**C. MILLER, the subject of this sketch, was born in the spring of 1874, and graduated at the Gressly Business College at McKeesport, Pa., in 1891. He was assistant postmaster, and agent for the P. V. & C. R. R. for two years, and then became shipping clerk for the Morris & Bailey Steel Co., and was quickly promoted to the position of book-keeper, and since that time has faithfully

served them in that capacity. He is an old member of the Sons of Philatelia No. 14, and has always been active in advancing the interests of the society and was Auction Manager. By the time this appears in print, he will be receiving messages congratulating him on his unanimous election to the highest gift offered by the grand old society, and it is certain that no better choice could have been made. Mr. Miller is also a member of the A. P. A., P. S. of A., and the Twin City Philatelic Society, and a charter member of the new Keystone Philatelic Association. He began collecting at quite an early age, and dealing in 1890. He had almost a complete collection of Mexican



revenues, which he sold a few years ago. As a dealer he has worked up a very large business by his patronage of the leading papers of known advertising value, his correct methods, and fair and honest treatment of his patrons. Socially, Mr. Miller is held in high esteem by all who are personally acquainted with him. He is Chief Templar of the Coal Valley Lodge of I. O. G. T., District Secretary of the district lodge of the same society, and was delegate to the Grand Lodge of the state last year. He also holds office in the Jr. O. U. A. M. He has never sought office in any society. His many friends will be glad to see his likeness, one especially prepared for this magazine from a recent photograph.

## ON "O. C."

By S. A. D. Cox.

It seems to me that the signs of the times point to the collecting of stamps on original cover as a coming fad.

As a feather will show which way the wind is blowing, so will the numerous little "feathers" in the way of advertisements and exchange notices asking for certain things show which way the "fashion" in collecting is going.

And of late, quite a goodly percentage of the collectors seem to have taken a notion toward the collecting of stamps on original cover. To such an extent is this the case, in fact, that I feel confident that a year hence will find a boom on for this especial branch of collecting.

One reason why I think the demand for original covers will grow in strength and gain in adherents is because it will go hand in hand with the collecting of entire stamped envelopes. The collector of these has an album for their reception, and this album is equally good for the reception of the original covers. I know it is so in my case. I have a very good collection of entire stamped envelopes, and since getting an album for their reception I have found my interest in original covers increasing wonderfully, for the reason that I have a place to put them where they will show up nicely—in my entire envelope album, alongside the entire.

And what is true in my own case I feel will be true in the case of many other collectors.

If you have not noticed this tendency toward original covers, look about you; read your stamp papers; watch the advertisements and exchange notices, and you will not be long in coming to the conclusion that there is a tendency in this direction.

And when you think of it, why shouldn't the collecting of stamps on original covers become a favorite branch with collectors? Certainly stamps on the

original cover make a more handsome showing and are in truth more interesting, for the reason that you see them there on the envelope, where they were placed by the hands of the writer of the letter, and who would not rather have them thus? There is much of sentiment in the collecting of stamps, and there is not much sentiment connected with loose stamps, for the reason that it is impossible to know who used them, or to whom they bore a letter bearing news perchance of loved ones.

If you have never given the collecting of original covers any thought, do so now. Get some, and place them in your album along with the entire stamped envelopes. You will be surprised to see what a handsome showing they will make. I doubt if any collection would make more impression upon a non-collector than a collection of foreign stamps of different countries on original covers. The different colored stamps on each envelope and the different designs and colors of the stamps of the different countries make a showing that is dazzling. Such a collection is very beautiful indeed, and there is one thing to be said in favor of post-office officials in most foreign countries—they cancel the stamps much more lightly than our own post-office clerks do, and in many of the countries, and in the case of entire stamped envelopes, they do not cancel the stamp at all, simply postmarking and dating the envelope without touching the stamp itself with the cancellation. This makes it possible to have a beautiful collection, if both entire stamped envelopes and original covers are collected, which is usually the case.

If the reader will turn his attention to original covers, I do not think that he will regret it. Collecting on original cover is undoubtedly the coming fad. Watch the course of things, and see if you do not think so. And remember one thing: it is the collector who gets his finger on the philatelic pulse, and discerns which way the fever is tending, that



succeeds oftenest in making a valuable collection; so do you do this, and when you have decided that the fad or "fashion" is going a certain way, do you go that way at once, as quickly as possible. Get ahead of the fashion, and keep ahead.

As for myself, I shall secure all the original covers that I possibly can during the ensuing six months or year.

### A NEW ALBUM.

From chance phrases in the correspondence of the stamp papers, it is understood that a new album is to be issued for 1890. Also, it is understood that the publishers have sent a circular letter to stamp dealers asking whether certain contemplated changes may best be made or let alone. But why to dealers? It is the collector who is most intimately concerned. Dealers do not care much how the album is arranged. Collectors do. It is true that dealers may be able to report the wishes of collectors, but there are hundreds of collectors who purchase their albums without a word of complaint because they know just what is on the market, and they know that complaint is useless. It is easier to canvass dealers than collectors, but there are ways of reaching the latter.

In the American Philatelic Association, the Columbian Philatelic Society, the Stamp Exchange and the Dominion Philatelic Society (to say nothing of other organizations) there are some 2000 members. These may be considered the cream of the active collectors of the United States and Canada. Most of these societies publish the addresses of their members. One does not, but might be willing to furnish them for this purpose. A circular letter to these 2000 active collectors would bring forth a positive description of the ideal stamp album for the average general collector. These people could tell you whether the album should include flags, portraits, coats of arms, and statistics, or not; whether it should

provide places for all varieties of shade, watermark, and perforation, or spaces for "straight" issues only with the opposite page blank for the individual to fill in his own way; whether pictures of stamps should be printed, or the collector trusted to his stamp catalogue and his common sense; whether Seebecks and Speculatives should be included or left out; whether Indian states and Chinese poets should be provided with spaces for all stamps, or with blank pages, and so on.

It would cost something to send a circular to 2000 people, but it should be a good business venture. It would be an advertisement to 2000 collectors that an album was in preparation—an album for collectors—and the vanity of each individual would be touched to the extent of purchasing an album in the preparation of which he had personally had a hand. Advance orders for from 1000 to 2000 copies of a book give it a good start. Will it be done?

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## ON THE GENUINENESS OF IMPERFORATES.

One of the most difficult stamp problems that the thorough-going philatelist must solve is the question, have the perforations been clipped? This problem is of the utmost importance to him, also, unless he collects imperforates in pairs and blocks only. Although it happens sometimes that the greatest expert cannot be sure of a doubtful specimen, there are usually minute indications of genuineness or falsity which do not escape his notice, but enable him to form a definite opinion. I do not claim to be a philatelic expert, but I have made something of a study of imperforates and think I can offer a few hints that may help some of the readers of the COLUMBIAN PHILATELIST.

The first thing to notice in examining an apparently imperforate specimen of a stamp which also exists perforate is, does it bear any external, obvious indication of its character? Many stamps have been issued imperforate in certain shades in which they do not appear perforate, and vice versa. The listing in the standard catalogue of a great many shades, a feature which some writers have foolishly deprecated, is very useful in this regard. For example, the ten cent stamp of the United States issue of 1851-56 appears, imperforate only, in clear, bright green. If any sheets printed in this color ever were perforated, the stamp perforated certainly is far rarer in that condition. This shade is not so distinctive, however, as the dark, murky green found practically never except in the perforate issue of the same stamp. Now, an imperforate stamp of the former shade is pretty surely genuine, one of the latter shade, very probably clipped. These shades are not well described in the catalogue, but they are hinted at there. Anyone who has seen quantities of these stamps will recognize my descriptions: Probably this ten cent stamp was first printed in the clear

green, later in the yellow-green shade, during which period the stamp was first perforated, and still later in the dark, murky green. Of course, these are not absolute signs; there are many other shades of this stamp, and I have seen specimens that contradict my rule. Taken in connection with other signs, these are, however, valuable as evidence. They simply illustrate how one can go to work to investigate a stamp.

The collector will do still better if he studies his imperforates with the help of such a work as Mr. John N. Luff's history of "The Postage Stamps of the United States," now being published in the "*American Journal of Philately*." Here we find, with reference to this same ten cent stamp, that there are six distinct types, of which type II is commonly found imperforate, types IV and V, perforate. Type I, III, IV, V, and VI are all so scarce imperforate that doubt would immediately be cast upon specimens of types IV and V without perforations. Types I and III are sufficiently scarce both perforate and imperforate, so that no inference could be drawn one way or the other. I should advise anyone wishing to be sure of his imperforates to study them carefully in the advanced catalogues, noting all the individual characteristics of perforate and imperforate issues of the same stamp. He can then draw his own conclusions.

One important extrinsic sign remains, the date of use. Of course, the fact that an imperforate specimen was used after that stamp began to be perforated does not condemn it, but, on the other hand, a date of use before the time when the stamp was first perforated absolutely assures its genuineness. Here is another reason for preserving stamps on the original covers. The date of use is often impressed on the envelope, but not on the stamp. The collector should beware of counterfeited cancellations with early dates by making himself familiar with the appearance of genuine cancellations. The catalogues are not as explicit as one

might wish in giving dates of issue. A list of earliest dates on which stamps that were issued both with and without perforations are known to have been used in the latter condition might be useful if prepared by some competent philatelist.

The catalogue does not give even approximate dates when U. S. document revenues were issued part perforate and perforate. The rule is about as follows: an imperforate revenue dated 1862 is sure, one dated 1863 is sure enough; one dated before the middle of 1864 need not be doubted on that account. Imperforate pairs dated much later have, of course, been seen. I have never heard of counterfeited cancellations on clipped revenues, but it is worth while, nevertheless, to notice if the whole of the cancellations is written in the same ink. Users of revenues sometimes dated stamps with their initials, the day and month only, and it is possible to make recently written ink look very ancient indeed by oxidizing it with a little peroxide of hydrogen.

It often happens that no external signs dependent upon knowledge of the history of stamps, can be discovered, so that it is desired to study internal indications, such as the appearance of the individual stamp. First and most obvious is the width of margins.

An imperforate stamp with no margins at all is likely not to be genuine. In the first place, when one is cutting stamps out of a sheet, he is pretty sure not to give some stamps very narrow margins all around, and others very wide margins all around. A stamp may suffer on one or two sides, but will gain on the other margins at the expense of its neighbors. This may seem trivial, but it is unquestionably true. Even more significant is the fact that many collectors in the early days of philately cut down their stamps to fit the stingy space in their albums. Specimens thus treated may just as well have been perforate as imperforate; you cannot tell which. No doubt, many clipped specimens now masquerading as imperforate with narrow margins origin-

ated under the scissors of pioneer philatelists.

Sometimes clipped stamps have suspicion first thrown upon them by reason of traces of the arrows or lines used to indicate the point of separation of the large sheet into two or more panes. The margins that are widest and consequently most suitable for clipping by dishonest persons are found on these stamps, which are naturally imperforate on one or two sides because they lie next the center of the large sheet, thus cut up into two or four panes by the bank note company. In the early issues of the United States and in some British colonials, the panes are separated by colored lines extending the whole distance. Later issues have the arrows at the margins. Traces of either arrows or lines on a suspected imperforate would tend to show that the perforations had been clipped from two or three sides of a stamp that was chosen for this treatment because it had extra wide margins.

One is always tempted to try the microscope in philatelic study, but experiment shows that it is not generally as useful as a magnifying glass of low power. Sometimes clipped stamps show traces of the original perforations that are not easily perceptible to the naked eye. Rarely one can perceive with a microscope the difference between a recent scissors cut and an old one. The new cut is likely to look cleaner and fresher. Time wears the edge of an old cut so that it is ragged and brown. This roughness must be carefully distinguished from that caused by a tear made with a ruler or similar instrument. One important sign that should be watched for in this connection is more easily seen with a magnifying glass or a microscope. A scissors or knife ordinarily bends the paper slightly at the edge of its cut. This curve flattens out when the stamp is pasted down or pressed, but it is otherwise perceptible for some time; it affords pretty conclusive evidence of a recent cut.

The main necessity in determining the

genuineness of stamps in every particular is knowledge. Ingeunity may suggest a new test for nearly every new specimen examined, but the best way is to learn all about each stamp so that you can outwit the wiles of the counterfeiter. Despite all investigations many imperforates will turn out to be of that doubtful class which look suspicious but cannot be shown not to be genuine imperforate. However, if the margins of a stamp offered at a low price are narrow, and if an imperforate copy catalogues \$20.00, a perforate copy \$5.50, as is the case with the first one-penny stamp of the Bahamas, the collector had better save his money and wait until he can buy an undoubted specimen. Discretion is the better part of a bargain.

ALFRED L. BECKER.

## NOTES FROM RICHMOND.

By Old Dominion.

It looks as though Canada and the United States are trying to see which country can issue the most new stamps this year. The maple leaves have been removed from the lower corners of the current Canadians, and a figure of value placed there instead. We owe this (if the papers are correct) to the French-Canadians who cannot read English.

Mr. John Paalzow's article on "United States Postal Money-Order Cards," in the July number of *The Virginia Philatelist*, is an excellent suggestion, and I should be very glad to see it adopted, as it would save lots of trouble and expense. But no such good luck. The government is too well satisfied with its present money-order system to try the innovation.

The Virginia Philatelic Association is a live organization, and an especial benefit to local members.

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## OUR MONTHLY CHAT.

With this issue we again catch up with Father Time without doubling up or missing a number, and this will be mailed while the editor is at the conventions, if our new printer is as prompt as with the last two issues. We hope to meet many of our friends while there. It is possible that we may spend a few days after the conventions in a trip to our old home near Boston.

The May issue, the copy for which has so long been with the printer at Palmyra, N. Y., will probably be mailed shortly after this. We trust that we never shall have such an experience as this

again. Mr. Hammond is not a printer, never owned a printing office, and put his work out to a local printer. Should he not reissue the Rocky Mountain Stamp, we will see that the subscriptions are filled, as well as the advertising contracts.

Bro. Chapman of the *Perforator*, says he was writing scare head lines while *Fra Moreale* of the *American Collector* was in pinafores. Wrong again, Chap, the gentleman was not born until ten years after "the cruel war was over." Age and ability don't always travel together, however.

We have received a neat little booklet from Alfred Smith & Son, of London, Eng., describing their "Rowland Hill" packet, which appears to be of good value.

Also, Wholesale Price List No. 1 from Carl Young, the well-known Philadelphia dealer.

In our mail recently we found a pretty little program describing the attractions of Manchester, N. H., in connection with the "meet" of the New England Philatelic Association on the shores of that beautiful little lake (Massabesic), a few miles from the city where we spent a week some twenty years ago. (Note—"We" in this case refers to the editor and his (then) sweetheart, now Mrs. Dodge). Thanks, gentlemen and ladies, "we" would be pleased to accept your invitation, but the distance and stern duty prevents.

William B. Hale announces that after the conventions he will resume his traveling, this time through the South and West.

Price List No. 8 of U. S. Revenues (Aug., '98,) has been received from J. C. Miller, Coal Valley, Penna. It will pay any collector to send for it whose revenues are not complete. Our readers who see his advertisement in every issue of this magazine do not need to be told that his prices are right.

"Our Eye" is missing again this month; guess Mr. Wylie is rusticating in the woods, and we envy him.

The change in color of the  $\frac{1}{2}$ c Documentary from orange to slate is causing a little boom in those of the former color. They are advertised at 2c to 5c each, and ought to be worth the price first mentioned.

John Francis Farrell, a clever young journalist, has accepted the position of war-correspondent, at Fort George, for the *New York Philatelist*.—Harlem Item.

We think it is not generally known that Publisher Herbst has, at great expense, maintained a corps of correspondents and numerous armed cruisers in the great war against the common enemy, the sample copy fiends, and at last accounts the protocol had not been signed by the latter, and peace is not yet assured.

The 4c current postage will soon appear in red-brown, the color of the present 6c, but it is not yet decided what color the latter will be. The 5c, being too much like the 15c, will appear in light blue.

The "oldest magazine in America devoted to stamp collecting," *The Eastern Philatelist*, has just arrived, the August issue, and wonder of wonders! it has been sold to B. L. Drew & Co., of Boston, who will take charge of the September number. We rather guess this means Mr. E. L. Smiley as a full-fledged editor. Well, he knows how to handle a pen as well as manage a paper.

To those sending to the publisher for Williams & Co.'s price list, we would explain that we have not to present writing (Aug. 25th) received the catalogues from the printer, and advices have not reached us from the publishers, beyond the acceptance of our offer.

We are expecting both in every mail, and the lists will be promptly mailed when received.

Forged watermarks is the latest trick of the get-rich-at-some-one-else's-expense individual. The forgeries are the New South Wales, 1854, imperf. issue, 2d, apparently water-marked "8" and the 3d, water-marked "2." Collectors should be careful in purchasing these stamps. The false "8," instead of a double line and a single line, has two double lines forming

the figure, and the counterfeit 3d, instead of being yellow-green, the color of the imperf. issue, are bright pale green like the perf. issue. In both cases the stamps themselves are genuine.

The *Philatelic Messenger* is now published at Boiestown, N. B., and, owing to removal, is a little behind time.

We continue to receive complaints against a party named Cobb with various aliases. The Seymour, Ind., frauds are still working dealers who have not heard of their crooked methods.

We have not seen any "private postal cards" issued by any of our philatelic friends since the act went into effect, and we have been too busy to get out one ourselves.

A vast fraud has just been unearthed by which the government of Great Britain has been mulcted of vast sums, probably reaching a million of dollars, by a forgery of the one shilling green stamps, and it has been going on since 1872. The stamps were used on telegraph forms which are after a time destroyed. The escape of a few and their examination by a lynx-eyed philatelist resulted in exposing their true character.

W. H. Emmert is spending a week at Ocean Grove, N. J., and expects to spend a day or two at the conventions. He anticipates finding a few "sea-green" rarities

during his stop at this resort. He says he can stand a good dinner of fresh lobsters if Br'er Robie cannot.

Mr. Odiorne is offering some plate numbers at very low prices, and there are many other ads. in this issue that it will pay our readers to look up. Mr. Robie's "Stamp Hunting" will soon be out. Hartwell & Co. may be strangers to some of our readers, but they are all right. Carl Young and the Scott Co. are after used Omahas. The other advertisers are all too well known to need any introduction.

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(Left out of last issue by error of printer.)

### PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

Fellow Members: We are still without the May number of the Official Journal, or the copy sent to the printer, and the annoyance is due to one of our members, Warner Hammond, of Palmyra, N. Y., but we hope to get it soon or the MSS. back to send to another printer. Mr. Hammond is ill, we understand, but we have a friend who will get the copy for us if he can. The secretary's report is somewhat disconnected on account of this, but the next issue will probably have a full report. Let each member endeavor to send in at least one new applicant. This is, I think, the first month in the past two years that I have not introduced at least one new applicant, and, as I have introduced nearly if not quite half of the whole number, perhaps I can be excused for my failure this time. If your dues are unpaid you should attend to it at once.

Yours Fraternally,  
 J. F. DODGE, Pres.

### SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT.

#### NEW MEMBERS.

The list will be given in full as soon as the May issue of the Official Journal appears. Members, however, will receive their cards promptly.

#### APPLICATIONS.

F. DeWitt Sawyer, Otisfield Gore, Me., 23, college student. Refs. W. H. Green, H. C. Crowell.

#### RESIGNATIONS RECEIVED.

229. P. S. Briggs.  
 120. Burton H. Winslow.  
 201. Geo. M. Frame.  
 285. P. M. Wolsieffer.

There are still many members who have not paid their dues for this year, and, as all have been duly notified, their names will appear under "Suspensions" in the next issue of the Official Journal, provided I do not receive the amount due before I make my report for that issue. A word to the wise is sufficient.

I shall be pleased to forward blank applications to all who need them. State how many you can use.

### FINANCIAL REPORT.

My predecessor has not to date turned over to me any cash or financial report, but acknowledged that there was due to the society from him \$6.92, and of this amount \$6.00 is due our president, who paid for the printing of the ballots, proxies, and envelopes for the last convention, and the postage on the same. The trustees hope to adjust the matter.

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It will be seen that we need the quarters of the delinquent members, and we trust that those who see this will be prompt in responding with the same, as other bills must be paid.

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### REPORT OF SALES MANAGER.

Fellow Members: In order to make this department of more value to the members, there being very few at present purchasing for cash, I have, with the approval of the president, inaugurated an exchange plan that will, I think, be of much benefit to those having duplicates. While it will be of no financial benefit to me, I shall be glad if it benefits other members. The plan is:

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## **The Fair Island of the Gulf and its Postage Stamps.**

BY RAYMOND S. BAKER.

**A**S a rule Americans have rather a hazy conception in regard to the precise situation of Prince Edward island. But placed as it is in the southern part of the St. Lawrence Gulf, and possessing in large measure the delights and recreation of tourists, its fame is being spread far and wide by pleasure seekers who annually seek its shores and revisit its resorts.

The fair island of the Gulf is at all times an enchanting land, but during the months of June, July and August, when nature is once again radiant in her verdant coverings, when 'magnificent harvests are beginning to crown the husbandman's toil, when the climate is salubrious, and soft breezes gently fan the glowing faces of the amusement loving throng sporting in the waves of the North Side swell, then does the American traveller from hot New York and stifling Boston loudly proclaim the praises of the Royal Prince's domain and inwardly pronounce it as a land, 'a thing of beauty and a joy forever.' Prince Edward Island has a reputation as a summer resort of which she is justly proud and from present appearances will soon occupy an even higher position.

The scenery, while not striking,

is nevertheless beautiful and appeals strongly to every true lover of nature. As I sit writing at the window I look out on a broad landscape stretching away for miles in the distance. No Ruggedness, no deep valleys, no dark gullies, but a gently undulating country—one of the most beautiful panoramas in the land. The clearness of the air, the greenness of the trees and hedges so distinctly separating the different fields, the verdure of the vegetation on which horses, cows and sheep are browsing, the clumps of trees and thick bushes against which are vividly outlined the white houses of the farmers, the golden stacks and big barns, the blue little lake imbedded as a gem to give variety to the country, and the bold and lofty promontories away over on the coast, through which is dimly seen the gleam of the gulf, assuredly form a picture and a scene far better to be imagined than to be described.

The islanders are kind, thrifty and hospitable. Descended, as many of them are, from old English stock, as well as from the clans of Scotland and Ireland, they are intensely loyal—loyal not only to Queen and country, but true and devoted to the fair little isle which forms their home. This rich and fertile country, so appreciated by its quiet and industrious people, has

not however been without its history and many stirring events of an interesting character might be related, but our observation along this line will be confined more directly, if not exclusively, to the latter part of the subject.

Prince Edward Island issued its first postage stamps in 1860. The Philatelic world is not unacquainted with this fact, and although dates are not at all inclined to new and original treatment, yet the writer, having had exceptional opportunities last summer for obtaining information from the Charlottetown officials concerning postal affairs, proposes to endeavor to give in the present article perhaps a few truths which the average collector has not heard repeated a score of times. Consequently we will, if the reader will pardon the conventional phrase, begin at the beginning, and reverse into at least a new form that not altogether unknown statement, declaring that in 1860 were issued the first postage stamps of Prince Edward Island. Although a few of our august catalogues still persist in placing this date at 1861, yet all collectors who want their statements backed up by absolute proof, will quietly maintain that this event happened a year earlier. Of course Island post marks, unlike the potatoes, can't exactly talk but they certainly cry out against the imposition of being rated a year behind the times.

There is certainly a great variety of opinion concerning the dates of issuance of these stamps and this naturally tends to confuse the younger and average collector. For instance there have been given three or more different dates for the first appearance of the stamps with small perforations, i. e. 1862, 1864 and

1865. Although the latter is generally accepted, yet it is quite probable that the one penny and nine pence were in use before that time as they are fully described in catalogues issued in 1860. These and other minor details, which are nevertheless of an interesting character, will never be altogether authenticated as in 1884 the Charlottetown post office was completely destroyed by fire and all the old books, records and documents connected with the postal issues of the Island, perished in the flames. While this catastrophe is to be greatly deplored, yet with the help of old business letters and by reason of indefatigable researches among musty correspondence, many discoveries have been made.

The set with large perforations are becoming very scarce indeed, as is attested by the phenomenal rise in price as shown by the various catalogues, and the entire absence of finds of these stamps which formerly were quite frequent. The writer some time ago looking through a number of old letters bearing the stamps of the Island, failed to find one specimen having nine perforations, which omitting the hair-splitting compounds will generally be found to be 9, 11, 12 and 13. Two-pence rose is known rouletted but is very rare in this condition. Nearly all the varieties exist imperforate, although their authenticity in this state is seriously questioned by some collectors who affirm that they are merely proofs or clipped stamps with large margins.

Paper is well represented in point of variety but unfortunately its quality is not so excellent, being very much inferior to that used in manufacturing the stamps of Nova Scotia or Newfoundland. The 1860



issue is printed on heavy white paper, but the remaining stamps appear on white wove paper which is rather soft and easily torn. The 2d, 3d, 6d and 9d have been found on different paper and doubtless other varieties will reward the researches of the specialist

Prince Edward Island is not so prolific in shades as might be imagined. When the second supply of the 1865 issue came to hand several distinct shades were plainly noticeable in every stamp of the set. Different shades also appear in the varieties of the cent denominations and these no doubt are due to the fact that another printing became necessary owing to the increasing demand. But it is in minor varieties that P. E. Island holds her own, there being nearly one hundred specimens, every difference in which is distinctly discernible with the naked eye. The principal of these which illustrate a variety of type and error of the engraver, at the same time is a heavy line outside the frame as found in the one-penny yellow. The three pence blue, six cent black and twelve cent mauve are very prolific in differences of this kind. As they have already been frequently described and are of interest only to the specialist we will not dwell on them here.

The stamps of Prince Edward Island were lithographed. The exception to this rule however was the 4½d of 1870 which were engraved. This specimen both in design and workmanship is far superior to the other varieties, and is one of the most beautiful and artistic stamps in the world. It was a sort of a curiosity bearing as it did the seemingly superfluous of "three pence sterling and four and one-half pence

currency." This has puzzled many collectors, but the simple solution of the matter is found in the fact that the shilling of Prince Edward Island was only equal to two-thirds sterling (and three-fourths of the New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Canadian shilling) and consequently both kinds of money were in circulation, this expedient was employed. The same explanation applies to "Nine pence currency equal to six pence sterling." Although these stamps, as previously stated, were lithographed, yet there are not so many counterfeits as some collectors imagine. Decided objection is taken to the statement made by a writer recently that "there are as many counterfeit as originals on the market." This is not true and a person speaking so rashly and decidedly must have very little knowledge of the subject. Certainly there are counterfeits but generally they are easily detected. Principal among them is the four cent green but its spurious character is in most instance revealed by the thick paper.

Prince Edward Island provisionals, particularly the split values with large perforations, are very rare and always command good prices. They are even more highly prized than those of the other two provinces and are found in the denominations of both cents and pence.

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Heavy white paper. Large perforations.  
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| 1865                                    | 1d. Buff,     | \$ 2.00 | \$ 2.50 | 143000 Mixed stamps, 1871 issue, face value \$8877.00.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                |           |
|                                         | 2d. Rose,     | .20     | .75     | Issue of 1872.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                |           |
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|                                         | 4c. Green,    | .25     | 8.00    | In the above memoranda the reader will find an explanation of the comparative cheapness of some unused varieties and the rarity of others. The absence of the one penny is particularly noticeable and correctly accounts for its scarceness. This specimen is very seldom met with either in a used or unused condition, and in fact the stamps of Prince Edward Island generally are increasing in value from year to year.                                          |                |           |
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| 6d. Green, " " " " "            | 3d. |
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The above do not comprise by any means all the provisionals or varieties but are simply the most important which every collector ought to have in mind.

When in 1873 Prince Edward Island was admitted into confederation there was on hand a large number of stamps of both cents and pence denomination. The Government expressed its willingness to sell the remainder of these old issues to the highest bidder. As soon as this was known prominent dealers and collectors in the United States and England made offers for the entire lot. The approximate number of stamps on hand at this time according to the Provincial secretary, was as follows:

|                   |                |           |
|-------------------|----------------|-----------|
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## THE CONVENTION.

THE thirteenth annual convention of the American Philatelic Association was held at New York on Aug. 23-26th. The following directors were elected to serve for the coming year: F. F. Olney, W. C. Van Derlip, Geo. L. Toppan, E. M. Carpenter, W. N.

Howe, C. P. Kranth, H. G. Smith, H. B. Phillips and P. F. Bruner. The meeting of the board of directors for the election of officers has not been held up to time of going to press. The *Weekly Era* is continued as official journal for the coming year. But little interest was taken in association matters by the members present. The next convention will be held at Detroit.

The sixth annual convention of the Philatelic Sons of America was held on the 26th of Aug. at Grand Union Hotel, New York City, and was quite a tame affair as compared with former occasions of this character. The following officers were elected with practically no opposition:

Pres., D. E. Hazen; Vice-Pres., Jos. S. Davis; Sec., C. W. Kissinger; Treas., B. J. Bishop; Int. Sec., T. H. Gafford; Canadian Vice-Pres., F. J. Garraty; Exch. Supt., F. D. Sawyer, Eastern Exch. Supt., W. Weber; Canadian Exch. Supt., W. K. Hall; Auc. Mgr., S. P. Lev; Purch. Agt., L. Beringer; Adv. and Subs. Agt., H. N. Bugbee; Inf. Bureau, H. A. Chapman, D. T. Eaton, J. H. Makins; N. Y. Auc. Agt., A. Herbst; Chicago Auc. Agt., C. E. Severn; Attorney, Chas. F. Bridge; Librarian, Fred Doughty; Ctf. Det., Geo. Carion; Trustees, C. W. Kissinger, J. H. Leippe and Frank Kline. The next convention will be held at Detroit.

The Sons of Philatelia held their seventh annual convention at Miller's Hotel, New York City on Aug. 29-31, the election resulting as follows:

Pres., J. C. Miller; Vice-Pres., Jos. S. Davis; Sec., J. F. Dodge; Treas., Emil Gerlich; Int. Sec., R. J. Russell, M. D.; Sales Supt., Chas. E. Shaw; (declines the office), Librarian, F. M. Townley; Ctf. Det., F. Noyes, Attorney, H. C. Crowell; Purch. Agt., A. Herbst; Trustees, T. L. W. Porte, T. O. McCarthy; H. C. Beck. The next

convention will be held at Detroit. Official Journal, *American Collector*.

The Empire State Philatelic Society held its first annual convention also at Miller's Hotel on the 29th and 30th of Aug. and the following officers were elected:

Pres., Wm. Evans; Vice-Pres., F. P. Gibbs; Sec.-Treas., Wm. A. McDonnell; Exch. Supt. also Auc. Mgr., Dr. L. M. Homberger; Ctf. Det., J. H. Peterson; Attorney, Chas. F. Bridge; Bur. of Inf., J. F. Farrell, Librarian, E. L. Shove; Trustees A. Herbst, A. M. Trujillo, J. F. Farrell. The *New York Philatelist* will continue to act as official journal, and the next convention will be held in New York City. A banquet on the evening of the 30th made a pleasant ending of convention week, at least some of the boys seemed to enjoy themselves.

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### Our Monthly Chat.

WILL be short this time. Two weeks from business on account of poor health, leaves us mountains of work piled up on our desk.

THE editor had a very pleasant time at the conventions, despite the fact that he was under the physician's care, and worked till past midnight while he was there. There was also, as some of our readers may recall an excess of caloric in the atmosphere at that time, which did not add to our comfort. However, we made many new acquaintances, renewed old ones, and on the whole we are glad we went.

The conventions passed off quietly, very few changes in the management of any of the societies, and most of them we believe for the better. The results in brief will be found elsewhere in this issue.

THE list of Williams & Co, the enterprising Lima dealers that has been advertised for several months, will be mailed about the same time as this issue will. It appears as a 12 page advertisement in *The Rocky Mountain Stamp* for Oct., of which 15,000 copies are to be distributed. In addition 5000 or more of the 12 page lists will be sent to foreign agents. This energetic firm will by this widely circulated list interest collectors in the stamps of South America, which have been sadly neglected. Prices are bound to advance on many varieties as a result, just as in the case of Match and Medicine stamps so long boomed by "stick-to-it" Robie.

SUBSCRIPTIONS are arriving nicely, and we seldom find anyone who fails to renew without good reason, generally from lack of interest in collecting. We have very little time to solicit advertising, so we are not padded out as much as some of our contemporaries who issue "boom" numbers with promises of a great big circulation that nine times out of ten does not materialize. We met a former publisher a while ago who has been advertising an average circulation of over 5000 copies, who informed us that he had less than 200 subscribers, and mailed 1000 to 1500 copies a month. Such dishonesty cannot be too highly condemned. In plain words he is guilty of obtaining money under false pretences. And he is not alone in this nefarious practice.

THE American Collectors' Co.



have just purchased another stock of stamps at a decided bargain, the purchase price being about \$25,000. Pres. Capen told us when we called on him in August that their sales had been remarkably good during the dull months, in fact were way beyond their expectations.

THE *Philatelic West* crumpled all up by rolling, as usual, is with us, dated Aug. It seems to be devoting more space to camera fiends than to stamp collecting. We heard at New York that "Brody" now has a typewriter (the machine we mean) but that his typewriting was harder to translate than his handwriting. We hardly think that possible. Our own MSS. was so illegible that we had to get a machine and now the printer gets it rough when errors occur.

WE are indebted to Carl Young for his wholesale price list, and W. C. Proudfoot of Kingstown, St. Vincent sends us his price-list of unused colonial stamps. We trust the latter escaped injury in the recent cyclone.

A story of Australian bush, "The Drover's Wife," appears in the September issue of *The National Magazine*.

THE 59th catalogue will not appear until next spring or summer, when the publishers believe prices will be more settled. We think their action will be generally commended, and that business will be better for the delay. We can still supply the 58th with a year's subscription for 58c. postpaid.

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reis. This country has never before issued values above the 2000 reis, but as their 10000 reis only equals \$3.00 in our currency it is not so high a value as it seems.

ONE of our subscribers writes us that the 1c. Jubilee Canada, when exposed to strong light turns from orange to brown. The change is due to a chemical action in the chrome yellow used in the ink. Don't imagine you have an error when you get a copy in brown. The old 2c. orange revenues change in the same way.

IN this connection, collectors should be careful with our postage and revenue stamps that appear to be printed in the wrong color. The 1¼c. doc. rev. violet will change to slate if left long enough in the sun.

The Bogert & Durbin Co., owners of the plate from which the Providence stamps were printed, announce in the last issue of their magazine that they will reprint sheets of these stamps in almost exactly the same color as the originals, with their initials on the back of each stamp, a decision which all true philatelists will regret. They will ask \$5 per sheet of 12 stamps, 5c. stamp singly 50c., and 10c. singly \$2. We think that collectors will have more regard for Seebecks than for these pieces of paper. The least they could have done would be to assure the public how many they would print, and that after that number were printed the plate would be destroyed.

The \$5 periodical stamp surcharged for use as a revenue stamp appears with the surcharge reading up as well as down, and no one seems to know which is the scarcer variety. Additional values of the

Documentary stamps are to be issued, 40c. and 80c. and 1 $\frac{7}{8}$ c. and 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ c. proprietary stamps.

### EXTRA!

R. M. Miller, founder and for 6 years secretary of the Sons of Philatelia, died at his home in New Chester, Penna. on Oct. 1st, after an illness of about two months. He leaves a widow and one child and a host of friends to mourn his loss. The funeral takes place Monday, Oct. 3rd.

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| 10c                                           | 55      | Grenada '88 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ p on 18 | *75 |
| 12c                                           | 45      | '83 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ p               | 06  |
| The above six                                 | 1 85    | unpd 1 & 2p                         | 10  |
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#### President's Address.

FELLOW MEMBERS—I am pleased to see a better list of applicants this month, but as this list consists of the efforts of only three of the officers, there is no credit to be given to 99 p. c. of our members, and I trust we shall hear from some of them with applications very soon. A renewed interest is now apparent in stamp collecting and every member should endeavor to interest their friends in the benefits to be derived from affiliation with us. The Sales Dept. is in good working order and if you desirable duplicates to dispose of at reasonable prices, send them in and you will find a ready sale for them them, and you can find many bargains on the books for your collection. The Aug. Mgr. will be glad to receive lots for his next sale. Try his department. Trusting that the members will now take a more active interest in our society, I am

Yours for a society of collectors,  
J. F. DODGE, President

#### Sec.-Treas. Report.

Applications are coming in more rapidly of late and I am glad that members are taking more of an interest in the welfare of the society. It only costs 19 cents to pay fees and dues for new members if they send in their applications during the month of September and I trust there will be many of them. I have sent notices to every delinquent member to pay their dues and if same are not paid by the next issue of this paper they will be suspended. We have carried many of them long enough, that is those who have no intention of paying but there are many who have simply overlooked the matter and those I trust will send in their 25 cent at once.

#### New Members.

381. W. H. Barnum, 331 Giddings Ave., Cleveland, Ohio.  
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W. G. Whittaker, 158 Superior St., Cleveland, Ohio, 16, Insurance, Ref. H. C. Crowell, J. F. Dodge.  
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H. C. CROWELL, Sec.-Treas.

#### Resignations Accepted.

226. Wm. v d. Wettern, Jr.  
326. John P. Wright.  
120. Burton H. Winslow.  
285. P. M. Wolsieffer.  
135. E. R. Morgan.  
229. P. S. Briggs.  
201. Geo. M. Frame.

#### Deceased.

159. A. S. Marland, Ware, Mass., Aged 22.

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#### Sec.-Treas. Report.

##### New Members.

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|-------------------------------|----|---------|
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| Receipts, H. D. Wheeler M. D. | 50 | .50     |
| Total now on hand             |    | 10.80   |

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Very Respectfully,  
S. A. D. Cox, Sec.-Treas.

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## Sec.-Treas. Report.

## New Member.

16. G. F. Schlachter, Alleghany.

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## Financial Report.

|                         |     |     |
|-------------------------|-----|-----|
| Fees and dues received, |     | .90 |
| Postage,                | 18  |     |
| Balance on hand,        | .72 | .90 |

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| Entire set             | 8.34   | 2.75      |

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|                        |       |      |
|------------------------|-------|------|
| 1c. blue 29 varieties, | 1.40  | .75  |
| 2c. green 104 "        | 7.35  | 2.50 |
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|------|---------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| 1864 | 1c violet           | \$ 12                                                    | \$ 15 |
|      | 2c vermilion        | 20                                                       |       |
|      | 6c green            | 18                                                       | 18    |
|      | 18c dull rose       | 35                                                       | 30    |
| 1875 | 2c brown            | 4                                                        | 18    |
|      | 12c black           | 90                                                       | 20    |
| 1882 | 1c blue             | 6                                                        | 12    |
|      | 2c lilac-rose       | 9                                                        |       |
|      | 5c ultramarine      | 4                                                        | 9     |
|      | 10c black           | 1 00                                                     | 18    |
|      | 15c brown           | 1 50                                                     | 35    |
| 1883 | 1c green            | 2                                                        | 2     |
|      | 2c rose             | 2                                                        | 9     |
|      | 10c red-brown       | 9                                                        | 15    |
|      | 10c vermilion       | 45                                                       | 24    |
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## "SUNSHINE AFTER RAIN."

By S. A. D. Cox.

Think not because it storms to-day,  
The sun no more will shine;  
What, tho' the clouds be dark and gray,  
Should we therefore repine?  
The silver lining hidden now,  
To-morrow will be plain,  
Look forward with unruffled brow,  
To sunshine after rain!

—Song.

The above verse applies so aptly to the philatelic situation at present, and for a year or two past, that I quote it.

The sun *has* been more or less obscured by clouds, and they *have* been dark and gray, sure enough, but it is true that there is a silver lining, even though hidden temporarily, and the glorious sun is shining behind the clouds, awaiting only the rift, the break in the clouds, to shine through and warm everything philatelic into a new, vigorous and lusty life.

Don't repine, ye faint-hearted; don't get down in the mouth and imagine that because we have had two or three years of hard times, a short spell of reverses in matters philatelic, that things are going to go to everlasting smash. They won't.

Things go by extremes, that is all. Life is a huge teeter-board—up to-day, down to-morrow. So, with stamps and stamp collecting. After a long period of prosperity in

stamp matters—of constantly increasing values in stamps, any one versed in the common law of averages would look for and expect a turn—and then a *return* (for a ways at least) of stamp values and of philatelic prosperity. Just as the end of the teeter-board cannot keep on going up, and up forever, this being impossible, so is it impossible for stamp values to keep on going up, and up forever. They reach the limit, sooner or later, and that is what happened a couple of years ago. And the result—the going backward of stamp values (shown in greatly increased dealers' discounts) was only natural, and a matter of course.

And, following on down this line, the decreased valuations can no more continue indefinitely than the increased valuations could, so all collectors have to do is to continue quietly and calmly on their way, collecting everything that comes within reach, serene in the consciousness that the return of former stamp values and philatelic prosperity is as certain as is the return of the sun in the morning, after its disappearance below the western horizon the evening before.

If you'll stop and think, you'll see that this is the fact. It is in obedience to Nature's laws—it is Nature's own philosophy, and Nature's laws never fail of enforcement. You may rest secure in the

knowledge that this is the absolute truth.

So don't think Philately is doomed—or anywhere near it. Don't say anything of the kind, for it not only does harm, but isn't true. Don't look and feel blue, and groan, and sigh, and look dismal, and shake your head wisely(?) and howl dolefully, for there is no reason in the world for doing any of these things. Philately is all right; it is only *you* who are wrong.

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And remember this: Just as life is largely a matter of what you yourself make it, so is it largely due to yourself whether or not Philately is prosperous—whether it is a thing of joy, or of trouble and gloomy forebodings.

Be cheerful. Look on the bright side. Continue on your way undisturbed. Collect, quietly, calmly, intelligently—and be happy. You take care of the present, and the future will take care of itself.

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I was recently in conversation with a revenue officer, and he made the remark that he received only an hundred of the surcharged \$5 periodical stamps. He is not pushing the sale of them, as he wants to accommodate stamp collectors with their collections. He is no collector himself.

I dropped the inquiry if he sold many stamps to collectors, and he said, "Yes, I sell in any quantity, no matter how small." Some revenue officers refuse to sell less than full sheets when there are orders to sell as many or few as the applicant requests; and thus it should be Uncle Sam can well afford to suit his customers—think of the many dollars that will go into his pocket and never be redeemed.

The Omahas have been very slow in being gotten before the public. Possibly this can be accounted for in two reasons:

ordering on the special blank furnished by the department; second, people had the Columbian stamp to lick, and they do not care to use so much of their saliva on a stamp, so they demand the old one.

The post-offices having the Omahas on hand have received orders to sell them to the exclusion of the old issue. We are impressed with the idea that the remainders will be disposed of the same as the Columbian remainders were.

In speaking of the \$5 periodical revenue stamp, collectors seem to think that it will be only a short time before it will be sold for double its face value; so it behooves one to purchase while they are where they are.

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### OUR MONTHLY CHAT.

Reports from various parts of the country all seem to show increased demand for stamps, and many new collectors are starting; and, while we do not look for a "boom," we expect that business will continue to improve during the winter months.

A correspondent writes us that he has private, but positive, information that we are to have a new issue of envelopes, with new designs and colors, as follows: 1c green, 2c red, 4c brown, 5c blue, with figures of value at the sides. Franklin and Washington heads will still be retained on the 1c and 2c values, and Grant still adorn the 5c envelope, but in the 4c Jackson will make room for Lincoln. The changes should have been made long ago,

but will be welcomed even at this late date by collectors, especially the growing number of entire envelope enthusiasts.

The Montreal Philatelist is improving in appearance, with a new printer, but still lacks solidity, being composed largely of notes, and the editor's requests for more subscribers and advertisers.

The fair editor of the Perforator should be presented with a blue pencil and taught how to use it. In the September issue the Nebraska correspondent (who evidently does not receive this magazine) writes that of twenty papers received in one week, but four of them were free from fraudulent ads, viz.: Perforator, Mekeel's Weekly, Philatelic West, and Ontario Philatelist. On the same page on which this appears is the advertisement of a party against whom a bill was advertised for many months by the late Henry Gremmell in the Post-office, also advertised by the Home Worker; and on another page is the advertisement of W. H. Green & Co., and on still another an account of the arrest of Green for defrauding dealers. One other publication mentioned, Mekeel's Weekly, has run the advertisement of a man who was expelled from a Canadian society a few years ago for substitution, and this same advertisement is found in both of the other weeklies. Brody has his eye-teeth cut, and doesn't catch many of the bad ones, and we do not remember ever seeing an ad. in Friend Widdicombe's paper that we would have refused to insert in our columns.

It is rumored that Robie is going to start a paper—in fact, that he was going to start two papers, one



of which was a subscription list to defend him for libelous statements in "Stamp Hunting," and the other a breezy sheet devoted to the collectors of stamps, sox, corn-plasters and kidney-pads. Stamp Hunting is not out of printers' hands as we go to press, but expected daily. See our offer in another column.

As we go to press we have a letter from Roy B. Bradley, written on the train in the wilds of Arkansas, on his return home. He started for the convention of the Southern Philatelic Association at Knoxville, Tenn., coming by way of Cairo, Ill., on account of the yellow fever quarantine, which made it impossible to come by way of New Orleans or Memphis. When he arrived at Union City, Tenn., the health officer refused to allow him to go farther, so, after spending three very pleasant days with L. P. Head, at the home of the latter at Hickman, Ky., he left for home in not the best of temper. He suggests that, on account of the yellow fever, it would be advisable hereafter to hold the convention in December.

The last issue of this magazine was somewhat irregularly mailed, on account of the immense amount of work in filling over sixty mail sacks of the October issue of The Rocky Mountain Stamp, and attending to over 2000 letters during the month of October. Though all subscribers were duly attended to, some must have received their papers ten days before the end of the list, for which we are sorry, but it is not likely to occur again.

It is probable that the next issue of the Rocky Mountain Stamp will appear from New Oxford, as Mr. Hammond is not ready to issue the magazine on account of poor health.

The Lone Star State Philatelist for September is at hand, and is in contents and appearance fully up to the high standard set by the preceding number, though a little late in appearing, but we can sympathize with him. We occasionally hear it whispered that some of these papers that are a few weeks late are more welcome than those that appear on time.

About a year ago our readers will remember that we told the story of one of our subscribers who has a mania for searching drug stores for revenue stamps and his misfortune in tipping over a shelf of bottles which cost him \$10. We have just received another letter from him, and from the extract we reproduce below, it will be seen that his last debauch did not cure him of the habit.

We all know how a drunkard will have lucid intervals and say "I will never drink another drop." Now I am in the same class, only my failing is to be a stamp drunkard. I wrote you I would never monkey again with drug stores after my costly experience in G—, but the first good chance I got when in M— last week, was to go the rounds. The first store I tackled I got three elegant copies of 6c violet prop. for 10c each in this way. The proprietor said he had only four bottles with stamps on, and asked me what I would give for same; I told him I did not care for a rev. I could not pay 5c for. He then brought out the bottles, but said they were worth more (three of them had 6c violet and one a private prop. which I did not know value of), and on asking how much he wanted, he replied, "I am a New York City man, and am posted, as I have sold stamps to Scott & Co. and others; this stamp is catalogued at 10c, and you can't have them any less." I told him he was very hard hearted, but would take them. He felt so happy to think he had stuck me that he gave me the private prop., which, on reaching home, I found catalogued at \$5.00.

Mr. Carl Young, of Philadelphia, one of our advertisers, has a peculiar

way of doing business. We sent him a small lot of used Omahas at the prices he advertised to pay, and a couple of days later comes a letter enclosing a new price list, with a remittance by the new prices, which were 10 per cent. more than the price we sold them at. This is an unusual experience in these days.

A different experience with another party may interest our readers. It relates to a dealer west of us (we won't say just how far west) who had a consignment of rare stamps from us, marked at net prices. After keeping them three weeks he returned the book from which he had taken about twenty stamps, without any remittance whatever, and all the satisfaction we can get is to date one small remittance, with the information that he had sent the stamps out to dealers, and would pay me what they paid him for them, or about quarter catalogue.

The Ohio Journal of Philately will appear from Columbus, Ohio, about the 15th of Nov., a monthly at 25c. per year, succeeding the Stamp Collectors Figaro. It is to be the official journal of the Ohio Philatelic Association and owned and controlled by it.

We seem to be getting pretty well advertised between Messrs. Williams & Co. and I. A. Mekeel. We appreciate the former, and as for the latter, we regard it much as the man did the kick from the mule, we consider who it is from. We have not yet adopted the Mekeel method of failing up in business when we get in a tight place financially, but aim to pay 100 cents on the dollar, and Isaac will have the little balance due him by the time this appears in print, notwithstanding his libelous action. The con-

tract was \$26.00 of which he has received \$21.00. We are pleased to know that the substituter whose advt. often appeared next to ours pays his bills promptly. Rev. Matthew R. Knight is also listed as owing Bro. Mekeel, but we would not hesitate in giving him unlimited credit. We considered that we were very fortunate in getting our money from the Mekeel Co. inside of a year, even though we usually had to take the most of it in trade, and one bill against them never was paid, though requests were made once every month or so for nearly three years.

The Bridgeport Philatelic Club was formed on the 30th of Sept., and the following officers elected: Pres., Dr. W. C. Bowers; 1st V.-Pres., W. T. Hartwell; 2d V.-Pres., Judge P. Kane; 3d V.-Pres., James A. Loveland; Secy. and Treas., Wallace A. Smith. There are at least 50 active collectors in the city, and the club will be of considerable benefit to them.

R. F. Albrecht & Co. will hold their 46th sale at the Collectors Club on Nov. 16th and 17th.

We notice that S. E. L., the Boston correspondent of the Era, still insists that postage due stamps are not postage stamps. If he had read in the Era a little while ago the quotation from the Postal Guide which appears below, he would not be informing the department that they did not know what postage stamps were. Sec. 103 of the Postal Laws and Regulations as amended reads: Postage-Stamps: Kinds and Denominations—Of postage stamps two kinds, each consisting of various denominations, are provided, viz.: Ordinary stamps, which are used to prepay

postage on ordinary mail matter of the first, third and fourth classes, as well as on second class matter mailed by others than publishers and news agents and the fees on registered matter, and postage due stamps, etc." Before this act was amended, it read, "Three kinds of postage stamps," including the periodical stamps. We are willing to leave it to the P. O. Dept. as to what are postage stamps.

Mr. Cox has favored us with a roll of music, with the same title as his article which appears in this number, "Sunshine After Rain," for which he has our thanks, and while we are not good judges of music, others tell us that he can write as good music as his articles on philatelic subjects, so it must be good. His bright magazine, "The National Philatelist," still cheers us with its monthly visits.

We have had some work the past month in sorting the pile of philatelic literature belonging to the estate of the late R. M. Miller, also a vast amount of correspondence. There were over 11,000 of the papers embracing six years issues and many scarce numbers. There are also many books of value to collectors, and I shall be pleased to send a list to anyone desiring to purchase.

The Johnstown Stamp & Publishing Co. (L. M. Staebler), which has been in financial straits for some time, has changed hands, a Saco (Me.) party having purchased a controlling interest.

The Ontario Philatelist has been merged with the Stamp Reporter, Mr. Widdicombe not having time to give it the proper attention. It was

a bright, clean, interesting paper, and we shall miss it.

The Narragansett Philatelic Association is the name of a new organization formed on the 25th of October, at East Providence, R. I., with eleven charter members. The following officers were elected: H. M. Wheaton, Pres.; G. A. Round, V.-Pres.; A. F. Munroe, Secy.; A. W. Gregory, Treas.; Geo. H. Hope, Sales Supt. They expect to number at least sixty when the charter closes on Nov. 25.

The Detroit Philatelic Association with commendable energy are soliciting loans for a stamp exhibit, as an additional attraction to members visiting the conventions in that city in 1899.

## POOR ADVERTISING.

I have often wondered why stamp paper publishers as a class do such poor advertising. They will appeal in a sort of a way for patronage, and claim that an ad. in their paper is guaranteed to bring profitable returns. They let their announcement rest there. Now, Mr. Publisher, if I tell you that so and so is a good thing, don't you want it proven? Of course you do. Then give advertisers some proof that your medium is worth a cent or a dollar a line. All in the world you have to do is to convince the advertiser that your medium will pay him, then you can consider your space sold. One publisher uses five dollars' worth of space in his own paper to say "Advertise in the Blank Blank, it is bound to bring good results." Poor publisher, and so extravagant to squander space so recklessly. If your medium is worth anything, use it. Don't do yourself injustice. Poor advertising never pays, not even a publisher. Don't set a bad example. If you waste your own space, advertisers will think it isn't worth much, and justly too. If you would fill your advertising columns, prove that it pays to advertise in your paper. Just saying so don't prove anything. All men are liars, it is said. Advertising, if done properly, is bound to pay.

OBSERVER.

## SOCIETY REPORTS AND NEWS.

### SPECIAL NOTICE TO SECRETARIES.

All reports for next issue should be in the hands of the publisher Aug. 22nd. Reports should all be carefully written, especially names, to avoid the errors by printer. Typewritten reports are the best. Please address Society Dept., Columbian Philatelist.

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All of the above who have paid their dues have received their membership cards.

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 33, clerk, Ref. H. C. Crowell, A. C. Stoffer.

### DECEASED.

51. Robert M. Miller, aged 25.

Applications are coming in in good shape, which is a good sign, not only of prosperity in our society but in philately in general.

It only costs new members 16c for all fees and dues to Jan. 1st., 1899, who join now, and I will be glad to forward applications to all persons either present or prospective members who think they can use them. I should like to see our list grow to 450 by January first. And I wish to say further that with the first of the year 1899 I will start a new record, and members wishing to give the matter attention, now may remit their dues for 1899 and receive their card, altho' there are many who have already paid up.

Fraternal'y,

H. C. CROWELL, Secy.-Treas.

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LAKE GENEVA, WISC.

## JUNE BARGAINS.



|                                                           |    |    |                                     |    |       |      |       |    |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|----|----|-------------------------------------|----|-------|------|-------|----|
| 1847 5c brown o. c. fine.....                             | 8  | 55 |                                     |    |       |      |       |    |
| 1847 10c black o. c. fine.....                            | 2  | 80 | 3c telegraph.....                   | \$ | perl. | imp. | p. p. |    |
| 1851 1c blue.....                                         | 18 |    | 30c conveyance.....                 |    | \$F   | 50   | \$    | 20 |
| 1851 10c green.....                                       | 60 |    | 50c lease.....                      |    |       | 90   |       | 25 |
| 1851 12c black.....                                       | 1  | 50 | 50c Mortgage.....                   |    |       | 75   |       |    |
| 1856 1c blue (full circle).....                           | 50 |    | 50c Prob. of Will.....              |    |       | 90   |       | 50 |
| 1856 1c blue.....                                         | 08 |    | 60c Inland Ex.....                  |    |       | 2    | 00    | 2  |
| 1856 3c red o. g.....                                     | 06 |    | \$1.00 Manifest.....                |    |       | 75   |       | 75 |
| 1856 3c red, outer line.....                              | 15 |    | 5.00 conveyance.....                |    |       | 1    | 25    |    |
| 1856 3c red " without o. g. but fine                      | 7  | 00 | 2c proprietary orange.....          |    |       | 1    | 50    |    |
| 1856 10c green.....                                       | 30 |    | 3c playing card.....                |    |       | 5    | 00    |    |
| 1856 12c black.....                                       | 80 |    | 3c telegraph.....                   |    |       | 6    | 00    |    |
| 1861 3c pink.....                                         | 4  | 00 | 4c playing card.....                |    |       | 75   |       |    |
| 1861 24c red lilac.....                                   | 75 |    | 5c proprietary.....                 |    |       | 55   |       |    |
| 1861 30c orange.....                                      | 50 |    | 15c foreign ex.....                 |    |       | 65   |       |    |
| 1861 90c blue.....                                        | 4  | 00 | 25c warehouse Receipt.....          |    |       | 90   |       |    |
| 1868 1c blue grilled 11x13.....                           | 75 |    | 50c probate of will.....            |    |       | 3    | 75    |    |
| 1868 12c black grilled.....                               | 40 |    | \$1.00 passage ticket.....          |    |       | 1    | 00    |    |
| 1868 5c brown grilled 9x13.....                           | 2  | 00 | 1 00 passage ticket (block of 4)... |    |       | 35   | 00    |    |
| 1868 30c orange ".....                                    | 2  | 50 | 2 00 probate of will.....           |    |       | 80   |       |    |
| 1868 90c blue ".....                                      | 10 | 00 | 3.50 Inland ex.....                 |    |       | 1    | 10    |    |
| 1868 1 90c complete bargain.....                          | 25 | 00 | 10.00 charter party.....            |    |       | 55   |       |    |
| 1870 7c vermilion grilled.....                            | 2  | 50 | 15.00 mortgage.....                 |    |       | 4    | 50    |    |
| 1871 12c plum.....                                        | 40 |    | 25.00 mortgage.....                 |    |       | 3    | 00    |    |
| 1871 15c orange.....                                      | 25 |    | 50 U. S. Int. Rev.....              |    |       |      |       | 2  |
| 1873 12c plum.....                                        | 40 |    |                                     |    |       |      |       | 25 |
| 1873 15c orange o. g.....                                 | 6  | 00 |                                     |    |       |      |       |    |
| 1879 15c orange o. g.....                                 | 25 |    |                                     |    |       |      |       |    |
| 1879 30c black o. g.....                                  | 1  | 25 |                                     |    |       |      |       |    |
| 18 8 30c puce brown.....                                  | 10 |    |                                     |    |       |      |       |    |
| 1890 90c orange o. g.....                                 | 1  | 25 |                                     |    |       |      |       |    |
| Block of five, 50c proprietary, 1871-5. violet paper..... | \$ | 75 |                                     |    |       |      |       |    |
|                                                           |    | 00 |                                     |    |       |      |       |    |

2ND ISSUE.

|                 |    |    |
|-----------------|----|----|
| 1c blue.....    | \$ | 75 |
| 40c blue.....   |    | 40 |
| 60c blue.....   |    | 75 |
| 2.00 blue.....  |    | 40 |
| 3.00 blue.....  |    | 1  |
| 5.00 blue.....  |    | 50 |
| 50.00 blue..... |    | 10 |

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# The Columbian Philatelist

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## Special Offers.



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Columbian Philatelic Society,  
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1, 2, 3, 5, 10c wmk. at face value.....\$ 21  
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30c light shade, no wmk..... 35

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1c 1875, fawn paper..... 20  
30c 1887, amber manila.....1 50

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Columbian Philatelist, New Oxford, Penna.

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|                                                                                                                                                    |       |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| New Italian, 2 varieties.....                                                                                                                      | \$ 05 |
| Hong Kong, 28c on 30c.....                                                                                                                         | 50    |
| *Greece unpaid, perf., 9 1/2 (cat. 40c).....                                                                                                       | 15    |
| *Tonga, 5p on 4p.....                                                                                                                              | 35    |
| Canada revenues, 15 varieties.....                                                                                                                 | 10    |
| Queensland newspaper, used 1p.....                                                                                                                 | 15    |
| " " " " " 3p.....                                                                                                                                  | 40    |
| Hawaii 2c red black surcharge.....                                                                                                                 | 08    |
| " 5c ultramarine red surcharge.....                                                                                                                | 08    |
| Canada Jubilee, 17 var. set.....                                                                                                                   | 17 25 |
| " " " " " 1, 2, 3, 5, card.....                                                                                                                    | 11    |
| Newfoundland Jubilee, 14 var.....                                                                                                                  | 4 00  |
| Commercial Union Telegraph, 3 var.....                                                                                                             | 40    |
| Bond 25c part perf., (cat. \$1.50).....                                                                                                            | 15    |
| Proprietary, 6c.....                                                                                                                               | 75    |
| Canada Revenues, cat. \$20.00 special.....                                                                                                         | 2 75  |
| Adams' Canada Revenue Catalogue.....                                                                                                               | 10    |
| U. S. postage, 15 var.....                                                                                                                         | 06    |
| 1000 stamps, different, our special, includes<br>Canada Jubilee, Newfoundland cabot<br>issue, British Colonies, fine variety, very<br>special..... | 7 50  |
| 100 different stamps.....                                                                                                                          | 20    |
| Canada 12 1/2c blue.....                                                                                                                           | 18    |
| " " 2c vermilion registered (cat. 25c).....                                                                                                        | 06    |

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|----------------------------------------|-------|
| American Rapid Telegraph, 8 var....    | \$ 40 |
| " " Collect " " 4 " " " "              | 10    |
| " " Duplicate " " 4 " " " "            | 12    |
| Postal Telegraph, 4 var.....           | 35    |
| Packet U. S. Revenues, cat. \$1.00.... | 25    |
| 2c Interior, unused, cat. 30c.....     | 05    |
| 8 varieties Honduras.....              | 10    |
| 3 " " Switzerland.....                 | 04    |
| 3 " " Chili Telegraph.....             | 04    |
| 40 Foreign.....                        | 06    |
| Japan, 5 sen Brown on cover....        | 05    |
| Canada, 1893, 20c and 50c, ser.....    | 25    |
| Commercial Union Telegraph.....        | 30    |

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**EXCHANGES.**

If you will send me one of each value, size and color of paper of envelopes, for sale in your post office I will give same cat. value by Scott's 57th in U. S. or foreign adhesives as preferred. J. F. Dodge, New Oxford, Penna.

Exchange desired with collectors. I have a large variety of desirable stamps to offer value for value. Send selections and receive mine. George D. Weeks, Jr., Garfield National Bank, New York City.

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| “             | 6 00   | 1 85  |
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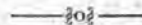
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| FIRST ISSUE.                                    | Wanted  | \$                                                          |
|-------------------------------------------------|---------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| Imperf.                                         | Copies. |                                                             |
| 1c PLAYING CARD and 1c Proprietary, each..      | 3       | 15. Mortgage, blue.....                                     |
| 2c Express, blue.....                           | 25      | 20. Conveyance, orange.....                                 |
| 2c PLAYING CARD and 2c Prop., blue, each..      | 5       | 20. PROBATE OF WILL, orange.....                            |
| 3c " " green.....                               | 2       | 25. Mortgage and \$50 U. S. I. R.....                       |
| 3c Telegraph, green.....                        | 10      | 200 U. S. Revenue, red.....                                 |
| 5c EXPRESS, red.....                            | 50      |                                                             |
| 5c Inland Exchange, red.....                    | 100     | <b>Perforated.</b>                                          |
| 10c Certificate, blue.....                      | 5       | 1c Playing Card and 2c Playing Card, orange..               |
| 10c INLAND EXCHANGE, blue.....                  | 10      | 3c " " green.....                                           |
| 10c POWER OF ATTORNEY, blue.....                | 3       | 5c Proprietary, red.....                                    |
| 15c INLAND EXCH., and 20c For. Exch., each      | 20      | 6c " " orange.....                                          |
| 20c Inland Exchange, red.....                   | 100     | 10c " " blue.....                                           |
| 25c Bond, red.....                              | 5       | 25c Protest, Warehouse Receipt, Life Ins.....               |
| 25c Certificate and 25c Entry of Goods, each    | 25      | 30c Foreign Exchange, lilac.....                            |
| 25c Insurance, red.....                         | 100     | \$1.00 MORTGAGE, red.....                                   |
| 25c LIFE INSURANCE, red.....                    | 10      | 1.60 Foreign Exchange, green.....                           |
| 25c Power of Attorney, red.....                 | 50      | 1.90 FOREIGN EXCHANGE, mauve.....                           |
| 25c Warehouse Rec. and 30c For. Exch. each      | 20      | 5. Charter Party, red.....                                  |
| 30c Inland Exchange.....                        | 10      | 5. Manifest, red.....                                       |
| 40c Inland Exchange and 50c Conveyance each     | 5       | 10. Conveyance, green.....                                  |
| 50c Foreign Exchange and 50c Lease, each.....   | 5       | 10. Mortgage, " ".....                                      |
| 50c Life Insurance and 50c Mortgage, each.....  | 3       | 15. " " blue.....                                           |
| 50c SURETY BOND.....                            | 5       | 20. Probate of Will, orange.....                            |
| 60c Inland Exchange, orange.....                | 10      | 25., \$50, \$200.....                                       |
| 70c FOREIGN EXCH., and \$1.00 F. of G. each..   | 10      |                                                             |
| \$1. Conveyance, red.....                       | 100     | <b>SECOND ISSUE.</b>                                        |
| 1. Foreign Exchange.....                        | 20      | 1c, 30c and 60c each.....                                   |
| 1. Manifest.....                                | 5       | 4c and 70c each.....                                        |
| 1. Inland Exchange.....                         | 50      | 6c.....                                                     |
| 1. Life Insurance.....                          | 3       | \$1. and \$1.50 each.....                                   |
| 1. PASSAGE TICKET and \$1. P. of W., each..     | 20      | 1.30.....                                                   |
| 1.30 FOREIGN EXCHANGE, orange.....              | 2       | 1.60.....                                                   |
| 1.50 INLAND EXCHANGE, blue.....                 | 100     | 1.90.....                                                   |
| 1.60 FOREIGN " " green.....                     | 10      | 2.50.....                                                   |
| 1.90 " " mauve.....                             | 2       | 3.00.....                                                   |
| 2. Conveyance and \$2. Mortgage, each.....      | 5       | 3.50.....                                                   |
| 2. Power of Attorney.....                       | 5       | 5.00.....                                                   |
| 2.50 INLAND EXCHANGE, violet.....               | 2       | 10.00 and \$20.00 each.....                                 |
| 3. CHARTER PARTY, green.....                    | 20      | 25.00.....                                                  |
| 3.50 INLAND EXCHANGE, blue.....                 | 2       | 50.00.....                                                  |
| 5. Charter Party and \$5. Manifest, each.....   | 5       | 200 and \$500 each.....                                     |
| 5. Conveyance and \$5. Mortgage, each.....      | 10      | One complete set of inverted medallions.                    |
| 5. Probate of Will.....                         | 10      | <b>THIRD ISSUE.</b>                                         |
| 10. Charter Party and \$10. Mortgage, each..... | 5       | 2c lake, postage, 1890 and 15c 1890 each.....               |
| 10. Conveyance and \$10. P. of W. each.....     | 3       | 90c purple, 1888 and 90c carmine 1879, each.....            |
|                                                 |         | 24c purple, 1870.....                                       |
|                                                 |         | 90c, 1869.....                                              |
|                                                 |         | 10 copies each of 1, 4, 6, 15, 40, 60, 70c, 3, 5, 10, \$20. |

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SoS

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Respectfully,

CLEMENT S. HUBBARD.

Treasurer Higganum Savings Bank, Per E.  
By permission.

## We offer.... This Month.

|                                                  |        |
|--------------------------------------------------|--------|
| 1851 12c black.....                              | \$1.50 |
| 1869 15c framed.....                             | 1.25   |
| 1871 24c.....                                    | 1.25   |
| 1871 90c.....                                    | 1.00   |
| 1882 6c unused.....                              | 1.00   |
| 1887 90c.....                                    | 1.00   |
| 15c navy used.....                               | 2.00   |
| War dept complete.....                           | 3.75   |
| 10c post office.....                             | 1.35   |
| 2c prop orange.....                              | 1.25   |
| 4c red rouletted.....                            | 2.25   |
| 20.00 conveyance.....                            | 1.75   |
| 1857 1c strip of 3 on cover.....                 | .30    |
| 1857 3c outer line on cover.....                 | .15    |
| 2c prop blue p perf double perf left side.....   | 2.00   |
| 1873 30c blk rib paper [guaranteed by experts]   | 8.00   |
| Antigua 1886 1 p red perf 12.....                | .60    |
| Greece, Scott's No. 1.....                       | 2.50   |
| " " 3.....                                       | 1.00   |
| " Scott's 15 unused.....                         | 1.25   |
| Great Britain 1890 1p blue Jubilee Envelope..... | .30    |

Foreign stamps on approval at 50 per cent.

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| 25c warehouse recpt  | 1 00 | 50       | 50    |
| 50c foreign exchange | 90   | 50       | 30    |
| 50c lease            | 75   | 1 50     | 35    |
| 50c probate of will  | 2 00 | 1 75     | 75    |
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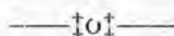
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| " 1881, 5 pesos blue.....           | 1 30  | " 1871-73, 500c blue.....                                   | 1 25   |
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| " 1876-80, 50r blue.....            | 55    | * " " 50c violet.....                                       | 1 50   |
| * Baden 1864-68, 9kr yellow b.....  | 1 25  | " " 1890, 2c on 25c blue.....                               | 1 10   |
| * " " 18kr green.....               | 1 90  | * Buenos Ayres 1860 62, 4r green.....                       | 3 00   |
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| " 12c black,            | .20    | 4c inland exchange,      | x    | .03   |
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| 11 Small packet envelopes per 100        |    | 10 |
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| For above lots address,                  |    |    |
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| 14 4c green on amber, entire unused env. |    | 08 |
| 15 1c spur under bust entire unused env. |    | 07 |
| 16 3c yellow brown due, unused O. G.     |    | 15 |
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|------------------------------|-----|----|------------------------------|-----|----|
| 1c light blue on white,      | 2   | 03 | 1c blue on white notched     | 5   | 10 |
| 1c blue on white             | 2   | 10 | 1c blue on amber             | 5   | 03 |
| 1c dark blue on white        | 2   | 10 | 1c blue shade on amber       | 5   | 03 |
| 1c light blue on amber       | 2   | 03 | 1c blue on amber notched     | 5   | 10 |
| 1c blue on amber             | 2   | 03 | 1c lgt bl on man wv no wmk   | 6   | 05 |
| 1c dark blue on white        | 3   | 15 | 1c blue on man wove wmk      | 6   | 03 |
| 1c blue on amber             | 3   | 05 | 1c blue on man, laid wmk     | 6   | 03 |
| 1c lgt blue man, amb. wove   | 3   | 25 | 1c ultramarine on white      | 11  | 03 |
| 1c dark blue on white        | 5   | 15 | 1c ultramarine shade on wh   | 11  | 03 |
| 1c light blue on amber       | 5   | 05 | 1c blue on white             | 11  | 03 |
| 1c blue on amber             | 5   | 05 | 2c yellow green on white     | 1   | 10 |
| 1c dark blue on amber        | 5   | 20 | 2c blue green on white       | 1   | 04 |
| 1c blue on manilla wrapper   | 5   | 50 | 2c yellow green on white     | 2   | 10 |
| 2c yellow green on white     | 1   | 05 | 2c yel grn shade on white    | 2   | 4  |
| 2c yellow green on white     | 2   | 05 | 2c blue green on white       | 2   | 04 |
| 2c blue green on white       | 2   | 10 | 2c blue grn shade on white   | 2   | 04 |
| 2c yellow green on amber     | 2   | 05 | 2c bl gr on white dotted 2   | 2   | 10 |
| 2c blue grn on man. wove     | 2   | 15 | 2c yellow green on amber     | 2   | 14 |
| 2c yellow green on amber     | 3   | 10 | 2c yellow green on blue      | 2   | 10 |
| 2c blue green on amber       | 3   | 10 | 2c blue green on blue        | 2   | 14 |
| 2c bl gr on am. shade paper  | 3   | 15 | 2c bl green shade on blue    | 2   | 04 |
| 2c yellow green on blue      | 3   | 15 | 2c yel green on O. buff      | 2   | 10 |
| 2c blue green on buff        | 3   | 30 | 2c blue green on O. buff     | 2   | 04 |
| 2c blue green on white       | 5   | 15 | 2c bl gr shade on O buff     | 2   | 10 |
| 2c yellow green on amber     | 5   | 05 | 2c bl gr on O buff dotted 2  | 2   | 10 |
| 2c blue green on amber       | 5   | 05 | 2c green on amber manilla    | 2   | 14 |
| 2c yellow green on blue      | 5   | 20 | 2c grn on amb man wove       | 2   | 10 |
| 2c green on amb. man. wove   | 5   | 10 | 2c gr on amb man. dotted 2   | 2   | 10 |
| 2c yellow green amb. man.,   | 5   | 25 | 2c yellow gr on man. laid    | 2   | 15 |
| var paper,                   | 5   | 25 | 2c yellow gr on man dotted 2 | 2   | 10 |
| 2c yellow grn extra official | 25  |    | 2c blue green on white       | 3   | 10 |
| 2c blue green extra official | 20  |    | 2c blue green on white       | 3   | 04 |
| 2c blue green on amber       | 13  | 15 | 2c blue grn shade on white   | 3   | 04 |
| 2c yel. green on amber       | 13  | 15 | 2c yellow green on amber     | 3   | 10 |
| 2c blue green on white       | 14  | 25 | 2c yel grn shade on amber    | 3   | 05 |
| 2c bl. gr. on white sm. bar. | 15  |    | 2c yellow green on blue      | 3   | 10 |
| 2c yel. grn on white r bar   | 20  |    | 2c blue green on blue        | 3   | 04 |
| 4c scarlet on white          | 7   | 10 | 2c yellow green on O. buff   | 3   | 10 |
| 4c scarlet on white          | 8   | 10 | 2c green on O. buff          | 3   | 04 |
| 4c blue on amber             | 8   | 10 | 2c blue green on O. buff     | 3   | 04 |
| 5c blue on white Die B       | 3   | 10 | 2c yelw grn on amb. man      | 3   | 10 |
| 5c blue on amber Die B       | 3   | 10 | 2c green on amber manilla    | 3   | 04 |
| 5c blue on white             | 5   | 10 | 2c bl green on amb. man.     | 3   | 4  |
| 5c blue on amber             | 5   | 10 | 2c yellow green on manilla   | 3   | 10 |

## Hartford Envelopes.

|                               |   |    |                              |    |    |
|-------------------------------|---|----|------------------------------|----|----|
| 1c light blue on white        | 2 | 03 | 2c blue green on white       | 4  | 10 |
| 1c blue on white              | 2 | 03 | 2c blue grn shade on white   | 4  | 04 |
| 1c ultramarine on white       | 3 | 03 | 2c blue gr 90 wmk on white   | 4  | 20 |
| 1c blue on white              | 3 | 03 | 2c yellow grn on amber       | 4  | 05 |
| 1c light bl on manilla laid   | 3 | 03 | 2c yel grn shade on amber    | 4  | 04 |
| 1c light bl spec. man. laid   | 3 | 10 | 2c yel grn shade on amber    | 4  | 04 |
| 1c blue on manilla laid       | 3 | 03 | 2c yel gr 90 wmk on amb.     | 4  | 15 |
| 1c blue on manilla wove       | 3 | 03 | 2c yellow green on white     | 5  | 10 |
| 1c lgt blue on amb. man. laid | 3 | 03 | 2c blue on white             | 5  | 04 |
| 1c blue on amb. man. laid     | 3 | 03 | 2c blue grn shade on white   | 5  | 04 |
| 1c blue on amb. man. wove     | 3 | 03 | 2c blue grn shade on white   | 5  | 04 |
| 1c light blue on white        | 5 | 03 | 2c bl grn on white dotted 2  | 5  | 15 |
| 1c blue on white              | 5 | 03 | 2c yellow green on amber     | 5  | 10 |
| 1c blue shade on white        | 5 | 03 | 2c bl gr on amb. shade papr  | 5  | 05 |
| 1c blue on white spur         | 5 | 10 | 2c blue green on amber       | 5  | 05 |
| 1c blue on white spur used    | 5 | 05 | 2c yellow green on blue      | 5  | 10 |
|                               |   |    | 2c blue green on blue        | 5  | 05 |
|                               |   |    | 2c bl grn shade on blue      | 5  | 05 |
|                               |   |    | 2c yellow green on O. buff   | 5  | 10 |
|                               |   |    | 2c blue green on O. buff     | 5  | 10 |
|                               |   |    | 2c blue gr shade on O. buff  | 5  | 10 |
|                               |   |    | 2c yel gr on am man laid     | 5  | 10 |
|                               |   |    | 2c blue gr on amb man laid   | 5  | 04 |
|                               |   |    | 2c yellow grn on man wove    | 5  | 10 |
|                               |   |    | 2c yellow green on white     | 7  | 10 |
|                               |   |    | 2c blue green on white       | 7  | 04 |
|                               |   |    | 2c blue green shade on wht   | 7  | 4  |
|                               |   |    | 2c yellow green on amber     | 7  | 10 |
|                               |   |    | 2c blue green on amber       | 7  | 04 |
|                               |   |    | 2c yellow green on blue      | 7  | 10 |
|                               |   |    | 2c blue green on blue        | 7  | 04 |
|                               |   |    | 2c blue green shade on blue  | 7  | 10 |
|                               |   |    | 2c yellow green on O. buff   | 7  | 10 |
|                               |   |    | 2c blue green on O. buff     | 7  | 4  |
|                               |   |    | 2c bl green shade on O. buff | 7  | 04 |
|                               |   |    | 2c yellow green on white     | 8  | 10 |
|                               |   |    | 2c blue green on white       | 8  | 04 |
|                               |   |    | 2c blue grn shade on white   | 8  | 4  |
|                               |   |    | 2c yellow green on amber     | 8  | 10 |
|                               |   |    | 2c blue green on amber       | 8  | 4  |
|                               |   |    | 2c yellow green on white     | 9  | 10 |
|                               |   |    | 2c blue green on white       | 9  | 04 |
|                               |   |    | 2c yellow green on amber     | 9  | 10 |
|                               |   |    | 2c blue green on amber       | 9  | 04 |
|                               |   |    | 2c yellow green on white     | 10 | 10 |
|                               |   |    | 2c blue green on white       | 10 | 04 |
|                               |   |    | 2c blue gr shade on white    | 10 | 04 |
|                               |   |    | 2c yellow green on white     | 11 | 10 |
|                               |   |    | 2c blue green on white       | 11 | 04 |
|                               |   |    | 2c blue gr shade on white    | 11 | 04 |
|                               |   |    | 2c yellow green on white     | 13 | 10 |
|                               |   |    | 2c blue green on white       | 13 | 04 |
|                               |   |    | 2c blue gr shade on white    | 13 | 04 |
|                               |   |    | 2c green on amber            | 13 | 04 |
|                               |   |    | 2c yellow green on blue      | 13 | 10 |
|                               |   |    | 2c blue green on blue        | 13 | 04 |
|                               |   |    | 2c blue grn shade on blue    | 13 | 04 |
|                               |   |    | 2c yellow green on O. buff   | 13 | 10 |
|                               |   |    | 2c blue green on O. buff     | 13 | 04 |
|                               |   |    | 2c blue gr shade on O. buff  | 13 | 04 |
|                               |   |    | 2c yellow green on white     | 14 | 10 |
|                               |   |    | 2c green on white            | 14 | 04 |
|                               |   |    | 2c green shade on white      | 14 | 04 |
|                               |   |    | 2c green on amber            | 14 | 04 |
|                               |   |    | 2c yel gr 90 wmk on amb      | 14 | 15 |
|                               |   |    | 4c red on white              | 7  | 10 |
|                               |   |    | 4c red on amber              | 7  | 10 |
|                               |   |    | 4c scarlet on amber          | 7  | 10 |
|                               |   |    | 4c red on white              | 8  | 10 |
|                               |   |    | 4c scarlet on white          | 8  | 10 |
|                               |   |    | 4c scarlet on white          | 9  | 10 |
|                               |   |    | 4c red on amber              | 9  | 10 |
|                               |   |    | 5c blue on white, Die A      | 3  | 10 |
|                               |   |    | 5c bl. shade on white Die A  | 3  | 10 |
|                               |   |    | 5c blue on white Die A       | 5  | 10 |
|                               |   |    | 5c bl shade on white Die A   | 5  | 10 |
|                               |   |    | 5c blue on amber             | 5  | 10 |
|                               |   |    | 1c blue on manilla wrapper   | 03 |    |
|                               |   |    | 2c green on manilla wrapper  | 05 |    |

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| Scott's No. | Cat. | Price.           |      |    |                              |                                 |
|-------------|------|------------------|------|----|------------------------------|---------------------------------|
|             |      |                  | 1515 | 2c | bn on fn die B.              | 5 00 1 00                       |
| 1352        | 3c   | pink on buff,    | 20   | 10 | 1516                         | 2c br on blue 10 05             |
| 1397        | 2c   | brown on orange  | 40   | 22 | 1522                         | 2c br on oriental buff 20 08    |
| 1400        | 1c   | blue on white    | 05   | 03 | 1534                         | 2c br on manila 08 05           |
| 1407        | 3c   | gr on wh die B.  | 10   | 05 | 1536                         | 4c gn on " die B. 25 10         |
| 1417        | 2c   | ver on wh die C. | 15   | 08 | 1541                         | 2c br on am manila 25 10        |
| 1419        | 5c   | bl on wh die A.  | 50   | 20 | 1558                         | 5c blue on amber 10 08          |
| 1436        | 3c   | gr on amber B.   | 10   | 05 | 1563                         | 4c carmin on O buff 25 10       |
| 1446        | 2c   | ver on am die C. | 20   | 10 | 1564                         | 5c blue on O buff 25 12         |
| 1448        | 5c   | bl on am die B.  | 35   | 15 | 1569                         | 4c carmine on blue 25 10        |
| 1451        | 5c   | brown on amber   | 25   | 12 | 1570                         | 5c blue on blue 25 12           |
| 1465        | 1c   | bl on or die A.  | 50   | 25 | 1804                         | 3c bk on ln P.O. Of 10 03       |
| 1468        | 1c   | bl on or die B.  | 10   | 03 | 1810                         | P.O Ser bl on wh 10 05          |
| 1478        | 1c   | bl on fn die B.  | 75   | 25 | 1860                         | 3c rd on bl War Dept 15 07      |
| 1495        | 4c   | gr on wh die B.  | 20   | 08 | Complete set Col envel 22var | 1 25                            |
| 1496        | 4c   | gr on am die A.  | 30   | 12 | 1719                         | 2c ver on ma die C. wr 10 04    |
| 1510        | 2c   | br on wh die A.  | 05   | 04 | 1728                         | 2c br on ma die B. wr 5 00 1 00 |
| 1513        | 2c   | bn on am die B.  | 2 00 | 60 | 1726                         | 2c br on ma die A. 08 03        |

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| 4. Arg. Rep., '90 1/2c green per 100                                   | 50     |
| 5. " " '92 1/2c blue fer 100                                           | 50     |
| 6. P. Cards 5c green Scott's 3493 sick<br>per 10                       | 50     |
| 7. " " 5c blk Scotts 3497 wmk.<br>per 10                               | 20     |
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| 1419        | 5c   | bl on wh die A.  | 50   | 20 | 1541                         | 2c br on am manila 25 10        |
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| 1c dark blue on white.....             | 3     | .15    | 1c ultramarine on white.....            | 11    | .03    |
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| 1c blue on manilla wrapper.....        |       | .50    | 2c blue green on white.....             | 2     | .04    |
| 2c yellow green on white.....          | 1     | .05    | 2c blue green shade on white.....       | 2     | .04    |
| 2c yellow green on white.....          | 2     | .05    | 2c blue green on white dotted 2         | 2     | .10    |
| 2c blue green on white.....            | 2     | .10    | 2c yellow green on amber.....           | 2     | .11    |
| 2c yellow green on amber.....          | 2     | .05    | 2c yellow green on blue.....            | 2     | .10    |
| 2c blue green on manilla wove.....     | 2     | .15    | 2c blue green on blue.....              | 2     | .01    |
| 2c yellow green on amber.....          | 3     | .10    | 2c blue green shade on blue.....        | 2     | .01    |
| 2c blue green on amber.....            | 3     | .10    | 2c yellow green on oriental buff.....   | 2     | .10    |
| 2c blue green on amber shade paper.    | 3     | .15    | 2c blue green on oriental buff.....     | 2     | .01    |
| 2c yellow green on blue.....           | 3     | .15    | 2c blue green shade on oriental buff    | 2     | .10    |
| 3c yellow green on buff.....           | 3     | .30    | 2c blue green on oriental buff dotted 2 | 2     | .10    |
| 2c blue green on white.....            | 5     | .15    | 2c green on amber manilla.....          | 2     | .11    |
| 2c yellow green on amber.....          | 5     | .05    | 2c green on amber manilla wove.....     | 2     | .10    |
| 2c blue green on amber.....            | 5     | .05    | 3c green on amber manilla dotted 2      | 2     | .10    |
| 2c yellow green on blue.....           | 5     | .20    | 2c yellow green on manilla laid.....    | 2     | .05    |
| 2c green on amber manilla wove.....    | 5     | .10    | 2c yellow green on manilla wove.....    | 2     | .15    |
| 2c yellow gr am. man., var. paper..... | 5     | .25    | 2c blue green on manilla dotted 2       | 2     | .10    |
| 2c yellow green extra official.....    |       | .25    | 2c yellow green on white.....           | 3     | .10    |
| 2c blue green extra official.....      |       | .20    | 2c blue green on white.....             | 3     | .04    |
| 2c blue green on amber.....            | 13    | .15    | 2c blue green shade on white.....       | 3     | .04    |
| 2c yellow green on amber.....          | 13    | .15    | 2c yellow green on amber.....           | 3     | .10    |
| 2c blue green on white.....            | 14    | .25    | 2c yellow green shade on amber.....     | 3     | .05    |
| 2c blue green on white small bar.....  |       | .15    | 2c yellow green on blue.....            | 3     | .10    |
| 2c yellow green on white 1 bar.....    |       | .20    | 2c blue green on blue.....              | 3     | .04    |
| 4c scarlet on white.....               | 7     | .10    | 2c yellow green on oriental buff.....   | 3     | .10    |
| 5c scarlet on white.....               | 8     | .10    | 2c green on oriental buff.....          | 3     | .04    |
| 4c blue on amber.....                  | 8     | .10    | 2c blue green on oriental buff.....     | 3     | .04    |
| 5c blue on white Die B.....            | 3     | .10    | 2c yellow green on amber manilla.....   | 3     | .10    |
| 5c blue on amber Die B.....            | 3     | .10    | 2c green on amber manilla.....          | 3     | .04    |
| 5c blue on white.....                  | 5     | .10    | 2c blue green on amber manilla.....     | 3     | .04    |
| 5c blue on amber.....                  | 5     | .10    | 2c yellow green on manilla.....         | 3     | .10    |
|                                        |       |        | 2c green on manilla.....                | 3     | .01    |
|                                        |       |        | 2c blue green on manilla.....           | 3     | .04    |
|                                        |       |        | 2c yellow green on white.....           | 4     | .10    |
|                                        |       |        | 2c blue green on white.....             | 4     | .04    |
|                                        |       |        | 2c blue green shade on white.....       | 4     | .01    |
|                                        |       |        | 2c blue green 90 wmk on white.....      | 4     | .20    |
|                                        |       |        | 2c yellow green on amber.....           | 4     | .05    |
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