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From Our Regular Correspondent.

Washington Notes.

By J. M. BARTELS.

Monday, Sept. 26th.

This week we add to our list a few new plate numbers as follows:

Nos. 686	2c	Omaha.
" 687	2c	"
" 688	2c	"
" 689	2c	"
" 690	2c	"
" 691	2c	"
" 692	2c	"
" 693	2c	"
" 694	2c	"
" 695	2c	"

There has been a very great demand for these Omaha plate numbers, and it is possible that some of them will be much scarcer than others. The most common of all to date seems to be the No. 633. These are apparently on sale everywhere. The highest number thus far seen is No. 665. [The Portland P. O. has received Nos. 681, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 689, 692 and 693 of the 2c Omaha.—Ed.]

The 1c plates are wearing wonderfully well, the green being an easy color on the plates, and perhaps no new ones will be required. The most common of these are the four first numbers.

It is a difficult matter for stamp collectors to see entire sheets of Newspaper and Periodical stamps, but there is one thing certain, that is, they are not all printed in the same manner. In the lower denominations it is impossible to get a side strip with full imprint, but of the \$5.00 stamp, which we more frequently see surcharged for revenue purposes, side strips consisting of three stamps with full imprint are sometimes obtainable. From this we would infer that on this plate the side imprint appears twice instead of once at each side of the sheet, so that when they are perforated and cut into sheets of fifty both the top and bottom halves have two side numbers; this would make them four times as common as either the top or bottom. Perhaps some of our collector friends who are on the inside track at some large post office can give other information on this subject, and will be able to see in what

shape the high denominations appear. Possibly, there are others which are printed in the same manner.

A great deal of unnecessary attention is being paid to the placing of the I. R. on the surcharged revenue stamps. In our opinion it makes but little difference whether the I is in the centre of the stamp, or whether it is poorly printed and cut in half by the perforations. The multiplying of such insignificant varieties does not tend to benefit Philately at large, and is very apt to justly arouse the ridicule of outsiders. The recognition of the inverted surcharge is about as far as any ordinary collector should go. In the small 1c I. R. the periods vary considerably, some of them appear to be commas, but this is of no importance, whatever.

Inverted small I. R. stamps are said to exist, but this is barely possible, as only sheets from the upper right corner could be used; it would be difficult to get them in the press the wrong way, and certainly impossible to do so without the knowledge of the operator.

The two varieties of the surcharged \$5.00 stamps are very sure to be equally common, as one half of them were fed into the press right and the other half left. The expression, "Inverted surcharge" in this instance is certainly out of place.

Mr. F. M. Schreiner of the War Dept. is now a Major in the U. S. Volunteers. He has one of the best collections of unused U. S. stamps in the city, and does not believe that many of them are over-priced. He has found it hard to get such stamps as he lacks in a satisfactory condition at full catalog prices. He has great confidence in the future of first-class material.

Mr. W. L. Drury has returned from his summer vacation and is again at his post in the same department.

Mr. Camp is interesting himself in contributing philatelic magazines to the extensive library in the War Department, and has aroused the interest of the librarian.

Unbound numbers of every description seem to be acceptable. Capt. McCormick

has disposed of his fine collection of unused U. S. stamps in strips and blocks and is beginning to collect on different lines. He expects to pay special attention to the more artistic stamps of foreign countries. He was not given an opportunity to offer his treasures outside of this city; as dealers here seem more anxious to buy than to sell.

For the WEEKLY ERA.

Approval Sheet Numbers.

By ALBERT H. HALL.

Many and various are the ways in which dealers number their approval sheets. The collector who has just bought a "\$5.00 Dealer's Outfit," to conceal his newness numbers his first sheet 1001 and goes on upward. The amateur, with an eye to statistics, begins each number with the year of its issue and is now using the 9800's. The professional has nearly as many ways as there are professionals. But no scheme has yet been entirely satisfactory.

Every dealer and every collector who exchanges by correspondence with other collectors, is continually met with the puzzling question, "Have I sent these stamps to that man before?" He looks up the records and finds that that man has had sheets 711 and 41144, and perhaps even that the sheets contained stamps of South America and Asia; but nothing on record shows whether John Smith ever was sent those stamps of Paraguay or that lot from Beluchistan. Then he sends them to John Smith on guesswork, and receives them back by next mail with the statement that it is a waste of time to keep looking over sheets of the same kinds of stamps, and will he please send something that he hasn't sent before. Then comes up the old question again.

There is another way to manage it. If you go into any up-to-date public library and tell the clerk that you want Number 7631, he knows that you are after the economics (7) of the tariff (76) on the metal (763) known as tin (7631). Similarly, if you ask to see his books on the foreign policy of the King of Siam, he leads you to shelf Number 627: 6, history and law, 2, of the Asiatic countries of, 7, Indo China. The theory is that all books, outside of fiction, may be classified into ten groups, as in the following:

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(INCORPORATED.)

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Membership Summary.

Membership last report	713
New Stockholders	2
Resignations accepted	715
Present membership	2
713	

WM. N. HOWE, Secretary.

SPECIAL NOTICE TO MEMBERS.

Attention of members is called to the fact that dues for the fiscal year, commencing Sept. 1st, 1898, amounting to \$1.20, are now due and should be sent at once to the Treasurer, Mr. H. G. Smith, Winona, Minn.

REPORT OF THE SALES DEPARTMENT.

GEORGE R. TUTTLE, Superintendent,
87 Nassau St.

NEW YORK CITY, Sept 24th, 1898.
1,099 books of stamps in circulation according to my report of Sept. 17th, valued at \$37,513.24
45 books received since Sept. 17th, valued at \$1,359.92
\$38,873.16
46 books retired since Sept. 17th, valued at (From which have been sold \$232.76)..... \$1,481.95

Total number of books in circulation 1,098 valued at \$37,391.21
GEO. R. TUTTLE, Supt.

REPORT OF LIBRARIAN.

FLEMINGTON, N. J., Sept. 26, 1898.
Accessions since last report.
No. 99. Report of the Postmaster General for 1879, from H. E. Deats.
Nos. 100-109. *American Journal of Philately*, second series. Vols. I.-X., bound in cloth, from Scott Stamp & Coin Co., Ltd.
I wonder what publisher will be next on the list with a complete bound file of his paper?
H. E. DEATS, Librarian.

\$5.00

Newspaper, Surcharged, U. S. Int. Rev.,
Surcharge Reading Down:

Single copies, blocks and pairs, at \$5.45 per stamp.
Right strip of three with imp. and Plate No. \$20.00
Left strip of three with imp. and Plate No. 20.00
Single copies, with Plate No. alone. 6.50
All are unused and in mint condition.
Also have a few of the 1c I. R. Plates, at 8c per strip.

Nathan R. Graves,
37 & 38 Wieting Blk., Syracuse, N. Y.

OMEGA.



PRESIDENT'S CALL.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Sept. 23rd, 1898.

By virtue of the authority vested in me under Section 4, of Article IV., of the By-Laws, I hereby call a meeting of the Board of Directors of the American Philatelic Association, to convene at Young's Hotel, Boston, Mass., at 8 o'clock P. M., Saturday, October 15, 1898.

The purposes for which this meeting is called are:

First. The election and appointment of the officers as specified under Article IV., Section 3, and Article VII., Section 1.

Second. The transaction of such other business as may legally be brought before it.

I would, also, respectfully request that any director who may be unable to be present in person should mail his vote for the different officers to be elected and appointed, as specified in the above sections of the By-Laws, to the Secretary immediately upon the receipt of this notice.

FRANK F. OLNEY, President,
American Philatelic Association.

Members having any business they may wish to lay before the Board of Directors are requested to forward same to the Secretary in season for the above meeting.

SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR THE WEEK ENDING OCT. 1st, 1898.

Applications for Membership.

YOUNGER, CHAS. S., 58 Morningside Ave., New York City; age, 46; occupation, Editor. Recommended by Geo. R. Tuttle, W. F. Gregory.

WILSON, HENRY D., 404 Mt. Prospect Ave., Newark, N. J.; age, 31; occupation, P. A. Surgeon, U. S. N. Recommended by Geo. R. Tuttle, W. F. Gregory.

New Stockholders.

1528. **PAXMAN**, WM. S. L., Quebec, Canada.

1529. **MOFFAT**, FRANK D., 118 Keap St., Brooklyn, New York.

Resignations Accepted.

840. **WARDSWORTH**, FRANK T., Eastport, Me.

507. **DEREUTERSKIOLD**, BARON A., Ouchy, Switzerland.

Resignations Received.

1193. **HARLOW**, FREDERICK B., Worcester, Mass.

454. **STEIN**, L. G., Muscatine, Iowa.

Change of Addresses.

302. **MEYENBERG**, MAX, from 111 W. 84th St., N. Y. City, to 944 Bloomfield St., Hoboken, N. J.

Correspondence.

[The editor wishes it distinctly understood that he does not hold himself responsible for assertions made under this head, nor does he necessarily sanction any ideas or opinions expressed. All are invited to contribute to this department, with the above understanding, and all communications deemed suitable or of interest to our readers will be published.]

EXCEPTION TAKEN.

New York, Sept. 22, 1898.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE ERA:

I note with some surprise that friend Bartels advocates the collecting of single stamps with plate numbers of the new Revenues. Why not be consistent and collect early issues and Departments singly, these require from 4 to 6 stamps in a strip?

There is but one correct way to collect *imprint and plate number*, and that is the strip necessary to show both *unsevered*.

Yours truly,

M. C. BERLEPSCH.

PORT WASHINGTON, WIS., Sept. 14, '98.

MR. W. W. JEWETT,

Portland, Me.

Dear Sir: In your San Francisco notes in No. 277 I see that no bottom strips of surcharged 1c revenues are found yet.

I want to say I have 2c No. 543 and 1c No. 544.

Yours truly,

EDWARD RUNKEL.

OTTAWA, ILLS., Sept. 14, '98.

MR. W. W. JEWETT.

Dear Sir: I wish to report for the benefit of San Francisco notes that I have the following 1c I. R. bottoms: 535; 542, 543; 544; 545; 547, 548 and 549.

Yours truly,

E. A. KELLY.

A Snap in Revenues.

- Proprietary, Complete Set of 10, unused. 25c
Documentary, Set of 8, unused. 35c
1 1/2c Proprietary (purple) 3c
1/2c orange and 1/2c gray Documentary (2) unused 3c
25c and 50c Documentary (2) unused. 80c
1c and 2c I. R. (2) unused. 5c
\$1.00 Documentary, used. 10c

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F. WILLIAM HORROCKS, KITTERY, MAINE.

WE BUY STAMPS AND OLD STAMP COLLECTIONS.

Send us what you have with lowest cash price or we will make you an offer if you wish. We pay express or postage one way.

Dr. J. W. FOWLER, Dubuque, Iowa.

SELL OMAHAS,

Before They Drop as Columbians Have.

We Pay the Highest Market Price.

- 1-cent. 80 cts. per 100.
2-cent. 6 cts. "
4-cent. \$1.10 "
5-cent. 1.10 "
8-cent. 1.15 "
10-cent. 1.15 "
50c, \$1.00 and \$2.00 Half Face.

CHASE BROTHERS,

11, 13 & 15 Washington Street, HAVERHILL, MASS.

IF YOU VISIT PITTSBURG.

PITTSBURG, Sept. 23, 1898.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE ERA

Dear Sir: On behalf of the Twin City Philatelic Society, of Pittsburg, the attention of philatelists intending to visit our city during the triennial conclave of the Knights Templars, Oct. 9th to 14th, is invited to the fact that the regular monthly meeting of our Society occurs on Thursday evening, Oct. 13th, at No. 25 Sixth Ave., and that visitors will be made welcome.

ARTHUR G. BURGOYNE, Sec'y.

ST. LOUIS, MO., Sept. 18, 1898.

W. W. JEWETT, Esq.,

Portland, Maine.

Dear Sir: Again I come to you for information concerning two stamps. Both are not catalogued and I would like to know whether there are any more in existence or whether they are frauds. One is one penny Tasmania surcharged H 1/2 f penny the al sideways (I have 3 copies cancelled) the other one is 1/4 real Guatemala green 1878 surcharged 1 centavo. Concerning the latter you will find the same question asked by a collector in Freeport, Me., in the Herald Exchange, New York, Sept. 1.

Hoping to obtain the necessary information through your valuable paper, I am, Very truly yours,

FRED FUESSEL.

In regards to the One Penny Tasmania variety mentioned above, we would say that Stanley Gibbons' catalogue lists such a variety; priced at £4 used. The Guatemala variety we fail to find catalogued on the 1/2 real, and would ask if any of our readers can throw any light on the same.—Ed.

BROKEN BOW, NEB., Sept. 23, 1898.

W. W. JEWETT, Esq,

Portland, Me.

Dear Sir: I have following bottom plates of 1c I. R. not yet reported in the ERA: Nos. 439, 527, 528, 539 and 540.

Very truly yours,

S. H. HOYT.

A TIMELY SUGGESTION.

SABETHA, KAN., Sept. 27, 1898.

EDITOR OF THE ERA.

Dear Sir: I note by the last issue of the ERA received by me, that our new Postmaster General has just let a new contract for the stamped envelopes to be used in the U. S. for the next four years. The contest between the Purcell company and the new Plympton-Morgan company will probably cause some more delay in beginning the contract, so may be it is not too late yet for the philatelists of the U. S. to request a change of colors in our envelope stamps, to match the colors of adhesives of same issue.

We are informed that the Postal Union

Stamps on Approval, 50%.

Send Good Reference. CASH PAID FOR STAMPS.

S. E. MEDFORD, 435 North 41st St., PHILA., PA.

Table with 2 columns: Stamp type and price. Includes items like 1c Proprietary, 10c Certificate, 50c Life Insurance, etc.

Money refunded if not satisfactory. E. A. KELLY, 713 La Salle St., OTTAWA, ILLS.

NOTICE OF Removal!

I have Removed my Stamp Business

From 66 Huntington Ave. to

3118 Washington Street, BOSTON, MASS.

I have lowered my prices on United States and Foreign Stamps. On sales of \$1.00 or over I allow a

Special Discount of 50 per cent.

from the prices marked in my sale books, excepting only those unused U. S. stamps which would with the discount lower the price below face. For instance: I have the unused U. S. 1888, 90 cents, purple, priced at \$1.50, to allow 50 per cent. would lower the price to 75 cents, which of course would not be expected, but on all such stamps I will make the prices right.

Many of the stamps in my sale books are priced far below the prices given in recent catalogues. After deducting the 50 per cent. discount from marked prices you will have a chance to buy many

Choice U. S. and Foreign Stamps

—AT—

90% Discount from Catalogue Prices.

I Allow 40% Discount on Sets of Foreign Stamps.

No Discount allowed on Sales Under \$1.00.

I claim that my present prices for U. S. and foreign stamps in my sale books after deducting my special discount will be lower than those of any of my competitors who have as large an assortment to select from.

I do not make a specialty of new or current issues, but keep a fair stock of the stamps issued between 1841 and 1894.

If you want to buy stamps at real bargain prices you can do so by calling at 3118 Washington Street. The prices in my sale books for stamps run from

One Cent to \$35.00 Each.

C. F. Rothfuchs,

3118 Washington St., BOSTON, MASS.

"The Thornton" is the name of house, 3118 Washington Street.

All Forest Hills cars pass the door.

OMEGA.

at its last meeting, decided to have a uniform color of stamps for the benefit of emigrants from other countries, and ordered that the one-cent shall be green, the two-cent red and the five-cent blue. Our own country has followed out the suggestion in its adhesives recently, but not in its envelopes. Why should our one-cent and five-cent envelopes both be blue, and two-cent green, when it does not correspond with the adhesives? As all collectors know, up to the year 1890 our P. O. Dept. was very careful to change color of envelope stamps very promptly to correspond with its adhesives, but since then it has taken a rest. For eleven years now we have had no change in die or color of any of our envelopes, although changes were made in adhesives in 1890, so why not have a change now? Must those collectors who do not wish to collect entires be obliged to collect the new issue entirely by change of watermark, or fold of flaps on their back as four years ago. As we have a new contractor and new style of paper, why not have new dies, smaller in size and colors, to match adhesives? I know the four-cent envelope is now printed in carmine, but it is seldom seen or used, why not print in red brown?

The U. S. has never printed any prettier envelope stamps than the 3c red before 1860 and 3c pink up to 1870. Why cannot we have as pretty ones again? The red ink may cost a few cents more per lb., but as the envelopes are furnished much cheaper than ever before, think they can afford to waste a little on ink. Hence we call upon the PHILATELIC ERA, with its big circulation among progressive stamp dealers and collectors of the east, as also its prominent Washington correspondent, to ask them to throw out their influence in favor of such a change, at once, and see if it won't be made. I am,

Yours very respectfully,
F. A. LILLY.

1/2-Cent Orange Documentary
1898 UNUSED.

Single copies (postage extra)..... 4c
One only full sheet..... 20c
Wholesale prices on application.

MORGAN PORTER,
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1000 U. S. Stamps, 12 Cts.!

Common varieties, 1872-95, but not picked over for ribbed papers, secret marks, shades, clarets, capped twos, etc. A bargain, post free.

60 var. U. S., including Dept., Due, Rev., etc.,
Cat. \$1.25..... 27c
30 var. U. S. cat. 50c..... 12c
60 mixed Mexico, cat. \$2.00..... 27c

\$7.00 for \$1.00!

300 var. Foreign, from all over the world, cat. value \$7.00, for \$1.00. A great big bargain and your money cheerfully refunded if you are not more than satisfied.

APPROVAL SHEETS of 1c to 25c stamps at 60% commission. Reference required.

F. PUTNEY, JR.,
Box 944E, Providence, R. I.

FREE! "THE EVERGREEN STATE PHILATELIST" on trial two months. It will then be discontinued. Address at The Dalles, Oregon. [tfs]

From Our Special Correspondent.

San Francisco Notes.

Monday, Sept. 19th.

The printer I see has caused a misunderstanding in regards to my last notes when he made me say that the bottom strips of the 1c I. R. had not been seen here. What I wrote was that the bottom strips of the *small* I. R. had not been found, nor have any turned up here yet; all the sheets seen here the plates were at the tops or sides.

A beautiful copy of the five cent grilled all over was sold here last week by W. Sellschopp & Co., the price being in the neighborhood of \$350 00

There is one full sheet of the 1c I. R. small surcharge, plate 540, held by a dealer here. This is the only sheet of this number found on this coast and it bids fair to be a rival of the 2c plate 89.

One of our well-known dealers had what he thought was a great rarity the other day in the shape of a new postal card. It was buff on one side and snow white on the other. A little moisture applied with the finger revealed the fact that it had been whitewashed over some printing. As it came from New York I suppose they are "hard up" there and have to use these washed cards.

Business out here is still on the boom and the dealers' faces are wreathed in smiles, though they say they are overworked but I don't think they mind it. It is almost impossible for them to keep a supply of albums or catalogues on hand.

J. A. N.



Old Colony Philatelic Society.

Meets First and Third Wednesday in Each Month, at 8 O'clock P. M.

Entrance Fee 25c, Dues \$1 per year payable quarterly.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT.

MANSFIELD, Sept 27th, '98
The 62nd regular meeting of the O. C. P. S. was called to order at the old quarters Sept. 24 that 8.15 p. m. under Pres. Smiley.
The reports of the Secretary, Treasurer, Librarian and 1st Exchange Superintendent were accepted as read. No report from Curio Department.

The principal business before the meeting was in regard to changing the headquarters of the Society to Providence, R. I. After a very careful discussion the following motion was made and carried:

"After consulting the wishes of the Society the Executive Committee deem it expedient to keep the headquarters of the Society at Mansfield for the present."

The meeting adjourned at 9 25 p. m.
HOWARD PAINE, Sec'y.

Part Roulette 10-cent Documentary Revenues

Unsevered Pair, 50 Cents.

Not many stamps have been found in this condition. Order at once before price advances.
Money back if stamps do not suit.

Herbert F. Butler, Newton Center, Mass.

400 Varieties of United States, Br Colonials and Foreign for \$1.00

This packet contains Adhesives only, no Reprints, Revenues, cut Cards or Envelopes. 400 distinct varieties in fine condition and is the best packet for the money on the market.

GEO. D. WEEKS, JR.,
Care Garfield Nat'l Bank, New York City.

100 VARIETIES, 4c. . . .

Containing stamps from Venezuela or Switzerland (unused) Japan, Egypt, Ceylon, etc. Only one to a customer.

Postage 2c extra on all orders.
Greece Olympian Games, Set 5, 1 to 201..... 9c
" " " " 6, 1 to 251..... 14c
" " " " 7, 1 to 491..... 22c
" " " " 9, 1 to 13..... 45c
1898 U. S. Revenues Prop. 1/4 to 5c compl. unused 25c
" " " " Doc. 1c to 5c " 22c
" " " " \$1.00 Doc. used..... 10c
We Buy Omaha stamps at best prices. *

TOLEDO STAMP CO., Toledo, Ohio.

Gone to the War.

Will resume business when we have licked Spain.

LIBERTY STAMP CO.,
GEO. FLAGG, Manager,
170 Tremont St., Boston, Mass.

USED OMAHA STAMPS

I can supply fine copies of the Omaha stamps at the following prices:

4c orange..... \$0.02
5c blue..... .02
8c magenta..... .04
10c violet..... .03
50c green..... .35
\$1.00 black..... .65
\$2.00 brown..... 1.25

1895 Watermarked

50c orange..... 08
\$1.00 black..... 25

Hong Kong

\$1.00 on \$2.00 postmarked Canton 2.00
\$5.00 red..... 3.00

WANTED!

Imperfected Revenue stamps in pairs, blocks and strips for Spot Cash. Parties having stamps in the above condition will do well by writing me stating their lowest price for same.

A. C. TOWNSEND,
1526 O St., N. W., Washington, D. C.

Inverted Surcharge

\$5 N. & P. Surcharged Int. Rev. \$5

Documentary, Reading Down
 Singles Copies..... \$6.00
 Blocks and Strips of Four..... 23.50
 All Unused, O. G., P. O. State.

WM. OLIVER SEMPLE,

A. P. A. 1486, EASTON, PA.



RUSSIAN

Stamps are unique and interesting.

Set of 10 for 15 cents.

A Russian Letter Seal FREE with each request for our Approval Sheets.

To introduce our

PHILATELIC MICROSCOPE,

(brass mounted, adjustable for focus, double lenses magnifying 100 times) and you need one to see the engraving on your stamps; we will accept \$1.00 worth of Omahas at: 1c each for 4, 5, 8, 10-cent, one-half face for higher values, 1c at 1-tooth face.

EMPIRE SUPPLY CO.,

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HAWAIIAN STAMPS.

Remember Hawaii is Annexed.

Surcharged Provisional Government 1893

	Unsurcharged	\$0.12	\$0.15
1864 1c violet.....		\$0.12	\$0.15
1864 2c vermilion.....	.20		
1864 6c green.....	.18		.18
1864 18c dull rose.....	.35		.30
1875 2c brown.....	.04		.18
1875 12c black.....	.90		.20
1882 1c blue.....	.06		.12
1882 2c lilac-rose.....	.09		
1882 5c ultramarine.....	.04		.09
1882 10c black.....	1.00		.18
1882 15c brown.....	1.50		.35
1883 1c green.....	.02		.02
1883 2c rose.....	.02		.09
1883 10c red-brown.....	.09		.15
1883 10c vermilion.....	.45		.24
1883 12c mauve.....	.75	black 6.00	
1886 2c rose-vermilion.....	.20	1.50	
1889 2c violet.....	.02	.03	
1889 5c black-blue.....	.90	.18	
16 varieties Hawaiian.....		.60	
20 " ".....		1.00	
25 " ".....		1.50	

Chinese.

We Have a Fine Stock of These Very Interesting Issues.

10 varieties Provisionals.....	\$0.40
China 1897 1/2 to 30c, used or unused.....	.65
Chinkingiang 1894 7 var.....	.30
Ichang complete, 8 var.....	.75
Shanghai 1893, 7 var.....	.55
25 varieties Chinese.....	.25
40 " ".....	.60

HONG KONG—\$1 on \$2 slate, \$1 on \$2 green. These are very rare provisionals, only in use a short time. We are selling them for \$2.50 per pair. Either color \$1.50. Owing to the few issued these are bound to advance.

Postage extra on orders under 50c. Satisfaction guaranteed or money cheerfully refunded. Our approval sheets are very fine. Discounts from 40 to 50 per cent. Send for a selection with reference.

MAKINS & CO.,

506 Market St., 1318 Market St.,
 SAN FRANCISCO, CAL. OAKLAND, CAL.

OMEGA.

Mr. H. Toelke informs us that the Long Island Philatelic Society was dissolved as such on Sept. 16th and formally made Section Philately of the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences. New constitution and by-laws were adopted and directors elected. We are promised more complete particulars later but in the meantime wish to congratulate both the Long Island Society and philately generally for this grand step upward, which tends to place stamp collecting on an even footing with its more ancient and widely known sister sciences and hobbies.

Elsewhere in this issue we reprint an article from the Albany, N. Y., *Argus* of last Sunday in which are given the opinions of two collectors of that city on the decision of the Scott Company not to issue the 59th edition of their Catalogue this fall. The article should be given the "consideration" customarily given newspaper articles relating to our hobby, and the two collectors' opinions quoted should not be allowed too serious a thought, as their conclusions are too hastily drawn and their fears of the future entirely groundless as nothing has arisen to give even a shadow of cause to doubt the stability and future prosperity of stamp collecting.

Attention is called to the change in the address of Mr. A. C. Townsend. His new address will be found in his ad elsewhere in this issue.

Catalogue of Bogert & Durbin Co.'s 109th auction sale, to be held on Saturday afternoon, October 15th, at the Philadelphia offices of the Company, has been received. It lists over 500 lots, comprising both U. S. and foreign, most of which are single stamps.

The following short but business-like reply to our notice of the cancelling of the old and the adoption of new rates from an old and well-known advertiser had ought to be worthy of thought and consideration of every live dealer. It reads:

"Arrangement O. K. Run our ad as before. We will use more space later and can't kick on the —c rate as your paper is well worth it.—F. N. MASSOTH & Co."

We regret exceedingly to state that this number is not quite up to our expectations, but the sickness of our Review Editor, Mr. Stone, and the non-arrival of the half tone of the American Philatelic Association group, together with one or two minor circumstances, not only compels us to appear with less pages than we would have liked but also results in a slight delay in mailing the edition.

The advertising columns of this number fully make up any shortcomings of our reading matter, and present an exceptionally fine array of offers, and ought certainly to suit everyone, whether he wishes to buy, sell or exchange.

"Stamp Hunting"

Ready next week. "Your attractive ads have so interested me that I am worked up to a high C regarding the book," wrote one of our subscribers. We get this every day—and can only state that our book has the swing and dash of our advertisements, whatever may be said criticising the work from a literary standpoint. As stated before, we claim no literary merit for it, whatever, but think you will get your money's worth for the price asked, **50c Post Free.** Send in your orders and if you are placed so you can use a wholesale lot write for special prices.

LEWIS ROBIE,

631 West Adams St., CHICAGO, ILL.

Revenues.

While you are collecting U. S. Revenues also collect Canada Revenues. For 25c we will send you the cheaper or better, as you prefer, \$1.00 catalogue value of Canada Revenues. With two orders we will send two of our 10c Canadian Revenues. Catalogue free. There is no better catalogue published.

WE WISH TO BUY

U. S. Postage and Revenue by the lot, Match and Medicine, etc., etc.

STAMP CO Coldwater, Mich.

The Match Stamp doth go

And the Medicine also,
 And what will our Robie do then,
 Poor thing?
 Foreign Revenues be'll take,
 And a great rush he'll make
 To sell you selections of them
 Next spring.

Meanwhile I get in ahead of him. Ever see the Revenues of the South African Republic? They're queer. I'll send 5 varieties for 20c. Money back if you don't like them. Two Natal and a Queensland for 10c. Same terms. Natal postage 6p, 1sh, and 1867 6p, locally cancelled, beauties, for 20c. S. T. 50c for the lot and I throw in another oddity and pay postage. I use Omahas.

ALBERT H. HALL,
 North Cambridge, Mass.

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NOW IN GREAT DEMAND.

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1878-79, 2 varieties, single.....	\$1.00
1880 4 " single and double.....	1.00
1881 4 " " ".....	.70
1882 2 " single.....	.15
1889 2 " ".....	.15
1894 2 " ".....	.15
1896 2 " ".....	.15
1898 8 " single and double.....	.40

Porto Rico

1887 3c brown on buff.....	.18
1892 3c blue.....	.08
1893 8 varieties, single and double.....	.40

Philippines

1879 3c on 50m carmine.....	.25
1881 3c carmine.....	.45
1889 2c brown.....	.20
" 3c carmine.....	.25
1896 2 and 3c, Se.....	.20
1898 5m, 1 and 2c, Set.....	.15

Hawaii

1882 5 var., single and double.....	.70
1892 3 " ".....	.38
1893 3 " Prov. Govt.....	.45
1894 2 " single.....	.08
Complete Collection, 13 var.....	1.50
All Prepaid with Omaha Stamps.	

Postal Card Reporter

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From Our Regular Correspondent.

Toronto Letter.

CANADA HAS A WEEKLY.

The *Boys' Own Philatelist*, published at Berlin, Ont., by Findlay I. Weaver, formerly a monthly, is now issued weekly.

A PRESS ASSOCIATION IN CANADA.

A movement is on foot to form a Canadian Philatelic Press Association for the benefit of publishers and writers.

TORONTO'S NEW LOCAL SOCIETY.

The first meeting of the new local stamp society was held Tuesday evening at Mr. John H. Lowe's office on Adelaide St. Mr. Chas. L. Bailey, President of the D. P. A., was elected chairman for the evening, John H. Lowe, Secretary pro tem. Meeting adjourned at 9:30, after a very enjoyable evening being spent.

A NEW APPEARANCE.

The *Canadian Collector* has made its appearance, published at Berlin. This city now issues three papers, namely: the *Advocate*, *Boys' Own Philatelist* and the *Canadian Collector*.

JOHN HULME LOWE.

EXCHANGES.

One notice is allowed each subscriber free if sent with his remittance, extra notices will be inserted at the uniform price of 10 cents each insertion. Non-subscribers 15 cents each insertion. Positively cash with notice. All notices must be for exchange and limited to thirty words, exclusive of the address, and must be written on a separate piece of paper. Notices offering articles for sale for cash, or offering to purchase for cash cannot be inserted here as they do not come under this head.

Three Consecutive Insertions of Same Exchange Notice, 25 Cents.

Old pennies and half cents wanted for good exchange in stamps. If you have any I can give you a good trade. Sure to suit. Write me. Judson N. Burton, Madison, New York. [82]

Pack of transparent Playing Cards printed before 1875, which I have been unable to duplicate in this city, for good stamps; United States, Canada, Hawaii, to amount five dollars list. C. F. Richards, 326 West 20th St., New York City.

Send me 25 varieties of Newfoundland or 40 varieties of Canada postage stamps and receive 100 varieties of U. S. and foreign, guaranteed to catalogue at least \$2.00. J. W. Witty, Box 1352, Springfield, Mass.

I have an Improved Berliner Gramophone with 52 of the best records, to exchange for stamps. With it goes a case to carry the machine and a walnut case to carry 25 records. Everyone knows what the Improved Berliner is, as there is none better. What am I offered for it in the way of good stamps? Frank B. Gouch, Woonsocket, Rhode Island.

Wanted: Used Omahas, all values, in exchange for stamps of my approval books or off your want list. The very highest prices given for Omahas. Only good copies accepted. G. C. Cuenod, P. O. Box 273, Galveston, Texas.

I offer the following for exchange for good U. S. and British Colonies: Greece 11 Ol. Games, 11 Unpaid 1878 perf. 10¢; Guatemala 1c, 2c and 5c 1866-7; Hawaii 2c rose. Joel H. Du Bose, Huguenot, Ga.

I have a single case Odell typewriter, cost \$15.00, small kodak camera, cost \$25.00, and stamps to exchange. Articles wanted: A double barrel breech-loading shot-gun and a 38 or 38 calibre Smith and Wesson revolver and stamps. W. J. McDonald, Lock Box 212, Morgantown, W. Va.

\$7.50 Autoharp, key and instructions for "Self Culture" from Oct. 1895 to March 1898. Confederate money for back numbers of any first-class magazine. Double their price in dollars. Write. Chas. N. Davis, Box 215, Tuskalooosa, Ala. [83]

Wanted, at Once: Good stamps (off sheets) cat. 1c to 10c and above. Can offer 2000 Indian relics, broken bank bills, identified fossils, sea shells, curios, etc. Best of references. Sprague Wm. Chambers, Plainwell, Mich.

Exchange wanted with general collectors having about 3000 varieties, value for value. George D. Weeks, Jr., Care Garfield Nat'l Bank, New York City.

Exchange! Collectors having duplicates they wish to dispose of in exchange should write me, stating number and quality. 90 per cent. allowed. Only perfect specimens exchanged. No books or sheets. H. Toelke, 91 Grove St., Brooklyn, N. Y. [82]

Will give old Europe stamps for U. S. postage. Write what you have to offer. A. Burnham, P. O. Box 2447, New York City.

Wanted: Card-board proofs of State Dep't set and Periodical set. If you have them to dispose of let me know what you want. Joseph S. Davis, 1460 Pearl St., Denver, Colo.

Guns, cameras, bicycles, watches and jewelry, all new and of different makes and grades, to exchange for good stamps: U. S. preferred, especially M. and T. W. Herman Wiesman, Millbury, Mass.

I want a good view lens, and will give U. S. Revenues and Entire Envelopes for one. Erastus Cornell, Marshalltown, Iowa.

I have some fine duplicates to exchange for unused foreign stamps cataloguing over 25 cents each. Send a selection. Can use some I. R. Plate Numbers also. Member Manhattan Philatelic Society. A. Herrmann, 116 Produce Exchange, New York City.

I have nearly complete files of Philatelic Journal of America, Post Office, and many other papers which I should like to exchange for stamps not in my collection. Correspondence solicited. O. H. Williams, No. 35 East 17th St., N. Y. City.

Stamp papers exchanged. If you have papers to exchange for others send me your lists. S. C. Scott, Calmar, Iowa.

Good exchange offered for Great Britain Numbers 2, 8, 44, 87, 112, 115, 134 and 146 in quantities, to use for making reconstructed sheets. J. F. Johnson, 83 Thornton St., Boston, Mass. [81frc]

I need in my business a 1c Playing Card and \$1.00 Mortgage perforated and a 25c Bond, \$1.00 Life Insurance and \$5.00 Mortgage imperforate. Who has any of the above and what do you want for them? Will give anything from a box of Safety Matches to a farm in Havana, U. S. Frank B. Gouch, Woonsocket, R. I.

Have a very 10c Documentary 1898 not rouletted between. Very scarce. Pair sold at auction at Convention for \$1.20. What will you give in exchange for a pair, strip or block? J. W. Witty, Box 1352, Springfield, Mass.

TRADE COLUMN.

Under this head we print all notices not properly belonging to our exchange department, such as business announcements, want and for sale notices, etc., etc., at the uniform low rate of five (5) cents per line. Eight words average a line. All notices will be set in solid 6-point type and no display allowed. Minimum charge to cents.

I buy used Omahas and pay higher prices than any dealer. I sell them in sets, from 1c to \$1.00. Buying or Selling prices free. R. ROESCIKE, 406 S. Morgan St., Chicago, Ill.

I will pay one-cent each for the 4, 5, 8 and 10-cent used Omaha stamps, in good condition. Any quantity taken and cash remittance sent by return mail. H. C. YOUNG, Box 1448, Providence, R. I.

Eight for \$1, 2c I. R. Plate Nos. about 30 of 475-558. Send want list. J. F. Duhamel, 220 Br'dway, New York. [82]

JUDSON N. BURTON, Madison, N. Y., offers 1000 2c Revenues, only 50c; 1000 2c Columbians, 18c; 1000 3c green, only 20c; 1000 Foreign, 15c; 1000 U. S., only 8c. Stamps bought and sold. Write me for catalogue of my Oct. 10th Auction Sale. It's free. Write.

Spot cash paid for your duplicates, send with lowest stamp. O. P. RUTH, Moundridge, Kansas.

500 well mixed Foreign stamps post free for 10 cts. Set of Russia 1882 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 14k, price 5 cts. Mexico 1864 1, 2, 47, 1p, 10 cts. 1000 Hinges, 10 cts. H. C. YOUNG, Box 1448, Providence, R. I.

Warning! Stamp papers dated before 1890 (as well as a great many issued since) are getting scarce and if you need any to complete your files you will do well to secure same at once. My stock of philatelic literature is one of the finest in America and I solicit your want list for pricing. ERWIN LESTER SHOVE, Unionville, N. Y.

Unused—30c Col., 3c; 10c 1882, 20c; 2c pink, 4c; 3c green 1879, 15c; 1st issue Spec. Del., 12c; entire wrapper, black on straw, die 2, 40c; and envelope 3c red on fawn, No. 1488, 15c. COLUMBIAN STAMP CO., Hartford, Conn.

How much will you give me for a fine new and o. g. \$24.00 N. and P.? Scott's new end entire No. 1728 at 60c, No. 1498 at 8c. W. H. Wiesman, Millbury, Mass.

Eighteen Leaders. *Unused. Postage, 2 cts. extra. *60 var. unused, different, cat. over \$2.00, \$0.25
*British North Borneo 1887-92, 9 var., cat. 50c, .13
*Ceylon 4c rose, No. 93, cat. 35c, .09
*Porto Rico Newspaper 1894-96 1/2, 1, 2, 4, 8 var., .06
*Salvador 1891, complete, 10 var., cat. 76c, .30
*Nossi Be. 1, 2, 4, 5; Martinique 1, 2, 4, 5, for .08
Bolivia 1894 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, cat. 22c, .05
*Seychelles 1890 13c, cat. 35c, .11
Labuan 1894, 7 var., cat. \$1.10, .30
1000 Zechmeyer Continentals, best of its kind, .16
Hayti 1893 1, 2, 3, 5, 7c, obsolete, cat. 41c, .15
*Honduras 1878, 7 var. complete, cat. 83c, .30
*Grenada Jubilee 1898 2 1/2d, new, .10
Porto Rico Jub. 3c green, on orig. cover, cat. \$2, .75
*New Brunswick 10c vermilion, cat. 30c, .10
*Trinidad Jubilee 2d, 7c; 10 for .60
*N. Caledonia 1, 2, 4, 5; Guadeloupe 1, 2, 4, 5, .08
*Peru 1892 1, 2, 3, 5, 10c, cat. 45c, .23
OTIS STAMP CO., 29 Essex St., Beverly, Mass.

For Five Cents—Cloth cover, gilt, stamp album, 360 illustrations of stamps, spaces for rulers, names etc. Others at 25, 50 cents and upwards. Exceptional value! A. A. BEGG, 573 Huron St., Toronto, Can.

Confederate 5c green 1861, 20 cts.; 1862 5c blue, small, 8 cts.; large, 25 cts. J. M. Browne, Denver, S. C.

100 var. U. S. Postage, Dues and Department stamps, cat. value \$6, \$1.00. 100 var. Foreign, better class, cat. value, \$2, 25c. 3c green 1870, vertically ribbed, fine specimens, 15c each. All good used specimens. Address, A. DAHLBERG, 7505 Madison Ave., Chicago. [83]

Send 10c or 25c for box "Anti Neuro Pain," guaranteed cure for headache and cold. One tablet taken every hour for 3 or 4 hours when cold is threatened will prevent it. Sample for 2c. NEURO PHAR. CO., Sta. B, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Agents wanted to sell stamps from approval sheets. Write for free catalogue. 10 fine foreign Revenue stamps sent for 5 cents. H. C. YOUNG, Box 1448, Providence, R. I.

Good stamps on approval at 50% discount. Price list free. H. C. YOUNG, Box 1448, Providence, R. I. [86]

300 Stamps, mixed, including 100 diff. varieties, 16 cents. Columbian Stamp Co., Arlington, Mass. [83]

Fine Blank Approval Sheets, printed heading, 25 for 10 cts. 100 for 30 cts. 500 any printing desired for \$1.50. H. C. YOUNG, Box 1448, Providence, R. I. [81]

I send stamps on approval to responsible parties. Good stuff at 60% Discount. Don't forget that reference. E. A. OBORNE, Jamaica, N. Y. [81]

Try my fine approval sheets, at 60% disc., of Revenues and Foreign. E. A. KELLY, La Salle St., Ottawa, Ill. [82]

Have collected for 30 years. Never sold stamps before. Have 10,000 var. nearly 2,000,000 duplicates; every country. Will send approval sheets with 18th Cat. No. and price under each stamp, to responsible collectors. No dealers, please. Best specimens sent first. Many cheap stamps hard to get. What can you use? C. W. RICHES, (A. P. A. 1351) Creston, Iowa. [77]fsm

If you wish to sell your collection of stamps, or duplicates, for spot cash, write J. M. Hubbard, Rochester, N. H. References, Bradstreet, Dun. [304]

OMEGA.

? PER 1000 FOR

100,000 2c Columbians.
25,000 1c Columbians.
10,000 1c 1873-79.
5,000 1d red Great Britain.
3,000 2c Columbian Cut Square Envelopes.
100,000 Common U. S. (10 to 20 var.).
Best Cash or Exchange offers per 1000 wanted. *

A. W. DUNNING, Newton, Mass.

Newspaper Clippings.

STAMP MARKET RUFFLED.

LOCAL PHILATELISTS MAY LOSE THROUGH SCOTT CO.'S RECENT RESOLUTION.—ALBANY'S STAMP COLLECTORS.—BIGGEST DEALERS IN THE COUNTRY WILL THROW AN ENORMOUS QUANTITY OF STAMPS ON THE MARKET—PRICE LIST OF 1,000 DIFFERENT VARIETIES WILL NOT BE ISSUED NEXT YEAR.—SERIOUS LOSSES PREDICTED.

Local stamp dealers and collectors are much exercised over the fact that the Scott Stamp and Coin company, limited, of New York, has just announced that the annual international postage stamp catalogue, published every year by the company, will not be issued next year. This announcement is of vital interest to philatelists throughout this country and even in Europe. The Scott Company is the largest dealer in rare postage stamps in this country and perhaps in the world, and each year it issues a price list of about 100,000 different varieties of postage stamps and the figures in this catalogue are recognized as the standard value of the stamps, and dealers fix their prices and collectors estimate the worth of their collections by these figures. The absence of the catalogue will make the value of stamps uncertain and as an average good collection of stamps would at present be worth from a thousand dollars up and as some Albanians have collections of great rarity they have good cause to be uneasy at the action of the Scott Company, as it may have the effect of materially deteriorating the value of their collections.

Speaking on the matter, William H. Skinner, who is a collector and dealer and has a very valuable collection of rare stamps, said: "The stamp business has been poor for some time and the stamp collecting fad has not the grip on popular favor which it held for years. The result is, of course, a depreciation in the value of single stamps and collections, and where some time ago we could always get full catalogue prices for all stamps, it is the exception to do so now. The action of the Scott Company will make matters worse and cause serious loss to both dealers and collectors. The Scott Company until recently, consisted of a couple of millionaires who bought up stamps of every port, knowing that age would only add to their value until they had an immense collection of millions of stamps. They put a stiff price on the rarer varieties and so kept them scarce and valuable. Now the business has changed hands and the members of the new company, being men of moderate means, have resolved to get the hoarded up stamps into the market by reducing the prices of them and, in fact, selling them for the best price they can get. The effect of this move will be to lower the value of every collection in the country and millions of dollars in this way be lost. It may

be a serious blow to philately, for many collections believed to be unique as being beyond the pocketbook of the average collector, may be duplicated."

Another collector said: "When a person considers that there are collections of stamps in the hands of private individuals in Albany alone worth in the aggregate probably over \$30,000 the importance of the action of the Scott Company will be realized. The Scott catalogue has always been a standard of the value of stamps, and as the philatelist is continually improving his collection by purchase or exchange it is most important to him to have such a standard. The ordinary person who has never paid any attention to philately could scarcely believe that an old five-cent stamp of the issue of 1860 is worth today \$75, yet such is the fact and the collector if he has no means of knowing the proper value of stamps may lose large sums in buying or exchanging them. More disquieting still is the rumor that the Scott Company is going to rush off its stock. Should it do so the value of stamps through the world will be changed and in fact it will be next to impossible to get at proper values and collecting will therefore become far more difficult and risky than at present, and naturally less popular. The matter is a very serious one to thousands of people in this country who have large sums sunk in collections, for stamps have no intrinsic value and their worth, depending as it does merely on a fad which the majority of people consider senseless, their value might be easily influenced."

Among the prominent philatelists in this city who have valuable collections of stamps are Mrs. Robert Lenox Banks, who has a magnificent collection, the value of which may be estimated from the fact that the nucleus of it which Mrs. Banks purchased five or six years ago cost \$3,500 and she has been continually adding rare stamps to it since. Mrs. Cyrus S. Merrill, wife of the eminent oculist, is an ardent collector and has a very fine and valuable collection. Mrs. Jane is also amongst the collectors and Mrs. John V. L. Pruyne recognizes the interesting recreation of philately by presenting valuable stamps to friends who are collectors. Dr. J. Benton Tipton, organist of All Saint's cathedral, is an enthusiastic collector, as are also: Benjamin Strasser, the tobacco merchant; Arthur H. Brett, clerk in the Delaware and Hudson Railroad Company's office; H. R. Washburn, Dr. McKown, Edgar A. Cutler, R. N. Rich, George C. Baker, Charles F. Bridge, John Skinner and J. Y. Lansing, who has one of the finest African collections in the country.—From *Albany* (N. Y.) *Argus*, Sunday, Sept. 25th.

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For all kinds unused U. S. postage, remitting by return mail.
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More paid for stamps with marginal imprint and Plate No. I also buy unused Canada, Foreign and Colonials at discount determined by quantity and values offered. Have to sell, all kinds U. S. Postage, Dents., Revs., ¼ catalogue. **GRANT SQUIRES,** 41 Wall St., New York City.

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1093 to 1099, 7 varieties for.....	\$3 00	\$1.50
1036—1879 2c black.....	.15	.10
1037 " " 3c ".....	.35	.20
1038 " " 4c ".....	.25	.15
1039 " " 6c ".....	.50	.35
1040 " " 8c ".....	.50	.35
1041 " " 10c ".....	.25	.15
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1060 " " 2c carmine.....	.75	.40
1061 " " 24c ".....	.75	.40
1062 " " 36c ".....	.75	.50
1063 " " 48c ".....	2.00	1.00
1064 " " 60c ".....	1.50	.75
1065 " " 72c ".....	2.50	1.25
1066 " " 84c ".....	3.00	1.75
1067 " " 96c ".....	2.00	1.25
1073—1894 2c pink.....	1.25	.75
1074 " " 24c ".....	2.50	1.50
1104—1895 \$100.00 purple.....	15.00	7.50
1104 " " 100.00 (hole punch).....	4.25	2.75

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All are used. The prices under 1st are for stamps in good condition. Prices under 2nd are for slightly damaged or heavily cancelled. They give satisfaction to all collectors who are not so very hard to please.
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1898 War Revenues.
½c Documentary orange, unused..... 8c
\$1.00 " " used..... 10c
\$5.00 " " "..... 75c
50c Postage Due 1895, used..... 45c
Foreign, All Unused.
Cuba 1898-99 1, 2, 3, 5 mils..... 10c
Philippine 1898-99 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 mils... 30c
" " 8 cents..... 15c
" " 15 cents..... 30c
Porto Rico " 1, 2, 3 mils..... 8c
Newfoundland 1898 ½, 1, 2 (orange), 3c 15c
POSTAGE EXTRA.
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We now have tops, bottoms, lefts and rights of all 2c Plates known to exist except 474, 484, 487 and 525; and of all 1c from 534 up. Send us your

Want List
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U. S. Blocks
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Send for a copy of our No. 8 price list. If you enclose 10c for same we will send you an unused U.S. stamp last catalogued at

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Die Cut HINGES,
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1000, 10 cts.; 3000, 25 cts.

Don't expect to get the same curled up, ragged affairs you have been used to. The OMEGA hinge is the ideal stamp mount for the busy man. They stick the first time, don't curl up, don't stick together, are tasteless (not flavored with carbolic acid or winter-green) and oh, Mr. Dealer, the wholesale price is very low.

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ORANGE
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Cat. \$2.00

Only 70c post paid.

Good Specimens.

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Is the amount of unused Columbians and other unused U. S. postage stamps we can use at the following rates: 1c to 30c values 5% Discount from face

\$2 to \$1.00 " 10% " " "
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Will Pay the Following Prices:

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 - I. R. 1c, small letters—50c to \$1.00 each.
 - 1c green: 446 and 452—25c each.
 - 2c rose: 387, 388, 393, 427 to 430—25c each.
 - 5c brown: 351, 353, 357, 359—25c each.
 - 2c, no wrmk., bottoms only: Nos. 110, 124, 146, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 156, 157 and 158—\$1 to \$3 each.
 - 2c Columbian: Nos. 3, 4, 21 to 25, 28, 61, 62, 64 to 74, 79, 81, 82, 88, 90, 92, 114 to 118, 122, 124 to 128, 140, 142, 143, 145 to 148—\$1 or more per strip.
 - 2c Omaha (except 622, 633, 645 to 659, 20 to 50 strips each—10% over face.
- N. & P.: Nos. 262, 265, 266, 269, 258, 259 wanted at fair prices.

The Editor's Bears.

ALLEGED FORGERY OF STAMPS.

Jonoski Takuma, a Japanese, and his wife, Elizabeth Takuma, a European, were arraigned upon an indictment charging them with having on April 6 and 12 forged and uttered a number of postage stamps with intent to defraud. It was alleged by the Crown that the male accused by affixing the watermarks of other stamps to two-penny and three-penny stamps made facsimiles of other stamps of considerable rarity and great value. Mrs. Takuma was alleged to have disposed of seven of the stamps to Mr. F. Hagen, a dealer in stamps, for the sum of £45. Several experts pronounced the stamps to be genuine, and they were sent by Mr. Hagen to his London agent for disposal. Subsequently, however, Mr. Hagen sent for them, and on their being returned he succeeded by boiling them in detecting the manner in which the alteration had been made. Three of the stamps were sold to Mr. Collins, of Oxford street, on April 12. After a number of witnesses had been examined Mr. C. Bull, who appeared for the defence, said that, acting on his advice, the male accused had determined to plead guilty to the count of uttering. In regard to the female accused, he indicated that the defence he would set up would be that she acted under the coercion of her husband.

The Crown Prosecutor said that he would accept the prisoner's plea, and in view of what Mr. Bull had said, and his own conviction that Mrs. Takuma had been controlled in the matter by her husband, he would call no further evidence.

His Honor said that he thought that under the circumstances the jury would be justified in returning a verdict of not guilty in the case of the female accused.

Mrs. Takuma was then found not guilty and discharged from custody. The male prisoner was remanded for sentence.—August 21st.

The Japanese, Jonoski Takuma, was brought up for sentence today and was ordered 12 months' imprisonment with hard labour. He was then released under the First Offenders Act, and was ordered to report himself and to refund all moneys received for the stamps he had uttered.—*Sydney Morning Herald*, August 22nd.—*Australian Philatelist*.

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From Our Regular Correspondent.

Our Boston Letter.

Tuesday, Sept. 27th.

The stamp trade here is decidedly improving. The appearance of new collectors is of almost daily occurrence among the dealers here, and several collectors who have not been active for some time are now interested in collecting. I think the issue of new revenues has been of great help to Philately, not that all collect revenues, but the appearance of these stamps has created an active interest in stamp collecting. The demand for the new revenues is good. Omahas are also in demand, and there is even a call for Columbians. The new Trinidad and Grenada commemorative stamps are having a large sale, and also the new Newfoundlands. The supply of the high values of the new revenues used is not equal to the demand. The \$3.00 is quoted at 45 cents, the \$5.00 at 75 cents and the \$10.00 at \$1.00. There are four distinct shades of the 1 1/4c Proprietary, not counting what is called the slate, which has the appearance of having been made from the purple, by exposure to the sunlight. The first issue of this stamp was a dark purple; the second a grey purple; the third a brown purple, and the last a violet purple. There are what might be called intermediate shades, but it is slightly overdoing it to say that there are more than four good shades. The best way to show the shades of this stamp is to collect it in blocks of four.

The 1/2c Canada with numerals has been received here, and is a decided improvement on the 1/2c maple leaf, owing to the color which is not so dark and the enlarging of the oval.

It has always been my idea that an article on Philately, to be of a permanent benefit to collectors, should be pretty nearly correct. One of your contemporaries has an article on "Plate Number Collecting," and the writer states that plate No. 89, 2c, is worth \$50 of any man's money, No. 18, 1c watermarked, is worth \$17.59. It is such an article as this that does more to injure collecting than anything else, as it prepares a pitfall for the unwary. Plate No. 89 can be bought for \$15.00; Plate No. 18 can be bought for 50 cents. It may not be out of place here to say that the general opinion among collectors is that plate number collecting, on the start, had a good show of being popular with collectors, but certain dealers undertook to boom prices, and to a certain extent they "killed the goose that laid the golden egg."

Mr. Wylie, in the *Boston Stamp Book*, gives a list, purporting to be a list of stamps worth full catalogue, and he has

the frankness to say that there will be critics who will condemn the work as superficial and valueless. He gives a list of about 150 stamps that are considered to be worth full catalogue price, and in many instances, more. It is said that the list is furnished by a well-known Boston philatelist. A majority of these stamps can be furnished by most any dealer at a discount from present catalogue prices, and some of them at 50% discount. Another list is furnished by Mr. Krauth, and five stamps are listed. But the writer states that these are a few stamps which he is always willing to buy at full catalogue, if of any different shades from those already owned. Mention is made, at the end of the article, that the Bavaria, broken circle, appears in both lists. Within a few week's time, I have seen three of the 6 kr. Bavaria, 1849,

broken circle, priced at 70 cents each. They were on an A. P. A. circuit, and had passed through the hands of about a dozen members, and some of them were Boston dealers, but still there were no buyers, although the stamps were in fine condition. It is apparently a great deal easier to make a list of stamps that are not worth full catalogue value.

Mr. Livermore, the well-known collector of Lawrence, was in Boston the past week, having just returned from an extended fishing trip in the northern part of Maine.

S. E. L.

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From Group Photograph of Members and Friends taken by Almstaedt at Four Corners, Staten Island, Thursday, August 25th.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Our Boston Letter.

Tuesday, October 4th.

Next Monday evening will be held here the first stamp auction of the season. The event is looked forward to with much interest by many on account of what prices the stamps will bring. There is an increasing demand for the old issues of U. S. Revenues, and at the prices that they can now be bought for, collectors ought to take advantage of it. We received a new supply of Omahas during the past week, and I understand that the high values are about all sold. Hawaiian stamps are in

great demand, and the \$1 value of 1883 seems to be a very desirable stamp, and the majority of collections appear to lack the 12c mauves of 1893 surcharged, both red and black. The Official set, unused, is offered here at \$1.00. I notice that a New York firm advertises the same for \$2.00. But then, Boston was always the place to buy stamps at the right prices.

Writing about Hawaiian stamps reminds me of the speculator who would not buy, when offered to him about two years ago, the \$1.00 Hawaiian surcharged. They were offered at \$1.15 each, and today they would net the holder a high rate of interest

on his investment. I was surprised at the small quantity that were sold by the Government before they were destroyed. The largest quantity that was held in this vicinity was about 10 copies. The same thing has now happened with the official set. It has never been a great seller, and I doubt if 100 sets in all are held here by the dealers. I would not be surprised to see the set sell for several dollars in a short time, unless by jobbery there are some more printed. It is stated that the fortunate buyer of the remainders will be able to make only about 3,000 complete sets, as there is about that number of the 6c stamps. Speaking of speculation, it looks as though one of the recently surcharged Hayti

stamps might be worth something in the future.

I have been favored with a copy of Boston's new philatelic paper, the old and still the new *Eastern Philatelist*. It presents a very attractive appearance in its new form. There is a field in Boston for a good, bright, up-to-date philatelic paper, and it remains with B. L. Drew & Co. to fill the long felt need.

There seems to be one thing that the majority of collectors do not take into consideration when they speak of buying stamps at a large discount, that is the condition of the stamps. The larger part of the stamps that are for sale at low prices, and that are sold at auction, are not in the pink of condition. How many times I have heard stamp dealers say, when trying to sell: "This is better than the average, it is hard to get these stamps well centered, etc., etc." So the collector is finally persuaded to buy an inferior copy. Take any collection and look it over and how many of the stamps are in *first-class* condition? When they are in this condition they are worth, in the majority of cases, very near catalogue value. This refers alike to used and unused stamps. As I heard one of the largest dealers in U. S. Departments say: "Selling stamps is like selling milk; when it is cream I get the price of cream, if it is skim milk I sell at the price of that." Take for example a 24c 1872 used, which is undoubtedly an over-priced stamp, but how many fine copies of it do you see? I have seen over 200 copies during the past year, but not one copy was what I call fine. Take our new Revenue stamps of the values below \$1.00 and not 10% of them are perfect. Today, I saw the entire stock of the 50c Omahas at our post office, and not one of them was in fine condition. I tell you, my boys, when you get fine stamps you have to pay for them and they are the ones to buy.

S. E. L.

From Our Special Correspondent.

San Francisco Notes.

What a lot of discussion has been created by the mistake which occurred in my notes regarding the bottom plates of the 1c I. R. I would like to get hold of that particular typesetter and teach him how to read my writing. But at any rate the notice taken of the error only goes so show how widely the ERA is read.

We have plenty of bottom plates of the 1c I. R. *large* type, but a standing offer of five dollars a plate by one of our prominent dealers has failed to bring to light any of the bottom strips of the 1c I. R. *small* surcharge. Has any one seen any?

Makins & Co. last week purchased 35,000 Hong Kong stamps from 2 cents up to and including the \$5.00. They were all picked copies and neatly mounted in a large Chinese book about two inches thick and nine inches square. It was secured from "Chinatown" and shows the patience of the Chinamen in small matters.

I have just had the pleasure of seeing one of the finest selections of stamps ever sent to this city. It was sent on approval to the well-known collector, Mr. Frank Koenig, by Jules Bernichou of Paris. They were in two small books and priced up to \$3626.40. It was not the amount that was so striking but the *condition* of the rarities. Among a few of the nice things were: Sierra Leone 4d blue CA, unused, o. g.; British Columbia 2½d rose imperf., unused; New Brunswick, one shilling, dull violet, unused o. g.; Gold Coast 20 shilling, green and carmine, P. O. state, 1d blue, CA, unused; Newfoundland, 1sh scarlet vermilion, used, grand copy; Montserrat, 4d blue CA, unused, o. g.; Hawaii, tete beche pair 1 cent Inter Island, on grayish paper, unused; and many others especially early Mauritius and Natal all unused and in the finest condition. The prices were reasonable and especially so when the condition was regarded.

The "Army Frank" scheme seems to have been nipped in the bud and no doubt the instigator still has the plates and stamps still on hand to show for his pains and trouble.

The Pacific Coast number of the *Metro-politan* is just to hand and gives us all a fine send off and at the same time gives itself a fine puff in the way of enterprise.

J. A. N.

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" " '50 50 flesh, fine print.....	15 "
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\$38,855.64

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No. 111. The *Post Office*, Vol. 6, from J. C. Morgenthau & Co.

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Resignations Received.

366. **MORGAN, WM. F.**, Coopers-town, N. Y.

1488. **BURTON, KENNETH E.**, Lake Geneva, Wisc.

Change of Addresses.

1520. **FARRANT, REGINALD C.**, from care Casilla 348 to Casilla 989, Lima, Peru.

298. **BROWN, WALTER L.**, from 364 Main St., Springfield, Mass., to Care J. Brown, Worcester, Mass.

868. **BELDEN, F. S.**, from 1805 Wash Ave., to Hotel Hayes, cor. 64th St. & Lexington Ave., Chicago, Ill.

922. **STEWART, CHARLES**, from 210 East 9th St., St. Paul, Minn., to Willmas, Minn.

WM. N. HOWE, Secretary.

REPORT OF TREASURER, OCT. 1, 1898.

Stock Account.

Bal. on hand July 31, '98,	\$1514.00
Rec'd during Aug. & Sept.,	2.00
	\$1516.00

Entertainment Fund.

Bal. on hand July 31, 1898,	\$125.89
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General Fund.

Bal. on hand July 31, '98,	\$242.96
Dues rec'd Aug. and Sept.,	61.80
	\$304.76

Disbursements.

W. W. Jewett, Subscriptions, Printing, etc.,	\$46.54
W. N. Howe, Expenses to Con- vention,	66.50
Jno. W. Scott, Circulars and Postage,	23.92
H. G. Smith, 1000 Stamped Envelopes,	21.60
	\$158.56
Bal. Cash on hand Oct. 1, '98,	\$146.20
Total cash on hand,	\$1788.09

H. G. SMITH, Treasurer.

SPECIAL NOTICE TO MEMBERS.

Attention of members is called to the fact that dues for the fiscal year, commencing Sept. 1st, 1898, amounting to \$1.20, are now due and should be sent at once to the Treasurer, Mr. H. G. Smith, Winona, Minn.

For the WEEKLY ERA.

1. R. Plate Numbers.

By J. M. BARTELS.

So great has been the interest in I. R. Plate Numbers that a price list of same has been a thing badly needed by collectors. The following table has been made for their benefit and all quotations have been based upon actual supply and demand. The figure for the small I. R. Plates have been kindly furnished from San Francisco, but this set is more liable to change than any other part of the list.

Strips not positively known to exist have been marked with a x. Where no approximate valuation could be given a dash has been inserted.

SMALL BLOCK LETTERS, I. R.

	T.	R.
495 1c green,	\$1.50	\$1.25
534 1c "	1.50	1.25
535 1c "	1.50	1.25
536 1c "	1.50	1.25
540 1c "	—	—
542 1c "	2.00	1.75
543 1c "	2.00	1.75
544 1c "	2.00	1.75
545 1c "	2.00	1.75
546 1c "	2.50	2.25
547 1c "	3.00	2.50
548 1c "	2.50	2.25
549 1c "	3.00	2.50

LARGER LETTERS, I. R.

	T.	B.	L.	R.
439 1c green,	—	—	—	—
440 1c "	—	—	—	—
493 1c "	—	—	—	—
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From a Special ERA Correspondent.

New York City Items.

Geo. L. Goodman rolled into town last week from the coast. He has been in San Francisco part of the summer and tells your correspondent it is the most live stamp town on the continent, at present being quite up to Boston as it was in the palmy days of 1894-95.

Geo. R. Tuttle's 12th sale on Wednesday, Sept. 29th, was really astonishing in its results of better prices than we have had to record for about two years. This is especially gratifying considering Mr. Albrecht's sale had just occupied the two preceding nights, while Bogert & Durbin Co. opened up their afternoon sales on Saturday which will be followed regularly every two weeks during balance of the year by New York or Philadelphia auctions.

I have often wondered what became of the obsolete stamps, held in private hands, of the regular yearly crop in Honduras, Salvador and other Seebeck-cursed countries.

I have just been informed by parties who are indirectly interested that the public

have 30 days after the new issue is put on sale to redeem the old ones or rather to exchange for new, after which they are repudiated as worthless. Nice method isn't it? What a miracle that collectors will continue to purchase those hideous labels.

Isn't it a relief in these days of Canada-Jubilees, Newfoundland-Cabots, New Zealand-Errors and the rest of this line of which the *S. G. Monthly* facetiously alludes to as "Dubious Trash" ("Do buy us" is what they all seem to say), to turn for a change to Danish West Indies, for here is a country that, strange as it may seem, just issues its stamps to fill only the legitimate postal requirements. 18 adhesives, 2 surcharges and 2 envelopes are its enviable record for over 40 years. A country which not only can be completed but is worthy of the effort.

Great Britain as well as France, Denmark and many other countries who run their P. O. Departments on the legitimate basis of the public needs and national dignity have never repudiated any of their old issues and you may use id black Great Britain today (the first adhesive stamp really ever issued) to mail a letter in that country if you wish, and have it in unused condition, but you are not liable to do so as most stamp dealers in London will give you 8 shillings for a good specimen or about 100 times face. Quite another style of stamps, or the other extreme so to speak, from the Seebeck trash which most dealers will not buy at anything like face. I always thought England ought to have the thanks of every stamp collector the world over for not issuing another Jubilee set in 1897 and I am bound to say something good in her favor.

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Philatelic Press Review.

The *Virginia Philatelist* has completed its first volume, and in the short space of twelve months has secured its position as the handsomest and one of the most indispensable of American stamp papers. Its articles are almost always original (a rarity in these days of local letters) and of a high order. Three such articles appear in No. 1 of Vol. II. That entitled "Reminiscences of a Confederate Stamp Printer" should be cut out and mounted in the album of every collector who owns a single Confederate stamp. That on "The Stamps of Paraguay" should be similarly preserved. It is not so advanced as to be useful only to a specialist, nor is it compiled from a stamp catalogue and an encyclopædia. It shows careful study of the stamps and of the circumstances of their issue. That on "Stamp Illustrating" is a splendid exposition of the interest of one of the incidentals of collecting. It should be studied by every publisher and advertiser in the craft. The *Virginia Philatelist*, Richmond, Va.

The *Eastern Philatelist* comes from the hands of its new publishers, B. L. Drew & Co. It has been reduced in length and breadth, but not in thickness. Its quality is good. In "The Philatelic Monthly" Mr. Smiley gives to the layman a good idea of the characteristics of our monthlies and weeklies, the circumstances of their existence and their effect upon collecting. Mr. Chipman talks about "Our Recent Territorial Acquisitions and Their Philatelic Future," with many ifs and buts concerning possible U. S. colonials. It does not occur to most collectors that our country entered upon a colonial policy a generation ago, that it has since then governed a population in a territory hundreds of miles distant from our borders, and that our 2c red is used in Alaska just as it is in Boston. A chatty chronicle of new issues is a feature of the paper. The *Eastern Philatelist*, Boston, Mass.

The *International Philatelist* for September has for its leader an article on "Essays," those experiments in color and design which sometimes find their way into the market and occasionally even slip through the mails. Several interesting cases are described. A particularly timely article is that describing the "Stamps at the Omaha Exhibition." The *International Philatelist*, St. Joseph, Mo.

Mekeel's Weekly has resumed its illustrated chronicle of new issues, suspended many months ago. The engravings brighten up the pages wonderfully. Sometime our publishers and advertisers may learn that an article or an ad illustrated is read ten times as much as one which requires reference to a catalogue for its elucidation. The body of the paper is largely

occupied with reviews, reprinted matter and local letters. *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News*, St. Louis, Mo.

The *Philatelic Advocate*, though making a good appearance, is yet lacking in strong meat. Its best page is its regular feature of "Pithy Philatelic Points" compiled from articles in other papers. Its two main articles, on Collecting and Mounting, are carelessly written and sound schoolboyish. A little punctuating and paragraphing by the editor should not be resented by our younger writers. The *Advocate*, as a representative of Canadian collecting, is of much interest to American collectors. The *Philatelic Advocate*, Berlin, Ontario.

A. H. HALL.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

**Cottlow's...
Chicago Correspondence.**

Recent visitors to the city have been Mr. J. M. Westphall of Joliet, Ill., Mr. G. L. Goodman of New York City and Mr. P. J. Kranz of Toledo, Ohio.

On Sunday morning, Sept. 18th, a party of C. P. S. members, headed by Mr. Wolsieffer, made an excursion to Fort Sheridan to welcome home Major Stephen Baker who had returned from Cuba the Friday before with his regiment, the Fourth Infantry, U. S. A.

The stampites were disappointed in not seeing the Major as he was confined to his bed with a malarial attack, contracted before Santiago. It is the hope of all that he will soon recover.

Now that the Chicago Society has appointed a Committee whose business is the investigating of frauds, Mr. Doncyson, our Secretary, is receiving quite a number of complaints from out-of-town dealers and in no instance, so far as I have been able to learn, has the complaint been against any C. P. S. member or anyone else who is well known as a collector.

But I have no doubt that some of these losses are due to carelessness on the part of the dealers themselves.

Let me state an instance that has fallen under my observation in which fraud might easily have been perpetrated, had the collector so intended. A couple of small boys living in Hyde Park, after the fashion of most small boys, who prefer to buy from out-of-town dealers than to patronize home industry, were "taking sheets" from a certain western dealer of some prominence.

The first lot he sent them consisted of four or five sheets of cheap stamps, the total catalogue valuation of which probably did not exceed two dollars with a real value of possibly fifty cents.

Fair returns being made on this lot, he sent a larger lot of better stuff. Increasing returns brought larger lots until they were receiving each time lots worth from twenty-five to thirty dollars of really good stamps, some being worth up to a dollar each.

Now if these boys had intended to defraud it would have been an easy matter to have kept one of these large lots without making returns and without answering any of Mr. Dealer's subsequent letters of inquiry.

This would another name have been added to the fraud list, partly due to the carelessness of the dealer and the ease with which he could have been worked.

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Notes on Stamps.

I have not during the past few months contributed much to the columns of the ERA, this being due to lack of time owing to the pressure of other business. I hope from now on to be able to occasionally contribute a few notes on stamps which may prove of interest to some of the ERA's readers.

I read with considerable interest Mr. Wylie's list in the *Boston Stamp Book* of stamps considered worth full catalogue. The author expected the list to be unfavorably criticised by many and in this has not been disappointed. Probably there is not a stamp in the list but what some dealer, collector or philatelic scribe can point out as being purchasable at more or less discount from catalogue price.

I have no intention of entering into a discussion of the correctness or incorrectness of the value accredited the stamps in the aforesaid list; but I would like to ask if the selling price of a dealer here or a dealer there or several dealers is to be accepted as the actual value of a stamp. It seems to me that before it can, many conditions connected with and governing the establishment of such a price by a dealer or dealers must be carefully taken into consideration. Before such prices can be taken as correctly reflecting the value of a stamp it must be shown that the conditions giving rise to and the basis upon which such prices rest have a certain degree of permanency and generalness.

The prices asked by different dealers for various stamps are often only transitory, dependent and based upon special conditions, frequently not of the general market but a small part thereof. Such prices cannot be construed as reflecting the actual value of the stamps. They represent only a special value, which may be more or less than actual value, dependent upon special and temporary conditions. The prices thus produced are frequently confined only to a small portion of the market, not affecting the price of stamps of the same kind in the market at large. When these conditions are done away with the same stamps are brought into correspondence with the permanent and general conditions of the market, the resulting prices of which only can be taken as reflecting actual values. My readers

will of course understand that by actual value I assume is meant a value which to a large extent is general and as permanent as the value of any commodity subject to the law of supply and demand can be.

Such special conditions as I have referred to may be general. We have an example of this in the prices generally asked today for the stamps of the Spanish or rather late Spanish possessions, particularly the issues of the Baby King type. These prices are the result of special conditions and may prove more or less than actual value, when conditions become settled and a degree of permanency and generalness established from which an approximately correct actual value can be deduced.

I might linger longer on this subject of values. It is a most fruitful subject for discussion, a question fraught with the perplexities of complexity, to coin an expression. Many will disagree with the opinions set forth above. I offer them merely as a few ideas which have occurred to me in connection with a subject of more or less interest to every dealer and most collectors. Of one thing I am quite sure, that nearly every dealer can recall from his own experience or within his own knowledge the sale of many stamps both at less and more than actual value, such prices resulting from special and temporary conditions. At some not far distant day I hope to write more fully on some of these points which I have barely touched upon and others which I have not mentioned at all.

Speaking of stamps worth full catalogue I will mention two which I consider actually worth it or more. The Newfoundland three-cent slate 1890 unused, and one-cent gray green 1887 either used or unused. If any of those who consider themselves authorities on the matter of stamp values are inclined to disagree I am willing to back my opinion by the purchase of a perfect copies of either of these stamps they can supply at full catalogue price.

If I did not have something to say about my favorite subject of Newfoundlands I suppose some of my collecting friends would doubt the authorship of these notes. I am perfectly willing to plead guilty to the charge of being a crank on the subject of Newfoundlands and my readers are free to take anything I write on the subject with this fact before them.

I have been asked on several recent occasions why I did not prepare and give a complete list of all the stamps of Newfoundland issued since 1880, according to my classification of dates, shades, printings, etc. Until I receive information I desire on several, to me, rather perplexing minor points I do not feel hardly competent to offer such a list which would be as correct and reliable as I would wish. Before very long, however, I hope to prepare and offer for the use of collectors some such list.

While the many and distinct shades of some of the late Newfoundland issues have afforded me a delightful and interesting field of study I am well aware that many collectors do not pay any attention to shades and may be confused somewhat by the listing of so many varieties as to which are merely shades and which distinct issues of the same type. In connection with this let me state that of the 3c type A23 there are four distinct varieties which are worthy of being listed in the catalogues, generally collected and which cannot possibly be considered shades of the same stamp. They are:

- 3c slate 1890.
- 3c lilac-gray 1894.
- 3c lilac 1896.
- 3c violet-brown 1896.

Of the 1c green there are also four equally distinct varieties, viz:

- 1c gray-green 1887-88.
- 1c green 1888-94.
- 1c yellow-green 1894.

- 1c pale yellow-green, re-issue 1897.

It should be borne in mind that the 3c lilac-gray and 1c yellow-green were not re-issues. There has never been a re-issue of the 3c type A23 and the only re-issue of the 1c green is the pale yellow-green stamp which was placed on sale about last November and very closely resembles the yellow-green original. The dates which I have given above for the 1c green and yellow-green are only approximate. The other dates I am quite sure of.

GEORGE S. MCKEARIN.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Our Boston Letter.

Tuesday, October 11th.

Last evening occurred the first stamp auction sale of the season, held by B. L. Drew & Co.

Everything considered, it was a grand

sale. The first thirty lots, combination lots of foreign stamps, brought on an average about 23% of catalogue; U. S., 1856-60 30c, very lightly cancelled, sold for \$3.00; 90c, fine, used copy, sold for \$12.50; 1861 90c, used, sold for \$2.05; \$3.00 Columbian, fine, unused, \$2.50; 24c Justice, unused, o. g., \$7.25; set of State, 1 to 90c, the 10c fine used, the rest unused, sold for \$22.50; Newspaper, 1875, 96c, perfectly centered, o. g., catalogued at \$10.00, sold for \$4.25; entire envelopes brought from 25 to 50% of catalogue; \$25.00 Mortgage, \$1.75; Second Issue: \$1.30 sold for \$2.50; \$1.90 sold for \$2.00; \$3.50 sold for \$2.75; 1872 24c, sold for 50 cents each; cardboard proofs, perforated, Agriculture, \$1.60; Executive, \$1.60; Interior, \$1.25; Justice, \$2.10; Navy, \$1.60; State, \$2.00; Post Office, Treasury, War, \$1.25 per set. Confederate 1862, 10c used, \$1.75. Bavaria, 1849 6k, broken circle, \$1.00. Brazil, 1843 30 reis, fine pair, \$3.60; 90 reis, extremely fine copy, \$8.50. British Central Africa, 1895 2sh 6d, unused, \$1.25, which is very cheap for this stamp. British Honduras, 1872 unused, perf. 14, 3d \$3.00; 1sh, \$2.05. Canada Jubilee, unused, ½c to \$1.00, \$2.40; the complete set was withdrawn. Cape of Good Hope; 4d triangle, unused, catalogued \$1.50, sold for \$1.30. Gambia, 1887 set, \$1.05; 1898 set, 85 cts. Gibraltar, set, \$1.10; Morocco Agencies, set, \$1.05. Great Britain, 1840 1d black, unsevered pair, very fine, \$1.50. Hawaii, 1893 12c red surcharge, unused, \$2.80; Lagos, 1885-86 2d grey, unused, 90 cents. Leeward Islands, 5sh \$1.75. Newfoundland, 1c Cabot, sheet of 100, 2½ cents each; 2c, sheet of 100, 3 cents each; surcharged 1 on 3, 5 used copies, sold for 25 cents each; type 2, used copy, 65 cents; Niger Coast, 1893 2d, unused, \$1.10; 1sh, 90 cents. Rhodesia, 1896 2sh, \$1.30; 2sh 6d, \$1.55; 3sh, \$2.12; 4sh, \$2.87; 5sh, \$2.50; 10sh, \$3.25. Tobago, 1896 1sh, error, unused, \$3.00. Victoria, 1850 3d blue, very fine pair, sold for 90 cents; this

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I had the pleasure during the past week of seeing a collection of U. S. and foreign stamps, on the original covers, owned by Mr. Seybold, of Syracuse, N. Y. The collection contains many rare philatelic gems, and must be seen to be appreciated. What struck my fancy the most was an unsevered strip of four, 10c 1847, with good margins. I also noticed four 5c N. Y. on one cover. There were also old Mauritius Oldenburg and several of the early Swiss stamps. It was a very fine and valuable collection.

Mr. Stone, of Concord, N. H., is in Boston this week.

Mr. McKearin, of Hoosick Falls, N. Y., was in Boston last week.

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The 283rd regular meeting was called to order by President L. H. Miller at 8.20 P. M., Oct. 6th, 1898.

Present: Messrs. L. H. Miller, Wolsieffer, Massoth, Smack, Schlieckert, W. F. Miller, Michael, Oesch, Mikolasek, Sonntag, Pierce, Lefever, Severn and Doncyson.

Visitor present was Mr. Taggart of Evanston, Ill.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

Mr. Wolsieffer, Chairman of Committee on Investigation of Frauds reported progress and asked for more time which was granted.

Communication from Mr. L. Munzing was read and ordered filed.

Communications from Mr. S. G. Stein (No. 307) was read and referred to Governing Board.

Communications from Mr. A. Herrmann was read and referred to Committee on Investigation of Frauds. Communication from Mr. Percy S. Bingham was read and referred to Governing Board.

After recess the Governing Board ordered posted the application (for Active membership) of Mr. C. B. Gelder of Chicago proposed by Chas. S. Smack, and accepted the resignation of Mr. S. G. Stein, Muscatine, Ia., (Passive member No. 307).

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9.45 P. M., after which a discussion on stamp topics was held.

Next meeting Oct. 20, 1898.

S. T. S. DONCYSON, Sec'y.

Written for the ERA.

From the Northwest.

G. W. Achard, the Minneapolis attorney, has been devoting much of his time lately to a cigar manufactory in which he is financially interested. Old-time Minneapolitans think this but natural as they can well remember when Achard *pere* was at the head of the cigar trade of the "city by the falls."

I recently had the pleasure of spending a very pleasant hour with Chas. G. Hart, best remembered as the publisher of the *Pipestone Philatelist* of 1894. Mr. Hart while not actively collecting, still has the "philatelic bump" sufficiently developed, yet, that a fresh attack can be expected at any time when he gets located at any place permanently, he now being on the road for a Chicago portrait house.

During the course of conversation with Mr. Hart, I learned that Mr. R. W. Ervin is still as enthusiastically collecting as ever and still located at Pipestone, where he has charge of a large lumber business.

Leon G. Lambert, of St. Paul, once a prominent member of several of the minor national societies, is at present enrolled in the ranks of the 13th Minn. at or near Manila, where it is justifiable to suppose that he is specializing Philippines. L. G. was always an enthusiastic militia man and when his company had the chance to go to the front was among the first to volunteer.

The St. Paul society have taken steps whereby over seventy countries have been listed where the purchasing agent of the society can procure current issues for members charging 15% above face value, the purchase being made whenever \$8.00 worth of any country has been subscribed.

To Minnesota members the complexion of the attendance at the A. P. A. meet looks a trifle off color and they cannot help comparing it with that at Minnetonka two years ago, the fact of the small attendance of the actual resident members at New York being so pronounced. Taking the last list of members published before the two meets we find at Minnetonka ten out of fourteen members in the state of Minnesota present, or about seventy-one per cent., and at New York, counting New York City and Brooklyn, only eighteen out of over sixty, or less than thirty per cent. The coincidence of the absence of the president at each of these meets cannot but also be noted. Again at Tonka twelve states were represented and at New York, counting the District of Columbia, also twelve. Also that at Tonka there was one New York man and at New York one Minnesotan.

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Yesterday he took his checked 58th Catalogue and boarded the Forest Hills car and called at the office of C. F. Rothfuchs to see what he could find in those sale books. He stayed at the office over three hours looking over a portion of those sales books from which he added many choice and desirable stamps to his fine collection. Before leaving he expressed his pleasure in calling and adding stamps at lower prices than he could buy elsewhere considering the quality of stamps selected.

If this collector who has visited many dealers in this and foreign countries can do better at the office of C. F. Rothfuchs, why would it not be to your advantage to take the Forest Hills car, which passes the door of the Thornton, 3178 Washington St., Boston, Mass., and see what bargains you can find in his books? One of the many stamps selected was a choice one priced in the sale book at 30 cents, deducting the 50% made the price 15 cents net. This stamp is priced at \$1.00 in the 58th Catalogue. There are many just such bargains, in stamps issued between 1841 and 1894 in his books.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR THE WEEK
ENDING OCT. 15th, 1898.

Application for Membership.

HOLT, FRED P., Hartford, Conn.; age, 37; occupation, Banker. Recommended by W. W. Jewett and H. S. Redfield.

Resignations Accepted.

1270. **HYDE, JOSEPH A.**, Deer Lodge, Montana.
1252. **DELORME, G.**, Montreal, Que.

Resignations Received.

648. **SMITH, FRED S.**, Boston, Mass.
781. **LIPPINCOTT, W. V.**, Kansas City, Missouri.

Membership Summary.

Membership last report 713
Resignations accepted 2

Present membership 711
WM. N. HOWE, Secretary.

SPECIAL NOTICE TO MEMBERS.

Attention of members is called to the fact that dues for the fiscal year, commencing Sept. 1st, 1898, amounting to \$1.20, are now due and should be sent at once to the Treasurer, Mr. H. G. Smith, Winona, Minn.

REPORT OF LIBRARIAN.

FLEMINGTON, N. J., Oct. 4, 1898.
Accessions since last report:
Nos. 115-122. *Le Timbre Poste*, Vols. 1-12 bound in eight volumes, half morocco, from H. E. Deats.
H. E. DEATS, Librarian.

REPORT OF THE SALES DEPARTMENT.

GEORGE R. TUTTLE, Superintendent,
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1,155 books of stamps in circulation according to my report of Oct. 1st, valued at \$38,845.62
32 books received since Oct. 1st, valued at \$688.95
\$39,534.57
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Bilateral Press Review.

BY WM. C. STONE.

PAPERS RECEIVED:

- Columbian Philatelist, May, Vol. V. No. 1 (25).
 Coleccionador de Sellos, June, Vol. III. No. 6.
 Revista de la Sociedad Filatelica Argentina, June, Vol. IV. No. 6 (44).
 Annonce Philatelique, July, Vol. IV. (41).
 Australian Stamp News, July, Vol. II. No. 3 (17).
 Coleccionador de Sellos, July, Vol. III. No. 7.
 Columbian Philatelist, July, Vol. V. No. 3 (27).
 Philatelic Messenger, July, Vol. II. No. 8 (12).
 Revista Philatelica do Brasil, July, Vol. III. No. 7.
 Revue Philatelique Francaise, July, Vol. IX. (92).

AUGUST PAPERS.

- American Collector, Vol. V. No. 1 (22).
 Annonce Philatelique, Vol. IV. No. 42.
 Australian Philatelist, Vol. V. No. 1.
 Collectionneur de Timbres Poste, (214).
 Columbian Philatelist, Vol. V. No. 4 (28).
 Filatelic Facts and Fallacies, Vol. VI. No. 11 (71).
 Francobollo, Vol. VI. No. 71.
 Illustriertes Briefmarken Journal, Vol. XXV. Nos. 15, 16.
 London Philatelist, Vol. VII. (80).
 Philatelist, Vol. XIX. No. 8 (245).
 Revista Philatelica do Brasil, Vol. III. No. 8.
 Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly, Vol. IV. (102).
 Stamp Collectors' Journal, Vol. XX. (238).
 Stamps (Rushden), Vol. II. No. 8.
 Stamps (N. Y.), Vol. II. No. 11.
 Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal, Vol. IX. (98).
 Timbre Poste, Vol. XXXVI. (428).

SEPTEMBER PAPERS.

- American Journal of Philately, Vol. XI. No. 9.
 Boston Stamp Book, Vol. IV. No. 4.
 Briefmarken Sammler, Vol. VIII. No. 9.
 Eastern Philatelist, Vol. XXII. No. 1 (127).
 Ewen's Weekly Circular, (43, 44).
 Francobollo, Vol. VI. (72).
 Herald Exchange, Vol. V. No. 1 (25).
 Illustriertes Briefmarken Journal, Vol. XXV. Nos. 17, 18.
 International Philatelist, Vol. VIII. No. 2.
 Madrid Filatelico, Vol. II. No. 21.
 Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News, Vol. XII. Nos. 10, 11, 12, 13.
 Melita Philatelic Chronicle, Vol. I. No. 9.
 Metropolitan Philatelist, Vol. IX. No. 26, Vol. X. Nos. 1, 2, 3.
 Montreal Philatelist, Vol. I. No. 4.
 New York Philatelist, Vol. IV. No. 6.
 National Philatelist, Vol. I. No. 3.

- Ontario Philatelist, Vol. II. No. 7.
 Perforator, Vol. II. No. 7.
 Philatelic Monthly, Vol. XXIV. No. 9 (285).
 Philatelic Monthly Advertiser, No. 64.
 Philatelic Record, Vol. XX. No. 8.
 Philatelist, Vol. XIX. No. 9 (246).
 Philatelliste Francais, (55).
 Post Office, Vol. VIII. (90).
 Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly, Vol. IV. (103, 104).
 Stamp Reporter, Vol. II. No. 1.
 Texan Philatelist, Vol. IX. No. 1. (54).
 Timbre Poste, Vol. XXXVI. (429).
 Virginia Philatelist, Vol. II. No. 1.

As has been stated in the columns of the ERA the review editor has been confined to his bed with a fever and that fact will explain the large accumulation of papers in the above list. I trust I shall not get so much behind again for the accumulation quite staggers me. Trusting our exchanges will pardon the delay I will tackle the pile at once.

The Sons of Philatelia held their convention in August but the official journal with the report is not yet at hand. The August number of the *American Collector* contained a long list of members who had been suspended for non payment of dues.

The two continued articles in the *American Journal of Philately*, Mr. Toppan's List of U. S. Envelopes and Mr. Luff's History of U. S. Stamps are both of interest. The latter is brought down to include the Omaha issue, and is therefore right up to date. The officials, newspaper and carrier stamps now remain to be treated.

The *Australian Philatelist* has changed hands. It is now published by Oscar Schulze and "is owned, printed and published purely in the interests of philately and not as the house organ of any partic-

ular stamp dealer or vendor." May it never fall below the standard set by its past issues!

W. O. Wylie's article on "Stamps Worth Full Catalogue" in the *Boston Stamp Book* is full of interest but I have heard considerable criticism on some of the stamps selected. While it may be that many of the stamps can now be purchased at a large discount, it may nevertheless be true that they are still worth full rates, as the selling price of many dealers is mainly fixed by their need of ready money it would seem.

Portraits of Remijno de Bellido and Dr. Almeida adorn the pages of the last two issues of *O Coleccionador de Sellos*. Some interesting facts and illustrations of Brazilian essays will be of interest to those who specialize in that country. Fiscal collectors will be interested in the illustrations of the various state and federal issues of the Southern Cross republic.

The so-called Swiss locals or hotel stamps are written up in M. Maury's usual entertaining style in the *Collectionneur de Timbres Poste*. There are also a number of fac similes of French handstamps.

The *Columbian Philatelist* has had a hard time keeping up with Father Time but is pretty well up to the scratch now. A change of printer was the main cause for the long delay in the May issue.

Our old friend the *Eastern Philatelist*, is with us in a new form and I must confess that it is a vast improvement. It is now of the regulation magazine size with the same old familiar fawn colored cover. It is no longer to be a newspaper but a sober scientific philatelic journal. With Edmund L. Smiley at the helm its success is assured and I gladly welcome the new old comer. We have too few scientific

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papers and too many of the spacefilling windbag variety. May it see another twenty-one volumes.

E. F. Gambs gives some interesting facts in the last number of *Filatellic Facts and Fallacies* concerning the small surcharge 1 cent I. R. stamp. Some 300,000 of these stamps were sent to San Francisco and were used largely by Wells Fargo's Express, the Western Union and Postal Telegraph Cos. and the Southern Pacific R. R. which distributed them to their various offices on the Pacific coast.

Aside from its excellently illustrated chronicle the main part of the reading matter in *Il Francobollo* is devoted to the descriptions of forgeries. To those of our readers who understand Italian I can recommend this paper as the best one I have ever seen which hailed from the land of Cæsar and Cicero. Most of the Italian papers are mere advertising sheets.

"The United States and Colonies" is the subject of the editorial article in the *London Philatelist*. Like most of such articles with which our own papers are full just now, it is devoted to surmises as to the future of our new possessions. Guess we shall hardly have any special issues though. The article by Mr. Castle on the Austrian issues of 1858-9 is brought to a close and there is an illustrated article on the recently discovered forgeries of the English one shilling, plate 5.

Now that the war is over I am glad to welcome once more to my table *Madrid Filatelico* which is as usual crammed full of good things for those who read Castilian. "Philately and the Universal Revolution" is the title of the leading article and needs no explanation. A reprint from the "Annals" of the Santiago, Chile, society is commended and deals with the Chilean unpaids.

Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News says in an editorial item in a recent issue that a catalogue which is needed very much just at present is one which would describe the various designs of the match, medicine, playing card and perfumery stamps. I heartily second the motion and would suggest that it be of pocket size so as to be useful as a check list. The forthcoming work of the Boston Society will be almost too encyclopedic for such use but there is certainly a great need for such a list as our St. Louis friend asks for. In regard to the Dr. K. & Co. private I. R. stamps I can say that I have seen up to date five varieties of the 2c value and know of at least two more, so that there are probably a good many of them. Mr. J. D. Bartlett showed them to the writer some three weeks before any items appeared in the papers about

them. They were used from the sixth to the thirteenth of July only. This is official.

Decidedly the best number yet of the *Metropolitan Philatelist* is that of Sept. 17th which is devoted to the Pacific coast philatelists. But few of the faces there shown have been pictured before in our magazines and I am very glad to see the likenesses of so many well known collectors and dealers. They are mostly all American Philatelic Association men too, if I am not greatly mistaken.

The *Montreal Philatelist* goes in for revenues quite largely. There is no doubt but what they are growing in favor and will one day be as much sought for as the postal issues now are. A plate of illustrations of some Indian fiscals was expected for the current number but failed to materialize owing to a mishap.

The *National Philatelist* has one fault which detracts quite a little from its otherwise excellent get up. The type used is too small and tires the eyes.

The *New York Philatelist* is full of reports of the various conventions held last August. That of the American Philatelic Association is condensed into about half a column while those of the Philatelic Sons of America, Sons of Philatelia and Empire State Philatelic Society have from one to five pages each.

The convention number of the *Perforator* is a bouncer and no mistake. Brother Chapman went the whole hog by attending all four of the meetings and is still alive. He missed some good things at Coney Island as Wetherby can testify. An excellent collection of half tone portraits of the new officers of the P. S. of A. is presented as a frontispiece. With the passing of the *Pennsylvania Philatelist* the *Perforator* becomes the official journal of the society.

An interesting letter "From the West" fills a little over a page of the *Philatelic Monthly* and gives some interesting items concerning Klondike mail routes, etc. There is also the usual supply of philatelic items of interest served up in short paragraphs.

The *Philatelic Record* had to double up the August and September issues and even then did not present such a very tempting menu. Mr. Oldfield's Bolivian article is brought to a close, there is an article on Imperial Penny Postage, and the usual number of shorter items. An enlarged special number is promised for October.

Der Philatelist has an interesting arti-

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cle on the Prussian field post of the war of 1866, and an illustrated account of the various advertising "stamps" used so much to call attention to the various expositions held during the past few years. The Turkish article is still dragging along. The September number contains a long list of duplicate philatelic literature which the society wishes to dispose of at the prices affixed to each lot.

According to *Le Philatliste Francais* there now exist in the Levant some twenty-one offices which make use of French stamps. They are as follows: Alexandrette, Alexandria, Beyrouth, Constantinople, Dardenelles, Jaffa, Lattaquie, Mersina, Smyrna, Tripoli, Port Said, Kerasunde, Salonica, Samsoun, Trebizond, Cavalle, Galata, Stamboul, Dedeagh, Port Lagos, Vathy. Previous to 1885 a knowledge of the cancellation marks and office numbers is necessary to identify these stamps. Since that time, some, if not all of these offices have used the stamps with values surcharged in piasters or with the name of the office. I will endeavor in another issue of the ERA to give a list of these office numbers etc. for the benefit of those who are interested.

A very valuable feature of the *Post Office* is the check list of the shades and perforations of the 1890-93 issues of Brazil. To the specialist this issue has been a stumbling block through the lack of a suitable reference list, and now Mr. Morgenthau has supplied the need. I do not envy him the task however for it must have been a wearisome job to gauge the large number of varieties. "Notes and Comments" is always full of meat and there are also several important notes concerning the war revenues.

The official journal of the Argentine society gives half tone representations of the pictures found on the current postal and letter cards with a descriptive account of the same. A four page supplement gives the first installment of a catalogue of the revenue stamps of the Argentine Republic. The fact that it is compiled under the direction of Dr. Marco del Pont is enough to recommend it to the philatelic world without any further remarks.

I learn from the *Revue Philatelique Francaise* that there is a project on hand for a grand philatelic exhibition at Paris in August 1900, when there will be certain to be large numbers of visitors to the Exposition. If collectors and dealers will only unite there is no reason why our hobby cannot get a big advertisement.

The series of articles in the *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly* dealing with the newspaper stamps of Austria have been of ex-

ceeding interest to me, as I have always had a great liking for these stamps but have been at a loss for a good handbook describing and illustrating the differences of the various types etc. I trust Messrs. Hilckes will see it in their way to reissue the articles in pamphlet form. The number for September 3, contains an illustration of a complete pane of the 90 reis first issue Brazil. The entire sheet of these stamps contained ten rows of six stamps each, the first three rows (18 stamps) being of the 30 reis value, the next four rows (24 stamps) of the 60 reis and the last three (18 stamps) of the 90 reis. Each stamp was engraved separately on the plate.

Stamps, of Rushden, is getting to have rather too much reprinted matter to be interesting. The article on the stamps of the United States is brought to a close and it is high time it was. Who the author is I know not, but he is woefully ignorant of many common things concerning U. S. stamps which he could easily learn if he would only invest a few shillings in Tiffany's History or would read John Luff's articles now running in the *American Journal of Philately*. The revenue department of the paper is the best part of it and grows in interest every month.

I see by the *Eastern Philatelist* that the *New York Stamps* has given up the ghost. I trust this is not so for I have always read it with pleasure and always find something in it both instructive and entertaining.

E. D. Bacon has an instructive article in the *Monthly Journal* dealing with the varieties of Mexican surcharges. It is based on the Tapling collection which contained the famous Caillebotte accumulation which was one of the finest Mexican collections ever made. Mr. Bacon states that in the arrangement of the Tapling collection he has followed the Catalogue for Advanced Collectors published by the Scott Stamp & Coin Co., the Mexican portion of which was compiled with the aid of Albert E. Lawrence, the well-known specialist in these stamps.

The *Texas Philatelist* is to be hereafter printed on heavy book paper with a fine cover. I trust Brother Lowry will invest in some new electrotypes for the Obock, Djibouti, Congo and Olympic Greek cuts have become rather a chestnut even with the varied colors in which they have appeared.

Le Timbre Poste continues its articles dealing with "jubilee" stamps and has commenced what promises to be a valuable article on the stamps of the Netherlands. What with the new issues in the Argentine,

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Brazil and the United States the fiscal department assumes quite important proportions in the last two numbers.

I did not think the *Virginia Philatelist* could improve on the tasty design of the cover used during its first volume, but they have done it. We have been accustomed to seeing the faces of the "first collectors of Virginia" from month to month but they have all been of the male persuasion. Now we have a fair maid of the Old Dominion, clad in flowing robes and holding a long branch in her left hand, while her right rests upon a shield inscribed 1897-1898. Below it is the following:

"All hail, Philatelia!
Thy realm to extend,
Thy science to foster,
Thy cause to defend—
Till proud and triumphant
Thy fame shall prevail;
Our troth do we pledge thee—
Philatelia, all hail!"

Frank Baptist who worked for Archer & Daly during the time they printed the C. S. A. stamps gives his reminiscences and tells what he recalls about the printing of them. There is a picture of the delegates to the Virginia Philatelic Association convention, the sanctum of the *V. P.* and portraits of some of the editor's co-workers. Paraguay is well written up, both historically and philatelically, there being two articles, one on each topic.

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From Our Regular Correspondent.

Toronto Letter.

STILL ANOTHER CHANGE.

The 8c orange Canada has appeared with numerals in lower corners. It is of lighter shade than those with the maple leaves.

FROM MONTREAL.

A visitor from Montreal, in the person of Mr. Hew R. Wood a collector and dealer of that city. He spent a week in Toronto. Mr. Wood is in the employ of the Grand Trunk Railway. His leisure time is occupied in collecting and dealing in stamps, his speciality being Canada and U. S.

MANIFESTO CAUSING STRIFE IN D. P. A.

A philatelic journalist and ex-president of the D. P. A. is not unlike some of our prize ring heroes. No sooner had he gained an eminence in the Association, did he assume that reprehensible spirit of braggadocio and marked ability in the fulsome art of cheap talk so characteristic of the gladiatorial heroes of the modern prize ring, the Corbetts, McCoys and the other loquacious fistic luminaries. The attack of Mr. Muirhead's in the August number of the *Stamp Reporter* on his opponents is far from accomplishing desired results. It is a stirring article and would lend itself easily to impressive persons.

TWENTY-CENT JUBILEES.

The twenty-cent Jubilees are occasionally on sale at some of our post offices.

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A PHILATELIC MEETING IN TORONTO.

The third meeting of Toronto collectors met in the Forum Hall at 8 o'clock, Oct. 11th, Mr. W. J. Porter in the chair. The election of officers was held which resulted as follows:

- President—Wm. Myers.
 - Vice-President—W. J. Porter.
 - Secretary—John H. Lowe, 49 Adelaide Street, E.
 - Treasurer—Chas. Bailey.
 - Exchange and Sales Supt.—Clifford Morden.
 - Librarian—W. A. Lydiatt.
 - Executive—Claude Sanigan, B. Pitcher.
- The meeting adjourned at 9.30.
Mr. Wm. Myers, the newly elected president, gave an interesting address on the benefits to be derived from the exchange department of societies.

MAPLE LEAF ISSUE STILL ADVANCING.

The following prices are being realized by some Canadian dealers for the Maple Leaf issue:

Maple Leaf ½c black, per 100	\$0.50.
1c green,	.25.
2c purple,	.40.
3c red,	.15.
5c blue,	2.00.
6c brown,	5.00.
8c orange,	2.00.
10c violet,	9.00.
Numeral ½c black, per 100	.40.
1c green,	.20.
2c purple,	.25.
3c red,	.10.
6c brown,	4.00.
8c orange,	1.90.

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The Editor's Shears.

A Newspaper Clipping.

RARE STAMPS.

THEY GOT GUS KOHN INTO TROUBLE.

Gustavus Kohn, arrested Saturday on the charge of using the United States mails for illegal purposes, was brought before U. S. Circuit Court Commissioner John Graves yesterday. He entered a plea of not guilty. His examination was postponed for one week, and his bail fixed at \$500.

It is charged that Kohn and two or three other persons have conspired to defraud houses dealing in canceled stamps. The scheme was explained by the *Virginia Philatelist* for August, which printed one of Kohn's letters ordering stamps. It charges that Kohn would send for price lists of stamps, and then in course of time order a small lot. These were sent by registered letter and he would sign the receipts. Later letters of inquiry to him were unanswered. The Detroit address given was 333 Michigan avenue. Many complaints have been received at the Detroit postoffice from Philadelphia and Cincinnati concerning him during the past few months.—*Detroit Tribune*, Oct. 11.

POSTAL CHANGES AT GIBRALTAR.

We are indebted to Mr. A. Mattana, and to another correspondent whose name is not given, for copies of the *Gibraltar Official Gazette*, containing this official decree:

GOVERNMENT NOTICE

His Excellency the Governor desires to notify for public information that Orders in Council have been approved by Her Majesty making British Sterling Money legal tender in Gibraltar under the conditions of the Coinage Act 1870

It is intended to promulgate these Orders on the 1st proximo, from which date the Order in Council of 1881, regulating the Currency of Gibraltar, will be repealed, but the Spanish Coins specified therein will continue to be legal tender in payment of all engagements entered into before the

promulgation of the new Orders in Council.

From the 1st October, 1898, all postage fees will be payable in British money, and stamps having the duties expressed in Spanish currency will cease to be valid in prepayment of postage in Gibraltar, but those overprinted "Morocco Agencies" will continue to be valid in the Postal Agencies maintained in Morocco by the Gibraltar Government

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By Command,
H. M. JACKSON,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Gibraltar, 14th September, 1898.

—Stamp Collectors Fortnightly.

There was considerable doubt, whether the famous French stamp of 20 centimes, blue on rose, unperforated, of the issue of 1853-1860 ever existed. Mons. Maury now settles the question and his testimony has much weight as it comes from a man notoriously denying its existence. He says, that up to very recently he firmly believed that the rosy tint seen on some of these stamps was due solely to the contact with rose-colored blotting-paper placed between the sheets for drying them. After seeing the collection of M. Haro, however, Mons. Maury changed his mind. He says now: "Well, I have been able to see that the rosy tint must have been printed, for on a block with margins on two sides I have seen that the rose ground-tint projects over the borders of the stamps by at least three millimeters on either side."—*Philatelic Monthly*.

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From Our Regular Correspondent.

Washington Notes.

By J. M. BARTELS.

Tuesday, October 18th.

The following plate numbers have been seen:

705	2c	Omaha.
706	2c	"
707	2c	"
708	2c	"

Things seem to be moving along at the Bureau at least as far as new 2c Omaha plates are concerned. Collectors are advised to secure all 2c Omaha numbers as early as possible. Many of them are apt to become scarce owing to the comparatively small number which can be printed from each plate. The color contains earthy matter which causes the plates to wear out very rapidly.

We believe that none of the following plate numbers are obtainable to date: 4c 530 to 533, 6c 554, 10c 518 to 521, Special Delivery 682, 5c Omaha 637 and 8c Omaha 643.

The demand for I. R. plate Nos. is still very active. There are certain numbers, especially of the 1c which are lacking in every collection in the country. No definite information has been obtainable in regard to plate 474 2c I. R. The *Metropolitan Philatelist* chronicled it last July but there seems to be some uncertainty about it. If any collector has ever seen one, others should be pleased to hear from him. If all remain silent, let us no longer include it on our want lists. The only other 2c I. R. plate No. of any noticeable rarity is No. 525. The cause for this is difficult to explain, especially as this number unsurcharged is by no means scarce. As far as we know, neither bottom nor right strips of same have been found. Has anyone seen either?

In a collection of envelopes, partly collected in and around Holyoke, Mass., two varieties have been found which to date have been thought not to exist. They are both listed and priced low in our catalogue but until now we have been unable to verify their existence. The two in question are No. 1184 1c blue, full letter, on manila

and No. 1239 2c green, size 14 (or small legal), on amber.

Many other Holyoke envelopes are very rare and worth from five to ten times catalogue. Others are overpriced, especially the 5c die B.

The latest mail from Gibraltar has been stamped with several denominations of the old sterling issue of 1886. We noticed the 1d and 2½d Nos 9 and 11. On same cover was a 1 shilling, same as old No. 14, but value at bottom was printed in red instead of bistre. This is therefore something for chroniclers of new issues to note.

Among the bishops and clergy attending the triennial general convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this city are a number of enthusiastic collectors, who find time occasionally to call on local dealers.

Philatelic Press Review.

By WM. C. STONE.

PAPERS RECEIVED.

All are October issues unless otherwise noted.

Allegheny Philatelist, Sept., Vol. III. No. 4 (13).

American Journal of Philately, Vol. XI. No. 10.

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Boys Own Philatelist, Vol. II. No. 1 (7).

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Stamps, Sept., Vol. II. No. 9.

Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal, Vol. IX. (99).

Virginia Philatelist, Vol. II. No. 2.

I had supposed and hoped that the Carion articles on Tahiti and Madagascar had gone the rounds of all the papers that would be likely to print them, but now comes the *Allegheny Philatelist* with both in one number. The current issue is the first since the April number. Who can tell whether its cover is lilac, violet, or what?

Mr. Toppan's list of U. S. envelopes in the *American Journal of Philately* commences with the 10-cent of the January 1875 issue and occupies some ten pages, finishing with the June 1884 issue. A very handy table is given showing the comparative numbers of the knives according to the N. P. S. list and Mr. Toppan's. A reprint translation is given of the article on the 5 bani blue and rose Roumania errors which recently appeared in the *Deutsche Briefmarken Zeitung*. It will be continued in the next number. Mr. Luff takes up the United States Department stamps and carries them through the Continental print. The shades enumerated in some of the sets are enough to please the most crankiest crank in such varieties. Most of us are content if we get one complete set. I do not think I shall try to get the five dollar State in green and black and also in bluish green and black. One will be enough for me if I ever get hold of it. But seriously speaking, this enumeration of shades is all right when we consider the character of the work. It is to be the standard reference list for many years to

come, and should of course include all known varieties. But think of the thousands of specimens that must have been looked over to make up such a list. I do not envy Mr. Luff his job.

L'Annonce Philatelique is now the official journal of the Circulation Philatelique Internationale of which Louis Moriaud is President and Henri Carteret (publisher of the paper) is Secretary. His address is 31 Roseaie, Geneva, Switzerland. The number of members was 72 on June 30, and during the last year 61 circuits were sent out, the value of each being at least 3000 francs. The society is divided into four groups, two in Switzerland, one in France and one comprising all other countries.

The publisher of the *Australian Stamp News* wishing to be sure concerning the stamps with figures in corners of Queensland had inquiries made with this result: "With regard to the stamps with numerals in four corners, the plates are already at the Government printers," but the stamps have not actually been issued but will no doubt be issued soon in all the values from 1/4d. to 1sh., (this is authentic) that is to say 1/2d., 1d., 2d., 2 1/2d., 3d., 4d., 5d., 6d., and 1sh.

The Federal Australian Philatelic Society which Mr. Bull is trying to organize does not seem to take and the subscription has been reduced to 1sh. per year.

The *Boys Own Philatelist* is now a weekly and only costs 10 cents a year! Whew!

A very interesting article on the issues of Prince Edward Island will be found in the *Columbian Philatelist*. The official figures are given of the remainders which were sold to a Charlottetown gentleman for \$1100. There were in all 1,611,100 of the remainders and the face value was \$91,062.

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I remember distinctly buying the set, which is now in my own collection, for 75 cents for the thirteen unused stamps and have never regretted it.

Herr Krotzsch has a very valuable and interesting article in the *Deutsche Briefmarken Zeitung* dealing with the various types of the Danish 2 rigsbank skilling. Illustrations of the types of numerals are given with a diagram showing their respective location on the sheet. The forgery department contains numerous notes on various falsifications, etc., and presents as a sort of chromo a lot of seven of the forgeries themselves, all overprinted "Falsch." One of the English magazines of twenty years ago used to do this same thing I remember. If I am not mistaken it was the *Philatelist*.

The army frank which has been so much in evidence in the papers of late was the subject of an essay before the Pacific Society recently and is reproduced in *Filatelic Facts and Fallacies* by Mr. Sellschopp who wrote it. The authorship of the label is traced to Major Brewster Cox Kenyon, who, it is claimed, has been mixed up in several rather shady transactions.

H. L'Estrange Ewen in the *London Philatelist* gives the first installment of a very full detailed list of the now popular railway letter mail stamps. It is, I think, the first list which has gone into all the details, and will be of great value to collectors of these stamps. A full page plate showing sixteen of the different types is given.

A. F. Basset Hull treats of the "Postage" surcharged series of New South Wales issued in 1885, and gives many interesting figures and facts concerning them.

Mekel's Weekly for October 20, is the first of the season's "specials" and is full of good things. The chronicle is very full and well illustrated and the inquiry department contains many interesting items. A long clipping from the *Chicago Post* gives an account of how the stamps are printed on bank checks.

The *Metropolitan Philatelist* for the 8th contained the half tone photo which was recently published in the ERA. Mr. Scott announces that he has had an extra thousand printed to sell at a cent apiece. Wonder if the brew—excuse me, hotel, across the street had anything to do with the happy smile on Doebilin's face?

The publisher of the *Montreal Philatelist* is very foolish in his efforts to organize another national society for Canada. Why does he not take hold and brace up the D. P. A. which seems to be the most promising of the now existing organiza-

tions? The old C. P. A. of ten years ago was the only society that ever amounted to much and that went to pieces because of petty squabbles and jealousies. If you are going to have a society, have one which does something besides hold an election and then wait for the next one. If Mr. Bach would drop the society and the German department of his paper and devote it mainly to fiscals I believe he would make a hit. It is practically a new field but is going to be popular. Try it and see.

The *Philatelic Record* is a bouncer and no mistake. Its thirty-two pages are crammed full of good things and I hardly want to slight any of them. What Edward J. Nankivell doesn't know about the Transvaal is very little and consequently his "Stray Notes on Transvaals" will be read with interest. It is short but A1. "A Bolivian" writes on the stamps of his country and A. F. Basset Hull gives us another chapter of his "Stamps of Tonga." Several extracts from the postmaster general's report are given and C. Stewart-Wilson's "Indian Postal Fiscals" is reprinted from the *Philatelic Journal of India*. How is that for a menu? And to say nothing of the side dishes in the shape of shorter sketches etc. It's a Buhly good number!

I don't know what other literature collectors said and thought when Brother Osgood changed the form of the *Stampman* some months ago but I can guess. And now he has done it again. And changed the color from "yaller" to a gorgeous orange red. "Charles Entirecover Severn" is the victim this month who has never met the editor.

E. D. Bacon's article on Mexican Surcharges and Gordon Smith's account of the Electric Telegraph Company and its stamps are the only long articles in the *Monthly Journal* but there is a host of short ones. Some additional facts are given concerning the recently discovered Bermuda early provisional and the supplement to the catalogue fills several pages of the advertising section.

"Confederate Locals and Handstamps" is the title of what I consider one of the most interesting articles in the *Virginia Philatelist*. A group of some half dozen of these stamps is shown and the article on the Selma, Ala., stamps is reprinted from the *Lone Star State Philatelist*. The field of investigation into C. S. A. locals is one which will stand a lot of searching and I hope we shall have more articles on the subject.

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From Our Regular Correspondent.

Our Boston Letter.

Tuesday, October 18th.

I have been shown by Nathan Cobe, of Waltham, 2c Omaha plate Nos. 700 to 708 inclusive, and also the 4c 1895 type in the new color, which is the same color as the current 6c. The current 6c is a different color from that listed in the 58th catalogue. The demand for Omaha stamps is on the increase. Only imperfect copies of the high values are now obtainable at this office. I have been told, by a person who pretends to know, that there are to be no more printings of the Omahas, in the high values.

Of the 4c in the new color, I have seen the following plate Nos.: 460, 461, 462, 463. I have also seen the 5c in the new color, which is a considerable lighter shade of blue than formerly. The above mentioned plate Nos. of the 4c come also in the old color, dark brown.

I notice in the last issue of the ERA, under the head of Correspondence, that my remarks about the value of plate No. 89 are criticised. As plate No. 89 was offered to the gentleman, who criticised my remarks, for \$12, and he refused to buy it, comments are unnecessary. The four watermarked plate Nos. now priced at \$17.50 each, are offered for \$7.00 each, and no buyers.

There seems to be no limit to the quantity of 2c "I. R." inverted. They are being offered today for 30c each. They are evidently good stamps to let alone.

Probably the hardest stamps to find, in good condition, are the late issues of Fiji Islands, as the majority of the stamps came off center. A large percentage of the Omahas, and the 1/2c and 1c of the new issue of Newfoundland come part perforated. Now a stamp part perforated is not in first class condition.

I see that Bro. McKearin has once again returned to his favorite subject of Newfoundland. There are several remarks that he has made in his last letter to the ERA, that I shall have to take exceptions to. He says that there has never been a re-issue of the 3c type A23. To my knowledge there has been three re-issues of it. But perhaps that Mr. McKearin and I may differ in what is termed a re-issue. He also says that of the 3c type A there are four distinct varieties; there are five, and there is as pronounced a difference between the five as there is between the four that he mentioned. Although I do not poise as an authority on stamp values, I will say that the 3c slate of 1890 can be

"Era" Ads Pay.

No better evidence of it can be vouchsafed anyone than the contents of our mail this morning, containing a letter in a feminine hand, in which the lady says: "I should judge by your advertisements that you were unmarried. Now I don't want to appear forward to you at all, but I might truly say that I am a lone widow in the world with three hundred acres of land and a good bank account, and would like to share my joys and sorrows with some good, kind man." Her age may be more certain than otherwise, but under any circumstances, the words "land" and "bank account" always sound nice to us, and if things keep on coming our way and this kind of a gait, our life's dream will soon be realized, and we can sing as the illustrious Goldsmith sang with eloquent force:

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Tonight occurred the regular monthly meeting of the Boston Philatelic Society. Gordon Ireland was elected to membership.

In my letter of Aug. 30th, I advised the issuing of an addenda to the Standard Catalogue, giving a list and prices of stamps issued since the regular catalogue was published, the book to be sold at a reasonable price. I now understand that the Scott Stamp & Coin Co. are to issue such a work, price 10 cents. It has often been remarked that "great minds run in the same channel."

There is another radical change which would be a benefit to philately, that is the Standard Catalogue should be issued on the following plan, pricing stamps, used and unused, in two grades, firsts and seconds, leaving out watermark, different sized perforations, paper and die varieties; and until this is done, Philately will never be what it has been. It is quite evident, to any common-sense person, that the present style of cataloguing so many varieties has been a great check to making new collectors. To endeavor to collect stamps on this plan is such a herculean task that only a small number will undertake it. Then take for instance a clerk or book-keeper drawing a salary of \$1,000 a year; he has more or less of a family to support, and finds that he can spend for stamps \$150 a year; he starts to make a collection of stamps, on the plan of the Standard

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If you have any of above send on approval. Many others also wanted but for the above we pay special prices just now.

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Catalogue, commencing with the U. S. How many years will it take him to acquire the U. S. alone? The catalogue and albums for the general public or new collectors, should be as simple as possible, listing and giving space for stamps only in difference of design and color, regardless of watermarks, paper or perforations. A few years ago, a catalogue was issued, in paper covers, said to be made for the young collector. It was not a success for several reasons; one of them was an album should correspond with the catalogue and the catalogue should be simplified. There should also be made albums and catalogues for the specialist, and these catalogues should be issued in a pamphlet form, at a nominal price, giving the countries in groups, and listing all the minute varieties known. This plan would be a greater help to the general depression in stamp circles than the wholesale cutting of prices. If some such plan is not adopted, it is evident that a great many prices will have to be greatly reduced.

S. E. L.

EXCHANGES.

One notice is allowed each subscriber free if sent with his remittance, extra notices will be inserted at the uniform price of 10 cents each insertion. Non-subscribers 15 cents each insertion. Positively cash with notice. All notices must be for exchange and limited to thirty words, exclusive of the address, and must be written on a separate piece of paper. Notices offering articles for sale for cash, or offering to purchase for cash cannot be inserted here as they do not come under this head.

Three Consecutive Insertions of Same Exchange Notice, 25 Cents.

What have you got in U. S. to exchange for the following: "Metropolitan Philatelist" from Sept. 23, '93, to Jan. '95, and from Oct. '96 to Aug. '97; "American Philatelic Magazine" Dec. '92 to Oct. '96, except Feb. '93 and Jan. '96; "Mekeel's Weekly" from Jan. 3, '95, to Jan. '98, except Jan. 9 and Feb. 6, '96; "Am. Journal of Philately" from Jan. '95 to Jan. '98, except Mar. '97; "Boston Stamp Book" from No. 1, May '95, to May, '98; the "ERA" from Sept. 19, '96, to Jan. '98. All in good condition. D. H. Bacon, Derby, Conn.

I want the following revenues and will give good exchange for them: rat issue perforate \$15, \$20 P. of W., \$200.00; and issue \$1.60, \$3.50, \$5 and up and \$20.00 3rd issue. Address, stating what is wanted, Isaac M. Bates, 536 Putnam Ave., Detroit, Mich. [85]

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In order to get names of collectors to exchange with on equal terms, I will exchange set of fine, new, '95 dues for same face value of Omahas or Columbians. H. S. Vanderburgh, Lithgow, N. Y.

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Nos. 91, 194, 196, 215, 642, fine, o. g., or fine M, and M. to exchange for any Revenues part rouletted or present issue. Geo. Hetrich, M. D., Birdboro, Pa.

Wanted: Printing Press. Must be in good order, with type. Have fine pair opera glasses, pearl or gold, or collection of stamps to exchange. M. Wm. Hamilton, 2159 Osiris St., Cincinnati, Ohio.

Stamp papers to exchange for U. S. stamps not in my collection. Write me and I will mail list of papers to exchange. Ernest F. Stillings (P. S. of A. 215), Box 524, Rochester, N. H.

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U. S. Postage and Dep't for Revenues. B: 2801, 2802, 2822, 2831, 2832, 2851, 2856, 2860, 2861, 2868; D: 2812, 2828, 2829, 2835, 2844, 2851, 2881, 2887, 2888 and others. Write E. H. Field, 7 Public Square, Galesburg, Ill.

Will give 100 8c Canadas (4 leaves) for any of the following lots of Canadas (4 leaves): 1000 2c, 4000 3c, 900 6c or 10c, 75 20c, or 40 50c. Other offers considered. Wm. A. McDonnell, 1646 Madison Ave., New York City. [85]

I have fine foreign (including So. American) cat. 1c to 10c. I will give 3c for each U. S. and Canada cat. over 1c. Omaha and Canada 1897-98 especially wanted. E. Bull, Jr., Care Union Bank, New London, Conn. [85]

Good exchange offered for Great Britain Numbers 2, 8, 44, 87, 118, 115, 134 and 146 in quantities, to use for making reconstructed sheets. J. F. Johnson, 83 Thornton St., Boston, Mass. [85]

Would be pleased to hear from dealers and collectors who have large lots of Canada and United States stamps, any issues or value, to exchange in 100 and 1000 lots. Wm. A. McDonnell, 1646 Madison Ave., New York City. [85]

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Under this head we print all notices not properly belonging to our exchange department, such as business announcements, want and for sale notices, etc., at the uniform low rate of five (5) cents per line. Eight words average a line. All notices will be set in solid 6-point type and no display allowed. Minimum charge 10 cents.

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Have collected for 30 years. Never sold stamps before. Have 10,000 var.; nearly 2,000,000 duplicates; every country. Will send approval sheets with 58th Cat. No. and price under each stamp, to responsible collectors. No dealers, please. Best specimens sent first. Many cheap stamps hard to get. What can you use? C. W. RICHES, (A. P. A. 1351) Creston, Iowa. [177]m

If you wish to sell your collection of stamps, or duplicates, for spot cash, write J. M. Hubbard, Rochester, N. H. References, Bradstreet, Dun. [304]

FREE! "THE EVERGREEN STATE PHILATELIST" on trial two months. It will then be discontinued. Address at The Dalles, Oregon. [16]

SOUVENIR ENVELOPES.

Set includes the 1c, 2c, 5c and 10c Columbians. On right upper corner is the regular envelope stamp. On left upper corner is a correct picture of the souvenir Columbian half dollar in red or blue. Midway between is a 3c, 4c, 5c or 6c Columbian adhesive stamp surrounded by a neatly printed inscription commemorating "Chicago Day," "Manhattan (New York) Day," or "Columbus Day," at the World's Fair, and every set was cancelled and postmarked in the Columbian Exposition post office, making them unique and beautiful philatelic souvenirs of the greatest World's Fair ever held. There are only 25 sets of each day in existence, and they can never be duplicated, as the dies were destroyed. Hence they are sure to become rare. We offer them to collectors at \$2.50 per set of 4, choice of days. 25 odd 2c envelopes at 50c each, "Columbus Day." Returnable if not perfectly satisfactory and money refunded. [84]

F. N. MASSOTH & CO.,
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Written for the ERA.

Brooklyn Letter.

Wednesday, October 19th.

Will endeavor to give you a little more information concerning Brooklyn, which I promised you and which I hope will reach you in time for the next issue.

Section Philately, Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences, held a meeting on Friday evening, October 7th, for social and exchange purposes. Close to fifty members were present and a very enjoyable evening was spent. I have been told that one of our dailies had a full column the next day in regard to same, which free advertising will no doubt be of some benefit to the Section.

The Section has to date eighty-three members and the rush will soon begin in earnest.

On October 14th the Section held its first regular business meeting with a good attendance, considering the severe rain storm on that night.

The minutes of the newly elected Board of Directors of the Section were read and approved, which also included the reading of the election of the Board as follows:

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Members elected to serve one year: J. M. Andreini, C. R. Gay, R. R. Bogert, Alex. Holland and C. C. Cummings.

To serve two years: Prof. F. W. Hooper, Dr. T. P. Hyatt, P. E. Nostrand, H. Toelke and J. D. Carberry.

To serve three years: C. R. Braine, Jr., G. W. Ring, H. A. Talbot, Crawford Capen and Alfred Baillord.

The above Board selected from among its members the following officers: President, C. R. Braine, Jr.; Vice President, H. A. Talbot; Secretary, P. E. Nostrand; Treasurer, G. W. Ring; Curator, J. D. Carberry.

Through the efforts of Mr. C. C. Cummings, Mr. J. N. Luff of the Scott Stamp & Coin Co., donated volumes of the *American Journal of Philately* to the Section and it is hoped other publishers will not allow themselves to be beaten in this respect.

By resolution the Scott Stamp & Coin Co. were thanked for their handsome and most suitable gift, also Mr. Cummings for his efforts.

On October 21st a social meeting will be held at 201 Montague St., Brooklyn, N. Y., for the exchange of members' duplicates, and it is hoped every stamp collector living in this vicinity, whether great or small, will attend this meeting.

Dr. T. P. Hyatt will deliver a lecture of the Origin of Postage Stamps at the lecture rooms on October 28th.

An Exhibition of stamps will be held later in the season.

A little incident occurred today which is not to the credit of the publishers of the *Metropolitan Philatelist*. They have

often told us in its columns that no back numbers of the paper were kept in stock or on hand (see page 61, first column, Oct. 8, 1898) yet today a copy was handed to me by a postmaster to whom it was addressed and it was of the issue of June 4th, 1898. Perhaps it was a re-issue or reprint, or could it have been a counterfeit?

This is no doubt an injustice to their advertisers, as it matters not if the ads are four or five months old.

Have had several inquiries regarding The American Philatelic Exchange lately and it will be in full blast again by Nov. 1st.

Append a clipping from *The Sun* (N. Y. City):

VALUABLE STAMPS STOLEN. THE PARIS POST OFFICE ROBBED OF A GREAT INTERNATIONAL COLLECTION.

LONDON, Oct. 7.—A despatch from Paris to a local news agency says that a priceless international collection of postage stamps have been stolen from the Central Post Office in that city. The collection comprised specimens of every stamp issue for many years past by every country in the world.

H. TOELKE.



Old Colony Philatelic Society.

Meets First and Third Wednesday in Each Month, at 8 O'clock P. M.
Entrance Fee 25c, Dues \$1 per year payable quarterly.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT.

MANSFIELD, MASS., October 19, 1898.
The 64th regular meeting of the O. C. P. S. was held in the rooms over Mr. Eldredge's store on the above date. The meeting was called to order at 8:37 p. m. by President Smiley.

The Secretary's report read and accepted.
The Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

The Sales Superintendent's report was read and after showing that the past year's business nearly closed up and that he was waiting for new books of a much better class than ever before, the report was accepted.

A letter from one of our Providence members regarding the matter of moving headquarters to Providence, R. I., was read and laid on the table.



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"	"	2 rose	6	"
"	"	3 yellow	4	"
"	50	1/2 green	12	"
"	"	1 blue	5	"
"	"	2 rose	8	"
"	"	3 brown red	6	"
"	"	1 lilac	40	"
"	6a	1/2 black	15	"
"	"	1/2 orange	6	"
"	"	1 rose	5	"
"	"	2 blue	12	"
"	"	3 brown	6	"
"	65	1 rose	7	"
"	"	2 blue	15	"
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A report from the Providence Auction was read to the affect that as soon as two or three that had not yet settled up their accounts, a full and complete report would be submitted.

Let me say right here that those members who have not yet settled, have had ample time to do so and it will help the committee if they will attend to it at once.

The following members were dropped for non-payment of dues. If these members will send the amount of their dues, they will be re-instated without further action: A. V. Lyon, A. L. Smith, F. Perry, R. L. Van Meter, J. H. Nash, E. V. Warren, E. O. Weld, W. B. Round and F. E. Hewitt.

The resignations of Otto Cliff, G. E. Thomas and Wm. King were accepted.

The motion was made and carried that all members that are in the U. S. Volunteer service shall have their dues remitted.

The motion was made and carried that the Sales Supt. be allowed to make up a set of rules for his Department and present them to the Society for action and approval.

Messrs. Hope, Wheaton and Munroe of Providence were present and made some remarks that were interesting and showed their interest in the Society.

The meeting adjourned at 10.07, after which some specimens were exhibited showing that there are a few live members yet.

HOWARD PAINE, Sec'y.

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In 1897-8 a chain was started for the purpose of securing 1,000,000 postage stamps by the chain system for an invalid in Kaneville, Ills. The chain grew to enormous proportions and flooded the Kaneville office with letters. We have now secured these stamps and are selling them by the pound, post paid, as follows:

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STAMPS

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The Collectors Club.

351 Fourth Ave., New York.

Thirtieth meeting of the Board of Governors held at the Club house, October 10, 1898, the following members present: Messrs. Deats, Luff, Scott, Stebbins and the Secretary.

Mr. Deats was unanimously elected to the chair.

Called to order at 8.10 P. M.

Minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved.

Resignation of Mr. Arthur E. Tuttle, as a non-resident stockholder, was read and accepted.

Resignation of Mr. R. R. Bogert as a stockholder was read and accepted.

Resignation of Mr. Robert S. Lehman as a subscribing member was also read and accepted with regret.

The Secretary read letters from Messrs. Green, Lawrence, Deats and Brevoort, which were laid on the table.

Treasurer's report received showing a balance of \$228 53 in bank, exclusive of U. S. bonds.

Chairman of the House Committee read his report, which was accepted.

The Secretary was directed to notify the Auditing Committee that the Treasurer's accounts were ready for examination.

The Secretary was also directed to ask Mr. C. H. Mekeel for a copy of Tiffany's History of United States Stamps, as a donation to the Club's Library.

The handsome gift of "King's Views of N. Y. Stock Exchange" from Mr. Charles Gregory was received with thanks.

The Chairman of the Literary Committee made his verbal report, which was received.

It was decided that the Club present to Mr. Deats its unbound literature in exchange for any bound volume which he may have in duplicate and which he may present to the Club.

The Governors requested the Amusement Committee to have an entertainment at the Club as soon as possible and an appropriation of \$75.00 to defray expenses was made on motion duly seconded and carried.

Then followed a discussion on the wisdom of holding an exhibition of stamps at the Club House for a day at least. The remarks of Mr. Scott were commented upon by Messrs. Deats and Luff, and it was unanimously decided to endeavor to carry out Mr. Scott's idea of an exhibition between December 1, and January 31, and to appropriate the sum of \$100 to meet its necessary expenses.

The Chair then appointed an Exhibition Committee consisting of Messrs. Scott, Thorne, Deats, Luff, Duveen, Harbeck and Andreini, with power to add to their number.

Adjourned at 10.40 P. M.

J. M. ANDREINI, Secretary.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Philadelphia Notes.

New catalogues and price-lists continue to reach us, and, from many of them, we judge that the dealer anticipates or is experiencing a very good business.

A few days ago we saw a stamp plate, and on it was an 1847 10c stamp and a specimen of the 90c 1869, cut in pieces. Although these stamps were destroyed through ignorance, yet it made us sigh just a little.

While talking with a prominent New York dealer and collector, a few days ago, he informed us that, of all the large cities, Philadelphia contained the fewest number of collectors as well as dealers. Probably this was stated because our friend was a stranger in the city and knew not where to locate them. If he had stayed a day or two we could have taken him around and surprised him not a little.

We have many dealers and although they are not prominent, yet, nevertheless, do a very nice business.

Each week, we find that the so-called "fad" of collecting stamps has increased in the schools of this city, and, as never before, the boys can be seen grouping about the school trading and discussing the value of a newly procured specimen.

Such incidents cannot be otherwise than noticeable, and only add in making the season a successful one, for, indeed, every little counts.

For lack of time we were unable the past week to investigate many reports which have been in circulation lately, and which, if true, will be of much interest to all of us. We will have more concerning them in our next letter.

Mr. H. D. Rutherford, who three years ago, was a prominent collector, will continue collecting this winter, and add many rare specimens to his large and valuable collection.

H. A. JACOBS.

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- 4c "..... .93c " 10; 2.25 " 100
- 8c "..... .40c " 10; 3.50 " 100
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4	1p lilac rose.....	\$1.00	\$0.30
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8	1p red.....	.75	
9	1p vermilion.....		.85
10	6p blue green.....		.45
11	1p red.....	.25	.25
13	4p blue.....	1.25	.40
14	6p green.....		.75
15	1/2p green.....	.04	.04
16	1p red.....	.05	
17	1/2p brown.....		.40
18	4p blue.....		.40
19	6p deep green.....		.85
20	1p red.....		.40
21	1/2p blue.....	.12	.12
22	4p brown.....	.25	.20

Cash with order, and money refunded if not satisfactory, or will be sent on approval to those known to me or those furnishing good reference. Write for my approval books at 50¢ discount.

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2c.....	.06 " "
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" other varieties (5).....	.75
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Luxemburg, 1892 10 to 37 1/2c (6).....	.20
Nicaragua 1896, complete (9).....	.40
" Official, complete (8).....	.40
Salvador 1896, Official, (12).....	.40
" 30 different, all genuine used.....	.50
Samoa, 1887-94 (9).....	.50
Siam 1 att to 64 att (8).....	.50

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" 1892-6 1/2p, unused.....	1c
" 1p, used.....	1c
" 1/2p, used.....	1c
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From Our Regular Correspondent.

Washington Notes.

By J. M. BARTELS.

Tuesday, October 25th.

There have been no new Omaha plates noted this week, for which we with the vast number of collectors of same, are thankful. However the following have been seen in the new colors:

460 4c red brown
461 4c " "
462 4c " "
463 4c " "

The new 5c light blue have also made their appearance, but we do not know the plate Nos., probably they are 407 to 410.

A New York daily announces that her youthful Majesty, the Queen of Holland, has recalled the issue of the new 1 Gulden stamp because "it makes her look older than she likes to look." Whether this is true or not we may soon expect to learn from other sources.

Mr. John Hulme Lowe writes an article on the Connell of New Brunswick stamp in the *Philatelic West*. His statements are correct that this stamp was actually used as I saw an undoubted copy on the original cover in one of the large European collections last year.

Controversies among correspondents are seldom interesting to the readers or in any way beneficial to any philatelic or other periodical. "S E. L.," the Boston correspondent of this paper comments on my remarks in regard to plate No. 89. He states that this strip was offered me at \$12 and I declined to buy. I emphatically deny this and state at the same time that my offer to buy at prices recently quoted still holds good. If they are on the market at \$15, where are they? I will take all offered me in fairly good condition at that figure and pay considerably more for certain positions.

I was not aware of the fact that the rare early 1c Nos. were on the market at \$7 and could find no buyers. We can use a few at this figure and request parties who have any for sale to send them at once. In this connection we will state we have seen some of these margins which had been saved by a kind New Jersey postmaster for one of

our friends, but unfortunately minus the stamps. In a few cases suitable specimens had been selected and glued on to the perforations very skillfully without using a hinge. It is needless to say that offer does not apply to these.

Arizona has distinguished itself by bringing to light something that has been considered an impossibility until recently. We refer to left strips of the 1c I. R. small letters. Mr. Gambs, who is the largest plate number dealer in the West, has been fortunate to secure Nos. 546, 547 and 548 and states that he knows of 534. In addition to this we have 543, all of which were found in the state named. This proves that at least two forms of type were set up for these small letters, one for upper right and one for upper left sections of original sheets of 400.

Written for the ERA.

Notes on Stamps.

Nothing seems to be in greater demand today among the collector of stamps than new issues including those of recognized speculative nature, as the Vasco da Gama issue of Portugal and Colonies. What may perhaps seem a little surprising to some, the demand for issues of the latter class is very strong among collectors of the advanced type and in spite of the edicts of the S. S. S. and all the anathemas thundered against them from the altars of the "called of self" high priests of philately, the stamps of so-styled questionable status have grown in favor among collectors generally.

The decision of the Scott Co. to provide spaces for such issues in the coming International Album will doubtless increase the demand for them, but judging from my own limited experience as a dealer the decision was to a very great extent necessary because collectors, and those of an advanced type who understood exactly the status of the stamps, insisted on collecting them.

I do not intend to enter into any criticism or defense of the speculative issue. There is very much to be said against it and not a little in its favor. Whether to collect or not to collect such issues is a question for the individual collector to decide for himself. The general beauty of design and engraving, printing and coloring has doubtless been an important factor in the decision of many. As long as collectors, exercising their independence, fol-

low their own likes and dislikes in such matters we need not fear for the future of philately.

While it is no doubt true that the best time to procure new issues is when they are current one should not in his eagerness for them entirely neglect opportunities of filling up older issues at reasonable prices. There are many countries of which fairly complete collections can be made at a moderate outlay and I believe would open up delightful fields of study, well repaying a little careful specializing. I might mention such countries as Belgium, Holland and Colonies, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Italy, etc. The best time to complete these countries, as far as can be done within the limits of one's means, to study them and fill in shades and minor varieties is now. In Belgium one can pick out 119 different stamps which catalogue used only about \$11.50, nearly all of which can be bought at from 40 to 50% discount and the opportunity for study of the many cheap stamps for shades and minor varieties is abundant. Eight dollars is highest catalogue price for any single used stamp of this country, that being the price for the 5 franc 1875. In addition to this stamp there are only six stamps which catalogue at a dollar or more and the six only fifteen dollars.

In this reckoning I have not included the telegraph stamps used as special delivery stamps. Of these there are nine varieties listed and eight of them are priced used at only \$2.50, and the remaining one, the five franc value, is priced at \$4.00 used and \$1.50 unused.

I have gone into these details merely to show that one can specialize in some of these countries with very satisfactory and enjoyable results without necessitating a great expenditure of cash.

Personally, I believe in general collecting as offering the greatest and most permanent field of enjoyment, but it would be a splendid thing for the individual collector and the cause at large if each general collector would make a careful, thorough and studious specialty of at least some one country; endeavoring by patient and continuous research to become a master of its issues just as the specialist in any branch of science endeavors to learn and assimilate not all that is known but much that remains to be known in his particular field

It has been claimed by some that the successful specialist in any branch must be a specialist in the narrowest sense of the term and devote his time and study to the one thing. Without discussing this point in its general sense, I do not believe it is necessarily true in the realm of philately. The general collector who will study stamps can become a specialist of acknowledged merit in his particular field if it be well chosen. By this I mean mainly that a field should be selected which will afford sufficient available material for study. Above all is required a willingness to proceed slowly, a careful and persistent study of the stamps and a thorough realization of the vast value and importance of minor details.

This brings us down to the question of minor varieties. Perhaps the greatest pleasure I derive from philately is the study and collection of minor varieties and shades. If my next door collector takes no interest in such and sees them only as a delusion of foolishness, it does not destroy their pleasure and value to me, neither is it warrant for him to deride that which is a source of enjoyment to hundreds of collectors and a lasting benefit to philately. The study of stamps is almost sure to bring out minor varieties of paper, perforation, shades and printing, and a search for such varieties is very apt to make of the collector a student of stamps, which above else he should be. I do not advocate that collectors should make a universal practice of paying fancy prices for minor varieties of shade, printing, etc., or that all such should be listed in our catalogues; but I do believe that collectors should more generally study their stamps and be encouraged to make these distinctions of the minor varieties of stamps they are continually running across.

They add to the beauty and also to the value, from a scientific point at least, of a collection. Many distinct and valuable varieties which are today eagerly sought after owe their discovery to the study of minor varieties.

Knowledge is power in philately just as much as in the world at large, and not knowledge but the power of acquiring is the Creator's gift to man.

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Correspondence.

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HAMILTON, MO., Oct. 24, 1898.

W. W. JEWETT,
Portland, Me.

Dear Sir: The following Omaha stamps were received at this office today, which have the following plate numbers:

- 1c: 590, 592, 598 and 612.
- 2c: 688, 697, 700, 701, 703, 706, 707, 708, 717, 720, 721, 722, 726, 729, 725, 732, 733, 734 and 735.

Hoping they will interest your readers, I remain,

Yours resp'y,
J. D. VANVOLKENBURGH.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., Oct. 19, 1898.

EDITOR ERA:
Recently you copied my article on the small "I. R." Block Letter 1c from F. F. & F. Since writing the same I learn that Nos. 534 to 543, 546, 547 and 548 "Left" strips has been found by different parties, all purporting to have come from Arizona. All counties have now been heard from, except Bottom strips of the small "I. R." Bartels has 543.

Yours respectfully,
E. F. GAMBS.

NASHVILLE, TENN., Oct. 22, 1898.
MR. W. W. JEWETT,
Portland, Me.

Dear Sir: Nos. 717, 720, 721, 722, Plate Nos., all 2c Omaha, have been obtained at this office.

Very truly yours,
P. H. HILL.

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Resignations Received.

1431. **BARBER, MRS. R. M.**, Albany, New York.
1135. **KIMBALL, BENJAMIN**, Boston, Mass.
1259. **SNOW, FRANK W.**, Boston, Mass.
877. **KIMBALL, F. R.**, Waltham, Mass.
299. **WETTERN, WM. v. D., JR.**, Baltimore, Md.
939. **MOORE, A. M.**, Greenfield, Mass.

Change of Addresses.

BAGLEY, B. D., from 13 Astor Pl., N. Y. City, to Macedon, N. Y.
GURLEY, WM. F., from 6245 Greenwood Ave. to 6151 Lexington Ave., Chicago, Ill.

998. **MAVERILL, E. H.**, from 286 Morrison St. to 331 Morrison St., Portland, Oregon.
742. **AVERILL, D. M.**, from 286 Morrison St. to 331 Morrison St., Portland, Oregon.
1433. **DRESSEL, E.**, from S. W. cor. 9th and Walnut Sts. to 140 W. 3rd St., Cincinnati, Ohio.
1504. **OATMAN, ERLET.**, from Dundee, Ill., to 30 Bradly St., Dorchester, Mass.
WM. N. HOWE, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE SALES DEPARTMENT.

GEORGE R. TUTTLE, Superintendent,
87 Nassau St.
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1,192 books of stamps in circulation according to my report of Oct. 15th, valued at \$39,215.21
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\$41,394.98
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GEO. R. TUTTLE, Supt.

REPORT OF LIBRARIAN.

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The 284th regular meeting was called to order by Vice-President C. E. Severn at 8.25 P. M., Oct. 20, 1898, (the President being absent).

Present Messrs. C. E. Severn, Schlieckert, Lefever, Wolsieffer, Massoth, Oesch, Smack, Michaels, Mikolasek, Pierce and Doncyson. Visitor present was Mr. L. Brodstone, of Superior, Nebr.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

Mr. Wolsieffer, Chairman of Committee on Investigation of Frauds, reported progress and asked for more time which was granted.

Communications from Messrs. B. A. Cottlow, F. Doughty and E. M. Rosenthal were read and referred to Governing Board.

Communication from Mr. A. Sonntag with donation of 125 stamps for benefit of Society was received, and a motion prevailed that a vote of thanks be extended Mr. Sonntag for his kindness.

Upon ballot Mr. C. B. Geldert was unanimously elected to active membership No. 459.

After recess the Governing Board instructed Librarian Lefever to write Mr. Doughty in regard to duplicate papers etc., and accepted the resignation of Mr. E. M. Rosenthal (No. 347) of New York City.

Motion was made, seconded and carried that the Treasurer write all members in arrears for dues that unless they pay same the Society will be forced to expel them.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9.55 P. M., after which a discussion on stamp topics was held.

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From Our Regular Correspondent.

Our Boston Letter.

Tuesday, October 25th.

The new values of Revenues, 1½, 3½, 40 and 80c are on sale here. Among a lot of the ¼c Proprietary, received by a stamp agency here, were about 6 sheets of an entirely new shade, a light orange-brown. Frank P. Brown, the well-known dealer, was fortunate enough to secure the most of them. The Colonial Stamp Co. and our friend Cobe, of Waltham, secured the balance. The stamps have been pretty well scattered among the Boston dealers, and are readily selling at 5 cents each. It is surprising to think of the prices that are asked for the used Omahas. Collectors and speculators seem to have gone crazy over these stamps in used condition. In speaking of these stamps the *Eastern Philatelist's* leading article for this month a well-written piece called "The Speculative Future of the Omaha Set," will give a decided impetus to speculation in these stamps. Mr. Smiley, the editor of the above mentioned paper, is on record as considering speculation in stamps, or trying to influence any person to speculate in stamps, as very wicked.

More or less mention has been made, in philatelic papers, about a stamp somewhat similar in design to the 10c 1869, called the "Army Frank." *Filatelic Facts and Fallacies* says that it is the production of a fertile brain. *The American Journal of Philately* says: "From information supplied us it would appear that the issue of the stamp was the result of the enterprise of a stamp collector in the army, the ultimate purpose being its placing on the market for the purpose of pecuniary profit." The originator of this stamp is said to be Brewster Cox Kenyon, who bears the title of Major and Paymaster of U. S. Volunteers of California. He has figured before the philatelic public on many occasions, and several years ago was one of the founders of "The Philatelic Society, New York."

The *Post Office*, under "Notes and Comments," quotes from an English paper a long paragraph that the British Government has decided to take over the Royal Niger Company's territory as a Crown Colony. The paragraph is headed "Niger Coast." The same theme has been copied in other philatelic journals in a condensed form. I cannot understand why such a paragraph is printed, but perhaps the editor of the above mentioned paper can tell. The stamps of Niger Coast do not emanate from the company. They are issued by the Crown Agents for the Colonies, and are watermarked Crown and CA.

The stamps of Norway offer to collectors who collect for recreation a pleasant task.

INDISCREET.

Our girl was unwise enough to read the proof sheets of "STAMP HUNTING" aloud in the presence of the dog we spoke about last week. The natural result of course followed, the dog died, and this prompts us to warn our weak and puny friends like Secretary Howe, Brother Wainwright, President Miller, Doebelin and Friend Bruner and others to take all possible precaution, before reading the book. We want no funeral expenses on us at this time.

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20	St. Lucia 1864 1p black	.30
28	" 1881 2½p scarlet	.25
34	" 1883 6p violet	.45
37	" 1885 ½p green	.80
41	" ½p carmine	1.50
60	" 1892 unsevered pair	1.50
59	St. Vincent 1885 1sh vermilion	.35
7	Seychelles Islands 1890 48c yellow	.75
8	" 96c violet	1.50
13	" 1892 90c on 96c	1.50
25	Tobago 1886 ½ on 2½p	.30
97	" 1 on 6p	.40
99	" 1 on 2½p	.65
43	Turks Islands 1881 1p vermilion	.50
20	" 1887 1sh brown	.35
13	Virgin Islands 1867 4p lake	2.25
5	" 1p carmine	4.25
13	" 1p green	2.25
17	" 1880 2½p claret	2.50
18	" 1883 ½p yellow	2.50
19	" ½p green	.10
20	" 1p rose	.75
21	" 2½p ultramarine	.50
22	" 4p red	1.00
23	" 6p lilac	1.50
26	" 1889 1sh brown	2.25

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I note that a writer in the ERA says: "I would like to ask if the selling price of a dealer here or a dealer there or several dealers is to be accepted as the actual value of a stamp." After reading the whole article two or three times, I fail to grasp the meaning of the writer. When a stamp can be bought of a dealer here and there or several dealers, that is the market value of the stamp. There never can be any degree of permanency in the price of stamps. The tendency for obsolete issues that have been well distributed among the trade, would be to advance. Anything that can be bought in the open market of various dealers, the price paid is the market value for that time. If John Henry Smith issues a catalogue and bases the prices of stamps upon what he carries in stock, that has nothing to do with the market value at all. Take, for instance, the 1890 3c slate of Newfoundland. I have seen, within a few days, one lot of 97,000. The holder of this

lot of stamps can make as low a market value as he sees fit. The conditions of the present time warrant a low price for the value of stamps. A year from today the general conditions of the business world may change these prices considerably. The actual value of a stamp is the price that it can be bought or sold for at a certain time. The writer spoke of the stamps of the Spanish possessions and said: "these prices are the result of special conditions and may prove more or less than actual value when conditions become settled and a degree of permanency and generalness established from which an approximately correct actual value can be deduced." The actual value of these stamps for the last few months has been based upon the law of supply and demand, and the actual value was what they could be bought for of the trade in general. Wheat was selling a short time ago at \$1.00 a bushel. That was the actual value of it at that time, based upon the law of supply and demand. It is selling today at considerable less, which is its actual value now. What will apply to wheat will apply to stamps, and there are some stamps that are as good as wheat

I have been shown today by the Colonial Stamp Co., the new issue of Gibraltar stamps, the plates of the 1886 issue have been used and the 1/2, 1, 2 1/2d are re-issues, the 2, 4, 6d and 1sh have the value in colors, which saves the set from being a re-issue set.

S. E. L.

Southern Philatelic Association.

The Fourth Annual Convention was held at Knoxville, Tenn., Oct. 20, and the election resulted as follows: H. Fenton, President; Aug. Dietz, Vice Pres.; W. C. Lowry, Sec.-Treas.; Chas. Waring, Sales Supt.; D. E. Hazen, International Sec'y; C. P. Galyon, Librarian; F. Noyes, Counterfeit Detector; Board of Trustees, Emil Gerlich and R. Kessler. Official Organ, the *Virginia Philatelist*. Convention Seat for 1899, Richmond, Va.

The reports of the officers show that the Association is in a satisfactory condition. The Trustees have settled all claims placed in their hands the past year. The payment of the necessary expenses still leaves a balance in the Treasury and the Sales Department is making fair returns to its patrons, all books retired having been settled for in full. The Insurance Fund now amounts to \$23.60. The Librarian has about 5000 pieces of literature on hand besides about 75 complete volumes and files.

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Narragansett Philatelic Association.

The Narragansett Philatelic Association was organized in East Providence, R. I., on the evening of October 25th. Stamp collectors were present from Providence and East Providence, and the Association starts off with a large charter list, and every promise of success. The organization was effected by choice of the following officers:

President—Herbert M. Wheaton.
 Vice-President—Geo. A. Round.
 Secretary—Albert F. Monroe.
 Treasurer—Albert W. Gregory.
 Sales Supt—George H. Hope.
 Librarian—Charles L. Adams.
 Executive Committee—Geo. H. Hope, Carroll Wilson, Chas. L. Adams.

A Committee on Constitution was appointed. Permanent headquarters are to be secured and it is designed to make this Association one of the most progressive in the country. The charter list is to be held open for 30 days and charter members, admitted at reduced rates.

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Philatelic Press Review.

By WM. C. STONE.

PAPERS RECEIVED.

All are October issues unless otherwise noted.

- Advertiser, Vol. V. (91).
- Australian Philatelist, Sept., Vol. V. No. 2.
- Bric-a-Brac, Nov., Vol. XXIII. No. 11 (239).
- Briefmarken Sammler, Vol. VIII. No. 10.
- Collectionneur de Timbres Poste, Sept. (215).
- Francobollo, Vol. VI. (73).
- General Anzeiger fur Philatelie, Vol. XVI. (291).
- Illustriertes Briefmarken Journal, Vol. XXV. No. 20.
- Melita Philatelic Chronicle, Vol. I. No. 10.
- Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News, Vol. XII. No. 17 (408).
- Metropolitan Philatelist, Vol. X. No. 7.
- Perforator, Vol. II. No. 8.
- Philatelic Messenger, Aug., Vol. II. No. 9 (13).
- Philatelic West, Sept., Vol. VII. No. 3.
- Post Office, Vol. VIII. (91).
- Rocky Mountain Stamp, Vol. IV. No. 1 (37).
- Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly, Vol. V. (106).
- Stamps (N. Y.), Vol. II. No. 12.
- Texan Philatelist, Vol. IX. No. 2 (55).

The *Australian Philatelist* contains a very interesting verbatim report of the trial of a couple of persons charged with selling and manufacturing forged stamps to various dealers and collectors in Sydney and Melbourne. The man pleaded guilty and was sentenced to twelve months imprisonment with hard labor, but sentence was suspended and he was placed on probation for that time under £100 bonds. He was further placed under bonds for the payment to Messrs. Hagen and Collins of £45 and £18 respectively to reimburse them for the money obtained from the sale of his counterfeits to them. His wife was released. J. H. Parry of Chefoo, China, has a very chatty sketch of the Imperial Chinese post and also gives some interesting items about the late lamented treaty port post offices and stamps.

A history of Africa as shown by its stamps is the leading article in *Le Collectionneur de Timbre Poste*. A fine double page map of the dark continent is by no means the least important portion of the article. The article is liberally illustrated. Anyone who has a full file of this little magazine has a treasure house of good things and no mistake.

Il Francobollo translates from the *International Philatelist* the list of countries of which there were stocks of remainders. The article on Lombardo-Venetian postmarks, etc., is continued with numerous

illustrations. There is also a good descriptive account of the Falkland Islands with a map of the same.

The *Perforator* presents us with a copy of the picture taken on the trolley car at Coney Island by Alvah Davison just after our arrival. It shows up very well, most of the faces being readily distinguished. B. G. M'Fall presents a revised catalogue of U. S. stamps, omitting all minor varieties, and listing both used and unused in two conditions, "firsts" and "seconds." I have not had time to go into detail in examining the list as the paper only arrived this forenoon, but I should say that he had made a pretty good guess as far as I can see.

The *Philatelic Messenger* is beginning to look more like its former self, but is sadly behind time, the current number bearing date of August 15. Raymond S. Baker has some interesting reminiscences of old time philatelic magazines and Henry A. Chapman tells the story of the four New York conventions he attended.

The *Philatelic West* has not visited me for some months but is welcome all the same. Its cover is adorned with a picture of the Machinery and Electricity building at the Omaha exposition, and while most of its contents are devoted to stamps etc., there are several pages given up to camera fiends among whom I must acknowledge myself to be numbered. The article on the Connell stamp by J. H. Lowe amounts to but little. The articles published several years ago by Donald A. King of Halifax, in *Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal* I think, gave the full history of this stamp with all the correspondence and official documents.

An official circular issued by the Commissioner of Internal Revenue is printed in the *Post Office* and it gives the following interesting information:

- "Proprietary stamps printed from private dies will be issued only in three sizes, the dimensions of which shall be as follows:
- "One inch by one-half inch.
- "One inch by one inch.
- "Two inches by three-fourths of an inch.
- "Proprietors in making application for the preparation of private dies should prepare their designs in conformity herewith."

The *Rocky Mountain Stamp* looks rather "rocky" on the outside after what we have been accustomed to see, but the interior is much better. A sketch with portrait of J. C. Miller, the newly elected president of the S. of P., is the leading article. Williams & Co. of Lima occupy some dozen pages with their announcements and price lists. They are to issue a stamp paper in Lima it is said. It will be in English.

Crawford Capen's little magazine *Stamps* is no more. It has just completed its second year but will be dropped hereafter, as there is no money in it at the low rate of subscription, and it does not seem wise to raise the price. I for one shall miss it, and trust it will start up again ere long.

With the coming of fall, the *Texan Philatelist* has put on its overcoat, but alas the Obock stamp is still with us in a sickly shade of yellow. The contents are not up to the usual standard.

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2c ".....	15c per 100; .30 " 1000
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- 2c rose: 387, 388 and 393, at 25c, 427 to 430, at 35c.
- 4c dark brown: 460 to 463 at 20c each.
- 5c brown: 351 to 359 at 30c each.
- 6c: No. 248 at 25c each.
- 2c Omaha: 608, 610, 615, 621, 626, 628, 629, 639, 641, 642, 644, 659, 660, 662, 664, 665 to 669, 671 to 675, 677, 680, 685, at 5c per strip.

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Cottlow's.... Chicago Correspondence.

Last week Chicago's Peace Jubilee celebration was held, and a number of stampites came in with the crowd to help us celebrate.

Among them were Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Withee of LaCrosse, Wisconsin; Major and Mrs. H. H. Bandholtz of Michigan, and Mr. J. T. Starr of Coldwater, Michigan.

Major Bandholtz now of the Thirty-fifth Michigan Infantry, U. S. V., will be remembered as our old friend Lieutenant Bandholtz of the Seventh Infantry, U. S. A. He went through the entire Santiago campaign without receiving a scratch and on his return was offered the rank of Major in the new Michigan regiment, just then forming, which position he accepted at once.

He will leave with his regiment for Cuba in about five weeks.

Mr. Fred G. Ross of New York City is here on his annual theatrical trip. He is now manager of the Casino Company's "Telephone Girl" which is playing a two weeks engagement at the Columbia Theatre.

Owing to his managerial duties being so much heavier than in former seasons, he has not been able to pay the attention to stamps and stamp people that he used to. He tells me however, that he is just as much interested as ever and is always on the lookout for something new in his specialty, western franks.

The new members of the C. P. S. have taken hold of things and seemingly intend running affairs in a strictly up-to-date business manner.

They have a committee for the investigation of frauds, a "kick" committee, and another which is looking after the matter of delinquent dues.

Let us hope the good work goes on.

Omahas in a used condition are pretty scarce in this neck of the woods. But few copies of the higher values can be picked up here and even the 8 and 10 cent are not as plentiful as they might be.

\$1.00 revenues are being offered in strips and pairs and some few of the higher ones can also be obtained. I think that in the course of a year or so there will be plenty of them on the market.

Mr. Albert Schultze of 346 Mohawk St., who has been an A. P. A. member for some years, died recently at the age of 64 years.

Mr. Schultze had never identified himself with any local society, so was mainly known through his connection with the national organization.

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Plate Number Collecting.

BY CHARLES A. NAST.

As I am an enthusiastic plate number collector myself, I beg to say that these thoughts and suggestions must be considered as my own individual views and gathered rather from my own experience, with my own collection as a basis for opinions. Recently in a dealer's shop in this city (Denver, Colorado,) the question arose over a two-cent brown (Jackson), whether it was printed by the National or the Continental Co., an examination with powerful glasses failing to reveal any of the secret marks illustrated in the catalogue. Now if a strip had been preserved with imprint and plate number, or even only a single stamp with the number, as the two concerns used different notations in this color, the question would have been settled upon the face of it.

And this calls to my mind the story I once heard, that a similar contention in the establishment of the father of philately in this country, was only settled by Mr. Scott's producing the remainder of the entire sheet from which the stamps in dispute had been removed, showing imprint and plate number, thereby proving his side of the argument. And this I am informed led to plate number collecting. However the value of plate numbers is not, in our time the same, its chiefest charm lies in the gradations of tone, and variations and shades of color, sometimes indeed, the differences are quite beyond the range of tint, and assume the dignity of different colors in fact.

I have only words of praise for Bartel's catalogue, but it must be apparent to any one who has studied the matter only a little, that no catalogue could include every variety of ink. In a general way an issue is listed in its official color, or as blue and ultra-marine for the one-cent denomination, and as pink and carmine for the two-cent in the unwatermarked series. But this does not nearly cover the field. It was my privilege to see a collection, of top strips only, of the first fifty numbers ever printed in the 2c red. We had here carmine, pink, rose, dull red, claret, salmon, light and dark red, brownish-red and bronze-red, this latter was from plate number 9. It was a strikingly peculiar red. No two

strips were exactly alike in color, the whole making a beautiful tone-picture. The expense of collecting all four sides of a given plate is what appalls the average collector, but I claim it is not necessary to collect in this manner, though I do it myself. Let me suggest to those who are inclined in this direction, to collect only a certain side and stick to it, reserving other positions for exchange; or choose the top, this is invariably cleaner and prettier, has always large margins, and is oftenest free from ink smudge. The bottom strip is the most difficult of all. The margin is sometimes barely sufficient to permit the number to show.

As in all other stamp matters, the bottom strip being the least likely to be perfect, it is generally higher priced. The quantity of any position on the market, regulating the price. But whatever is decided upon, let it be thoroughly understood that a plate number strip in its accepted form must be perfect as to the centering of each stamp, nor must the perforations be allowed to go through the imprint and the number itself. It means a strip of absolutely perfect stamps to the minutest detail of any given number, and not merely anything with a certain number attached; because we are not collecting *numbers*, but *perfect stamps* of a number.

Recently the Omaha Exposition series and the surcharging of the current issues, has created a new interest in this specialty. While it is true the Omahas require only the top and bottom strips, it is equally true that out of a dozen strips taken at random, only two will be found perfectly centered. It seems a most difficult matter to get the perforations just right on all sides of these stamps.

With two kinds of surcharges besides the inverted surcharge, and the printing of some of the plates in both green and blue inks, it is quite possible to get three, four and five different sets of strips of the same number; therefore I advise a blank book as a plate number album. The pages can be divided by ruling two or three horizontal lines across the page, thus allowing a full page for various sets of the same number, or for different numbers on the same page. But I hope my suggestion of collecting only one position will not go unheeded. Let us have collectors of lefts or rights only, or tops or bottom strips only. This will increase the interest and add new recruits to our ranks. Then in the future we may have a plate number society with its

attendant exchange department, just as is now done in postal cards.

In the watermarked series we have but one shade of blue listed, but it is quite possible to find the same number in three or four shades differing greatly from 98 to 122 inclusive.

Just before the Government issued the 1c green, all plates running from 443 to 496 were printed in a very dark blue in extra heavy ink. The difference over the ordinary blue is apparent to anyone. In passing it should be mentioned that the different shades are not due to any chemical action of light or air, but are so just as they came from the press.

It was a long time before a uniform color for the present 2c red was adopted. From No. 80 or thereabouts the ink seems to have been pretty generally the same, but latterly the Government has started on an economical streak. It will be remembered how last spring the Postmaster General suggested that a saving of \$10,000 per annum might be made by using some less expensive color, but finding that the International Postal Union prescribed red they began to cheapen the ink by the addition of less lake madder. The change was soon apparent and a reference to my collection shows pale reds, and salmon pinks, besides the rose color in all numbers from 501 to 525. Some very pale shades obtain in numbers ranging from 499 to 517. Some of the latter look as though they had been washed out. A very pretty page consists of the 5c numbers in both blue and brown. And finally in this day of errors, let me not forget that we have one in plate Nos. also. I refer to the 2c Postage Due issue of '79 to '94. By some inadvertence the figure 5 was omitted from certain parts of the plate in No. 315, making it read 31 instead. In conclusion let me add that the letters which precede the figures in the catalogue are very essential to a perfect strip, these are printed sometimes quite apart from the number and the imprint, but they are very desirable to a complete plate number.

Upwards of twenty-five hundred stamp collectors who are not at present regular subscribers of the WEEKLY ERA will receive a copy of this issue. If YOU happen to be one of the above we should be pleased to have you become a regular reader, and obtain the benefits, both direct and indirect, of reading the innumerable news items and endless array of bargain announcements presented week after week.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

New York Notes.

"The Spoils of Victory" are beginning to appear in Nassau Street. Several members of Troop A, just returned from Porto Rico, have been visiting the dealers with about a dozen of the 1 and 2 mil. Porto Rico stamps for which the modest price of \$1.00 each was asked. At last reports there were no takers.

The Twenty-third street dealers report a thriving trade whilst Nassau street is comparatively dull. Is the stamp center of the metropolis moving up-town, where it belongs, near the office of the Scott Stamp & Coin Co.?

The economical entertainment committee for the A. P. A. convention have declared a dividend of 22 1/2%; the subscriptions received being in excess of the amount required. Not so bad a showing for the goodwill of the New Yorkers in providing for their guests.

Too many Philatelic societies? We are surprised to see the resignation of Mr. R. F. Albrecht to the Staten Island Society. We hope this is erroneous as in our opinion it would be the beginning of the end of a lively society.

The Omaha stamps are becoming very scarce, as high as \$3.00 per hundred being offered for the 8 cent value.

It is an unmistakable fact that prices are better all along the line. Dealers are beginning to discriminate. The 50 per cent. class stamps is growing smaller, and good stamps sell just as readily at 25% as last year they did at 50% off.

The Guatemala Exposition remainders are about due. The German dealer who secured the lot will soon offer them to the public, we understand.

The publication of the new album will deal a death-blow to the S. S. S. S. Collections will soon consist of novelties and made-to-order stamps only. Sidney views, early Natsals and imperforate Ceylons will live as a dim memory only. Even the once popular three-cornered Capes will sink into oblivion and the up-to-date collector will specialize in Seebecks and Portuguese colonies.

Which do you think you would fare best with—supposing you were compelled to realize, the Sydney views or the 25fr Obock or Somalis for instance—catalogued about even to-day?

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From Our Regular Correspondent.

Providence Notes.

By F. PUTNEY, JR.

A letter carelessly directed to Portsmouth, N. H., instead of Portland, Me., is responsible for the non-appearance of most of these notes earlier.

The October meeting of the Rhode Island Philatelic Society was an encouragingly enthusiastic one and, if signs are worth anything, seems to have been the forerunner of a general waking up on the part of the members. The treasurer's report showed that the society is in enviable financial condition, with a good balance on the right side. Two resignations were received, both rendered on account of outside interests which prevented the respective members from actively participating in the affairs of the society. One resignation was accepted; the other, that of President W. C. Elliott, was laid upon the table, in the hope that he would be willing to serve out the remainder of his term of office. A vote of thanks was passed to Messrs. Devenish and Carroll, the stamp clerks at the city post office, for the courtesy which they have shown to collectors who have come in contact with them in search for fine unused specimens, etc., of present issues.

Those members of the Society who complain of a lack of attraction at the meetings should have been present that evening Mr. F. F. Olney exhibited a magnificent lot of stamps, including an assortment of the beautiful U. S. proofs and early essays, which it would be difficult to duplicate anywhere. Mr. Dawson also exhibited a very interesting lot of entire envelopes and covers, many of them rare and valuable, and a few which come under the heading "uncatalogued."

The November meeting of the Society should be a good one. There will be exhibitions of stamps by Messrs. Dawson and Dewey, together with a small auction sale of desirable lots. Every member should make an effort to be present.

Mr. F. F. Olney is the regular Republican candidate for mayor of Providence, an office which he has acceptably filled before.

United States stamps cancelled in the late Spanish possessions, especially Porto Rico, are arriving here upon letters. They make interesting souvenirs, even to a non-philatelist.

Please mention this paper when answering advertisements.

HOW ABOUT THESE?

1898 Documentary 50c, \$1, \$3 and \$5.00, used (4) \$1.20
 1887 2c, rejected die, entire, unused on amber,
 Bartel's No. 942, cat. \$5.00, my price 1.50
 Same on white, No. 942, cat. \$5.00, my price ... 1.50

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Send want list, as have many others at like prices. Anything you want for the asking. [87*

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Columbian 1c to 10c, including a varieties of the 1c, 2c, 5c, 6c and 10c (cat. 55c), 23 stamps..... 22c
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Not many of the Omaha issue are being used. This should make them good property to own if postally used. Place your orders now while prices are reasonable.

1c to 10c, 6 varieties..... \$0.12
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I also offer the following U. S.:

50c 1895, orange..... .10
 \$1.00 1895, black..... .30
 \$1.00 1894, pale ultramarine..... .68
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 *1.00 1894, black..... 1.40
 \$2.00 1894, sapphire..... 2.50
 *Strip of 3 \$1.00 '94, with pl. No. 76, very rare 7.00
 50c 1893, Columbian..... .33
 30c 1893, Columbian..... .20
 6c 1893, Columbian, per 10..... .28
 *8c 1890, lake..... .28
 90c 1890, orange..... .40
 *90c 1888, purple, very fine..... 1.50
 *90c 1879, carmine, very fine..... 3.75

Revenues.

*3/4c Proprietary, both shades (2 stamps)..... .10
 *10 sets above, both shades..... .80
 *1/2c Documentary, both colors (2 stamps)..... .07
 *10 sets above, both colors..... .65
 *2c Playing Card, sixth issue..... .08

Newfoundland.

*Cabot issue complete, 1c to 60c..... 2.65
 *1897, 1c carmine, queen, now obsolete05
 *1897, 2c orange, Pr. of Wales, now obs..... .06

Canada.

*New issue, 3/4c, 1c, 2c and 3c..... .10
 *3/4c maple leaf, in blocks of 4..... .12

*Unused. All used stamps in fine condition, lightly canceled. Orders under 50c, postage extra. Money refunded if stamps not satisfactory.

JAMES R. VIETS,

26 Greystone Park, LYNN, MASS.

IS IT A FAKE?

I have been looking for "Stamp Hunting" for a long time just to see if Brother Robie won't tell that he secured barrels of these same stamps in a pair of old socks he received in payment for a copy of "Stamp Hunting" and can sell them for "two bits" each. I tell you Robie's glasses are magnifiers, but they won't magnify the prices on the following. Money cheerfully refunded if not satisfactory.

Bahamas, No. 1, 0. g., fine..... \$1.50 Pairs \$3.00
 Barbados, 2, 0. g., fine..... .75 " 1.50
 " 2a, 0. g., fine..... .75 " 1.50
 Trinidad, 3, 0. g., fine..... 1.50 " 3.00
 " 4, 0. g., fine..... 1.00 " 2.00
 " 11, 0. g., fine..... 1.00 " 2.00

ENTIRE ENVELOPES.

1890-95 entire unused..... \$3.50
 1893-26 varieties unused Columbian..... 2.50
 1894-5-40 varieties unused Holyokes..... 2.50
 1894-5-118 varieties unused Hartford..... 5.50
 1860-98-21 varieties wrappers, cat. \$12.50.... 4.50

D. T. EATON,

MUSCATINE, IOWA.

(*)

Officially Sealed Labels.

There has been a good deal of discussion of late, in some of our American contemporaries, upon the question of the status and collectibility of the pieces of gummed paper, used in various countries for plastering up the wounds sustained by envelopes and covers in their passage through the post. We all know that some of these labels are adorned with more or less elaborate and interesting devices, and in different countries they appear to be used in rather different ways. In Great Britain, whose Officially Sealed labels we have never seen either catalogued or provided for in albums, these patches seem to be applied to all packets that are found to require them, and the date stamp is struck upon the label to show when and where the cover was found open or torn. In other places the "Official Seals" are much more sparingly used, we believe. In Canada we were told that they were only affixed to letters that had been opened unnecessarily in the Post Office; for instance, letters that could not be delivered for any reason, but which bore the address of the sender on the outside, and could therefore be returned unopened. If such a letter as this was opened by mistake at the Dead Letter Office, it was reclosed with one of the Canadian Officially Sealed Labels, to show that it had been opened by proper authority; and we were given to understand that these labels were not used in Canada for ordinary broken packages, and being employed for the special purpose just described, they were not allowed to be given away to collectors. In all cases, however, these labels are used, as their inscriptions denote, for sealing up letters and packets; they denote neither postage nor freedom from postage in any shape or form, and our personal opinion is that they have no claim whatever to be considered stamps. We must confess that we do not know what is the correct definition of a stamp, but we should be inclined to define it as a label denoting either

a sum paid, or a sum to be paid, or that there is nothing to be paid, on the article to which it is attached; thus a postage stamp may denote either postage paid by the sender, postage to be paid by the receiver, or that the letter or packet passes post-free. We have seen it argued that Unpaid Letter or Postage Due stamps are not postage stamps; but surely the charge for transmission is postage, whether it be paid by the sender or by the receiver, and naturally different forms of stamps are employed in the two cases. Again, a Special Delivery stamp denotes payment for transmission by a special means, and thus is a postage stamp, in spite of the fact that it may not be available for payment of ordinary postage. It is a little more difficult to find an excuse for including the stamps impressed upon Registration Envelopes. They certainly come within our definition of a stamp, and they represent a charge upon letters sent by post; still, that charge is not exactly postage, because it is not for transmission, but for insurance. The stamps, however, are postal, and ordinary postage stamps can be employed for denoting the very same charge, so it is fair enough, perhaps, to include these in a collection of postage stamps.

Official stamps carry us a little further. We can hardly reject such stamps as those of Denmark and the Departmental issues of the United States, which have a value expressed upon them, and which are used precisely as ordinary postage stamps are used, representing the actual postal charges upon letters and packages of certain weights, etc. Our own Government Parcels, I. R. Official stamps, etc., come into this same category. Some extreme purists have raised objections to these stamps on the ground that they do not denote postage paid, but rather freedom from postage. We doubt, however, whether this is always correct; in some cases we believe the amount represented by the stamps thus used is credited to the postal revenue, and charged against the departments using them. Official stamps which have no value expressed, and which frank an unlimited amount of official matter, certainly occupy a different position; they seem rather to indicate that the packets to which they are affixed are Official, and therefore not chargeable with postage. Still, they seem to come so near to the postage stamp proper, that there is some excuse for their admission.

The "Officially Sealed" labels are quite outside any of these classes. They are not stamps, unless we are to admit that any piece of gummed paper with something printed upon it is a stamp. If we admit these, we should admit the Registration Labels—large "R," etc.—affixed to registered letters in our own and other countries. All these are Postal Labels, but not stamps. Of course they are collectible by anyone who chooses to collect them, but they have no place in a Stamp Album or Catalogue.—Editor of S. G. M. J.

Columbian Stamp Co.,

WM. KNUDSON, Mgr.,

106 East 23rd St., New York.

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- Great Britain Mulready Letter Sheet \$3 00
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- Grenada 1883 1sh violet..... 4 00
- " 1898 2¼p Jubilee..... .10
- *Guatemala 1895 1c on 5c purple, error of surcharge 1894 instead of 1895, not catalogued..... 1.00
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- " " 2s carmine..... .40
- *Royal Mail Co 1875 10c rose.... 1.25
- *Salvador 1867 ½, 1, 2, 4r (4).... .25
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- Sweden 1871-84 Official 6 ore gray 1.00
- " 1890-2 Envelopes 10 on 12 ore .05
- *Trinidad Jubilee 1898 2d..... .10
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- *Newspaper Stamps 5c blue, colored border..... 10.00
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- " " " 1879 1c black o. g.10
- " " " 2c " "..... .15
- " " " 3c " "..... .35
- " " " 4c " "..... .25
- " " " 6c " "..... .40
- " " " 10c " "..... .25
- " " " 1895 1c black unwatermarked o. g.10
- *Newspaper Stamps 1895 2c black unwatermarked o. g..... .15
- *Newspaper Stamps 1895 5c black unwatermarked o. g.25
- *Newspaper Stamps 1895 10c black unwatermarked o. g..... .40
- *Newspaper Stamps 1895 25c carmine unwatermarked o. g..... .75
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- 1855-60 5c red brown type I..... 3.00
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- " 30c orange..... .25
- " 90c blue..... 2.00
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- " 30c blue and carmine..... 8.00
- *1872 National 90c carmine o. g. . 6.00
- *1893 Columbian 1d o. g..... 2.50
- 1891-93 Unpaid bright claret 30c, 50c (2)..... .75
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- " 93 5..... 7 "
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- " " 5 blue green..... 9 "
- " " '86 5 green, re-engraved..... 10 "
- " " '90 3 on 3 blue..... 7 "
- Honduras '78 1 green..... 6 "
- Hong Kong '03 3 brown..... 4 "
- " " 24 green..... 6 "
- " " 30 vermilion..... 9 "
- " " '80 5 blue, CC..... 10 "
- " " '10 violet, CC..... 5 "
- " " '82 10 " CA..... 30 "
- Hungary '71 5 rose, lithograph..... 5 "
- " " 3 green..... 7 "
- " " 15 brown..... 5 "
- " " 25 violet..... 6 "

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In R. F. Albrecht's 46th Auction Catalogue we find the following "Answers to Correspondents," which are of general interest and therefore we reprint them:

"Z. T. M., Washington, D. C., writes: "I do not understand the catalogue; some lots are marked "fine," others "with gum;" some are not described as to condition.

"ANSWER: All lots listed in my catalogues are in good or fine condition. Defective stamps or lots containing varieties below average condition are so noted, and the absence of any description of lots would indicate that purchasers can expect copies of average or even better condition. Especially fine stamps, deserving the attention of even the most fastidious collector, are recommended by remarks like 'fine,' 'very fine,' 'a beauty,' etc., but praising every lot all through the catalogue would be tiresome and misleading, and is therefore avoided.

"Henry Hoffmann, Esq., Buffalo, N. Y., writes:

"I am surprised to get stamps at less than my limit; please forward catalogues of coming sales to me.

"ANSWER: On the blanks for bids the following promise is given: 'In executing commissions I act as confidential agent.' A steady buyer at my sales wrote me upon receiving 45th catalogue as follows: 'Glad to receive your catalogue and to see that you still keep in the procession. I should very much regret to have you drop out, on my own account as well as yours. I have had better satisfaction from your sales by far than from any others. So many almost invariably bill auction purchases at the limit of your bids instead of doing what they profess, i. e. just above the next highest bid. But in your case, both the quality of the lots and the billing of the same, have both, so far as I am concerned, been so satisfactory that my confidence is absolute, and I feel perfectly safe in your hands, which is a mighty sight more than I would say about some others.' In publishing this recommendation I do not wish to blow my own horn, but to impress upon collectors the advisability of giving the auction plan a trial and thus gain by their own experience many advantages not otherwise obtainable. The auction business is similar to employing a lawyer as counselor—if you go to the right man it will be to your advantage; if you go to a man solely looking out for his own pocket you will be the loser."

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- 1c Cards, perf., unsevered pair on original cover.
 - 2c Proprietary orange. 50c For. Exch., perf. & imp.
 - 3c Telegraph, perf. 50c Mortgage, "
 - 6c Inland Exchange. 70c Foreign Exch., "
 - 15c For. Exch., perf. \$1.00 Life Ins., "
 - 30c For Ex., perf. & imp. \$1.00 Manifest, "
 - 50c Lease, imp. \$1.00 Lease, "
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From Our Regular Correspondent.

Our Boston Letter.

Tuesday, November 1st.

The U. S. 30c due stamp on watermarked paper has at last made its appearance. The plate number is quoted at \$7.50. The demand still continues for Omahas and battleship revenues in shades. The \$50 revenue, used, is quoted at \$12. It is reported that there is to be a general change in the colors of the revenues, and the Department has received a great many complaints about the rouletted stamps, and there are strong hopes of having them perforated. These revenue stamps offer collectors a very fine opportunity to collect shades at a small outlay of money, and the different shades will also teach collectors something more of colors than can be obtained in any other series of stamps. One can thus show patriotism and enjoy the pleasure of collecting, and improve one's education in the color line.

The *Boston Globe*, a few days ago, published quite a long article illustrating the new 1 gulden stamp of Netherlands. The substance of the article was that the stamp had been withdrawn, as Queen Wilhelmina has not pleased with the portrait of herself upon the stamp. The portrait makes her appear as a woman of 30 years of age, instead of a girl of 18 years. The appearance of this article created an active demand for the stamp and it is selling at \$1.00. It is quoted in London at 87 cents. If this stamp has really been withdrawn, it will be a good one in the future. The recent obsolete issues of Gambia and Gibraltar are quoted in England at wholesale at about the present catalogue prices in the Standard Catalogue. This would naturally show that these stamps will be advanced in price in the next issue of the English catalogue.

I was shown, a short time ago, by the Colonial Stamp Co., the August and September type of the 10c 1861, used together on a piece of the original cover. I understand that this unique combination has since been purchased by Dr. Welch, of Providence, R. I.

The following from across the water is the latest classification of collectors: Highest social position, collector of used postage stamps; Second, collector of unused stamps; Third, collector of revenue stamps; Fourth, collector of government envelopes; Fifth, postal card collector; Sixth, collector of literature about postage stamps; Seventh, collector of U. S. locals.

S. E. L.

Will You See and Buy Fine Stamps?

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Write to the President,
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C. F. Rothfuchs

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All Forest Hills cars pass the door. He will be pleased to meet his old patrons in his new office and extends a cordial invitation to those who have not called on him before. He claims to have more real bargains in his sale books than can be found in the sales books of any of his competitors who have as large an assortment to select from. If you cannot call you may find something in the following advertisement to interest you.

U. S. Periodical Stamps.

1895 Issue.	Price for 1st.	2nd
1, 2, 5, 10, 25, 50c, set of 6 for.....	\$1.25	\$1.00
\$2.00 blue.....	1.75	1.00
\$5.00 blue.....	3.00	2.00
\$10.00 green.....	4.00	2.00
\$20.00 slate.....	6.00	3.00
\$50.00 carmine.....	20.00	6.00
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Complete set 12 varieties.....	50.00	20.00

Prices under 1st are for used stamps in fine condition, under and for slightly damaged or heavily canceled or not good enough to sell as 1st or fine, but very satisfactory to most collectors.

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Unused, Entire, Fine Condition.

No.	Catalogue price.	My price per 1.	per 10.
1396—1870 1c on orange.....	\$0.75	\$0.30	\$3.50
1397 " 2c ".....	.40	.10	.60
1411—1874 50c on white.....	.40	.20	1.50
1412 " 30c ".....	2.00	1.00	7.50
1416 " 90c ".....	2.50	1.20	11.00
1430—1875 5c ".....	.50	.20	1.50
1439—1874 1c on amber.....	.05	.05	.25
1440 " 10c ".....	.50	.20	1.50
1448—1875 5c ".....	.35	.15	1.25
1451—1882 5c ".....	.25	.12	1.10
1455—1874 3c on cream.....	.25	.12	1.00
1463—1880 8c ".....	2.50	.35	9.50
1468—1874 1c on orange.....	.10	.05	.25
1473—1882 1c on blue.....	.40	.20	1.75
1478—1879 2c on fawn.....	.75	.25	2.00
1494—1883 1c on white.....	.30	.10	.60
1504—1884 3c on fawn.....	1.00	.25	2.00
1509 " 3c on blue.....	1.50	.35	2.00
1514 " 2c on fawn.....	.10	.05	.40
1515 " 1c ".....	5.00	1.50	10.00
1516 " 3c on blue.....	.10	.05	.40
1503—1887 4c on O. buff.....	.25	.12	1.00
1504 " 5c ".....	.25	.12	1.00
1509 " 4c on blue.....	.25	.12	1.00
1570 " 5c ".....	.25	.12	1.00

WRAPPERS.

1706—1864 2c on straw.....	1.00	.35	3.00
1719—1874 2c on manila.....	.10	.05	.40
1723—1884 2c ".....	.25	.12	1.10
1728 " 1c ".....	5.00	.75	6.75

POST OFFICE ENVELOPES.

1805—1874 6c on lemon.....	.25	.12	.80
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POSTAL SERVICE.

1810—1878 black on white.....	.10	.05	.25
1813 " blue on blue.....	.20	.10	.50

WAR DEPARTMENT.

1860—1875 3c on blue.....	.15	.07	.60
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Special!

POSTAL SERVICE—CUT SQUARE.

Unused.	My price per 10.	per 100.
Black on white.....	\$0.15	\$1.00
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The Editor's Spears.

DIFFERENT DEALERS' POLICIES.

FORGED IS., GREEN, ENGLISH—It is very curious and instructive to note the different opinions of various members of the trade as to this stamp, as evinced by the price they put upon it. In one case we know of, a dealer asked, and actually got, £10 for a copy used on part of a Stock Exchange form, and with a genuine gd attached!!! In another case a dealer states that he has sold nearly twenty copies at a guinea each!! Mr. Ewen, we see, advertises the stamp for sale at 1s 6d each, and we ourselves, as we do not sell forgeries even as such, have given away most of those we found in our stock to a number of clients who have asked for a copy.—S. G. *Monthly Journal.*

Stamps that are in Demand

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UNITED STATES	
(Popular stamps at popular prices.)	
1869 30c blue and carmine, very fine copies at.....	\$2 05
1879 90c carmine, very fine copies at.....	.65
1895 50c orange, " " ".....	.07
1895 \$1 black, " " ".....	.28
1895 \$5 green, " " ".....	1.50
Blocks of 4, \$5 green as above,.....	6.50
1862 5c red-brown, unused, cat. \$20.	5.80

CANADA	
Canada 1898, Maple Leaf issue, used,	
1/2 to 10c inclusive.....	.23
Same as above, unused, o.g., fine	.47
Special Delivery 10c and 1/2, 1, 2 and 3c, with figures.....	.15
Canada Jubilee 1/2c, used or unused (postmarked).....	.17
Canada Jubilee 6c, used or unused (postmarked).....	.37
Canada Jubilee, sets, 1/2 to 50c inclusive, used.....	1.70
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At wholesale prices (Maple Leaves).	
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8c, " ".....	2.00

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New Stockholders.

1531. **YOUNGER**, CHAS. S., 58 Morningside Ave., New York City.
1532. **WILSON**, HENRY D., 404 Mt. Prospect Ave., Newark, N. J.

Resignations Accepted.

1193. **HARLOW**, FRED P., Worcester, Mass.
454. **STEIN**, L. G., Muscatine, Iowa.

Membership Summary.

Membership last report.....	708
New Stockholders.....	2
Resignations accepted.....	2
Present membership.....	710
	708

WM. N. HOWE, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE SALES DEPARTMENT.

GEORGE R. TUTTLE, Superintendent,
87 Nassau St.

NEW YORK CITY, Oct. 29th, 1898.	
1,201 books of stamps in circulation according to my report of Oct. 22nd, valued at.....	\$40,280.97
89 books received since Oct. 22nd, valued at.....	\$2,618.99
	\$42,899.96
12 books retired since Oct. 22nd, valued at (From which have been sold \$81.95).....	\$502.89

Total number of books in circulation 1,278 valued at..... \$42,397.07
GEO. R. TUTTLE, Supt.

SPECIAL NOTICE TO MEMBERS.

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Written for the ERA.

Notes on Stamps.

Wednesday, November 2nd.

Filatelie Facts and Fallacies mentions the finding recently of five 3c green Proprietary 1862 part perforated, the stamps being found by a lady on the backs of old photographs, and, when put together, proving to be parts of one vertical strip, irregularly torn apart. I have in my collection a similar specimen which I found on the back of a photograph quite a few years ago, ten or twelve, I should say. I found only the one copy, but as it also was irregularly torn and quite a fair-sized portion of the bottom of the stamp above remained with my copy I considered that it authenticated the existence of the 3c green Proprietary first issue in part perforated condition. Unfortunately my copy fared no better than evidently did its mates, as a small portion of the bottom is missing and doubtless went with stamp below it in the strip. It can be easily repaired, although I have never attempted to do so, preferring to leave the stamp just as I found it. Mr. Severn speaking of the matter in *Mekel's Weekly* states that Sterling in 1888 listed the stamp in his catalogue of U. S. Revenues.

The collector desiring an interesting and inexpensive field in which to do a little specializing in color and shade varieties can find it in the Canadian issues of the types A20 to A29. The ½c black No. 67, comes in three or four quite distinct shades ranging from a clear, bright black to a grayish black, and on thin and thick paper. I have noticed two very distinct shades of the 5c No. 71 and a dark and light tint of the 6c No. 72. The 10c type A23 1888 listed as carmine red is also found in a handsome lake red, so distinct from the other that each should be listed. Each of these comes in a dark and light tint and I have seen what might be termed an intermediate shade, approaching a faint vermilion red.

The 8c type A23 offers a most interesting variety. The early slate I have noticed in a very light tint, similar to the earliest shade of the Newfoundland 3c slate, and I have also specimens of a light bluish slate. I have never seen a shade of the 8c which I thought could, strictly speaking, be termed a lilac-gray; at least I have never seen one which in shade was sufficiently similar to the Newfoundland 3c lilac-gray, No. 69, to be considered the same or as a shade of the same. Possibly "slate-lilac" would better express the color of the 8c No. 85 and give a desired distinction between that shade and lilac-gray, in designating as which the Newfoundland 3c No. 69, the catalogue certainly hits the nail squarely on the head.

The two last printings of the Canada 8c

type A29 have given us two beautiful and very distinct shades. One is a blue-black. This I have not seen previously listed. The other is the purple-black, the credit for the first listing of which belongs, I think, to Mr. Smiley, in the *Boston Stamp Book*, Supplementary Catalogue, for February, '98. The purple black is one of the handsomest stamps I have ever seen and the blue black, though a colder shade, is not far behind.

In my own collection I have a block of four of each and the contrast is one of the prettiest and most striking I have seen.

The date of issue of these two varieties I judge to be about 1896 and 1897, the latter certainly for the purple-black. They were in use apparently but a short time and may prove quite scarce a few years hence; they seem far from plenty now. I should not be surprised if the purple-black was issued after the 8c Jubilee, to fill requisitions of offices without a supply of eight cent stamps, and thus meet existing needs pending the preparation of the new 8 cent of the maple leaf.

The four varieties, slate, slate-lilac, blue-black and purple-black are well worthy the attention of the general collector. Now is the time to make the distinction and place them in one's collection when the four, used, can doubtless be picked up for a few cents.

My opportunities for making a study of these late issues of Canada have been limited somewhat by the amount of material at hand. When I start out to study a certain stamp with a view of deriving information from which facts and conclusions as to the stamps and varieties of it which may exist, I like to have at least several thousand copies to carefully compare and study. In the case of these Canadas, I have not had at my command such quantities, but I offer the above notes regarding them with the hope that they may prove of interest to some collectors who perhaps have not previously noted the shade varieties, which in some instances represent distinct printings. I have noticed two different tints of the 15c gray-lilac No. 81 and one having more of a lilac tint, I have seen offered as No. 43. Collectors not familiar with Nos. 43 and 44 should be careful that they are not thus taken in, particularly in the case of unused copies where the difference in value is much greater.

In closing I may add that the 1868 issue also affords an interesting field, but the stamps are of course harder to secure. Really fine copies of many of them are worth quite close to catalogue price. The 3c Nos. 37 and 38 I have found in four or five shades and one variety on very thin brittle paper. In addition to pleasing shade variations there may be not a few varieties in paper, engraving and printing to reward the student of some of the common Canadian stamps.

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WOLLE'S ART STUDIO IN THE CITY JAIL.

Inside of the St. Louis city jail there is an art studio from which is issued paintings that would be an honor to the hand of a master.

Richard Wolle, a Federal prisoner, is the artist.

And this is how the studio started.

Over in one corner of the jail is a little room cut off from the jail proper by a thin board partition. It was built there as an emergency apothecary shop. There was plenty of room in the little enclosure and there the imprisoned artist set about to use his brush. Wolle was short of money when he was sent to jail and at first his equipment was limited to one brush and a few small tubes of paint. But even though handicapped by lack of material Wolle turned out some paintings that set jail guards and visitors to talking, and he was soon enabled to proceed on a more elaborate scale. Little by little he expanded his primitive equipment until now he has a well appointed studio. Within his reach are numerous brushes, paint of every color and shade, besides other material used by artists of his class.

From early morning until late in the afternoon the modest little man keeps his brush moving over the canvas that stretches out before him. On the walls are several beautiful samples of his work. He is especially artistic in the painting of fruit. He keeps a large market basket filled with peaches, pears, apples, grapes, plums, bananas and other fruit specimens, and his paintings are made direct from nature.

This prisoner has painted a slice of lemon that several visitors to the jail have mistaken for a real piece of lemon lying on a cloth on the artist's table. Another strikingly natural specimen is a half-eaten banana.

When ex-Gov. Charles P. Johnson, the criminal lawyer, saw the wonderful work executed by this imprisoned artist, he immediately made a contribution for the purchase of additional material for the studio. Then he ordered a painting.

A St. Louis physician who visited the jail bought one of Wolle's pictures for \$4. That was the price the prisoner-painter set upon it, and he was glad to make the sale. When the physician took the picture to one of the leading art stores in St. Louis to have it framed he asked for an estimate as to its value.

"Fifty dollars if painted by an artist without a reputation, but if it is the work of a master the price would run well up into the hundreds."

Wolle is 26 years old and a native of Berlin, Germany. He learned to be a fresco artist in Paris. He came to St. Louis years ago and at once secured employment

at fresco work. Some of the most artistic decorations at Union Station stand as a monument to Wolle's skill. To his hand belongs credit for nearly all of the beauty of the ladies' parlor in the most magnificent railway station in the world.

And still the young master is a prisoner in the St. Louis jail. He is charged with using the mails for fraudulent purposes. He says he is not guilty. The specific charge is that a letter written by him swindled a curio firm out of some rare postage stamps.

Some of the best citizens of St. Louis are becoming interested in the young artist. Residents of Vandeventer place, Westmoreland place, Cabanne, Westminster and other exclusive sections remember him as the beardless boy who painted dazzling fresco decorations in their palaces.

The above clipping, which may interest some of our readers, appeared in the St. Louis *Post-Dispatch* of Oct. 27th, with a full-sized double-column cut of Wolle and his "Studio," at the head.—Ed.

Poor old Spain! By way of starting in to liquidate a portion of her big war debt she has issued a stamp of mourning, which is to be used on all the inland mail of Spain and her colonies. The stamp is printed in sombre black, and every piece of mail matter for inland delivery must bear a mourning stamp, otherwise it doesn't go.—*Boston Herald*.

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gravely consider the advisability of discontinuing our auction reports; and as a result of very careful consultation with prominent philatelists, we have decided not to resume publication of the "Auction Supplement." In coming to this decision we have been influenced to a great extent by the opinions of our readers. Recent months have brought many letters from subscribers suggesting that the space given up to auctions might be more usefully employed in other directions. And we think so, too.

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5c Proprietary.....	1.50	.35
5c Playing Cards.....	.90	.20
6c Inland Exchange.....	.25	.07
10c Foreign Exchange.....	.60	.18
13c ".....	.75	.25
30c ".....	1.00	.33
50c Bond.....	.10	.03
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We extend thanks for a "Souvenir" card of the second annual convention of the Interstate Philatelic Association sent by our friend, Mr. Moeller of Portland, "On-the-Pacific." It is printed in a bright bronze, with an ½c Proprietary stamp mounted in the centre.

We regret exceedingly that our esteemed brother editor and publisher, Mr. Scott, took the reference made to the A. P. A. group picture by Mr. Stone so much at heart. The paragraph was hastily read by us and it did not then appear in the same light it now does. In justice to Mr. Scott, we wish to voluntarily express our regret at the publicity given the matter, and also to thank him most sincerely for his kindness in aiding us to produce the picture simultaneously with its publication in his paper.

Rev. C. W. Riches of Creston, Iowa, whose ad has been appearing in our "Trade Column" for the past few weeks, requests us to mention his removal to Sidney, Iowa, where he is to assume charge of the First Baptist church.

A contract to use ERA advertising space generously has been made by the Eureka Stamp Co. of St. Louis, Mo., and their ad on the last page of this issue will be noticed to contain a few "tempters."

Albrecht's 46th auction sale will be held on Wednesday and Thursday evenings, November 16th and 17th, at the Collectors Club House in New York City. There are 799 lots offered in the catalogue and they are comprised of a very fine line of the most desirable class of stamps. Mr. Albrecht's views of the present conditions of the stamp market as given in the "Preface" of his catalogue are reprinted in the advertising columns of this issue, and cannot fail to be of interest, coming, as they do, from one so thoroughly in touch with stamp auctions, and also one generally acknowledged as a reliable authority on all matters pertaining to such.

We acknowledge receipt of an 8-page price list of U. S. Document Revenue and Proprietary stamps, for 1897-98, from Mr. Herman Lechner of Allegheny, Pa.

Jan. 1st, Good-bye!

We do not expect to quit advertising but if our style of expressing ourselves has been of interest to you here in the last three years, a continuation of our stories, lies, etc., will be found in "THE STAMP HUNTER" a monthly paper to be foisted onto the unsuspecting stamp collecting public the 1st of the year. It will virtually be a following up of where we leave off in "STAMP HUNTING." Subscriptions 10c, to help cover postage. Fire them in. No advertisements other than our own admitted.

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From Our Regular Correspondent.

Washington Notes.

By J. M. BARTELS.

Tuesday, November 1st.

The work which is constantly progressing at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing is always of vital interest to stamp collectors, and it always gives me pleasure to be able to make important announcements. I have a whole batch of news this week, but some of it will not grow stale if it is held over for a week or two. 2c Omaha plates are making rapid progress and collectors will do well to fill their wants without delay. Some Nos. are liable to become scarce. Last week's ERA announced them already as high as 735.

Still more changes in the current regular issue are to come. The 15c will take its turn this time and be changed to olive green. This color has been approved but no printing has been made as yet. It was announced that the color of the 5c blue had been changed to light blue, but since seeing the new ones it can scarcely be called a change of color but merely a new shade which is somewhat lighter. It is doubtful whether it will be a distinct variety any more than the shade varieties in the old 5c. The same 8 plates were used in both shades

of blue. No more changes are expected in the colors of the current issue hereafter.

The number of postage stamps surcharged for revenue purposes has finally been ascertained and is a very interesting item. To prove this watch the philatelic journals copy it all over the country. Here are the figures:

No. sheets.	No. stamps.
1c I. R. 158,250, 400 to sheet,	63,300,000
2c I. R. 155,000, " "	62,000,000
\$5 I. R. 180, 100 to sheet,	18,000
313,430	125,318,000

Included in this number of 1c are 31,498 sheets or 3,149,800 stamps of the small block letter type which were printed during the first two days and one night.

A complete list of all proprietary, documentary and playing card plate numbers is now at hand. We give to-day the first installment of same arranged according to numbers rather than denominations. There are frequently considerable gaps between the figures, but the Nos. omitted do not concern us as they are revenues for other purposes, such as tobacco, spirits etc. I am not quite sure that the banknote plates do not also belong in this list.

5091	2c red	Playing Cards.
5098	2c	" " "
5105	2c	" " "
5106	2c	" " "
5109	2c blue	" " "
5110	2c	" " "

7926	1c	Proprietary	7976	1/2c	Proprietary
7928	1c	"	7977	1c	Document
7938	1c	"	7978	1/2c	Proprietary
7939	1c	"	7979	1/2c	"
7944	4c	"	7981	1/2c	"
7945	2c	"	7982	1/2c	"
7946	2c	Document	7983	1/2c	Document
7948	2c	"	7984	1c	"
7949	4c	Proprietary	7985	5c	"
7950	2c	"	7986	8c	"
7952	2c	"	7987	10c	"
7953	4c	"	7990	50c	"
7954	2c	Document	7992	1/2c	Proprietary
7956	2c	Proprietary	7993	25c	Document
7957	3/2c	"	7994	1/2c	Proprietary
7958	2c	Document	7995	5c	Document
7959	4c	Proprietary	7996	1/2c	"
7960	1/2c	"	7998	1/2c	"
7962	1/2c	"	7999	5c	"
7963	1/2c	"	8002	1/2c	Proprietary
7964	1/2c	"	8003	3c	Document
7965	5c	Document	8004	2c	"
7967	4c	"	8005	2c	"
7968	1/2c	"	8006	1/2c	Proprietary
7969	1/2c	Proprietary	8008	2c	Document
7971	1/2c	Document	8009	2c	"
7972	1/2c	Proprietary	8011	2c	"
7973	1/2c	Document	8012	\$10	"
7974	1/2c	Proprietary	8014	5c	Proprietary
7975	4c	Document	8015	1c	Document

It is a well-known fact that at first all revenue sheets contained 200 stamps and have since been changed to 216. The reason for this is as follows: At first all

revenues were printed on the presses used for the postage stamps which were of a different size from several new ones which have since been obtained. These were not especially designed to print the revenue stamps but are now being used for that purpose as the other presses will be constantly required hereafter for the postage stamps. Plates for these new presses had to be made to fit same and contained 216 instead of 200 subjects. Orders were given to prepare new ones of all denominations of the battleship design which has been done. Our list does not distinguish between the two sizes of plates. It is stated that those containing 200 will be used no more.

The question of plate 442 1c being printed in green has been investigated and settled in the affirmative. I will give \$25.00 for the first plate number strip of same sent me.

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From a Special ERA Correspondent.

Notes from the Northwest.

On a recent circular got out by the grocery house of Kohler & Hinrich of St Paul is cuts illustrative of three envelopes recently received by that firm in connection with its importing business. The first is franked with a "block of four" 10 ore Norway, the second with a 5 and 25 centime of Switzerland and the third with a Netherland 12½ cent stamp. The circular at once attracts attention.

Eben S. Martin, the erstwhile publisher of the *International Stamp*, is now a resident of St. Paul, being connected with the wholesale drug house of Noyes Bros. & Cutler.

A neat fifty-page "Official Postal Guide" has been issued by the Minneapolis Post Office. Among other illustrations it contains a fine cut of the office and of S. B. Lovejoy the postmaster and T. E. Hughes the assistant. Much valuable information is given not only concerning the local service but also of general matter and elaborate tables classifying mail matter as to class given.

The following table is taken from this Guide, showing the time required for mail to reach a few principal points:

	Miles.	Hours.	Minutes.
Chicago,	423	12	35
Detroit,	696	23	35
Rochester,	1016	24	20
New York,	1300	31	55
Boston,	1425	40	10
Philadelphia,	1233	42	30
Washington,	1182	40	26
Denver,	940	36	20
New Orleans,	1338	51	20
Galveston,	1440	66	45
Seattle,	1931	86	20
San Francisco,	2238	79	30

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For the WEEKLY ERA.

Convention of the U. P. A.

The Second Annual Convention of the Interstate Philatelic Association of Oregon and Washington was held on Friday evening, Oct. 21st, 1898, in the quarters of the Portland Philatelic Club in Portland. Fifteen members and visitors were in attendance, all of whom showed a lively interest in the proceedings. The Society now has a membership of thirty-eight and is in good condition financially. The report of the Exchange Superintendent showed a total of \$546.95 worth of stamps received, and \$74.18 sold out of \$352.93 the amount retired, or 21%.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

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SECRETARY'S REPORT.

MANSFIELD, MASS., Nov. 2, '98.
 The 65th regular meeting of the O. C. P. S. was called to order at 8.15 P. M. in the office of David Smiley. Eight members present.

Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted. The Treasurer' report was read and approved. A balance of \$3.11 was shown to be in the treasury.

Sales Supt. read his report and it was accepted.

As the Librarian was not present, report was omitted.

J. E. McClaren was dropped for non-payment of dues.

It was moved that the words "Supt. of Exchange Dept." be erased from Art. III. Sec. 1, also that Art. III. Sec. 2 be entirely omitted.

Also moved that the By-Laws be changed to read "Games of chance will not be permitted."

It was moved that out-of-town members be notified to send in nominations before next meeting, Nov. 16th, for officers for the ensuing year. Members take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

L. H. BENTON,
 Secretary pro tem

MEMBERS will notice that if the amendments are carried as above, all offi-

cers may be chosen from our membership wherever they may reside, which I think will be to the advantage of the Society.

Will the members not take it upon themselves to send in nominations and show their interest, as our election will be the first meeting in December?

Will you not also fill up books for the Sales Department and forward them to the Sales Supt. who is now ready to receive them?

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Philatelic Press Review.

By WM. C. STONE.

PAPERS RECEIVED:

- All papers are October issues unless otherwise noted.
- American Collector, Sept., Vol. V. No. 2 (23).
 - Boston Stamp Book, Vol. IV. No. 5.
 - Deutsche Briefmarken Zeitung, Vol. IX. No. 10.
 - Eastern Philatelist, Vol. XXII. No. 2 (128).
 - Ewen's Weekly Circular, (48, 49).
 - International Philatelist, Vol. VIII. No. 3.
 - Internationale Postkarten-Zeitung, Vol. I. No. 10.
 - Jornal Philatelico, Aug., Vol. II. No. 8 (18).
 - Lone Star State Philatelist, Sept., Vol. VII. No. 2 (102).
 - Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News, Nov., Vol. XII. No. 18 (409).
 - Metropolitan Philatelist, Vol. X. No. 8.
 - New York Philatelist, Vol. V. No. 1.
 - Philatelic Bulletin, Vol. II. No. 2 (14).
 - P. J. G. B. Advertiser, Vol. III. (25).
 - Revista Philatelica do Brasil, Sept., Vol. III. No. 9.
 - Revue Postale, Vol. I. No. 10.
 - Texan Philatelist, Vol. IX. No. 2 (55).

Although a trifelate, the *American Collector* containing the official report of the convention of the Sons of Philatelia, is none the less welcome. The address of the president and the reports of the other officers show that the society is by no means dead, although it is not in first class condition. It has met with many misfortunes during the past few years, but with the

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An interesting article on the reprints of the first issue of Lubeck appears in the *Deutsche Briefmarken Zeitung*. It is full of statistics, showing the number printed of each value, and would well pay for translating and reprinting in some one of our own papers. Another good article is that dealing with the official stamps of Uruguay. From the Chronicle I learn of the issue of a series of stamps with Victoria's portrait for the Uganda Protectorate. The set comprises stamps of the value of 1, 2, 3, 4 and 8 annas of one design and 1 and 5 rupees of another. The rupee values are much larger than the lower values and from the illustrations I should think that the stamps were quite handsome.

"The Speculative Future of the Omaha Set" in the *Eastern Philatelist*, is decidedly the best article that I have yet seen on the subject. Used specimens are most certainly scarce, and good unused copies cannot be picked up without considerable trouble, so badly perforated are the sheets. Should the government stop printing them and merely sell out what they now have on hand some folks will get left. It may be that they will be dumped on the post offices to get rid of them as the Columbians were, and it may be that they will all be called back to Washington. Two months will probably tell, as they were not to be issued after January 1, 1898.

The railway letter post stamps of Great Britain are still the main topic for news in *Ewen's Weekly Circular*. He has recently issued an illustrated reference list of these stamps which describes over 200 varieties omitting shades etc. The price is one shilling.

The *International Philatelist* has some chatty notes on Europe taken from *Stamps*, and a translation of an article on the Prince Albert essay which appeared in *Le Collectionneur*. The chronicle contains a list of plate numbers announced since the last issue of the paper.

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The "Preface" to Albrecht's 46th catalogue is of general interest and we therefore reprint same in full:

"Last season, when the disturbance of the stamp market made it a folly for collectors to resort to auctions for the disposal of their stamps, and I, in consequence of such feeling, advised my friends to leave auctions alone for a while, I only arranged for one sale, which it was impossible to decline, as the orders of a court had to be followed. Conditions have pretty well settled now and the existing demand for medium priced goods (such as are listed in this, my 46th catalogue) makes the outlook appear much brighter than I have ever noticed before.

"The very satisfactory results of my 45th sale are good evidence that we can cheerfully hope the future of the stamp market will rest on a firm basis. Some may pronounce this a little optimistic, but having been in touch with the stamp trade for over 30 years, I have gained a little experience, which tempts me to express my opinion about this matter.

"Certainly the auction business has been greatly abused in many ways; the quantity of sales and the quality of goods offered were quite sufficient for the best buyers to boycott them. A little discrimination, however, it seems, has convinced many, that well arranged sales are not detrimental, but to the contrary, very advantageous for the stimulating of stamp collecting and the trade in general. As all owners of valuable collections, whether they collect for pleasure or merely for the monetary value of their stamps, have interest in the results of stamp auction sales, I would advise them to scrutinize my catalogues and help the good cause.

"At my recent sale I had 77 successful bidders, 44 attending the sale in person, and only 33 out of town bidders, out of a total of 89 bid lists received, secured lots by bids entrusted to me. The 44 city buyers secured \$1600 worth, and only \$600 worth were purchased by our friends in other parts of the country; this seems to me to be disproportionate to the large number of catalogues mailed as well as to the vast number of collectors living at a distance from New York. It may well be argued that New Yorkers have the great advantage of inspecting the lots personally, while out of town collectors must bid in the dark. In this respect I beg to refer readers to the "Answers to Correspondents," published elsewhere in this number, and although lots once knocked down are considered absolute sales, buyers can rely upon fair treatment in case a defect on a valuable stamp has been overlooked."

The catalogue of this sale, which takes place on November 16th and 17th, is free for the asking. Write to R. F. ALBRECHT, 127 Duane St., New York City.

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The Dangerous New Issue.

It is oftentimes amusing to note the various reasons ascribed as being the cause of the dullness of the past two years among both dealers and collectors. Hard times and over-booming prices of course affect Philately more or less, but the real cause is the innumerable *new issues* which are being continually imposed upon us merely for the purpose of selling to collectors—not one in ten being really necessary—greatly to the disgust of the old-timers who are gradually giving up collecting and losing all interest.

Time was but a short time since when writers truthfully pointed to the financial benefits through the increase in value of old collections (when nearly all countries which issued stamps at all confined themselves to a few legitimate series), and pointed to Philately as the hobby that had constantly grown in popularity and dignity since its first inception, and the only pastime that one might throw aside almost at will and then reap a handsome profit on the money he has spent in this amusement.

All this has undergone a change on account of multiplicity of unnecessary and speculative new issues, which absorb the money of the unexperienced and really possess little or no interest to the scholar or antiquarian of a historical nature, as many of the older emissions certainly do.

The real value of any stamp in a philatelic sense is determined by what it will sell for at auction, *above its face value* if unused.

On this basis it seems to me the sets of Canada Jubilee, Newfoundland Cabot and even our Columbian issue have practically no philatelic value to speak of as they often sell at face and below in mint state; thus showing pretty conclusively what sort of an investment these mushroom issues are. The Columbian set were well used up along early in 1894, but there still being a lively demand, another printing was run off, excepting the \$1.00 and \$5.00 values. Although this is not generally known it may easily be proven by examining a few \$4.00 or even 1 and 10 cent values as the shades vary considerable. One good sign shows itself on the visible horizon of philatelic activity and that is the enormous amount of the unused Columbian stamps which are being sold by luckless collectors and dealers at 5 to 20% below face to be used up in legitimate postal use.

But of all the uncalld-for and unnecessary issues which ever disgraced the annals of the P. O. Department of this country the "Omaha Imposition-D.-Gary-Types" stand out in bold relief. Coming just at a time to injure Philately, intelligent and experienced collectors viewed the proposed issue when first announced with evident alarm and having both the dignity of the country and the welfare of collecting at heart the various societies addressed courteous notes to the P. O. authorities, depre-

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cating their emission. All to no effect, however, and I, for one, propose to collect them in only used condition or not at all, thus giving no support to such issues by buying them unused, and I believe many others will take a similar course, having the Columbian lesson in mind.

The new issue is at its best when first out and then gradually declines to a standstill or condition where collectors and dealers are supplied. Then, when a speculator or any holder tries to sell he finds no ready buyers except at a discount from face value as in case of the Columbians, which tends to react detrimentally on collecting in general and destroy more interest than was originally created.

I have heard and read considerable about the new collectors who are supposed to be brought into the fold by the new issue. I recently made an extended trip through Canada, from Winnipeg to Ottawa and Toronto, and while I had the pleasure of meeting many old collectors I failed to find a single one who had commenced with or on account of the Jubilee issue but found many holders of all values ready to sell and disappointed at the difficulty of even realizing cost price in most instances. While I understand that recently the government has shut down on accepting stamps for Customs duties as was its former practice. This was to keep the Jubilee issue froze out and let speculators and collectors or any holders of same enjoy them for a long while devising some method to get value out of high denominations.

The only remedy I can possibly see is a *

concerted boycott on the part of both dealers and collectors of all new issues while they are new as "all things come to those who wait," and presently the new issue comes around begging, in a used condition, and goes into your collection at a trifling cost.

Then when the Newfoundland, Portuguese or other stamp dealing governments, who are trying at present to support their rotten finances out of the pockets of stamp collectors, do not find a lively cash demand for their modern rubbish but have to meet the expense for new plates, issues are liable to stop short.

I appeal to every true philatelist whose eye may glance over this feeble denunciation of the new issue mushroom, to protect his own interest as well as that of his brother collectors by paying more attention to the older and more interesting stamps and letting the numerous gaudy series of recent emanation, which are spread out as a tempting bait, severely alone.

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1884 2c brown on amber manila, Die A.	"	.25	"	.08
1886 2c brown on oriental buff, Die A.	"	.20	"	.05
1895 4c green on manila, Die A.	"	.50	"	.15
1897 4c carmine on blue	"	.25	"	.10
1897 4c carmine on oriental buff	"	.10	"	.05
1897 5c blue on oriental buff, Die A.	"	.25	"	.10
1898 5c blue on amber, Die B.	"	.35	"	.15
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1898 1c I. R., pair, small period	[O]	.12
1898 1c I. R., small surch., square period	[O]	.14
1898 1c I. R., inverted surcharge	[O]	.50
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1898 1/2c orange, Documentary	[O]	.05
1898 1/2c orange, Documentary, block of 4	[O]	.20
1898 1/2c Documentary, orange and slate	[O]	.06
1898 1c and 2c Documentary, 7 kinds	[X]	.07
1898 2c I. R., inverted surcharge	[O]	.25
1898 2c I. R., inverted surch., block of 4	[O]	1.00
1898 2c I. R., inverted surcharge, seconds	[O]	.17
1898 2c I. R., pair, small period	[O]	.10
1898 2c I. R., 5 different Plate Nos.	[O]	.50
1898 1c I. R., 5 different Plate Nos.	[O]	.40
1898 1c Omaha, 5 different Plate Nos.	[O]	.15
1898 2c Omaha, 5 different Plate Nos.	[O]	.25
1898 1c to 10c Omaha issue	[X]	.10

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Philadelphia Notes.

Although the many attempts to successfully continue a Philatelic Society, of a local nature, in this city has been a failure, yet the cause is one that is frequent with many clubs—lack of interest of the members, and each one depending too much on his fellow members to carry on the work.

The "Peace Jubilee" held in this city last week brought many collectors to the occasion, and it has been great pleasure for us to have met them. Although it has been by chance that we have come across a number, yet, nevertheless, this made the meetings no less pleasant.

The auction sale business has met with quite a good deal of success in Philadelphia for the past two weeks. A number of very good prices have been gotten, and considerable interest is taken in the sales.

It is surprising how many good bargains one will get by inserting an advertisement in the daily papers for the purchase of cancelled stamps. We have seen many rare and good specimens bought in with the ordinary stamps, and in this way the buyer can procure a large number of specimens. At least we find it the case in this city.

In spite of the high prices offered by the dealers for Omaha stamps, it is not an easy thing to get stamps of this issue, even the very low denominations.

H. A. JACOBS.

U. S. Revenue Stamps.

FIRST ISSUE—PERFORATED.

	Price for 1st.	2nd.
1c Express	\$0.04	\$0.09
1c Playing Cards	2.00	1.00
1c Proprietary	.04	.02
1c Telegraph	.15	.08
2c Bank Check, blue	.01	.01
2c " orange	.01	.01
2c Certificate, blue	.75	.35
2c " orange	.50	.20
2c Express, blue	.04	.02
2c " orange	.05	.02
2c Playing Cards, blue	.25	.12
2c " orange	.85	.65
2c Proprietary, blue	.05	.02
2c " orange	1.75	1.25
2c U. S. Internal Revenue	.01	.01
3c Foreign Exchange	.05	.03
3c Playing Cards	5.00	2.50
3c Proprietary	.08	.04
3c Telegraph	.20	.10
4c Inland Exchange	.04	.02
4c Playing Cards	6.00	3.00
4c Proprietary	.10	.05
5c Agreement	.03	.01
5c Certificate	.01	.01
5c Express	.05	.03
5c Foreign Exchange	.04	.02
5c Inland Exchange	.01	.01
5c Playing Cards	.45	.20
5c Proprietary	.75	.40
6c Inland Exchange	.15	.10
6c Proprietary	50.00	28.00
10c Bill of Lading	.04	.02
10c Certificate	.01	.01
10c Contract	.01	.01
10c Foreign Exchange	.40	.20
10c Inland Exchange	.01	.01
10c Power of Attorney	.02	.01
10c Proprietary	.90	.60
15c Foreign Exchange	.50	.30
15c Inland Exchange	.03	.02
20c Foreign Exchange	.75	.40
20c Inland Exchange	.02	.01

FIRST ISSUE—IMPERFORATED.

1c Playing Cards	10.00	5.00
2c Bank Check, blue	.04	.02
2c Certificate, blue	.25	.12
2c Express, blue	.15	.10
3c Telegraph	1.00	.60
5c Certificate	.20	.10
5c Express	.25	.15
5c Inland Exchange	.15	.08
10c Bill of Lading	.75	.50
20c In and Exchange	.20	.10

FIRST ISSUE—PART PERFORATED.

1c Express	.30	.20
1c Playing Cards	2.75	2.00
2c Bank Check, blue	.10	.05
2c Express, blue	.75	.15
5c Certificate	.10	.05
5c Express	.10	.05
5c Inland Exchange	.08	.04
10c Inland Exchange	.10	.05
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20c Inland Exchange	.08	.04

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\$1.00 green	.08	.06

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C. F. Rothfuchs,
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1898 1 1/2c Proprietary, block of 4	[O]	.20
1898 1 1/2c Proprietary, 3 shades	[O]	.12
1898 \$1.00 Documentary, green	[X]	.10
1898 1c embossed, perfect copies	[X]	.30
1898 1c embossed, seconds	[X]	.20
1898 1c embossed, perfect copies	[X]	2.00
1898 1c embossed, seconds	[X]	1.00
1899 1c embossed, perfect copies	[X]	.30
1899 1c embossed, seconds	[X]	.20
1899 2c embossed	[X]	.07
1898 2c embo sed	[X]	.09
1891 2c lilac	[X]	.25
1870-90 1c, 5 kinds	[X]	.05
1870-90 2c, 6 kinds	[X]	.05
1870-90 3c, 5 kinds	[X]	.05
1870-90 10c, 5 kinds	[X]	.10
1879 30c black	[X]	.20
1879 15c orange	[X]	.20
1879 15c orange, block of 4	[O]	.80
1882 10c brown	[O]	.20
1882 10c brown, block of 4	[O]	.80
1883-90 5c, 4 kinds	[X]	.04
1890 30c black	[X]	.06
1890 1c to 30c, 10 values	[X]	.15
1893 Columbian 1c to 15c, 9 values	[X]	.20
1893 Columbian 1c to 10c, 8 values	[X]	.10
1879-98 Postage Due, 10 kinds	[X]	.18
1869 1c, 2c, 3c, fine copies	[X]	.35
British Colonies, 25 different	[X]	.25
Canada 1859 to 1898, including Jubilee and Maple Leaf issues, 25 varieties	[X]	.25
Canada 1869 to 1898, including Jubilee and Maple Leaf issues, 15 varieties	[X]	.15
U. S. 1851 to 1898, including Columbian, Omaha Postage Due, Department, etc., 50 different	[X]	.20
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From Our Regular Correspondent.

Washington Notes.

By J. M. BARTELS.

Tuesday, November 8th.

The following plate Nos. have been printed in the new colors:

4c Nos. 460 to 463.
4c " 530 to 533.
5c " 389 to 392.
5c " 407 to 410.
6c " 554.
10c " 302, 303, 305 & 306.

No printings have yet been made from the following plates: 286 50c, 287 \$1, 289 \$2, 288 \$5, 260 30c Due, 261 50c Due, 258 25c N. & P. None have nor ever will be made of any of the following high value newspaper and periodical stamps: Nos. 270, 271, 272, 273, 284 & 285.

We are pleased to learn from S. E. L. that Boston has received the watermarked 30c Dues. Have had them here ever since last May and sold a number of plate number strips of same at the catalogue price, which is \$3.50 although in Boston they are said to be quoted at \$7.50.

Many have been surprised at the very large number of postage stamps which were surcharged for revenue purposes. At first it was believed that the number was very small and consequently plate number strips were at a good premium. Much was written about them in the philatelic press and in consequence they were saved in quantities all over the country. Lately the holders have been trying to unload, but they have missed a good thing. The demand in all common numbers has been supplied and many of them will be much scarcer without the I. R. Owing to the length of time which these stamps remained on sale there have been many drops since my list of prices of Oct. 8th was published and anyone starting in with them now will have an excellent opportunity to get a fairly complete collection at a comparatively small cost. It is quite different with the strips left unpriced in this list. These are eagerly sought after and there is no probability of their ever becoming plentiful. It would seem now

that the supply of these stamps was about absorbed and soon more accurate valuations will be possible. It is strange to notice that among one or two thousand strips frequently not a single scarce one will be found. Nevertheless we would advise collectors to fill their gaps as early as possible, as want lists from different parts are all very similar to each other. The consequence is that those lacking everywhere will be in great demand

We continue our list of new revenue plate Nos. which will be concluded up to Oct. 10th in the next issue. It will be noticed that the gaps between the different figures are now much larger than previously.

8017 1c Document'y	8064 3/4c Propriet'y
8019 1 1/4c Propriet'y	8066 1c Document'y
8021 2 1/2c "	8068 3/4c Propriet'y
8022 \$1 Document'y	8069 3/4c "
8023 1 1/4c Propriet'y	8073 1c Document'y
8024 3/4c "	8079 1c "
8028 1c Document'y	8080 1c "
8029 1c "	8087 1c "
8030 2c "	8088 1c "
8031 2c "	8104 1/4c Propriet'y
8033 \$50 "	8105 1/4c "
8035 1c "	8119 1/4c "
8038 1c "	8120 1/4c "
8041 2c "	8124 1/4c "
8043 \$3 "	8125 1/4c "
8044 1 1/4c Propriet'y	8135 3/4c "
8046 1 1/4c "	8143 3/4c "
8047 2 1/2c "	8185 3/4c "
8048 \$5 Document'y	8197 3/4c "
8051 2c "	8200 3/4c "
8053 1 1/4c Propriet'y	8206 3/4c "
8054 2 1/2c "	8211 2c Document'y
8055 1c "	8218 2c "
8056 2 1/2c "	8224 3/4c Propriet'y
8058 1 1/4c "	8225 3/4c "
8059 2 1/2c "	8230 3/4c "
8060 1c Document'y	8234 2c Document'y
8061 3/4c Propriet'y	8235 3/4c Propriet'y
8062 1c Document'y	

Mr. H. F. Dunkhorst has been confined to his bed by a slight injury which he sustained while riding his bicycle. Fortunately it was nothing serious and he will be up again by the time these notes are read.

Mr. R. F. Albrecht exhibited his 46th auction sale in this city on Monday last. The unusually fine condition of the stamps was generally commented on.

Written for the ERA.

Notes on Stamps.

In my notes of Oct. 15th in speaking of the Newfoundland 3c type A23 I made the statement that there had never been a re-issue of this stamp. This statement has been contradicted with the assertion that three re-issues of it are known to have been made. Although the writer making the assertion did not designate what the three re-issues were, nor why they should be considered re-issues, I presume the three stamps referred to are the lilac-gray, lilac and violet-brown varieties of type A23.

If I correctly understand the term re-issue in its philatelic sense, not one of these three stamps nor any shade variety of type A23 which to my knowledge exists can be termed a re-issue. Webster's definition of a re-issue is "a second or repeated issue" but this definition cannot be accepted in the special field of philately. If it is, then each separate printing of a current stamp with its slight variations in shades is a re-issue. Under this definition the 2c carmine of 1890 could be properly termed a re-issue, as well as the 1c bark blue of 1894 and 2c carmine-lake and carmine, triangle I, of the same year. This could be carried on until the number of stamps properly designated "re-issues" would be almost legion.

The term "re-issue" for use in the field of philately should convey a definite and specific meaning in distinction from "reprint" and "regular issue." A "re-issue" thus differentiated possesses four distinctive characteristics each of which must be present before a stamp can correctly be termed such.

First a "re-issue" must be of government origin and receivable for postage in distinction from a reprint which may be of either government or private origin but is not receivable for postage.

Again a re-issue must be issued after the stamp of which it is a re-issue has become obsolete, and, in distinction from a regular issue, it must not be the current stamp of its kind for regular use.

The four distinctive characteristics briefly summarized are: 1st, Of government origin. 2nd, Issued after the original stamp has become obsolete. 3rd, Receivable for postage. 4th, Not the current stamp of its kind for regular use. The distinct line which it is necessary to draw between re-issue and regular issue makes the fourth characteristic absolutely essential, as, in the ordinary

sense of the term, many regular issues for current use are re-issues and possess all of the first three characteristics enumerated above. The ½, 1 and 2½ d of the Gibraltar 1898 set just issued are examples of this. These three stamps cannot however be correctly designated re-issues in the specific meaning of the term in the field of philately. They are regular issues for current use in which an obsolete type and, approximately, color also has been reverted to. They vary however to quite an extent in shade from the corresponding stamps of the 1886 issue and their proper place and designation is a part of the regular issue of 1898. Mr. Luff so chronicles them in the last *A. J. of P.* From the four distinctive characteristics which I have enumerated as essential to a re-issue we can draw the following as the definition of the term re-issue in its philatelic sense.

A re-issue is a second issue by a government of a stamp (if desired for definiteness this could read "postage or revenue stamp") after it has become obsolete and, while receivable for postage, is not a regular issue for current use. In offering this definition I lay no particular claim to originality as I have based my conclusions upon certain stamps which have been listed as re-issues and this classification is generally accepted as the correct one. I refer particularly to the re-issue in 1875 by our own government of the 1869 series. Consider this re-issue and it will be seen that the stamps possess each of the four characteristics which I have designated as essentials in a re-issue. The Newfoundland 1894 re-issues, Scott's Nos. 63, 64, 66, 67 and 68 also possess these four characteristics and these two examples it seems to me give a correct premise from which to establish the exact philatelic meaning of the term re-issue.

To return briefly to the question of re-issues of the Newfoundland 3c type A23. Unless there exists distinct varieties of this type of which I have no knowledge there has never been any printing of it save as a regular issue for current use; neither has there been any issue of it since the type became obsolete. All the shade and color varieties which I know to exist were simply changes of color, more or less pronounced, in different printings of a current stamp. I do not see how they can be termed re-issues.

The 3c lilac-gray No. 69 was issued about 1894 and replaced the 3c slate as the current three cent stamp. It was in use until replaced about 1896 by the 3c lilac, which was in turn replaced by the 3c Cabot. The lilac-gray was not listed until the 1898 catalogue appeared last fall and for some time the 3c lilac was quite generally looked upon as the lilac-gray. For instance the provisionals were at first generally listed and spoken of as 1c on 3c lilac-gray, while as a matter of fact remainders of the 3c lilac were used for the surcharge. There is a marked difference in shade between these two stamps, just as much in degree as

between the dark blue and ultramarine of the U. S. 1c '94, and there is an equally marked difference in paper and gum, particularly noticeable in the latter, which, of the lilac-grays is whitish and of the lilacs thick and yellowish. Last winter it began to be understood that the 3c lilac was not the stamp listed in the catalogue as lilac-gray and in February in the Supplementary Catalogue of the *Boston Stamp Book* the stamp was listed as an 1898 re-issue, and continued to be so listed.

That this stamp was issued as early as 1896 I know because I was shown in the office of one of the largest stamp firms in New York City portions of sheet purchased by the firm in Newfoundland in the summer of that year. The most striking variety of this type is the violet-brown and regarding it I have not yet been able to obtain all the definite information I desire. The stamp itself indicates that it is of the same printing as the lilac, and its scarcity indicates that the lilacs outnumbered it twenty to one.

In the large lots of used 3c A23 embracing all shades which I have examined during the past ten months, I found the lilac and violet-browns in about the same proportion per thousand, but unused there seems to be but very few of the violet-browns to be had, while the lilacs are comparatively common.

I cannot account for this striking color of A23 unless it was due to a mistake or else a trial or emergency color. In any event they seem to have been sent on to the general post office and very quickly used up *postally*. It and the lilacs were apparently in use at about the time.

GEORGE S. MCKEARIN.

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A strip of five 1 penny black 1840 Great Britain, to exchange for the best offer of stamps for my collection. "Can you match it?" J. F. Johnson, 83 Thornton St., Boston, Mass. [81fc]

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Send me 5 nice minerals (labeled), or curios, and I will send you, by return mail, 30 unused Proprietary stamps. All denominations, unused, Proprietary stamps to exchange for minerals, curios, or stamps. Frank N. Heany, Canonsburg, Pa.

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U. S. and Foreign stamps of all kinds, misprints, freaks, albinos, double perforated, war and souvenir envelopes, to exchange. Send yours on approval and receive mine same way by return mail. J. A. Pierce, 191 Clark St., Chicago, Ill. [88]

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Wanted to exchange for U. S. Revenues. I collect only U. S. Revenues and should like to hear from all having specimens to exchange for U. S. Postage and Departments. E. H. Field, 7 Pub. Square, Galesburg, Ill. [88]

Would be pleased to hear from dealers and collectors who have large lots of Canada and United States stamps, any issues or value, to exchange in 100 and 1000 lots. Wm. A. McDonnell, 1646 Madison Ave., New York City. [88]

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SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR THE WEEK ENDING NOV. 12th, 1898.

Application for Membership.

WILLADT, CARL, Pfortsheim, Baden, Germany; occupation, Stamp Dealer. References: C. P. Krauth, E. Doebelin.

Change of Addresses.

90. **GRAY, HARRY LEB.**, permanent address should be 19 Madison Ave., Springfield, Mass.

952. **WILSON, H. E.**, from 309 Times Bldg. to 314 Fourth Ave., Pittsburg, Pa.

945. **ROSENTHAL, EDWARD M.**, from 529 W. 152d St. to Cor. Summit Ave. and 161st St., New York City.

896. **WINTERHALTER, LIEUT. A. G.**, U. S. Navy, from care Navy Pay Agent, San Francisco, Cal., to Navy Yard, League Island, Penn.

WM. N. HOWE, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE SALES DEPARTMENT.

GEORGE R. TUTTLE, Superintendent,
87 Nassau St.

NEW YORK CITY, Nov. 5th, 1898.

1,278 books of stamps in circulation according to my report of Oct. 29th, valued at \$42,397.07

33 books received since Oct. 29th, valued at \$1,003.89

..... \$43,400.96

3 books retired since Oct. 29th, valued at (From which have been sold \$24 67) \$81.42

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Harragansett Philatelic Association.

The 2nd meeting occurred in Providence on Tuesday evening, Nov. 8th, with a good attendance. Meeting called to order by President Wheaton. Carroll Wilson chosen Secretary pro tem. Report of last meeting read and approved. Treasurer Gregory reported \$2.30 cash on hand. Sales Supt. Hope reported books received amounting to \$37. Committee on Constitution submitted a constitution, which was adopted after some discussion. Several applications for membership were received. President Wheaton appointed Messrs Round and Wilson as Auditing Committee. The next meeting is to take place in East Providence, Nov. 22nd.

The constitution as adopted is an excellent one, making provision for a plan of issuing "buyer's certificates," and also setting apart a "contingent fund," for specific purposes, such as aid to sick members, losses in Sales Department, etc. The association is to be a progressive one, and when permanent headquarters are secured, it is expected to show a large increase in membership.

SPECIAL NOTICE TO MEMBERS.

Attention of members is called to the fact that dues for the fiscal year, commencing Sept. 1st, 1898, amounting to \$1.20, are now due and should be sent at once to the Treasurer, Mr. H. G. Smith, Winona, Minn.

MONTHLY STATEMENT OF TREASURER, NOV. 1, 1898.

Stock Account.

Bal. on hand Oct. 1, '98, \$1516.00

Entertainment Account.

Bal. on hand Oct. 1, 1898, \$125.89

General Fund.

Bal. on hand Oct. 1, '98, \$146.20
Dues paid in October, 374.40
\$520.60

Disbursements.

Oct. 15 Frank H. Burt, Convention Report, \$68.00
Oct. 20 Jones & Kroeger Printing, Treas., 7.50
Oct. 26 H. E. Deats, voted by Convention, 100.00
H. E. Deats Library Exp., 12.65
\$188.15
332.45

Cash on hand Nov. 1, 1898, \$1974.34

H. G. SMITH, Treasurer.

IN answering advertisements please be sure to mention this paper. It is of great importance to us.

Philatelic Press Review.

By WM. C. STONE.

PAPERS RECEIVED:

- November magazines unless otherwise mentioned.
- American Journal of Philately, Vol. XI. No. 11.
- Australian Stamp News, Sept., Vol. II. No. 5.
- Canadian Collector, Sept., Vol. I. No. 1.
- Canadian Philatelic Weekly, Vol. II. No. 5 (11).
- Ewen's Weekly Circular, (50).
- Germania-Berichte, July, Vol. II. No. 6.
- Herald Exchange, Vol. V. No. 3 (27).
- London Philatelist, Oct., Vol. VII. (82).
- Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News, Vol. XII. No. 19 (410).
- Metropolitan Philatelist, Vol. X. No. 9.
- Philatelic Advocate, Vol. V. No. 5 (27).
- Philatelist, Oct., Vol. XIX. No. 10 (247).
- Philateliste Francais, Oct., (56).
- Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly, Oct. 29, Vol. V. (107).
- Stamp Collectors' Journal, Oct., Vol. XX. (240).
- Timbre Poste, Oct., Vol. XXXVI. (430).

George L. Toppan continues his list of U. S. envelopes in the *American Journal of Philately* and brings the list down to the twelfth series. A decided novelty is introduced in this series in the noting of mis-strikes, albinos, etc. It seems to me rather a mistake to include them in the regular list. Would it not have been better to have given them as sub varieties? The valuable article on the postage due stamps of Chile, which appeared in the annual of the Santilago society, has been translated by J. M. Andreini and appears

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in this number in part. It is fully illustrated and will be valuable to those who are interested in these stamps. Mr. Luff describes the official stamps of the United States, the article on the Roumanian errors is concluded from the last number.

A new applicant for philatelic favor is the *Canadian Collector* published in Berlin, Ontario. It is oblong in shape 150x100 mm and is to appear quarterly. The only article of any length is one by "F. P." on the field post service in the Republic of the United Netherlands.

The *Boys Own Philatelist* is now the *Canadian Philatelic Weekly* and appears with a cover printed in red ink. A brief article on Newfoundland is the only thing of interest in it.

Germania-Berichte contains a very interesting article on Photography and Projection in the service of philatelic research. It is illustrated with diagrams and a plate of Hamburg stamps much enlarged and in color. There is also an account of the German postal cards with surcharge for use on naval vessels.

The *London Philatelist* has announced its purpose of not publishing any more stereotyped tables of auction prices. M. P. Castle treats of the Sydney view stamps and gives what he considers a representative list of all the papers and shades. The list of railway letter post stamps is continued and brought to a close. The illustrations are very fine and will be of considerable help to the student.

Mekeel's Weekly is picking up considerable information about the Dr. Kilmer's privately surcharged revenues. A list of quite a number of varieties is furnished by E. W. Murray, while F. N. Heany and W. A. Sisson furnish others. The dates range from 7-5-98 to 7-14-98. There are in addition quite a number of varieties of type.

The *Metropolitan Philatelist* says that some remarks have been made in regard to the spelling Puerto Rico used by J. M. Andreini in his recent article. Mr. Scott says that it is correct having been used and authorized by the U. S. Board on Geographic Names. There are also several others which might be mentioned, among them Chile and Haiti, and strange to say in this very number of the *Metropolitan* on page 95 appears twice the word Hayti! H. E. Deats in a letter to the editor says that the two philatelic societies and the Collectors Club each have libraries which are to a great extent duplicates of each other and proposes a plan by which this can be remedied. He also suggests that in case of the dissolution of one of these the

Brother Eaton

follows up our friend Osgood with intimations that we are a fakir and "STAMP HUNTING" is a fake &c. Say what you please brother. We have Muscatine down on our route list next month, and we will then be loaded with something besides "River Water."

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 - " " 1 orange..... 18 "
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 - *Macao '85 5 on 25 rose..... 6 "
 - " '87 5 green and red..... 7 "
 - " " 10 "..... 9 "
 - " " 40 "..... 25 "
 - " '92 2½ on 10 green..... 5 "
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The *Philatelic Advocate* is improving very much in its general get up as well as in the matter it contains. The present number has considerable D. P. A. matter. In the editorials it is told that collectors of U. S. revenues are liable to a big fine etc. for collecting the stamps except on the original cover! An article on the subject will appear in the next number.

One of the interesting articles in *Le Philatelist Francaise* is that giving a list of the various shades of French stamps. It is very voluminous and anyone who starts in to fill out his collection by it has his hands full. There is also another installment of the translation of Mr. Luff's article on the stamps of the United States.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Our Boston Letter.

Tuesday, November 8th.

Most of the stamp dealers report business as very good. There is a good demand for the old issues of Cuba, Porto Rico and Philippine Islands. It seems to be the general opinion that now is the time to fill the blank spaces in your albums with stamps of these countries. There are a great many stamps of these countries that can be bought now at from 3 to 10 cents each, that will cost much more than this another season. And whether they should be obtained used or unused is left to the discretion of the buyer. Fashion has decreed that unused stamps should be collected. But from a true philatelic standpoint, lightly cancelled copies, in a perfect condition, have a greater philatelic value. In ten years from now prices of used and unused stamps may be different from what they now are. Who can tell?

I had the pleasure of meeting, the other day, Dr. Henry D. Wilson, an active philatelist who is connected with the U. S. Navy. He is a firm believer in the future philatelic value of the Fuera de Hora stamps of Uruguay. As he has passed considerable time in that country, he evidently knows whereof he speaks.

In speaking of the above named stamps, it may interest some of your readers to know that Stanley Gibbons lists and prices several of these stamps. The day is coming when the makers of American catalogues will do the same. It is only a question of time, not of merit, because that is already deserved. An A. P. A. circuit passed through my hands recently, containing one of these stamps priced at 10 cents, catalogued by Stanley Gibbons at \$1.25. Some people do not know a good

thing when they see it. I have the stamp. I have been shown today, by the Colonial Stamp Co., the id of the new issue of Rhodesia. It is somewhat similar in design to the 1891 issue, color, lake. I understand that this is the fore-runner of an entirely new set

I read an article in the last issue of the ERA by Mr. Nelson entitled "The Dangerous New Issue." There are several good points about the article, and there are some to which I object. He, like a great many other writers, mentions financial benefits, through the increase in value of old collections, etc.

Having met Mr. Nelson, I consider him, as well as myself, an old-timer in stamp collecting. I wish to call his attention to the fact that old-time collecting was not based on financial benefits, but on the pleasure of collecting. There has been a change, and the over-booming of prices made stamp speculation. But for all that, I am acquainted with several old-time collectors who are still active, and they buy all of the new issues, knowing that in the days to come, some of these will also boom, and some of these may even be the now despised Chinese locals, and the three stamps illustrated on page 588 of the Standard Catalogue. Mr. Nelson says new issues "possess little or no interest to the scholar or antiquarian of a historical nature, as many of the older emissions certainly do." Now, for each and every old stamp that possesses anything of the above kind, I can find him one of a new issue that possesses far greater interest of an historical nature. Giving the present new issues the benefit of a few years time, to the scholar, the historical lesson that can be learned from a study of them will far exceed that that can be learned from a study of the old issues.

Mr. Nelson sits down hard on the Omaha stamps. Suppose we give them the thirty years or more of issue that has been given to many of the old British North American stamps, I think then the Omaha stamps will be bringing a good price.

If the real value of any stamp, in a philatelic sense, is determined by what it will bring at auction, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick shillings, and many other old issues, make a very poor showing. For any dealer or collector to undertake to boycott new issues, it would be like undertaking to swim against a mighty current that is going in the opposite direction.

S. E. L.

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The 285th regular meeting was called to order by President L. H. Miller at 8.15 P. M., Nov. 3rd, 1898.

Present: Messrs. L. H. Miller, Massoth, Oesch, Michaels, Lefever, Smack, Cottlow, Schlieckert, Wolsieffer, Bradt, Severn, W. F. Miller, Sonntag and Doncyson. Visitors present were Lieut. M. G. Worriflow of Fort Leavenworth, Kans., Messrs. W. S. J. Ranney and A. C. Trask of Chicago.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

Mr. Wolsieffer, Chairman of Committee on Investigation of Frauds, reported progress, and asked that Committee be given until Jan. 1st, '99, to finish adjusting all matters in its hands, which was granted.

Communications from Wm. v. d. Wettern, Jr., (No. 258) were read and ordered filed.

Communication from Mrs. L. Disselhorst (No. 444) was read and referred to Governing Board.

After recess the Governing Board ordered posted the following named applications:

For Active Membership:
Mr. A. C. Trask of Chicago, proposed by Doncyson.

Mr. W. S. J. Ranney of Chicago, proposed by P. M. Wolsieffer.

For Passive Membership:
Lieut. M. G. Worriflow of Fort Leavenworth, Kans., proposed by B. A. Cottlow.

The communication from Mrs. L. Disselhorst was referred to Mr. Chas. Schlieckert with power to act for Society.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9.00 P. M., after which Mr. C. E. Severn exhibited two volumes of British stamps with American cancellations (the property of Mr. J. M. Andreini, Secretary Collectors Club, New York City, who kindly sent this part of his collection here to be exhibited for the benefit of our members). It was certainly a treat to see these stamps as they were elegant, and must be seen to be appreciated.

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JOHN HULME LOWE,
49 Adelaide St., East, Toronto.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Toronto Letter.

TWO CANADIAN PHILATELIC WEEKLIES.

Two stamp papers of the same name is an uncommon occurrence, but such is the case here in Canada, the *Boys' Own Weekly* having changed its name to the *Canadian Philatelic Weekly*. The other is Mr. W. A. Lydiatt's paper by the same name. It is stated by Mr. Lydiatt that Mr. Weaver of Berlin took the name from his paper, they both appearing about the same date.

THE 8c CANADA.

There are several shades of the 8c orange, some of the maple leaf issue are of a deep orange while others are of a considerably lighter shade, also the 8c numeral issue is of a decidedly lighter color almost a yellow. Although the 8c maple leaf issue is obsolete the numeral eight brings about the same price.

TORONTO'S SPECIAL DELIVERY.

Speaking to a special delivery messenger the other day he says that some days he has only two letters to deliver and seldom more than a dozen.

PHILATELIC CLUB OF TORONTO.

At the last meeting of the Philatelic Club of Toronto two members were admitted, Mr. A. H. Adams and Mr. E. Davenport. Mr. A. H. Adams it will be remembered was one time Secretary of the D. P. A. He is attending the Wycliffe College at present.

CANADA JUBILEES.

It seems as if U. S. dealers can sell Canada Jubilees cheaper than the Canadian brokers according to their advertisements. A six-cent Jubilee brings from 40 to 60 cents and a 1/2c twenty to twenty-five cents here in Toronto.

2c COLUMBIANS GALORE.

A Toronto dealer has displayed in his show case about 50,000 2c Columbians, for sale at 10c per 100. He remarks that they are very slow sellers.

10c MAPLE LEAF.

As high as seven cents is being offered here for the used 10c maple leaf by some local dealers.

A NICE DISPLAY.

I had the pleasure the other day of seeing four envelopes with Jubilee stamps on. Two of them had twenty six-cent Jubilees and the other two had twenty half-cent Jubilees. They were in the possession of Mr. Wilson Wilby of this city.

JOHN HULME LOWE.

Correspondence.

[The editor wishes it distinctly understood that he does not hold himself responsible for assertions made under this head, nor does he necessarily sanction any ideas or opinions expressed. All are invited to contribute to this department, with the above understanding, and all communications deemed suitable or of interest to our readers will be published.]

A CHEERFULLY MADE CORRECTION.

STAPLETON, Nov. 8th, 1898.

MR. W. W. JEWETT.

Dear Sir: In the ERA of Nov. 5th I see an article under the head of "N. Y. Notes" that the resignation of Mr. R. F. Albrecht from this Society would be the beginning of the end of a lively society. No resignation can shake the foundation of this Society and I can assure you that the Society is just as lively as formerly and will remain so for a long time to come.

Yours respectfully,

AUG. DEJONGE,
Pres. S. I. P. S.

The Editor's Shears.

BOERS WILL PRINT THEIR OWN STAMPS.

The new Transvaal Stamp Act has passed the Raad at Pretoria. Briefly, the act provides that stamps shall be manufactured within the State in future, instead of abroad as hitherto. The various issues are to be controlled by a Stamp Commission composed of the Director of the State Printing Office and two members to be appointed by the Government, all of whom must deposit security to the satisfaction of the Government. All dies, plates, stamps, paper, etc., used in connection with the manufacture of stamps are to be kept in a special compartment with three separate locks, one key being retained by each member of the Commission. At least two members must be present during the process of manufacturing the stamps.—*Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly*.

A REALLY CHEAP BRANCH OF PHILATELY.

I have at various times recommended different specialties to all sorts and conditions of collectors; but unless some very simple country be taken, the general cry is: "Too dear, too expensive!"

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From Our Regular Correspondent.

Canadian Notes.

The appearance of the ten-cent value of the current issue with numerals in lower corners is expected daily.

The dictionary is not as large as the post office but it contains more letters to the square inch.

W. J. Hardy and E. D. Bacon's book the "Stamp Collector" has appeared in Hamilton. It contains over three hundred pages including nearly two hundred fine half tone cuts of stamps. The introduction, giving a complete history of the origin of the postage stamp and of its collection, is excellently written. In addition to this is the reading matter which is divided as follows: The Issue of Postage Stamps, collecting, stamps made for collectors, art in postage stamps, stamps with stories, history in postage stamps, local stamps, the stamp market, post cards and famous collections. There is an appendix giving description of plates, bibliography and also a list of all principal philatelic societies of the world with the names of their Presidents and Secretaries.

The book is handsomely bound in cloth and would prove an invaluable addition to any philatelic library.

U. S. 1890-1898.

1890

	New	Used
5c brown, 2 shades.....	\$0.15	\$0.08
6c brown.....	.10	.04
8c lilac.....	.10	.02
10c green.....	.15	.01
15c blue.....	.20	.05
30c black.....	.40	.08
90c orange.....	1.10	.40

1893 Columbian

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, (6c two shades).....	.35	.08
8c (10c two shades).....	.35	.08
15c green.....	.20	.10
30c orange.....	.40	.25
50c slate.....	.65	.40
\$1.00 salmon.....	2.00	1.00
\$2.00 brown red.....	2.25	1.50
\$3.00 green.....	3.50	2.00
\$4.00 rose.....	4.50	—
\$5.00 black.....	5.50	—
Entire set, unused.....	18.00	—

1894

5c two shades.....	.15	—
6c brown.....	.08	—
8c lilac.....	.10	—
10c green.....	.15	—
15c dark blue.....	.20	—
50c orange.....	.60	—
\$1.00 black.....	1.25	—
\$2.00 sapphire.....	2.25	—
\$3.00 green.....	3.25	—
30c light claret.....	—	.40
30c deep claret.....	—	.40

1895

15c dark blue.....	.20	.03
50c orange.....	.55	—
\$1.00 black, used, very fine.....	1.10	.50

Omahas

50c light green.....	.55	.35
\$1.00 black.....	1.10	—
\$2.00 brown.....	2.10	—
Entire set, unused, fine.....	4.00	—

The above are all in first class condition. Money refunded if not satisfactory. Will be sent on approval to those known to me, others must send good commercial reference.

D. T. EATON,

MUSCATINE, IOWA.

Saturday Nov. 5th is, I understand, the date set for the first appearance of a stamp weekly from Toronto. Mr. W. A. Lydiatt is the life of the venture.

Mr. N. Matches, Auction Manager of the D. P. A., and Mr. W. B. Grant of Hamilton visited Toronto on Saturday, Nov. 5th.

The following is a clipping sent to me by a gentleman acquaintance who adds: "knowing you to be an enthusiastic collector of stamps and interested in all things pertaining towards same I enclose clipping hoping it to be of interest."

POST OFFICES IN SPAIN.

CURIOUS METHODS OF HANDLING THE MAILS—POOR PLACE TO SEND LETTERS.

A foreigner in Spain sees many irregularities, especially in the post offices. In Potes, a village of twelve hundred inhabitants, in northern Spain, the postmaster was an old man who was usually found asleep, and resented being stirred up to deliver a letter. In the larger post offices the height of confusion is reached, because letters are put into pigeon holes, alphabetically arranged, according to the fancy of the postmaster.

"Mr. John Smith," says Doctor Gadow, in his "Northern Spain," "will, on enquiry, probably be told there is nothing for him, because the letter is safely lodged under J, the postmaster having mistaken Smith for an additional surname; but John Smith, Esq., will as likely be regulated to E, and, unless the postmaster is amicably inclined, your letter has a good chance of remaining there until the quarterly or annual clearance, when it may be returned through the dead letter office. I say 'may,' because such letters are considered troublesome, and have a knack of disappearing."

Doctor Gadow, having obtained an introduction to the postmaster of Potes and exchanged compliments with him, was invited to look through his shelves and take his choice. He came across a letter addressed to a gentleman in Cabezon, a town at some distance from Potes. On asking why it had not been sent on, he received this startling answer: "That man is a foreigner—is he not? Well, numbers of strangers come to Potes, and he is as likely to turn up here as at Cabezon!"

At San Sebastian, Doctor Gadow called at the post office twice for a registered letter containing a remittance from his lawyer, and was assured that nothing had arrived. On procuring a note from the English Consul the letter was forthcoming, with the excuse that the post had just come in. He pointed out that the local postmark was five days old; then the postmaster answered that as Gadow ended with "w" a letter represented in Spanish by double "o" or double "v" the name was a difficult one to pigeon hole.

W. J. PORTER.

HOW ABOUT THESE?

1898 Documentary 50c, \$1, \$3 and \$5.00, used (4) \$1.20
 1887 2c, rejected die, entire, unused on amber,
 Bartel's No. 942, cat. \$5.00, my price 1.50
 Same on white, No. 941, cat. \$5.00, my price ... 1.50

THE PAIR, \$2.00. A BARGAIN!

Send want list, as have many others at like prices. Anything you want for the asking. [87*]

August Lehmann, Jr.,

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 " " " 15% " " " "
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From Our Regular Correspondent.

Washington Notes.

By J. M. BARTELS.

Tuesday, November 15th.

The following new plate numbers have been found recently, some of them having been mentioned before, but they have not been included in my regular list which is printed almost weekly in these columns:

717 2c Omaha.	727 2c Omaha.
720 2c "	728 2c "
721 2c "	729 2c "
722 2c "	732 2c "
724 2c "	733 2c "
725 2c "	734 2c "
726 2c "	735 2c "

On November 9th I received notice from the vault division of the Bureau of Engraving & Printing that an order to use the new light brown 10c stamps, dated Nov. 8th, had been received.

The first issue was made November 10th and by the time these notes are read some of our readers have probably seen specimens of same.

Those who looked over the revenue plate number list, now being published in these columns, may have been surprised when they noticed an 8c Documentary plate listed in same. It is a fact that two of these plates have been made but neither will ever be used. Their existence is to be accounted for as follows: An official inquiry was made by the Bureau to the Treasury Department as to what denominations of revenue stamps would be required under the new law and the reply was made to follow the schedule of rates which had been published. Under the heading of "Life Insurance Policies" we find that each \$100 or fraction thereof calls for a tax of 8c. It was therefore supposed that an 8c stamp would be required and the plate was made and numbered 7986. All revenue stamps were first printed in sheets of 200 instead of 216 as at present for reasons previously stated. When the change was to go into effect an order was given by the head of the department to prepare a set of 216 subject plates and the 8c took its turn with the others. It was discovered too late that this denomination should have been excluded from the list as none of same were to be printed. This accounts for plate 8458 in today's list.

It has been mentioned that plate 442 was printed in green as well as blue. It was used only during one night some time last spring and it is estimated that only 75 to 100 full sheets were printed in all. None are known to have been saved and this will be beyond doubt the rarest of all plate number strips. It is possible that not one is in existence today as the sheets may have gone to some large office and were all used up in the regular way without any strips being saved.

The list of revenue plates is concluded up to Oct. 10th herewith. Possibly a few have been made since but the quantity of stamps printed of late has been greatly reduced.

List of Revenue Plates Continued.

8236 ½c Document'y	8359 3¼c Propriet'y
8237 ½c "	8362 1½c "
8240 2c "	8363 3¼c "
8242 1c "	8365 1¾c "
8243 ½c "	8369 3¼c "
8244 ½c "	8370 1¾c "
8246 1c "	8375 1¾c "
8248 1c "	8403 3c Document'y
8249 1c "	8417 4c "
8265 ¼c Proprietary	8425 25c "
8266 1c "	8432 50c "
8274 ½c "	8434 5c ✓ "
8287 ½c "	8437 40c "
8313 10c Document'y	8438 80c "
8322 10c "	8439 ¼c Proprietary
8330 ¾c Proprietary	8440 40c Document'y
8331 ¾c "	8441 80c "
8336 ¼c "	8443 80c "
8339 ¾c "	8444 1c Proprietary
8340 ¾c "	8445 80c Document'y
8344 ¼c "	8446 1c Proprietary
8345 40c Document'y	8455 1c "
8346 ¼c Proprietary	8456 5c "
8347 5c "	8458 2c Document'y
8349 ¼c "	8462 3c Proprietary
8351 1¼c "	8463 4c "
8352 1¼c "	8467 2c "
8353 1¼c "	8468 4c "
8354 40c Document'y	8472 4c "
8357 3¼c Propriet'y	8473 2c "
8358 1¼c "	8475 2c "

The fourth edition of the standard Plate Number Catalogue is in course of preparation and is expected to be out by Christmas. It has been delayed somewhat on account of the unsettled condition of the I. R. plate Nos.

The second edition of our Envelope Catalogue is expected to be out by Feb. 1st.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Our Boston Letter.

Tuesday, November 15th.

It is very amusing to see how Brother Wylie's article on stamps worth full catalogue or more, has been received by many philatelic scribes. Some of them even tell how interesting an article it is. In a later list, the 3c claret Due stamp of 1891 was said to be worth full catalogue. This stamp can be bought in the market used or unused, for ½ of catalogue. The only trouble with Mr. Wylie's first article is that it was evidently furnished by a party who was not posted on prices. I will mention a few stamps here that are worth full catalogue if in fine condition, and you will not see any enterprising dealer copy this list and advertise them at a large discount from catalogue prices:

- Belgium, 1849, 20c, used.
- Servia, 1890, 50p and 1d, unused.
- Trinidad, No. 105, unused.
- Tobago, 1880, ½d.
- Great Britain, No. 2, used.
- Barbadoes, No. 66, unused.
- Gambia, No. 10, unused.
- Niger Coast, 1893, 2d unused.
- Uruguay, No. 106, unused.

Mr. Flagg, of the Liberty Stamp Co., has once more returned to the ranks of stamp dealers, his Company having been mustered out yesterday. I understand that he intends to open a new stamp office within a few days. It is now rumored that another stamp office is to be opened here, by a dealer who has been doing business in another part of the State.

It seems that there were twenty thousand of the 4c 1898-99 issue of Cuba, Porto Rico, and Philippine Islands stamps sent to each of the above places. This small number will account for their scarcity.

In a former letter I stated that the Newfoundland 3c, type A23, had been re-issued. I had some doubts about what Mr. Mc. Kearin would call a re-issue. I see in the last issue of the ERA he gives his definition of re-issue as follows: "1st, Of Government origin. 2nd, Issued after the original stamp has become obsolete. 3rd, Receivable for postage. 4th, Not the current stamp of its kind for regular use." He also states that "Unless there exists dis-

distinct varieties of this type of which I have no knowledge, there has never been any printing of it save as a regular issue for current use; neither has there been any issue of it since the type became obsolete." I would like to ask Mr. McKearin where the 3c stamps were obtained, to complete what is known among the trade as the 64c set; and also, if the 3c stamp of that set does not answer all his requirements to make what he calls a re-issue. And has not the stamp been again re-issued within the last eight months? Mr. McKearin's definition of what constitutes a re-issue is good, with the exception of clause No. 4. The ½, 1, 2½d of the current Gibraltar stamps are re-issues, pure and simple. The only way that they could be anything else would be that new dies were made for these stamps. If the old dies were used, how can they be anything else than a re-issue? That they are a part of the regular issue of 1898 does not alter the facts. If they are chronicled as something else, we are not obliged to accept them as such. A great many stamps have been chronicled that never existed.

To-night occurred the regular monthly meeting of the Boston Philatelic Society. After the regular business a committee was appointed to make arrangements for their annual banquet. It seems to be the general desire of the members that the banquet shall be more elaborate than former ones.

S. E. L.

Correspondence.

[The editor wishes it distinctly understood that he does not hold himself responsible for assertions made under this head, nor does he necessarily sanction any ideas or opinions expressed. All are invited to contribute to this department, with the above understanding, and all communications deemed suitable or of interest to our readers will be published.]

ROWAYTON, CT., Nov. 15, 1898.
W. W. JEWETT.

Dear Sir: Plates of the Omaha Series not yet reported, 1c 709, 710, 711, 712; 2c 719, 724, 728, are in my possession.

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URBANA, OHIO, NOV. 10, '98.

MR. W. W. JEWETT,
Portland, Me.

Dear Sir: I note in last issue of ERA some remarks in regard to recall of Omahas. I had written 3d Ass't P. M. G. and enclose his reply. I asked him if the high denominations would continue to be issued and should judge from reply that if needed they will be.

The ERA seems to me to improve with age, and I have it to thank for some very good bargains I have secured.

Yours respect,
JAS. S WHIPPLE.

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I desire exchange with collectors. Send sheets of U. S. Postage, Departments, Dues, Special Delivery and British North America and receive my sheets. E. Bull, Jr., Care Union Bank, New London, Conn. [91]

Will exchange stamps from my sheets for used Omahas, fine, as follows: 4c Omahas, 3c each; 5c, 8c, 10c Omahas, 4c each. A 2c Treasury for 200 Omahas above as assorted. P. E. Rood, 233 Floyd St., Toledo, Ohio. [89]

Three United States entires, unused, catalogued cut square at 60 cents, but worth entire about 90 cents, to exchange for unused British Colonial, catalogued 50 cents or more, good condition. A. Herrmann, A16 Produce Exchange, New York City.

Unused Documentary stamps half-cent orange, and a pack of French Playing Cards to exchange for good United States, Hawaiian, Omaha or Canada Maple Leaf stamps. C. F. Richards, 326 West 20th St., New York City.

Alfon Stark, 751 Park Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y., wants all the "Happy Days" bicycle coupons he can get from numbers between 212 and 223. Scott's Nos. 9 and 21 Lagos, used, and many other good stamps for them. [90]

Mounted birds and small animals given in exchange for U. S. Postage, Revenue and Department stamps not in my collection. No rubbish wanted. L. W. Van Winkle, Taxidermist, Camden, New York.

Canada obsolete one-cent envelopes with odd varieties of postage stamps used as three cents, as well as many good duplicate stamps, for exchange. When writing state what you have. Rev. S. T. Bartlett, Madoc, Ontario.

I desire to exchange with Omaha Plate Number collectors. Send me your list of wants and I will send mine. Arthur T. Clark, Box 363, Hingham, Mass.

Eastman kodak, genuine Sumatra diamonds and stamps for U. S. Postage and Revenue stamps. O. Ingersoll, 112 Clark St., Chicago, Ill.

Will give two U. S. 1895 silver dollars for the 1d, 4½, 6 and 9 pence, unused o. g., perfectly centered stamps of Prince Edward Island. J. W. Bandy, Danville, Ills.

I have complete collection of Postal Cards of nearly all European countries, and will exchange same for a latest Smith-Premier or Remington Typewriter. F. J. Kranz, Toledo, Ohio.

I wish to exchange Omaha and I. R. Plate Numbers with other Plate Number collectors. Send Want List and also a list of what you have to exchange. C. S. Stiles, Warren, Ohio. [90]

Want unused Foreign, also blocks of four, used, of Britain and Colonies. All kinds taken, common or scarce, if in blocks, against fine exchange. Have good duplicates. Member Manhattan Society. A. Herrmann, A16 Produce Exchange, New York City.

1 and 2c I. R. Plate Nos., over 40 varieties, to exchange for strictly fine U. S. H. W. Flint, 87 East Pearl St., New Haven, Ct.

A strip of five 2 penny black 1840 Great Britain, to exchange for the best offer of stamps for my collection. "Can you match it?" J. F. Johnson, 83 Thornton St., Boston, Mass. [81fc]

Have a good stock of stamps, enough to start some one in the stamp business, that I will trade for a good standard make breech-loading gun, either 10 or 12 bore. Stamps would catalogue \$300.00 to \$400.00. Write me. A. H. Seth, 241 South St., Baltimore, Md. [88]

U. S. and Foreign stamps of all kinds, misprints, freaks, albinos, double perforated, war and souvenir envelopes, to exchange. Send yours on approval and receive mine same way by return mail. J. A. Pierce, 121 Clark St., Chicago, Ill. [88]

Wanted to exchange for U. S. Revenues. I collect only U. S. Revenues and should like to hear from all having specimens to exchange for U. S. Postage and Departments. E. H. Field, 7 Pub. Square, Galesburg, Ill. [88]

Would be pleased to hear from dealers and collectors who have large lots of Canada and United States stamps, any issues or value, to exchange in 100 and 1000 lots. Wm. A. McDonnell, 1646 Madison Ave., New York City. [88]

Will exchange rare Confederate stamps and bills for U. S. fractional currency and stamps. Prompt replies to all letters. Send list of wants. Reference, Surety Bank of Richmond, Va. R. L. Deitrick, Lorraine, Va. [88]

Good exchange offered for Great Britain Numbers 2, 8, 44, 87, 122, 125, 134 and 146 in quantities, to use for making reduced sheets. J. F. Johnson, 83 Thornton St., Boston, Mass. [81fc]

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I need several Omaha Plate Numbers to complete my collection. Send me list and price wanted. ARTHUR T. CLARK, Box 363, Hingham, Mass.

Five different Col. Souvenir Cards, 6c postpaid. A. BURNHAM, P. O. Box 2447, New York.

Rare U. S. Revenues, all good copies, 25 var., 10 cts.; 35 var., 25 cts.; 50 var., 50 cts.; 60 var., 75 cts.; 75 var., \$1.00. E. A. KELLY, 713 La Salle St., Ottawa, Ills.

Complete Set of Columbians unused, \$16.75. Who is first to get it? P. J. KRANZ, Toledo, Ohio.

The rarest 1898 Revenue is the 2c Documentary rouletted horizontally only, I have the only sheet in that condition, will sell part of that sheet now 125 cts. a pair, balance later at, well, \$3.50 or better. If you get left don't blame me. H. J. Douglass, Champlain, N. Y.

Wholesale lots U. S. & Foreign stamps wanted for cash. Geo. E. Shepard, McClintock Ave., Allegheny, Pa. [89]

Stamps on approval at 50% discount. Stamp Hinges free to my customers. CLARK W. BROWN, 226 Irving Ave., Syracuse, N. Y. [88]

Stamps on Approval at 50% discount. Send reference. S. E. MEDFORD, 435 N. 41st St., Phila., Pa [95]

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SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR THE WEEK ENDING NOV. 19th, 1898.

Applications for Membership.

KIRBY, ANDREW J., Box 105, Taunton, Mass.; age, 25; occupation, Printer. References: W. W. Jewett, W. N. Howe.
SHAW, EDWARD A., 153 High St., Portland, Me.; age, 25; occupation, Bank Clerk. References: Wm. N. Howe, F. O. Conant.
NOSTRAND, T. ELBERT, 25 Palmetto St., Brooklyn, N. Y.; age, 42; occupation, Civil Engineer. References: Geo. R. Tuttle, W. F. Gregory.
FARNSWORTH, GEO., 201 W. 117th St., New York City; age, 36; occupation, Traveller. References: Geo. R. Tuttle, W. F. Gregory.
SMITH, S. C., 109 Good St., Akron, Ohio; age, 47; occupation, Manufacturing Chemist. References: C. A. Townsend, P. M. Wolsieffer.

New Stockholder.

1533. **HOLT, FRED P.**, Hartford, Conn.

Resignations Accepted.

366. **MORGAN, W. F.**, Cooperstown, N. Y.
1488. **BURTON, K. E.**, Lake Geneva, Wis.
648. **SMITH, FRED S.**, Boston, Mass.
781. **LIPPENCOTT, W. V.**, Kansas City, Mo.

Resignations Received.

783. **HARRINGTON, CHAS.**, Boston, Mass.
368. **ASHCROFT, R. W.**, 383 Sixth Ave., New York.

Membership Summary.

Membership last report	708
Resignations accepted	4
	704
New Stockholders	1
Present membership	705

WM. N. HOWE, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE SALES DEPARTMENT.

GEORGE R. TUTTLE, Superintendent,
87 Nassau St.
NEW YORK CITY, Nov. 12th, 1898.
1,308 books of stamps in circulation according to my report of Nov. 5th, valued at \$43,319.54
35 books received since Nov. 5th, valued at 823.18
Total number of books in circulation 1,343 valued at \$44,142.72
GEO. R. TUTTLE, Supt.

FREE! "THE EVERGREEN STATE PHILATELIST" on trial two months. It will then be discontinued. Address at The Dallas, Oregon. [ts]

Dealer's Mixtures.

These are positively the most profitable mixtures for approval sheets on the market today. Over 50 varieties to the 100, with no reprints or damaged stamps. Returnable if not entirely satisfactory. Not less than 100 of a kind sold.

	Per 100.	1000.
1c each	\$0.20	\$1.75
2c each .....	.40	3.50
3c each .....	.60	5.00
4 to 20c each (cat. \$8.00)	1.50	

10,000 Mixed U. S. Stamps, carriage prepaid, ...for \$1.00.....
\$1 Documentary, fine..... per 10, 75 cts.
F. PUTNEY, JR.,
Box 944 E, Providence, R. I.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Providence Notes.

By F. PUTNEY, JR.

Tuesday, November 15.

A meeting of the Narragansett Philatelic Association, the new organization of stamp collectors in Providence and vicinity, was held this evening at the residence of Mr. George H. Hope. The Secretary will, I believe, send a report direct to the ERA. The formation of this new organization is a result of a movement for a society which should include among its members the lesser as well as more advanced collectors of this locality. As will be remembered by the readers of this paper, an attempt was made last spring to change the headquarters of the Old Colony Society to Providence, but it ultimately proved a failure. The personnel of the new society includes a number of the Providence members of the older organization.

The November meeting of the Rhode Island Philatelic Society was held, as usual, at 72 Weybosset St., last Wednesday evening. The Secretary was directed to draw up formal resolutions on the death of Mr. W. Edward Fiske. No other important business was transacted. A small auction sale brought out some fair bids, the prices ranging from twenty to four hundred per cent. of catalogue. Following the auction, Messrs. Dawson and Dewey exhibited collections, both lots containing some very interesting things.

With two stamp societies, both in full blast, Providence should be a very lively town, philatelically speaking, this winter. At the same time, it is to be regretted that all the material and effort could not have been concentrated in one strong organization.

Philatelic Young America is always enterprising and often economical. Here is a letter from to-day's mail:

"Norwood, mass.

"dear sir—
please send me 200 stamp hinges—
Two cents enclosed; no name, and "no nothing" by which the writer could be identified. It would make the uninitiated open their eyes considerably could they see the number of "freak" letters which the average stamp dealer's mail contains in the course of a week.

The new check stamps differ considerably as to shade, ranging from light yellow to a pronounced orange.

Wm. v. d. Wettern, Jr.,

WHOLESALE DEALER IN

★ POSTAGE + STAMPS. ★

411 W. Saratoga St., Baltimore, Md.

February list just issued, cheapest in the world. Every dealer should have one. Sent gratis and post free to dealers only. [ts]

WANTED—PLATE NUMBERS.

Early Omahas, 1c I. R. small surcharge, also large I. R. 439 to 528 except 495, and 1c and 2c inverted surcharge. State what you have and the price wanted. C. S. STILES, Warren, Ohio.

Fine Stamps on Approval at 50 %.

My Sampson Packet catalogues \$3.00, contains 100 var. old U. S., Dues &c., 25 cts. 100 var. Colonials, U. S. Revenues and others, 10 cts. Miss Alma Appleton, Goodale Corner, Me.

Are You Looking for Bargains?

Well, here is one. We are breaking up a fine collection of stamps into packets of 25 each. Each packet will cost not less than one dollar and from that up. If not satisfied return the stamps and we will refund money. The price of the packet is 25c while they last. Watch for our ads in the ERA.

L. W. SMITH & CO., 506 South Ave., Sta. D, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Are You Willing

to be convinced that I am sending on approval, at 60% discount, stamps that you are now paying more money for, not to mention trouble, in ordering singly?

A 7,000 Variety Collection in Stock.

Mention your specialty, size of collection, etc. Only those sending commercial references need apply.

E. A. OBORNE,

JAMAICA, NEW YORK.

U. S. Revenue Stamps.

First Issue—Perforated.

	Price for 1st.	2nd.
25c Bond.....	\$0.07	\$0.03
25c Certificate.....	.01	.01
25c Entry of Goods.....	.05	.03
25c Insurance.....	.02	.01
25c Life Insurance.....	.20	.08
25c Power of Attorney.....	.02	.01
25c Protest.....	.25	.10
25c Warehouse Receipt.....	.50	.25
30c Foreign Exchange.....	1.50	1.00
30c Inland Exchange.....	.05	.02
40c ".....	.05	.02
50c Conveyance.....	.01	.01
50c Entry of Goods.....	.01	.01
50c Foreign Exchange.....	.40	.20
50c Lease.....	.30	.20
50c Life Insurance.....	.05	.03
50c Mortgage.....	.04	.04
50c Original Process.....	.01	.01
50c Passage Ticket.....	.08	.04
50c Probate of Will.....	.75	.40
50c Surety Bond.....	.05	.02
60c Inland Exchange.....	.10	.05
70c Foreign Exchange.....	.08	.04

First Issue—Imperforated.

25c Entry of Goods.....	.20	.10
25c Life Insurance.....	1.00	.50
25c Power of Attorney.....	.25	.10
25c Protest.....	.75	.50
25c Warehouse Receipt.....	1.50	.50
30c Inland Exchange.....	.50	.25
50c Conveyance.....	1.00	.50
50c Entry of Goods (hole punch).....	1.00	1.00
50c Foreign Exchange.....	1.00	.50
50c Lease.....	1.00	.40
50c Life Insurance.....	1.75	1.00
50c Mortgage.....	1.00	.40
50c Original Process.....	.30	.20
50c Passage Ticket.....	4.00	2.50
50c Probate of Will.....	2.00	1.00

First Issue—Part Perforated.

25c Bond.....	.50	.25
25c Certificate.....	.10	.05
25c Insurance.....	.10	.05
25c Power of Attorney.....	1.00	.50
30c Inland Exchange.....	.50	.30
40c ".....	.25	.10
50c Conveyance.....	.10	.05
50c Entry of Goods.....	1.00	.50
50c Foreign Exchange.....	.75	.40
50c Lease.....	1.50	.75
50c Life Insurance.....	1.50	.75
50c Mortgage.....	.50	.20
50c Probate of Will.....	2.00	1.00
50c Surety Bond.....	.40	.20
60c Inland Exchange.....	.75	.40

Postage extra on orders under 50 cents. Unused stamps not accepted. Remittances should be made by bills or P. O. Money Order.

The prices under 1st are for stamps in good condition, under 2nd for stamps which are slightly damaged but are very satisfactory to most collectors.

If any stamp received from me is not entirely satisfactory it can be returned within 24 hours after received and money will be promptly refunded. Stamps kept longer than two days are not returnable.

C. F. Rothfuchs,
3118 Washington St., Boston, Mass.

REMEMBER THE DATE.

Don't forget, dealers, that the December Special ERA will positively appear on Saturday, December 3rd, and that copy for same must reach us by *Wednesday, Nov. 30th at the latest* to ensure appearance.

While there will be an unusual competition for advertising next month by the various journals which are announcing special "Holiday Numbers," the fact shouldn't be overlooked that the ERA Specials are as good as the best and few advertisers will "stand the expense" of omitting having an ad in the ERA Special.

REMEMBER THE DATE.

We have just learned of the illness of Mr. H. A. Jacobs, our Philadelphia correspondent, which explains the absence of his notes from the ERA columns the past few weeks. His brother however writes us that his condition is improving and we extend our sympathy and trust to have him with us again soon.

Mr. McKearin calls attention to an error in his last week's ad, and while we gladly correct same yet we do not consider ourselves entirely at fault. The figures were anything but plain and we chose the course likely to cause the least trouble and made the price \$2.50 when it should have been \$2.00; which is obviously much better than to have made the price \$2.00 if it should have been \$2.50, as the figures might easily have been taken for.

The item that has been going the rounds of the daily newspapers as well as the stamp press of the theft of the official French collection of stamps is contradicted by Mr. J. W. Scott, who says there is not a word of truth in it.

Messrs. Williams & Co. write us that the 5c "Deficit" stamp of Peru was used a few days, in Lima, in lieu of the 5c value of regular series, the supply of which ran out. The "Deficit" stamps were used both with and without second surcharge "Expendio." We are also kindly favored with a cover franked as per above.

Price List of U. S. and foreign stamps, packets, sets, albums etc., has been received from Messrs. Perrin & Co. It comprises 36 closely printed pages.

AUCTION SALE CATALOGUES.

The Bogert & Durbin Co.'s 112th sale will occur at their New York office on Saturday afternoon, Nov. 26th, when over 500 lots will be offered.

C. L. Moreau's 19th mail sale will come off Saturday, Dec. 10th, and all bids must be in by 6 p. m. of that day. The catalogue lists 462 lots.

CANADIAN REVENUES.

We have been so busy jacking up our publishers for "STAMP HUNTING," trying on sox &c., the last month or so that we have lost sight for the time being of our

CANADIAN REVENUES

of which we have a large stock at 1-2 of our catalogue prices, which is priced less than all others.

SENT ON APPROVAL.

LEWIS ROBIE,

631 West Adams St., CHICAGO, ILL.

1899 Revenues

\$1.00 used, - - 10c
\$3.00 " - - 45c

The Two for 50 Cents.

When sending don't forget **YOUR WANT LIST.** If a new customer send in a good reference.

STAMP Coldwater, Mich.

1 7/8 & 3 3/4 c Proprietary 1898 Rev. unused, 10c
1/2 to 5, full set " " " 30c
40 to 80c Documentary " " " \$1.30
1/2 c to 40c " " " 1.00
1/2 c to \$1.00 " " " 3.40

40 U. S. Postage, value over one dollar, 25 cts.
CHARLES F. HUNT,
89 May St., WORCESTER, MASS.

I Pay Spot Cash for all kinds unused U. S. postage, remitting by return mail. 1c to 4c values at 4% discount from face. 5c to 90c values at 5% discount from face. 90c to \$2 values at 10% discount from face. \$2 to \$5 values at 15% discount from face. Canada and Colonials unused bought at fair discounts. Have stock 1200 fine perforated U. S. Revenues (120 varieties) cataloguing 1c to \$8, total value \$225, to exchange for \$75 face value unused U. S. postage, any values or issues. Grant Squires, 41 Wall St., New York City.

3,000 3,000 3,000

COLLECTORS wanted to send **Five Cents** for the insertion of their names in my **ADDRESS BOOK** which will be extensively circulated among dealers and collectors. The Book **FREE** to ALL sending the five cents. Give it to Uncle Sam's mail clerk at once addressed to

Herbert F. Butler, Newton Centre, Mass.

BAHAMAS, BARBADOS, TRINIDAD.

Still have a few copies of the following list in fine condition. First comes has first choice.

		Single.	Pair.
Bahamas, No. 1,	1p lake.....	\$1.50	\$3.00
Barbados, " 2,	1p blue.....	.75	1.50
" " 2a,	1p slate blue.....	.75	1.50
" " 3,	1p red.....	1.50	3.00
" " 5,	1p blue.....	1.50	3.00
" " 7,	4p red.....	4.00	—
" " 23,	1s black.....	1.25	2.50
" " 42a,	6p vermilion, imp.....	4.00	—
Trinidad, " 1,	1p brick red.....	4.00	—
" " 2,	1p brown red.....	1.50	3.00
" " 3,	1p purple brown.....	1.25	—
" " 4,	1p blue.....	1.00	2.00
" " 6,	1p gray.....	1.75	—
" " 7,	1p brown gray.....	1.75	3.50
" " 11,	1p blackish purple.....	1.00	2.00
" " 26,	4p dull lilac.....	3.00	3.00
" " 30,	1s slate blue.....	1.50	—

All of the above are unused and fine. Will be sent on approval to those known to me, or those furnishing good reference. Send for my Price List of U. S. Entire Envelopes.

D. T. EATON,
MUSCATINE, IOWA.

Please mention the ERA when writing advertisers.

Philatelic Press Review.

By WM. C. STONE.

PAPERS RECEIVED:

All November unless otherwise mentioned.

Annance Philatelique, Oct., Vol. IV. (44).
Briefmarken Sammler, Vol. VIII. No. 11.
Canadian Philatelic Weekly, Vol. II. 6 (12).

Ewen's Weekly Circular (51).
Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News, Vol. XII. No. 20 (411).

Melita Philatelic Chronicle, Vol. I. No. 11
Metropolitan Philatelist, Vol. X. No. 10.
Philatelic Chronicle, Oct., Vol. VIII. No. 1.

Philatelic Monthly, Vol. XXIV. No. 11 (287).

Revue Philatelique Francaise, Oct., Vol. IX. (95).

Stamps, Oct., Vol. II. No. 10.
Stamp Talk, Vol. I. No. 1.
Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal, Oct., Vol. IX. (100).
Virginia Philatelist, Vol. II. No. 3.

Of the eight columns in the *Canadian Philatelic Weekly* just about one and one-eighth of them is devoted to reading matter, and the rest to advertisements. Better reduce the size of the heading Brother Weaver and put in a little more news.

L'Estrange Ewen's *Weekly Circular* contains considerable more matter bearing on the subject of railway stamps and shows that the frequent new issues are due to the fact that the companies did not realize how much the service would be used, and consequently ordered small supplies. Special issues a la Seebeck are not thought likely. The question of forgeries and reprinting are gone into and a list of new postmark numbers is given.

Mekeel's Weekly states that the convention of wholesale druggists and proprietary medicine manufacturers that recently met in Saint Louis devoted considerable time to revenue stamps. The great medicine firms are said to have agreed not to issue special stamps. An attempt will be made to have the tax removed at the coming session of Congress. The *Weekly* also suggests that hereafter the standard catalogue be issued only once in two years with a supplement in the alternate year. Second the motion.

The *Metropolitan Philatelist* says that "Castoria" or the "Little Red Book" will be the first private proprietary issued, with a perfect deluge following. Fun for Robie, eh?

The cause for the rarity of the 4 mils and 4 cents of the Spanish colonials of the 1898-99 series is explained by the table reproduced by Mr. Scott, from *Madrid Fil-*

atelo. Of the 4 cent value only 20,000 were issued to each colony, while of the 4 mil value 30,000 were sent to Puerto Rico and 50,000 each to Cuba and Manila. Of the other values the quantities varied from 5,000 for the Puerto Rico 2 peso to 7,000,000 for the Cuban 3 cents.

The *Melita Philatelic Chronicle* will complete its first year with the next number, and proposes to enlarge and give us a twenty-page Christmas special. The new stamps for Malta are said to be very fine as far as the design is concerned. "They represent either some important historical event or some salient point in the island."

The *Philatelic Chronicle* starts out on its eighth volume with a very good assortment of articles. The paper by Mr. Ehrenbach on the two skilling Denmark is reprinted from the *London Philatelist* and the "Postman's Knock," "Notes on English Stamps" and "Philatelic Frauds" with the other departments are full of interesting notes. The *Advertiser* which has now reached number 92 is as full as ever of all sorts of offers.

The *Philatelic Monthly* gives an extract from *Le Soir*, one of the leading Brussels papers, which says that the people have almost given up protesting against the retention of the Sunday coupons on the postage stamps. The government will probably be asked in the next session of the Chambers to abolish the coupons but there is little hope of success.

The announcement of the patrons of the proposed philatelic exposition at Paris in 1900 includes many prominent names. Among them as given in the *Revue Philatelic Francaise* I notice M. P. Castle, R. Ehrenbach, W. Herrick, Dr. Kloss, C. Lindenberg, Ed. Mahy, Baron Reuterskiold etc. It is none too early to begin to move in the matter as the managers of the Columbian exhibit will testify, Philately has a good chance to get a big advertisement at that time. The fiscal chronicle is omitted this month owing to the illness of M. Langlois.

The action of the Bogert & Durbin Co. in reprinting the Providence stamp has aroused a storm of comment, pro and con. *Stamps* devotes a page to the "Value of Reprints" and winds up by saying: "Our own opinion is strongly against the collection of any sort of reprint and many of the best collections in the country are entirely free from them." The articles in "Stamps Junior" are this month devoted to "Re-touching and Re-engraving," the so-called Swiss arms watermark, "Dangerous Stamps to Buy," and "Alwur," which latter is treated as one of "Small Countries for Beginners." The post card department

is mostly given up to the list of cards of Victoria reprinted from the *Australian Philatelist*. The revenue chronicle, etc., is as interesting as ever and contains the interesting news of the discovery of a new series of Italians.

Stamp Talk is another Vol. I. No. 1, and hails from Kansas City, Missouri. It is the same size page as the *Boston Stamp Book* and its general get up is most excellent. The leading article is devoted to a history of the mail service and post offices of Kansas City.

The *Monthly Journal* delights my heart with the announcement that it will shortly commence the publication of a series of articles on the native stamps of India. I made a weak and feeble attempt that way myself once, as readers of the *P. J. of A.* of 1887 will remember, and I have never gotten over the great liking I then conceived for these much abused stamps. The fact that Major Evans is to write the article ensures something that will be a standard. E. D. Bacon writes at considerable length concerning the recently discovered Bermuda provisional of 1849-55. He states his belief that the stamp was somewhat of the nature of the so-called Postmaster's stamps of the United States. His article is very full concerning the history of the post office in the islands in its early days and it seems to me that he has made out a pretty good case for the new discovery.

Purple, yellow and green. These are the colors chosen by the *Virginia Philatelist* for the imprinting of the cover to the latest number of that magazine, and a pretty combination it makes. The *V. P.* easily takes first place among our magazines as far as dress goes. And it is not so far behind in its contents either. This month however it has not so much solid matter as usual. The letters from various centers are all good. A. G. Gibbs calls for the organization of a Society for the Suppression of Heavily Cancelled Stamps! Whew! The Southern Philatelic Association has elected the *V. P.* as its official journal and will hold its 1899 convention at Richmond.

\$60.00

Is what we will pay for each fine copy of the medio peso rose, Peru. \$10.00 for the medio peso yellow. Must be sent on approval. Prompt cash. We also want rare stamps of any country and will pay excellent prices.

Our present Price List will be cancelled by the new one which will appear in No. 1 of the "Peruvian Philatelist" to be issued on January 1st. This is a word to the wise. Subscription to this new monthly is 50c per annum. Free to purchasers of \$5 worth or more from our list. Advertising rates will be the same as for our catalogue (see last page of list—free from Mr. J. F. DODGE, New Oxford, Pa.).

WILLIAMS & CO., *
Casilla 909. - - - LIMA, PERU.

From a Special ERA Correspondent.

Brooklyn Letter.

Monday, November 14th.

News in general from Brooklyn is as a rule very scarce, although I will endeavor to the best of my ability and the time allowed give occasionally a slight idea of what happens in this large Borough of Brooklyn of New York City as it is now designated.

People residing in this vicinity, who are not members of the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences, have no idea of what they miss in not belonging to such a grand institution. Its studies and courses of lectures are many and do much to elevate mankind.

The Section on Philately held its first lecture on the evening of Oct. 28th. About 250 were present among whom were a number of ladies. Dr. T. P. Hyatt delivered a lecture on "The History and Origin of Postage Stamps," citing instances of the establishing of posts in very early days, showing how it was possible for only the rich and noble to use such conveniences; the frequent opening of letters by officials and also why merchants consolidated and improved the posts for their sole benefit and under their control.

He fully showed the ups and downs of early days and how it was necessary to send guards with the mail coaches through some parts of England and Scotland.

He further gave us a history of the Mulready envelopes and its caricatures in those days, thus showing the ignorance and stupidity of the people less than 50 years ago.

With his excellent lecture, he gave us an idea of what a stamp really looked like, by the assistance of lantern photographs.

Among the many photographs exhibited were the Mulready envelope and its caricatures, British including the £5, British Colonials and early Swiss (Geneva and Zurich).

I guarantee no one in the lecture room fell asleep at this lecture, as your servant is about the easiest, when he is compelled to hear dry lectures. He was wide awake at this one.

Another lecture will be given on the evening of Nov. 25th by Mr. Crawford Capen on "The Postage Stamps of the United States" illustrated by lantern photographs.

The large lecture room at 502 Fulton St., Cor. Bond, will be used, and it is hoped everyone interested in the collecting of U. S. stamps, living in this vicinity, will be present as Mr. Capen is well versed on this subject—8.15 P. M.

Meetings of the Section are held every Friday evening at 8.15. First and Third for social and exchange, Second for business and Fourth for lectures.

The Section will hold an exhibition at

the Art Rooms, 174 Montague St., on Friday, January 27th, 1899, and it is hoped every collector will help to make this a grand affair. Further particulars will be furnished later.

The Section held its business meeting on the 11th inst. at which some twenty members were present. The Executive Board reported on the Exhibition. Messrs. Morganthau & Co., were by vote thanked for their handsome donation of 7 volumes of the *Post Office*. After adjournment the Executive Board met and acted favorably on four applications.

A committee on lantern photograph stamp slides was appointed, also a committee on press articles and notes.

Committee on Exhibitions reported their prospectus and rules and regulations governing the Exhibition, also a report on Awards and Classes, stating that several awards had been promised by prominent New York dealers.

A permanent collection of the stamps of the world for the Institute is in progress and is in charge of the Curator Mr. John D. Carberry. Elegant stands for exhibition, especially made for the purpose, will be given a good position in the new Museum Building on Eastern Parkway.

That there are some quite very fine collections in this borough is no doubt and your humble servant will endeavor to give the ERA readers some idea of their contents in the near future. One of our prominent collectors has decided to sell his duplicate collection which contains only the most perfect specimens. Should any of your readers desire to take advantage of real bargains and have the cash, they can address me by postal and I will help to do the rest.

I noticed some folks feel greatly hurt by the articles and letters of your correspondents and often they cut deep, but then they deserve it once in a while to keep them down from their high perch.

Collectors desiring to join the Section on Philately should send for a copy of the prospectus of the Institute which will be mailed on receipt of 4 cents for postage. All communications relating thereto should be addressed to 91 Grove St., or 502 Fulton St. to insure prompt attention.

H. TOELKE.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Toronto Letter.

The ten-cent of the numeral issue of Canada has appeared. It is of the same color as the maple leaf ten, the oval centre appears to be more circular than in the other stamps of this set.

Three new members were admitted at the meeting of the Philatelic Club of Toronto on Tuesday evening, Nov. 15th: B. Selby, Rose Ave., Wm. Young, Car Dept. G. T. R., A. Rene, 105 Alexander St. The By-Laws and Statutes were read by the Secretary and were adopted. It is expected that an auction sale of stamps will be held on November 29th. This club has now on its roll about twenty members and meetings are held every Tuesday evening in handsomely furnished lodge room in the Forum Building.

The Canadian Special Delivery, used, sell for 8c in Toronto.

Mr. W. J. Porter, Canadian correspondent for this paper, exhibited his collection of unused stamps at the Philatelic Club of Toronto the other night. It contained about 400 varieties of unused stamps arranged in designs which are decidedly unique.

A Toronto dealer on hearing of the change in the above stamp bought twenty-five sheets of the maple leaf ten-cent, others are buying all they can get hold of. The majority of collectors were surprised at the change so soon, as it was generally thought there were enough on hand to last for years. For several months the officials at Ottawa have been reticent of the number of the ten-cent value printed, several collectors having written for information receiving unsatisfactory replies. Immediately on seeing the numeral ten, a dealer offered ten cents each for every used copy of this coming Canadian rarity. It is my belief that the 6c and 10c of the Maple Leaf issue will bring twenty-five and fifty cents each respectively inside of a year.

JOHN HULME LOWE.

4 Var. Maple Leaf Stamps Free
to all sending 25c for year's sub. to Montreal Philatelist: so to 35 pages, well printed, always interesting. R. C. BACH, 451 Sanguinet St., Montreal, Canada. [922]

Speaking From a Point

OF RARITY

- Prince Edward Island -
Stamps on Original Cover are worth full catalogue.

I can offer you the following:
Unsevered pair 1p orange, cat. \$5.00, only \$2.00
3p blue, perf. 9, cat. \$6.00, only..... 2.25
New Brunswick, unsevered strip of six, 1c lilac (train) one is slightly damaged, but the others are in fine condition, cat. \$5, only 2.00
All the above are on whole envelopes, the post marks are so distinct there is no doubt about their genuineness.

What am I offered for a 10-cent vermilion Nova Scotia on cover, cut in half and used as 5 cents?

I want to buy stamps of medium rarity.
W. J. PORTER.
172 George St., Toronto, Canada.
Your money refunded if stamps are not satisfactory.

CASH PAID

for uncanceled U. S. POST CARDS, spoiled with printing or writing on either side. Send sample and number and I will make prompt offer.

EDGAR NELTON,

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From Our Regular Correspondent.

Canadian Notes.

A number of the officers of the Dominion Philatelic Association will meet in the new rooms of the P. C. of T., Forum Bldg., Toronto, on Thanksgiving Day. D. P. A. members and those of the local club who can are requested to attend.

At last I am glad to say, a philatelic weekly from Toronto has materialized and will be known as the *Canadian Philatelic Weekly*. The first number appeared on Saturday, Nov. 5th, and comprises four pages. The publishers inform me the next number will contain eight pages which they intend to keep at that standard.

Mr. Bradley's *Stamp Reporter* has swallowed the *Ontario Philatelist*.

Used specimens of the ten-cent value of the maple leaf issue are being held at face. They have proven a good investment to those who bought them when prices were low. The six-cent value of the same issue is equally as rare.

A correspondent informs me that Postmaster-General Smith has issued an order admitting private mailing cards, authorized by the Act of May 19, 1898, into the foreign mails. At one cent for postage each for Canada and Mexico and two cents each for all other postal union countries, this permits the sending of any kind of card in lieu or requiring the usual post card provided the size is the same as the official cards.

In my notes of Nov. 5th I make mention that Third Assistant Postmaster-General Merritt will recommend in his annual report this year the reduction of ocean postage between U. S. and Great Britain to two cents per half ounce. But enquiry made at the general post office, London, Eng, shows that the postal authorities there know nothing officially of the report.

Postmaster-General Mulock has decided to permit all steamship companies to carry mails to Britain, providing they become liable for other safe delivery in England; that no compensation be asked and that the mail matter be addressed by such steamer.

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Have only a few of each of the above so don't delay, if you do not want to be disappointed. Money returned if sold.

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My advertisement of last week still holds good. Have a few Omaha Plate Numbers
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- Modena '95 5 green..... 12 cis.
- " " 15 yellow..... 8 "
- " " 37 9 violet..... 4 "
- " " 52 25 buff..... 7 "
- Netherlands '95 5 milky blue..... 12 "
- " " 15 orange..... 18 "
- " " 64 15 "..... 18 "
- " " 67 15 red brown..... 6 "
- " " 15 " fine, perf..... 9 "
- " " 20 green..... 9 "
- " " 25 purple..... 18 "
- " " 50 gold..... 22 "
- " " 72 15 brown, perf. 1 1/2 x 1 1/2..... 15 "
- " " 20 green..... 30 "
- " " 96 50 green and brown..... 5 "
- " " 70 Unpaid 5 brown..... 4 "
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From Our Regular Correspondent.

Washington Notes.

By J. M. BARTELS.

Tuesday, November 22nd.

It is with regret that the writer bids the readers of the ERA farewell as the regular correspondent of this paper. Other arrangements prevent the continuance of the very pleasant connection which he has had with same during the past 14 months. Many letters of kind appreciation have been received by the writer while correspondent for this paper and he begs to thank all such as have given him encouragement by this means.

As an advertising medium, especially to such as desire to buy rather than sell, I can recommend the ERA very highly. It seems to me that if every dealer would advertise to buy the things he wants badly (and everyone can make out a list of a few of such), it would be a great help to the stamp business. Nothing has done more harm of late than the continual cutting of prices. Frequently stamps which have held their own for years have been advertised at absurdly low rates recently. The advertisers announce their wares with an air as if they were doing everybody a favor by making such big cuts. From personal observation I can state that I have seen old collectors decline to look at stamp papers of late because they say they get disgusted with the advertisements.

While you may strike one who is glad to get the stamp at your figure, there are 10 who have bought the same article in the past and paid more for it. The effect upon these is anything but pleasing. They get discouraged and ultimately may give up collecting altogether for a combination of reasons such as this.

I will give a little personal experience to verify what I have to say. Take for instance the 10c of 1847. Some three years ago I bought 16 specimens on the original covers, not all of them in the best of condition, paid \$2.50 apiece for everyone and glad to get them at that. I sold the entire lot in course of a short time at from \$3 to \$4.50 each, so did not get stuck. To-day these are offered at \$1.75 though the stamp is no more common than it was three years ago. They can be sold to-day at \$2.50 or \$3 just as well as they could at \$1.75 and no one would have any reason to complain.

On page 76 a note is made that in my list of revenue plate numbers 8051 had been omitted. Such was not the case as anyone can see by simply looking at the list.

It is a pleasure to note that Wolle has been convicted at last. He tried us with a 2c Memphis on "original cover" and other counterfeit Confederate cancellations. We held them for a while after pronouncing them bad and wrote the sender who was very indignant at our expression of opinion. Finally the stamps were returned to him.

In connection with an instance of this kind, I should like to ask the open question, would I not have been justified in writing "Counterfeit" across the stamp before returning, provided I was willing to pay the value of same, in case it could be proven that I was mistaken. I have often felt tempted to do so, but did not know, whether I would be considered justified. Perhaps a little discussion on this point might result in some good.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Our Boston Letter.

Tuesday, November 22nd.

Mr. Snow, of Cambridge, is showing this week the new set of stamps of Hayti. They are a very handsome set of stamps, and the 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 20c, and 1 gourde have a portrait of President Sam. The 4, 8 and 15c have a coat of arms. They are attractive colors, and will evidently be much sought after by collectors. I have also been shown, by the Colonial Stamp Co., a U. S. 1867, 5c, the embossing covering the entire back of the stamp. This stamp is considered one of the rarities of the U. S. stamps.

I have seen this week the new International postage stamp album for 1899. It is a decided improvement upon former issues. For Afghanistan we have a few blank pages, and blank pages also for the Protected States of the British Empire in India. There is a place for the maple leaf set of Canada, the Newfoundland and Cabots, and the new 1 and 3c stamps, also the pictorial set of New Zealand. The Chinese Treaty Ports are given blank pages, but Portugal is there in all its glory. St. Antonio and Vasco de Gama are accorded the full allowance of spaces. The speculative issues of Bulgaria, Ecuador, Labuan,

Peru, Salvador, Uruguay and Venezuela are also given spaces. And, last but not least, the U. S. Official Seals have a nice little page all by themselves, for which the possessors of a post obitum will no doubt be truly thankful.

I notice a clipping in a late number of the ERA, taken from a philatelic journal of Great Britain. The writer states that he met an old friend, whom he had not seen for several years, and he asked him: "How are the Hong Kongs and Straits going?" the reply was, "Sold them out long ago, I'm collecting Unpaid Letter stamps; splendid field!—practically untouched, etc." The writer states, although his friend may never forgive him for revealing his secret, "I cannot resist the temptation of calling attention to this really fascinating, and moreover very inexpensive section of our hobby." Now, the writer of this, like a great many philatelic scribes, evidently did not know much about the subject. Unpaid Letter stamps are very expensive, and there are not any stamps of Hong Kong or Straits that catalogue anywhere near as high as many of the Unpaid Letter stamps. The collecting of these stamps is a very expensive branch of philately, and this is one of the reasons why they are not popular with the general collector.

The U. S. 1898 Revenues, both Proprietary and Documentary, are given spaces in the new International album, which take up about one entire page, and is followed by a few blank leaves, allowing an opportunity to collect the various shades, etc. Spaces are given for the surcharged Newspaper and the "I. R." Revenues, including the 1c small block letter. The Inverts are not mentioned. I wonder why? The Gibraltar surcharged Morocco Agencies in the album come under the head of Great Britain in the Levant.

In my notes last week I mentioned that some stamps had been chronicled that never existed. In the addenda to the 58th edition of the Standard Catalogue, there are listed four new stamps of the Seychelles Islands. *Der Philatelist* states that one of their correspondents states that he has official information from Seychelles that nothing is known in the Islands about these new stamps. I received a letter several months ago, from a post office official there, stating the same thing.

There was issued in 1896, a set of stamps for Montenegro, which were in use for a little while, and performed postal duty. They would come under the head of speculative issues. I have never seen them mentioned in any American catalogue and I do not find any spaces for them in the new album. The question is: Why are they ignored?

S. E. L.

For the WEEKLY ERA.

R. P. Wollé's Finis.

After a long chase enlivened by many escapes and recaptures the famous R. P. Wollé, alias Kaiser, alias Fisher, alias Stone has met Judge Adams of the U. S. Circuit Court accompanied with all the paraphernalia incident to such meetings and being unable to convince the Judge or Jury that he was simply the employee of one Herman Kaiser conducting a palatial electrical supply business at 1114½ S. 14th St., St. Louis, and collecting stamps incidentally while also acting as solicitor for a phantom publishing concern on Franklin Avenue in the same city, whose President was the gentleman referred to by the said Kaiser when he ordered large lots of stamps from rich dealers throughout the country, or to establish the identity of his employers, the Judge concluded to send him to Jefferson City for 18 months, a fine healthy city on the Missouri river to enjoy more active employment than that of disturbing the quiet peace of stamp dealers who expected too early returns of approval lots. Another Napoleon has found his St. Helena.

There was great interest manifested by local dealers and collectors in this meeting in the Post Office building. Among them being Mr. Flachskamm of the Standard, Mr. C. E. Hussman, Mr. I. A. and G. D. Mekeel, Mr. N. W. Chandler and Mr. V. E. Sisson. Among the dealers who had furnished material for this persistent collector were Mr. E. J. Kirby, Marshall, Mich., Mr. Samuel Hughes, Howe, Neb., Mr. D. T. Eaton, Muscatine, Iowa, and one or two others whose names I did not obtain. After the meeting there was a general rejoicing and handshaking over the result as it is believed this example will serve to deminish this class of collectors.

A unique incident of the case was the Judge expressing surprise that such a class of merchants and doing such volume of business was extant.

Mr. I. A. Mekeel with characteristic enterprise had a special stenographer on hand and will doubtless give the full details in the *Weekly*. This case has developed methods that ought to be a potent lesson to dealers and collectors who send stamps on approval on the recommendation of an unknown reference.

W. A. SISSON.

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Thirty-first meeting of the Board of Governors held at the Club House, Nov. 14, 1898.

President Thorne called the meeting to order at 8.20 p. m.

Present Messrs. Bruner, Luff, Stebbins and Scott and the Secretary.

Minutes of preceding meeting were read and approved.

A letter from Mr. P. Von Tresckow was read and the Secretary directed to reply thereto.

Communications from Messrs. Lawrence, Meyenberg and Lester were read and laid on the table.

The hearty thanks of the Governors were unanimously offered to Messrs. Stanley Gibbons Ltd, London, for gift of bound volumes of the *Journal* and for their promise to send their publication to the Club each month; to Mr. C. H. Mekeel for gift of bound volume of Tiffany's History of U. S. Stamps; to Messrs. J. W. Scott and Alvah Davison for gifts of A. P. A. photographs taken during last summer's convention.

Communication from Mr. G. Fred H. Gibson, Hon. Sec. Manchester Philatelic Society, about the International Philatelic Exhibition of 1899, was read and upon motion the Governors unanimously agreed to permit the use of the Club's name in connection with the list of exhibition supporters.

Letter from Mr. Deats regarding library was read, and the Governors, while appreciating the progressive idea of the Chairman of the Literary Committee, decided that such ideas could not at present be carried out successfully.

Treasurer's report was received, showing balance in bank of \$413.16 exclusive of U. S. bonds.

The Chairman of House Committee then presented his report which was accepted. Adjourned at 10.10 p. m.

J. M. ANDREINI, Secretary.

EXCHANGES.

One notice is allowed each subscriber free if sent with his remittance, extra notices will be inserted at the uniform price of 10 cents each insertion. Non-subscribers 15 cents each insertion. Positively cash with notice. All notices must be for exchange and limited to thirty words, exclusive of the address, and must be written on a separate piece of paper. Notices offering articles for sale for cash, or offering to purchase for cash cannot be inserted here as they do not come under this head.

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Will give a \$2 Conveyance for every 50 one-cent Omaha stamps in good condition. Everett M. Bartlett, Newton, N. H.

\$1.50 worth of good foreign stamps, your selection from 3000 var., for every \$2.00 worth of good U. S. What have you got? What do you want? W. M. Slum, Box 133, Long Branch City, N. J.

Exchange wanted by approval sheet only; medium priced stamps preferred. I have all of the common varieties. Harry E. Dore, P. O. Box 105, Fresno, Cal.

Will take your duplicates at the following rates: 5c cat. 5c, 10c cat. 4c, 15, 20, 25 and 50c, at ½ and above these prices at ¾, giving you stamps you want. Send stamps and want list. Stamp Exchange, 26 W. 131st St., New York. [91]

I would like to exchange duplicates for stamps not in my collection whose numbers about 5,000. Send some and I will return the favor. No private or foreign revenues desired. J. H. White, Canajoharie, N. Y.

1000 Indian relics, 100 identified fossils, 35 Vols. "Golden Days," etc. (complete and in fine condition), curios, etc., for stamps or good job printing. Also relics for same. Best of references. Sprague Wm Chambers, Box 64, Plainwell, Mich.

We have Hawaiian stamps to exchange for stamps of same cat. value. Empire Stamp Co., 917 N. Main St., Greenfield, Ill.

"Life of Napoleon," in 26 volumes, by Hazellit, his private secretary, and "Memoirs of Talleyrand," in 5 volumes, (500 limited edition), published by the Grollier Society, original cost \$105.00, to exchange for best offer in stamps. P. J. Kranz, Toledo, Ohio.

I will exchange 12 Homing pigeons or 12 Tumbler pigeons for stamps from approval sheets cataloguing \$10.00. United States Postage and Revenue and British Colonials preferred. I. Sprague, Wellesley Hills, Mass. [92]

I desire exchange with collectors. Send sheets of U. S. Postage, Departments, Dues, Special Delivery and British North America and receive my sheets. E. Bull, Jr., Care Union Bank, New London, Conn. [91]

Will exchange stamps from my sheets for used Omahas, fine, as follows: 4c Omahas, 3c each; 5c, 8c, 10c Omahas, 4c each. A 2c Treasury for 200 Omahas above cat assorted. P. E. Rood, 222 Floyd St., Toledo, Ohio. [89]

Alfon Stark, 751 Park Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y., wants all the "Happy Days" bicycle coupons he can get from numbers between 212 and 223. Scott's Nos. 9 and at Lagos, used, and many other good stamps for them. [90]

I wish to exchange Omaha and I. R. Plate Numbers with other Plate Number collectors. Send Want List and also a list of what you have to exchange. C. S. Stiles, Warren, Ohio. [90]

A strip of five 1 penny black 1840 Great Britain, to exchange for the best offer of stamps for my collection. "Can you match it?" J. F. Johnson, 83 Thornton St., Boston, Mass. [87c]

Good exchange offered for Great Britain Numbers 2, 8, 44, 87, 112, 115, 134 and 146 in quantities, to use for making reconstructed sheets. J. F. Johnson, 83 Thornton St., Boston, Mass. [87c]

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Boys, here's a chance: 50 stamps to sell from 1 to 100 each (value over \$9.50), 2 blank sheets and hinges, all for 35c. A set of 4 scarce Newfoundland stamps free with this lot (worth 25c alone). Best English Hinges, 10c per 1000. DOMINION STAMP CO., 6 Beaver Hall Hill, Montreal, Can. [91]

"I. R. 2 cents" Plate Numbers, two for a quarter; eighty varieties. Send your want list. J. F. DUMHAMEL, 20 Broadway, New York. [90]

Wholesale lots U. S. & Foreign stamps wanted for cash. Geo. E. Shepard, McClintock Ave., Allegheny, Pa. [89]

Stamps on Approval at 50% discount. Send reference. S. E. MEDFORD, 435 N. 41st St., Phila., Pa. [95]

If you wish to sell your collection of stamps, or duplicates, for spot cash, write J. M. Hubbard, Rochester, N. H. References, Bradstreet, Dun. [304]

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2c.....	1.50 per 100
8c.....	9.00 "
10c.....	1.00 "
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SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR THE WEEK ENDING NOV. 26th, 1898.

Applications for Membership.

WURTELE, ERNEST F., Box 1117, Quebec, Can.; age, 38; occupation, Secretary and Treasurer Quebec Montmorency & Charlevoix Railway. Recommended by W. W. Jewett and W. N. Howe.
MOEBUS, F. W. G., 1833 Pacific Avenue, Alameda, Cal.; age, 49; occupation, Cashier. Recommended by Calvert Meade and H. B. Phillips.

A Correction.

In new applications last week:
T. ELBERT NOSTRAND should be **P. ELBERT NOSTRAND**.

New Stockholders.

1534. **HAY, THOMAS A. H.**, Easton, Pa.
1535. **BLAKE, WM. L.**, Portland, Me.

Resignations Accepted.

1253. **DREW, F. C.**, Portland, Oregon.
1479. **COWLES, W. G.**, Hartford, Conn.

Membership Summary.

Membership last report	705
Resignations accepted	2
	703
New Stockholders	2
Present membership	705

WM. N. HOWE, Secretary.

LAST CALL.

Secretary Wm. N. Howe has kindly consented to delay the publication of the "Year Book" a short time to allow all members to get in line. Don't wait but send your dues at once as you want to be in the best Philatelic Association on earth.
H. G. SMITH, Treasurer,
Winona, Minn.

REPORT OF THE SALES DEPARTMENT.

GEORGE R. TUTTLE, Superintendent,
87 Nassau St.
New York City, Nov. 19th, 1898.

1,343 books of stamps in circulation according to my report of Nov. 12th, valued at	\$44,142.72
14 books received since Nov. 12th, valued at	305.50
	\$44,448.22
41 books retired since Nov. 12th valued at (from which has been sold \$360.89)	1,783.27
Total number of books in circulation 1,316 valued at	\$42,664.95

Notice.

I am greatly in need of books priced at dealers' rates.
This Department can sell a large amount

of stamps if the members will send in books marked at prices at which dealers are offering them.

GEO. R. TUTTLE, Supt.

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Nicaragua '69 2 blue.....	6 cts.
" " 5 black.....	10 "
" " 78 2 black.....	6 "
" " 78 5 black.....	9 "
*North Borneo '86 1/2 rose, imperforate	15 "
Norway '54 4 blue.....	7 "
" " '56 3 lilac.....	8 "
" " '56 8 lake.....	4 "
" " '63 8 rose.....	7 "
" " '24 brown.....	18 "
" " '67 1 black.....	5 "
" " '8 rose.....	5 "
" " '72 4 mauve.....	4 "
" " '83 12 bistre brown.....	15 "
" " '12 yellow brown.....	12 "
Nova Scotia '60 5 blue.....	15 "
" " 2 mauve.....	40 "
Oldenburg '52 1-30 blue.....	12 "

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Vert. " 3, 5c Certificate	.20
Vert. " 3, 5c Inland Exch., part perf., fine	.15
Vert. " 4, 5c " " "	.30
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Vert. " 6, 5c " " "	.50
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Vert. " 25c Certificate, part perf.	.25
Hor. strip of 4, 25c Power of Atty., imperf., fine	1.00
Hor. pair, 25c Protest, imperf.	1.50
Vert. " 50c Foreign Exch., part perf.	2.00
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Hor. pair 50c Passage Ticket, imperf., fair	5.00
Block of 4, 50c " " " performed	.50
Hor. pair, 50c Probate of Will, imperf., poor	1.75
Hor. " 50c " " " fine.	4.00
Hor. strip of 6, 50c " " " fine & rare	18.00
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Vert. Pair \$1.00 Mortgage, imperf., lower stamp slightly cut into.	1.25
Vert. pair, \$3.00 Conveyance, imperf., fair	2.50
Hor. pair, \$3.00 Conveyance, imperf., minute tear, fine margins.	2.00
Hor. pair, \$5.00 Manifest, imperf.	4.50
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Notes on Stamps.

It is a well established fact that in various branches of study and science terms quite often convey a specific meaning in which finer distinctions are drawn than in the ordinary or general sense of the term. Science as a systematic species of knowledge consisting of rule and order demands exactness. Philately is frequently spoken of as a science. If its students desire it to be in any great degree worthy of such designation they must strive among other things for exactness in its nomenclature.

In my notes of Nov. 12th I had something to say concerning re-issues and, setting forth what to me appear to be the essential characteristics of a re-issue, offered a definition of the term based on these characteristics.

In criticising the definition a certain writer appears to overlook or ignore the fact that the definition is based on the assumption that for use in the special field of philately the term "re-issue" should convey a specific meaning in distinction from not only a reprint but a regular issue. By regular issue I understand is meant an issue for current use. If exactness is a requisite in the nomenclature of philately then it seems to me it is necessary to draw a line of distinction between "re-issue" and regular issue and have the terms convey by their specific meaning the difference to the mind of the student. Thus differentiated a re-issue must possess some characteristic not found in a regular issue.

The stamps printed by the government in 1875 from the plates of the regular issue of 1869 are not reprints because they were receivable for postage. It is not many years since they were called "government reprints." According to the ordinary or general meaning of the term reprint they were such; but "reprint" to-day has a specific meaning in the field of philately and the stamps in question do not correspond with the characteristics of a reprint thus differentiated. Neither were they a regular issue as philatelists understand this term. They have been designated and listed as re-issues, and I have never seen the correctness of the designation controverted. I have always supposed they were thus termed to distinguish them from "regular issue" as well as "reprint." Hence they must possess some characteristic that cannot be found in a regular issue. This "re-issue" possesses four distinctive characteristics upon which I based my definition of re-issue, which was: "A re-issue is the second issue by a government of a stamp after it has become obsolete and while receivable for postage is not the current stamp of its kind for regular use." I have changed the wording but not the meaning of the last clause because it is hardly permissible to use in such a definition a term between which and the term

It is Not

in our province to further hawl over the merits of "STAMP HUNTING." Let the book speak for itself. It is now ready after two month's unavoidable delay, the cause of which we had no control over. The entire first edition has left the press and is now on sale everywhere in the U. S. and Canada at 50c a copy, and by Dec. 10th will be offered in London, by Kegan, Paul, French, Trubner & Co., Charing Cross Road. 25 c stamps sent us will insure its arrival to you by return mail, post free.

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being defined we are attempting to establish a specific difference.

If it is desired to draw a distinction between "re-issue" and "regular issue" and have the terms in their specific philatelic meaning convey this difference then it seems to me the last clause of the definition of "re-issue" is necessary, because an obsolete type and approximately color may be reverted to in a regular issue.

I admit that in the ordinary sense of the term the $\frac{1}{2}$, 1 and $2\frac{1}{2}$ d Gibraltar 1898 are re-issues; but they are also regular issues. Perhaps some would term them a re-issue for regular use, but that might possibly be said to be an exception which proved the rule and if we can make a re-issue a regular issue and a regular issue be a re-issue it seems to me the line of distinction is a little too vague and our terms lack necessary exactness.

Compare the three Gibraltar stamps in question with the 1875 re-issue of the 1869 regular issue and the Newfoundland 1894 re-issues Scott's Nos. 63, 64, 66, 67 and 68. There is a difference and this lies only in the fact that the Gibraltors are issued as the current stamp of their kind for regular use and the others were not. A definition of re-issue embodying this difference draws a line of distinction over which a regular issue cannot pass and it seems to me it should be embodied in order to establish necessary exactness in the meaning of the term and differentiate between re-issue and regular issue. If the distinction thus established is maintained issues which, while possessing the first three characteristics, are the current stamps of their kind for regular use should be classified as regular issues and those possessing all four

characteristics should, as they have been, be classified as "re-issues." Either we must give the term re-issue such a specific meaning or we must get a new term to designate such issues as the U. S. 1875 and Newfoundlands I have mentioned.

GEORGE S. MCKEARIN.

Philatelic Press Review.

BY WM. C. STONE.

Bric-a-Brac, Vol. XXIV. No. 12 (240).
Collectionneur de Timbres Poste, October, (216).

O Coleccionador de Sellos, October, Vol. III. No. 9-10.

Columbian Philatelist, Vol. V. No. 6(30).
Ewen's Weekly Circular (52).

Filatelic Facts and Fallacies, October, Vol. VII. No. 1 (73).

Francobollo, Vol. VI. No. 74.
Friedl's Briefmarken Offertenblatt, Vol. I. No. 1.

Illustriertes Briefmarken Journal, Vol. XXV. No. 21.

International Philatelist, Vol. VIII. No. 4.
Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News, Vol. XII. No. 21 (412).

Metropolitan Philatelist, Vol. X. No. 11.
New York Philatelist, Vol. V. No. 2.

Perforator, Vol. II. No. 9.
Post Office, Vol. VIII. No. 92.

Revista Postal, Sept., Vol. I. No. 1.
Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly, Vol. V. No. 108.

Stamp Reporter, Vol. II. No. 3.
Wisconsin Philatelist, Vol. I. No. 1.

The egotistical J. W. Palmer is soon to leave his quarters at 281 Strand and is

thereby impelled to hold forth at considerable length in the Christmas number of his paper *Bric-a-Brac*. If he were half as enterprising as he claims to be he would have secured his new quarters long since, so as to be ready to announce his new address when he gives up his old store. But it seems he has not done so. Will the chamber of horrors go with him?

O Coleccionador de Sellos presents us with a double number and for its illustration has reproduced some dozen and a half Brazilian forgeries. The editor has been taking a census of the number of copies of the italic 180,300 and 600 reis stamps owned in Brazil with the following result: 180 reis 66; 300 reis 66; 600 reis 57.

Filatelic Facts and Fallacies commences its seventh volume with the number now before me and a good one it is. Karl Ludwig gives some pithy little notes concerning the stamps of various countries and from the way he starts out I judge he intends to go through the catalogue systematically and give the "causes and reasons" for the issue of the stamps of the different nations. The important happenings in philately during the past few months are briefly summed up and include among other things the issue of our war revenue stamps, the withdrawal of our periodical stamps, the issue of the *Impuesta de Guerra* stamps of Spain and colonies, the annexation of Puerto Rico, Hawaii and the Philippines, and the consequent withdrawal of their stamps, and perhaps the substitution of the stamps of Cuba libre for those of the colonial set.

Friedl's Briefmarken Offertenblatt is a new arrival from Vienna and while it is filled mostly with the publisher's advertisements contains a little reading matter. Illustrations are given of a couple of Austrian half stamps. The paper is sent "gratis und franco." Rudolph Friedl, Herrengasse 6, Vienna.

Some five out of the twelve pages of *Mekeel's Weekly* is devoted to a stenographic report of the trial of Richard P. Wolle. It looks quite formidable but is interesting reading. Portraits of Wolle and Judge Adams are also given. I rather guess by the time the prisoner has paid his \$500 fine and put in a year and a half's hard labor in the penitentiary he will conclude that it does not pay to monkey with stamp dealers.

The *Perforator* is full of good things this month. From the various Canadian correspondents I learn that the postal cards are to have the stamps with numerals in lower corners, as well as the adhesives. The 10c maple leaf issue is said to be the object of speculation just now. The issue of the Spanish *Impuesta de Guerra* stamps

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N. B.—For further particulars inclose stamp. References. D. O. Stone, P. M.; John Robinson, Ag't C. M. & St. P. R'y; E. R. Ball, Ag't Amer. Express Co., Hawarden, Iowa.

has had the result of reducing by one-third the number of letters posted at Madrid.

The *Post Office* contains illustrations and correspondence respecting some new discoveries in Chilean unpaid letter stamps. A paper on these issues was published recently in the *Annual* of the Santiago society and has been translated by J. M. Andreini for the *American Journal of Philately*. Messrs. Morgenthau have however, discovered among their stock some blocks and strips of the first issue, which go to prove that there must be another "setting" of these stamps than what is mentioned in the *Annual*. The results of M. Marconnet's researches among the cancellations of the two types of France, 1876, are translated from *L'Echo de la Timbrologie* and form interesting reading. A list of the plate numbers of the Proprietary stamps is given and also those of the 2c inverted I. R.

La Revista Postal hails from Buenos Aires and is published by Achard & Co., Calle Bolivar 256. Subscription price \$1.50 per year, or fifty cents in our money. It is a very neat little magazine and contains considerable good reading matter. Juan Soutomayor describes some forged Argentine fiscals and the chronicle includes fiscal as well as postage stamps. I hope to see it regularly.

The only news that amounts to much in the *Stamp Reporter* is the fact that the publisher has bought out the *Ontario Philatelist* and will consolidate it with the *Reporter*. Better use your money to hire a proofreader Brother Bradley. The official matter of the B. O. P. A. is simply wretched.

Another new comer is the *Wisconsin Philatelist* published by Gowey Bros. & Co., De Pere, Wis., at 20 cents per year. It contains only four pages, but is neatly printed in light brown ink and contains an article by H. S. Swenson entitled "Be Benefitted by Philately" which is well worth reading. The editor doesn't brag any which is a good sign. May its life be long and prosperous.

At the request of H. E. Deats I will in the future give the publisher's name and address and the subscription price of all new papers that I may review, as it may be a help to other literature collectors.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT.

MANSFIELD, Nov. 16, '98.

The 66th regular meeting of the O. C. P. S. was called to order at 9.35 P. M.

The Secretary's report was read and accepted.

Treasurer's report was read and accepted. Sales Superintendent reported that there was nothing new and that he was working on missing books.

The amendment was carried to omit the words "Supt. of Exchange Dept." from Art. III. Sec. 1.

The amendment was carried to omit Sec. 2 Art. III.

The By-Law No. 7 was changed to read "Games of chance will not be permitted."

The question came up, "Do members stand suspended when one quarter and 60 days in arrears?" It was so considered.

The following names were dropped for non-payment of dues and they can be reinstated by paying up the dues. F. E. Olney, H. H. Corbett, R. W. Wheeler.

The following nominations were made for officers for the year 1899.

For President:

Herbert M. Wheaton, East Providence.

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For Vice-President:

W. W. Skinner, Mansfield.

M. T. Estey, Mansfield.

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For Treasurer:

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For Sales Superintendent:

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F. B. Eldredge, Mansfield.

For Librarian:

L. A. Richards, Mansfield.

For Executive Committee:

F. B. Gouch, Woonsocket.

G. H. Hope, Providence.

Walter Wright, Boston.

F. B. Eldredge, Mansfield.

M. T. Estey, Mansfield.

J. F. Rollins, Needham.

Motion was made to close nominations and meeting adjourned.

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F. N. MASSOTH, Supt. Sales Dep't.

F. J. LEFEVER, Librarian.

The 286th regular meeting was called to order at 8.30 P. M., Nov. 17, 1898, with C. E. Severn, Vice-President, in the chair (the President being absent).

Present: Messrs. C. E. Severn, Wolsieffer, Lefever, Massoth, Schlieckert, Lee-mann, Mikolasek, Michaels, Smack, Oesch, Pierce, Geldert and Doncyson.

Visitor present: Mr. A. C. Trask. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

Mr. Schlieckert reported on resignation of Mrs. L. Disselhorst. Motion prevailed that report be accepted.

Motion prevailed that resignation of Mrs. L. Disselhorst (No. 444) be accepted.

Motion prevailed that all stamps belonging to Society be mounted in Sales books, and circulated in Exchange Department.

Committee on Investigation of Funds reported that no complaints had been reported of late.

Upon ballot Mr. A. C. Trask was unanimously elected to Active Membership No. 460. Mr. W. S. J. Ranney was unanimously elected to Active Membership No. 461, and Lieut. M. G. Worriow was unanimously elected to Passive Membership No. 462.

Motion prevailed that a vote of thanks be extended to Mr. J. M. Andreini for his kindness in sending a part of his collection to be exhibited at last meeting.

The Vice-President appointed Messrs. Michaels and Oesch to audit Treasurer's books, and report at Dec. 15th meeting.

After recess the Governing Board ordered posted the application (for Active membership) of Mr. Henry Vocke of Chicago, proposed by Albert Deicke.

Motion prevailed that an invitation be sent to Mr. McDonald soliciting the exhibition of his collection of Revenue stamps on Dec. 15, 1898.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9.25 P. M. after which quite a little trading between members was done.

Next meeting Dec. 1st, 1898.

If you wish to join an A1 Society—Drop me a postal for particulars.

S. T. S. DONCYSON, Sec'y.

Correspondence.

[The editor wishes it distinctly understood that he does not hold himself responsible for assertions made under this head, nor does he necessarily sanction any ideas or opinions expressed. All are invited to contribute to this department, with the above understanding, and all communications deemed suitable or of interest to our readers will be published.]

Editor WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA:

As the Dr. K. & Co. provisional proprietary Revenues seems to have attracted considerable attention among Revenue collectors it may be of interest to them to say that I have found this stamp on the following dates, viz.:

7-5-98	7-11-98.
7-6-98.	7-12-98.
7-7-98.	7-13-98.
7-9-98.	7-14-98.

and in both styles of type. Only the date 7-8-98 is missing, 7-10-98 being Sunday.

I have also found the 3c with inverted surcharge. They are a very interesting study.

W. A. SISSON.

Cottlow's....
Chicago Correspondence.

The Congressional Post Office Inquiry Commission is preparing to begin their investigations here this week.

Representative Loud in a newspaper interview says that he expects the results of the investigation will be the formation of a bill similar to the one which was defeated at the last session of Congress, one important feature of which was to do away with carrying pamphlets, serial stories and sample copies as second class matter; for it is on this class of mail that the De-

partment loses annually many thousands of dollars. The Government has been imposed on to a great extent in this way and so much of this stuff has been carried that first class matter has been neglected, so he says.

When in Elgin, Illinois, recently I had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Geo. Hancock an old-time collector of that city. I had expected to see my friends Mr. E. C. Althen and Mr. C. H. Smith, both of whom I have known for a long time as members of the Chicago Society, but as my stay was cut short, I was unable to see them.

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So far none of the patent medicine men have taken advantage of the privilege to have private dies made for revenue stamps, but I understand the Castoria people have seriously considered the matter and have decided to have the Government issue stamps for them.

If this is true, it will not be long before others follow suit and we will have another large bunch of stamps to wrestle with. Let us hope that they stick to one sort of paper.

A dealer here shows a partial sheet of the new Porto Rico provisionals (Spanish) for which however there is no more use and which therefore may be relegated to the obsolete list along with Lubeck, Oldenburg and other countries which have no independent existence.

A close inspection shows many varieties and errors as the surcharge is very poorly done. On some stamps the word "Para," which constitutes the second line, is entirely missing; and the printers who did the job have even gone to the trouble to surcharge the white panes of paper which are between the blocks of stamps in the sheet. I do not suppose that these surcharged bits of white paper could have done duty as stamps, however.

Lieut. U. G. Monitow, 20th Infantry, U. S. A., has been here for some weeks on special recruiting duty for his regiment which is stationed at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. The Lieutenant has recently been elected to passive membership in the C. P. S. and expects to be here some weeks longer. He enjoys the honor of being the worshipful master of the Masonic Lodge at Fort Leavenworth, which is the only lodge of its kind in the United States, as only Army men can belong to it.

One of our collectors recently obtained from an old collection a very good copy of the original Franklin Carrier, used. When compared with a Government reprint of the same stamp, it shows the dull blue color very clearly and too the paper is not so bright a pink. It is cancelled with a star in red ink, and is undoubtedly a very scarce stamp.

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Brooklyn Letter.

BROOKLYN-NEW YORK, Nov. 28, '98.

The stamp collectors of this city are awake and doing as usual. Those that do not believe it, should attend the meetings of the Section on Philately, Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences and we believe we can convince them.

The Section on Philately held its second lecture on Friday evening, Nov. 25th, on "The Postage Stamps of the United States," illustrated by lantern photographs. The lecture was delivered by Mr. Crawford Capen.

It was estimated about 300 were present including a number of ladies. That we have several lady-philatelists in this vicinity cannot be disputed now, as several are members of the Section.

Mr. Capen's lecture was very interesting and instructive to those present, who collect U. S., and it is believed all those present are not likely to forget their country even in the matter of stamps.

The lecturer gave a very good account of the way plates are made from which stamps are printed, showing with the help of lantern photos how the original die is made on steel, then hardened. This die is very expensive and only one is made, but from this die are made the transfer dies, used in making the impression plates, which when hardened are the plates used in printing the stamps.

Very good lantern photos were used during the lecture among which were some U. S. provisionals, such as Baltimore, Brattleboro, Millbury, New Haven and New York. Completed plates of the St. Louis were shown, giving a very good idea of how the stamps were printed in the sheet. The postmaster, finding that he needed some 20c stamps, had some of the 5's on the plate removed and a "20" inserted instead, which made the second plate, but it was not long before he needed more 5c and had a large supply of 20c, when he again had plate altered as the original, but the 5's were of a different variety.

U. S. 1847 5c and 10c were shown, also the 1851-60 showing the different varieties of the 1c. The 3c, 5c and 10c were thrown on the wall, showing wide and close margins. 1861 of the values 1c, 3c, 5c, 10c, 12c and 90c were also thrown on the wall giving a fine view of the differences of the

August and September issues. 1862 6c, 15c, 24c and 30c grilled stamps were experimented on and the grills showed up very fine. Of the beautiful set of 1869 and the 1870-82 all the values of the different Bank-Note Co.'s work were shown. The \$1.00, \$2.00, \$3.00, \$4.00 and \$5.00 Columbian stamps were perfect beauties. Triangle I., II., III. of the 2c 1894-5 were shown, also complete sets of the State Department, including high values, Post Office and two 3c Interior, showing the differences in the lips of Washington.

It was explained why these department stamps were issued, as the franking privileges were very much abused in those days, and it would be no harm if the government would again issue stamps to the different departments, especially to avoid the abuse of the franking privileges of some of our Congressmen around election time.

A fine copy of the "Centennial Fair U. S. Sanitary Commission" stamp was shown. This stamp was used in Philadelphia, Pa., during 1876. Next was shown the large 5c Newspaper stamps, also 1879 \$60.00 and 1898 \$1.00 revenue, showing the similarity of the two, also the three different varieties of the Special Delivery stamps. After giving us a good lecture on U. S. proper, Mr. Capen believed it would be appropriate to give us a slight sketch of our new possessions, showing us Hawaiian 1859 2c, 1864 90, 1893 Provisionals and the last and only issue of 1894 under the Republic. An elegant block of four of the early Philippines and Puerto Rico surcharged and jubilee were shown.

Although Cuba is not ours permanently as yet and perhaps not for some years to come, it is hoped the Cubans will be able to take care of themselves in the future, but for the present we've got our "fingers in the pie" and must make the best of it, in the meantime using Uncle Sam's postage stamps instead of Cubans of Spanish manufacture. As we got just a little say in Cuba, it was most proper to have a little say on Cuban stamps. The $Y\frac{1}{4}$ real, 1866, and the 1883 with the surcharge of the Havana Lottery thereon, also the Cuban Republics of 1873 and the Cuban Junta of 1895-8. The finale was a lantern slide of the most beautiful and powerful flag afloat, which is respected by every nation, the AMERICAN FLAG.

The lecture as a whole was a very good one and a credit to Mr. Capen, who no doubt is the best authority on United States stamps. That the audience was well

pleased with the lecture and the many lantern photographs used, there is not the slightest doubt.

After the lecture, the Executive Board of the Section met, at which it was decided to postpone the Exhibition for a few weeks longer, the exact dates being furnished later. The action was found necessary as the different committees had too short a time to work in and give satisfactory results both to the exhibitors and the Section.

Contributions for the collection for the Institute are coming in and it is hoped all collectors will do their quite towards it, also that the publishers of philatelic journals will help towards the library of the Institute. It would be best to note that this is a permanent library and not for the benefit of a few collectors.

In the last issue of the ERA (No 289) it will be noticed that Mr. Bartels has brought up for discussion, a very important matter, that of counterfeit stamps and their treatment when discovered. The writer believes that when collectors or dealers send their stamps to a reliable counterfeit detector (the A. P. A. official being reliable), that it should be the duty of detector to write across the back in red ink, the word "Counterfeit" or "Reprint" with his initial and date. Also heartily coincide with Mr. Bartels' views regarding the cutting of prices. How often dealers advertise to sell stamps which they have not in stock, perhaps not in their collections, if they have such. Just to get your money and then tell you they have sold out, but will give you something just as good or better (?) and enclose approval books or sheets to balance account. It is with regret, we learn that Mr. B. will not be with you, as his notes were very much appreciated.

Regarding your metropolitan contemporary would state that it requires from five to ten minutes of the writer's time to read all there is worth reading, while with the ERA he can sit down and read every word ads and all, and be quite interested, but has never been able to read it in less than a half hour. Would that we had a few more collectors' papers that were run on business principles, instead of house organs.

Some collectors seem to fear the American Philatelic Exchange, to such would state

that it is run on sound business principles and not to get collectors best duplicates and offer them cheap grade stamps in return. The Exchange should not be confounded with other so-called Exchanges, which are only schemes to work off cheap stamps.

Rules and regulations will be sent upon application, which will convince collectors of its merits. Continued success to the ERA.

H. TORLKE.

Bilateral Press Review.

By Wm. C. Stone.

- Canadian Philatelic Weekly (Berlin), Vol. III. Nos. 1, 2 (13, 14).
- Canadian Philatelic Weekly (Toronto), Vol. I. Nos. 1, 2, 3.
- Eastern Philatelist, Vol. XXII. No. 3 (129).
- Internationale Postkarten-Zeitung, Vol. I. No. 11.
- McKeel's Weekly Stamp News, Vol. XII. No. 22 (413).
- Metropolitan Philatelist, Vol. X. No. 12.
- Montreal Philatelist, Vol. I. No. 7.
- Philatelic Record, Vol. XX. No. 10.
- Philatelist, Vol. XIX. No. 2 (248).
- Texan Philatelist, Vol. IX. No. 3 (56).
- Timbre Poste, Vol. XXXVI. (431).

There is rather a queer state of affairs in the Canadian journalistic world. Not long since the *Boys Own Philatelist* suddenly changed its name to the *Canadian Philatelic Weekly*. And now from Toronto comes a new paper with the same title and the claim that due notice was given about the end of September of its forthcoming advent under that title. So now they are each claiming to be the only original etc. The Toronto paper, however, is by far the better gotten up paper, and contains more real news. With the second number it commenced the re-publication of the article on the stamps of Canada which recently appeared in the *Canadian Magazine*.

The *Eastern Philatelist* is rather thin this month, the best article being that by Gardner Kennedy concerning the "model" stamp dealer. I have seen a good many stamp dealers since I have been a collector but I must confess I have never met with such an aggregation of goodness as is set forth in this article. The editorial column brings up the question of colors and mentions color blindness as being one possible cause for our confusion of certain hues.

The *Metropolitan Philatelist* has secured Mr. Bartels for its Washington correspondent and the result will no doubt be an increased stream of quarters into Brother Scott's cash drawer. I consider Mr. Bartels' news well worth many times the cost of the

subscription. I am sorry however to lose his letters in the ERA. But in these days money talks with us all. A provisional stamp was issued it seems at Coamo, Puerto Rico, during the war, and a translation is given of a letter from the town council's secretary concerning the same, with an illustration of a sheet of the stamps

The *Montreal Philatelist* comes out with a Christmas number of 32 pages most of which is advertising matter. The article on St. Helena is interesting as far as the descriptive matter goes, but that part which relates to the stamps is of very little account. F. P. gives some facts concerning the former duchies of Modena, Parma and Tuscany, with the fiscal stamps issued by each. The "Romance of a 12 Pence Canada" is interesting reading and is supposedly true.

In the *Philatelic Record* the series of articles on the stamps of Tonga is brought to an end and Edward J. Nankivell gives some more "Stray Notes on Transvaals." Mr. Luff's article on United States Depart-

WATCH THE PAPERS

for a photograph of ROBBIE after he has attempted to drag the Mississippi River with me. Wonder if he knows I have "TWO BEARS" worth \$1,500, and what they will be doing all this time? I'll still be here after the 15th, BRO. ROBBIE, selling:

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Barbados, " 2, 1p blue, o. g.....	.75	1.50
" " 2a, 1p slate, o. g.....	.75	1.50
" " 18, 4p rose, o. g.....	5.00	9.50
" " 23, 1s black, o. g.....	1.25	2.50
Trinidad, " 2, 1p brown red, o. g.....	1.50	3.00
" " 3, 1p purple br'o, o. g.....	1.25	—
" " 4, 1p blue, o. g.....	1.00	2.00
" " 11, 1p blackish purple, o. g.....	1.00	2.00
" " 30, 1s slate blue, o. g.....	1.50	3.00

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mentals is reproduced from the *American Journal of Philately* and there are the usual number of shorter notes, etc. It is a decidedly good number of a first class magazine.

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2c " new o. g.....	2.50	1.25	
3c rose, used.....	.05	.02	
10c green, ".....	.75	.35	
1867, Embossed 9x13 mm.:			
15c black.....	1.50	.70	
30c orange.....	5.00	2.50	
1888 Complete Set.....	1.84	.90	
U. S. Postage Due			
1879 30c brown, used.....	1.00	.50	
50c.....	2.50	1.25	
1891-93 30c bright claret.....	1.25	.60	
U. S. Revenues			
FIRST ISSUE.—Imperf. Part perf. Perf. Silk paper			
1c Express.....	\$0.50	\$0.20	..
1c Playing Cards.....	..	..	1.10
1c Proprietary.....	6.00	.70	.02
1c Playing Cards, blue ..	..	..	.10
2c " orange ..	..	..	.50
2c Certificate, blue.....	.12	..	.50
2c " orange.....	..	..	.25
2c Proprietary, blue.....	3.75	1.00	.03
4c Playing Cards.....	..	..	4.50
4c Proprietary.....	..	1.50	.06
10c Certificate.....	2.00	.75	.01
10c Power of Attorney.....	10.00	.90	.01
25c Bond.....	3.00	.35	.05
40c Inland Exchange.....	3.75	.20	.03
50c Lease.....	.80	3.00	.25
50c Foreign Exchange.....	.95	.50	.25
50c Passage Ticket.....	3.00	1.25	.05
50c Probate of Will.....	1.75	3.00	.50
70c Foreign Exchange.....	3.00	.75	.06
\$1.00 Life Insurance.....	3.00	..	.10
1.00 Passage Ticket.....	4.50	..	3.50
2.00 Conveyances.....	1.25	..	.06
2.00 Mortgage.....	1.25	..	.08
3.00 Charter Party.....	1.00	..	.10
3.00 Manifest.....	1.00	..	.10
5.00 Charter Party.....	1.70	..	.10
5.00 Conveyance.....	1.00	..	.10
5.00 Manifest.....	1.90	..	1.25
5.00 Mortgage.....	1.90	..	.45
5.00 Probate of Will.....	7.00	..	.45
10.00 Charter Party.....	5.00	..	.50
10.00 Conveyance.....	2.00	..	1.25
10.00 Mortgage.....	3.00	..	.80
15.00.....	..	..	3.75
25.00.....	..	..	1.00
30.00 Conveyance.....	1.75	..	2.50
30.00 Mortgage.....	..	..	2.75
50.00 Internal Revenue ..	..	..	2.00

SECOND ISSUE—Perforated.			
1c.....	..	..	\$0.50
6c.....	..	..	1.25
30c.....	..	..	.45
60c.....	..	..	.45
70c.....	..	..	.40
\$1.30.....	..	..	3.50
3.00.....	..	..	1.00
5.00.....	..	..	3.75
10.00.....	..	..	.50
10.00.....	..	..	1.25
THIRD ISSUE—Perforated.			
1c.....	..	..	.85
4c.....	..	..	.75
6c.....	..	..	.75
60c.....	..	..	.50
70c.....	..	..	.35
\$2.00.....	..	..	.35
3.00.....	..	..	1.00
5.00.....	..	..	.50
1c Inverted Medallion.....	..	..	3.00
PROPRIETARY ISSUE—Perforated.			
1871-75 Violet paper. Green paper			
3c.....	\$0.25		\$0.25
4c.....	.10		.07
5c.....	2.00		3.00
6c.....	.75		.50
10c.....	5.00		1.25
1c Inverted Medallion.....	30.00		20.00
1878 Issue Silk Water-Rou-			
1c.....	\$0.03	\$0.01	\$0.60
2c.....	.03	.01	.50
3c.....	.04	.04	1.75
4c red.....	..	.07	.50
4c red brown.....	..	.04	2.00
5c.....	2.00	1.75	40.00
6c blue.....	.50	.30	3.00
6c violet.....	..	.70	6.00
10c blue.....	..	7.50	..

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*See other ad in this issue.

L. W. SMITH & CO.,
506 South Ave., Sta. D, Pittsburg, Pa.

pleted? It is now dealing with the unpaid issues of the "cheir" surcharges. The literature department is very interesting to me, giving as it does facts concerning so many foreign papers which it is not easy to find over here. These is also a three-page list of duplicate papers etc. for sale at fixed prices. These prices by the way are decidedly low, the bulk of the magazines being offered at 10 pfennig each.

The *Texas Philatelist* has some notes on the war revenues which are interesting enough to anyone who has not access to our weekly papers but contain nothing new.

Le Timbre Poste presents a translation of portions of the article on the Chilean unpaid letter stamps which appeared in the *Santiago Society Annual*. The treatise on the stamps of the Netherlands takes up the emission of January 1, 1852, and gives all the facts about it in an exhaustive manner. The list of Jubilee and commemorative stamps is continued and the fiscal department is as full and interesting as ever. The new series of Austrian fiscals by the way has the values in heller and krone, so it is not improbable that we may expect new postal issues ere long. A supplement to M. Moens grand catalogue is to be issued next year and will be sent free to his subscribers.

From the *New York Tribune* I clip the following which may be news to many of my readers:

"The new stamp for the Canadian imperial penny postage, to come into use on Christmas Day, is now in course of production under the direction of Mr. Mulock, the Canadian Postmaster-General. Philatelists may be interested to hear that, instead of a Queen's head, it will represent two sides of the globe, with the British Empire defined on its surface, and colored red."

Roy B. Bradley of Waco, Texas, has just forwarded me a copy of the Check List of United States Revenue Stamps of which I spoke some few weeks ago. It is a handy little book of some 32 pages measuring

4 x 5 1/2 inches. It is not a price list, no values being given, but is intended for a pocket companion showing what specimens one has in his collection without the necessity of lugging around a complete catalogue. Spaces are provided for checking the first issue documentary stamps in five columns, namely: imperf., part perf., perf., silk and thick paper. The ultramarine shade is included. The 1898 sets are given spaces for checking in a rouletted and part rouletted state. The private proprietaries are provided with five columns also for the four catalogued varieties of paper and a column is added for the thick paper variety. The Dr. K. stamps are given a place among the provisionals of the 1898 series.

Taken all in all it is a mighty handy little book and does credit to Mr. Jannasch, the compiler. The only and main fault I can find with it is the quality of paper used. It ought to have been heavier and better for a book that is going to have as much wear as this will. Possibly this will be remedied in a future edition. The price of the book is ten cents.

Correspondence.

[The editor wishes it distinctly understood that he does not hold himself responsible for assertions made under this head, nor does he necessarily sanction any ideas or opinions expressed. All are invited to contribute to this department, with the above understanding, and all communications deemed suitable or of interest to our readers will be published.]

WHICH SHALL IT BE?

NEW YORK CITY, N. Y., Nov. 18, '98.
W. W. JEWETT,
Portland, Me.

Dear Sir: From press dispatches I note that the two-cent postal rate of Canada, with various British possessions and for inland rate has gone into effect. Now I desire to ask a few questions in regard to the color of the two-cent denomination. The present shade is purple. According to the agreement of U. P. U., the color of the stamp necessary for foreign (single letter) postage, *must* be blue. Will the color of the two-cent stamp be changed to blue? Now according to U. P. U. the color of stamp necessary for inland (single letter) postage *must* be red. Will the color of the two-cent be changed to red?

As this reduction of rate only applies to certain countries, will it become necessary to change the color at all, or at least for foreign postage?

To sum up. There must be a 2-cent stamp color red. There will *perhaps* be a 2-cent stamp color blue; or the purple may remain.

The color of the five-cent stamp is already blue and to issue a two-cent stamp in the same shade, may cause much inconvenience, and unlimited trouble to all concerned.

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Soudan 1m to 10p, Set of 8	1.65
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1c carmine, unused, 4 cts.; per 10	.30
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LIBERTY STAMP CO.,
170 Tremont St., Boston, Mass.

Written for the ERA.

Advertising.

Much has been written of late regarding discounts from catalogue price of stamps, but we do not remember seeing anything on net price of advertising. It is difficult for any firm to put out a catalogue or price list of stamps where some other competitor would not cut the price and we see this in all lines of business. But a publisher can make a net rate for his advertising space and adhere to it, and thus use all his patrons alike. Suppose you are a grocer and a customer comes in and asks you the price of a certain grade of coffee, and upon your naming the price buys a pound and pays you the price asked. Soon another customer enters and, wanting the same brand of coffee, tells you that he cannot pay that price, and you let him have it at 25% to 60% less than your other customer paid for the same identical article. Would you consider this sound business policy, and how long would you hold the customer who pays you your price? Would you consider that you had been honest with him? That is the course pursued by several of our publications today. If the cut rate charged the shrewd advertiser is the value of the space he engages, is it not theft to take an additional amount from his competitor, and thus put him to an unequal advantage in the cost of conducting his business. It may be urged that every one should make as sharp a bargain as he can with the publisher, and that it is his own fault if he pays more than his neighbor, but is he not led to believe that the published rate is the price of the space, and liable to think he would be insulting the publisher by asking him to sell his goods for less money?

A publisher (who, by the way, never made a success in any of his ventures), once told the writer that he made a high rate for his space, as he could get contracts much easier with those rates, by offering liberal, confidential, discounts to the un-

suspecting advertiser, who imagined that he was getting a special advantage over his competitors, whereas there might be some who were getting the space much less than the cut rate he was signing a contract for. The publisher conducting a paper on this plan soon comes to grief.

Upon looking over the field, there are a great many curious things to note. One which particularly attracts the attention of the careful observer, is the reckless manner in which most advertisers place their advertising. Generally speaking, the advertiser knows nothing about the circulation that he chooses for his announcements, beyond the statements of the publisher, and this is often very untrustworthy. In addition to this, it must be admitted that the paper that has the largest circulation is not always the best medium, especially when the paid circulation is only a small proportion of the total circulation. Those who buy a year's subscription to a paper are generally the ones who value it most, read it more carefully, and spend their money for the bargains appearing therein. A judicious sample circulation is of value to the advertisers, but the usual sample copy distribution of 1000 copies is not worth 100 copies paid for. Further than this advertisers do not as a general thing spend the time to prepare a "catchy" ad, and change it often, and thus lose the advantage of having their announcements read.

A bright weekly is published in the town in which I live, and only one merchant changes his advertisement every week, and his announcements always catch my eye, and I notice that others mention the fact to me of his breezy changes. The same moss-grown announcement appearing every week or month in a really good medium cannot produce the results that constant changes bring about. Again, a paper with a dearth of solid reading matter does not hold the readers' attention long enough to insure his reading of the advertisements, and if in addition there is an oversupply of ads the effect is intensified. In a publication where a hundred dealers are offering their goods, the chance of profit is less than when he has less competitors, for he must study to underbid his competitors without knowing what their prices will be.

I have often seen a single stamp advertised at four or five different prices by different dealers in the same publication, some of the prices being 50 to 100% above the lowest price quoted. Still the condition may have had something to do with the different prices, but how is the collector to know it? It has always seemed to me that the dealer who quoted only a few leaders and obtaining new customers, made himself solid with them, holding them as permanent patrons, was the most successful. But I have digressed slightly, and will let the matter rest where it is for the present.

J. F. DODGE.

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50c Life Insurance.....	1.50	.05
50c Mortgage.....	.85	.03
50c Original Process.....	.95	.01
50c Passage Ticket.....	2.50	.08
50c Probate of Will.....	1.50	.50
\$1.00 Conveyance.....	.18	.10
\$1.00 Entry of Goods.....	.75	.03
\$1.00 Foreign Exchange.....	.50	.08
\$1.00 Island Exchange.....	.75	.05
\$1.00 Lease.....	1.00	.05
\$1.00 Life Insurance.....	2.50	.75
\$1.00 Manifest.....	1.25	.45
\$1.00 Mortgage.....	.65	2.25
\$1.00 Passage Ticket.....	4.25	3.75
\$1.00 Power of Attorney.....	.65	.04
\$1.00 Probate of Will.....	1.75	.90

Your album probably lacks the \$10.00 Charter Party imperforate, \$20.00 Probate of Will perforate and imperforate, \$200.00 1st issue perforate and imperforate, \$200.00 2nd issue. We can supply them. We have many other fine stamps. If interested write to us. Revenues are our specialty. Send us your want list, we can fill it.

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9	3p pink	2.00
12	6p vio. blk	2.50
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15	3p pink, ribbed paper	7.00
16	3p red	1.00
17	3p pink, perf. 12	5.00
18	3p red	1.75
24	10c violet black	1.25
30	17c blue	.70
46	1c br. red, wmkd.	1.25
48	8c green	1.50
49	3c red	.90
50	6c brown	4.00
51	12 1/2 blue	1.50
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877. KIMBALL, F. R., Waltham, Mass.

299. WETTERN, WM. V. D., JR., Baltimore, Md.

939. MOORE, A. M., Greenfield, Mass.

Membership Summary.

Membership last report	705
New Stockholders	1
Resignations accepted	6
Present membership	700

WM. N. HOWE, Secretary.

LAST CALL.

Secretary Wm. N. Howe has kindly consented to delay the publication of the "Year Book" a short time to allow all members to get in line. Don't wait but send your dues at once as you want to be in the best Philatelic Association on earth.

H. G. SMITH, Treasurer,
Winona, Minn.

REPORT OF THE SALES DEPARTMENT.

GEORGE R. TUTTLE, Superintendent,
87 Nassau St.
NEW YORK CITY, Nov. 26th, 1898.

1,316 books of stamps in circulation according to my report of Nov. 19th, valued at \$42,664.95

18 books received since Nov. 19th, valued at 597.77

Total number of books in circulation 1,328 valued at \$43,262.72

GEO. R. TUTTLE, Supt.

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From Our Regular Correspondent.

Toronto Letter.

Mr. W. Kelsey Hall, of Peterboro, was in Toronto last week. Mr. Hall's twelve-penny black of Canada I see is being offered for sale at four hundred and eighty-five dollars.

The officers of the Dominion Philatelic Association met in Toronto on Thanksgiving Day at Club rooms of the Toronto society. The various differences existing in the Association were discussed for some time. The matter of Mr. Muirhead's was left in the hands of the trustees, and the complaints in regard to the auction dept. was amicably settled. Among those present were: George Starnaman, W. Starnaman, F. I. Weaver, Berlin, Ontario; Chas. Applegate, Norman Matches, W. Grant, R. S. Mason, Hamilton; George W. Hicks, Mitchell; Chas Bailey, Walter McMahon, Wm. Myers, W. A. Lydiatt, Clifford Morden, F. A. Breton, E. McGilluray, John Hulme Lowe, Toronto.

It is expected that the commemorative stamp of Canada will be on sale Monday, December 26th.

It is understood that under the new arrangement each colony will continue to use the stamp of that colony which comes nearest to the value of the English penny.

Mr. George W. Hicks, late of Mitchell, Ontario, has entered into partnership with Mr. W. A. Lydiatt, the editor of the Canadian Philatelic Weekly, of Toronto.

The numeral is to be added to post cards shortly.

JOHN HULME LOWE.

EXCHANGES.

One notice is allowed each subscriber free if sent with his remittance, extra notices will be inserted at the uniform price of 10 cents each insertion. Non-subscribers 15 cents each insertion. Postively cash with notice. All notices must be for exchange and limited to thirty words, exclusive of the address, and must be written on a separate piece of paper. Notices offering articles for sale for cash, or offering to purchase for cash cannot be inserted here as they do not come under this head.

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Send me 100 assorted stamps, U. S. or F reign, no trash, and a stamped envelope, and I will send you 100 Japan, good variety. W. W. MacLaren, 604 E. Prospect St., Cleveland, Ohio. [91]

I desire to exchange with Plate Number collectors. Send me list of wants and I will send mine. My address hereafter, Arthur T. Clark, 455 Marlboro St., Boston, Mass.

What have you in the line of U. S. Entire Envelopes to offer and what do you want in exchange? Alfred E. Cole, 1230 East Front St., Plainfield, New Jersey.

Fine 10c 1861 August used, 9c Newspaper unused, 15c 1868 used and unused, large grill to exchange for fine U. S. stamps listing over \$1.00 each. Write today making offers. Franklin E. Smith, Newton, Massachusetts.

I have one of each of following U. S. stamps, uncancelled, to exchange for any U. S. or Foreign stamps or coins, not less than 25c each: Nos. 30, 34, 37, 38, 41, 42, 47, 48, 57, 59, 63, 70, 72, 73, 74, 87, 90, 97, 104, 135, 136, 156, 158, 159, 160, 166, 193, 194, 195, 196, 198, 199, 203, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 215, 216, 243, 246, 247, 250, 251, 254, 255, 257, 258, 267, 268, 293, 296, 299. N. Hausseiman, 1706 Market St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Will give good exchange from my approval books for 1 and 2d stamps of Great Britain of the issues prior to 1860, in lots of twenty-five or more. J. F. Johnson, 83 Thornton St., Boston, Mass. [91] 92

Banana plant bulbs, air plants, Spanish gray moss, color changing chameleons, beautiful ferns etc., in exchange for a good Kodak, or any good stamps. Enclose reply postage. Correspondence solicited. Peter J. Schuur, Kissimmee, Fl. rida.

Want blocks of 4, used, of Great Britain and Colonies. All kinds taken, common or scarce. In used blocks against good exchange. Also want un-used foreign. Have good duplicates. Member Manhattan Society. A. Herrmann, A16 Produce Exchange, N. Y. City. [92]

I have fine copy of \$1.00 and 50c Columbian, unused o. g., to exchange for \$1.00 and \$2.00 Omaha, unused o. g. Exchange desired with collectors of U. S. stamps. Lawrence J. Ickes, Davenport, Iowa.

For 150 used Omahas I will give a 10c or 12c Justice, or 6c State, new o. g. An unused U. S. stamp (catalogue 20c) for 7 Omahas. United States stamp (catalogue \$2.00) for 60 Omahas. No 1c or 2c Omahas taken. No damaged stamps taken or given. Lots of fine U. S. Postage, Department and Revenues to exchange for Omahas. Charles W. Cutter, Box 39, Cambridge, Mass. [92]

I want old U. S. Adhesives, Document and Proprietary Revenues. Will exchange U. S. Postage, Dept. and Revenues, Canada Postage and Bill stamps, Newfoundland and Hawaii. Send your stamps or write. E. H. Field, 7 Public Square, Galesburg, Ill. [92]

If you have Match or Medicine stamps to exchange send list to T. C. Keyes, Newbury, Vt.

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I wish to exchange Omaha Plate Numbers. Have a few other Plates to exchange for Omahas. Send duplicate and want list. Edward F. Weed, Rowayton, Ct.

Will take your duplicates at the following rates: 5c cat. 2c, 10c cat. 4c, 15, 20, 25 and 50c, at 1/2 and above these prices at 1/3, giving you stamps you want. Send stamps and want list. Stamp Exchange, 26 W. 131st St., New York. [91]

I will exchange 12 Homing pigeons or 12 Tumbler pigeons for stamps from approval sheets cataloguing \$10.00. United States Postage and Revenue and British Colonials preferred. I. Sprague, Wellesley Hills, Mass. [92]

I desire exchange with collectors. Send sheets of U. S. Postage, Departments, Dues, Spectal Delivery and British North America and receive my sheets. E. Bull, Jr., Care Union Bank, New London, Conn. [91]

Alfon Stark, 751 Park Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y., wants all the "Happy Days" bicycle coupons he can get from numbers between 212 and 223. Scott's Nos. 9 and 21 Lagos, used, and many other good stamps for them. [90]

I wish to exchange Omaha and I. R. Plate Numbers with other Plate Number collectors. Send Want List and also a list of what you have to exchange. C. S. Stiles, Warren, Ohio. [90]

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Under this head we print all notices not properly belonging to our exchange department, such as business announcements, want and for sale notices, etc., etc., at the uniform low rate of five (5) cents per line. Eight words average a line. All notices will be set in solid 6-point type and no display allowed. Minimum charge to cents.

"Boston Stamp Book" Vol. I., 60 cts.; II., 50 cts.; III., 35 cts. F. G. Miller, Porter St., Melrose, Mass.

20 var. Canada Law stamps 15c, 20 var. Canada Bill stamps 10c; both soc. 150 var & album, 20c. All post free. Crescent Stamp Co., Hawkesbury, N. S., Can.

U. S. Omaha 4c new o. g. 6c; Omaha 8c new o. g. 10c. H. K. MOYER, Easton, Pa.

Send 5 cents (in unused stamps) for sample copy of Shaw's California Souvenir Postal Cards. W. H. SHAW, 241 S. Ave. 18, East Los Angeles, California.

Complete Set of Columbians unused \$16.75. Who is first to get it? C. W. BLAIR, Wyoming, O. [92]

Plate No. 526, 1c green, valued at \$15.00 or over to sell or exchange. Make offers. Mrs. WALLACE D. SMITH, 20 Wibird St., Portsmouth, N. H. c

I want Omaha Plate Numbers 597, 608, 616, 626, 627, 628, 630, 636, 646, 659, 660, 664, 667, 671, 672, 674, 681, 685, 689, 691, 694, 700 to 716 inclusive. Name your price. Arthur T. Clark, 455 Marlboro St., Boston, Mass.

Headache cured 5c, trial 9c, failures av. 45; try A. N. P. NEURO PHAR. CO., Sta. B., Cincinnati, O. [99]

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Canada 5c Jubilee new o. g. 7c; Maple leaf 5c new o. g. (obsolete) 7c. H. K. MOYER, Easton, Pa.

Foreign Postage and U. S. Revenues on approval at 60% discount. E. A. Kelly, 713 LaSalle St., Ottawa, Ill.

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1862 Confederate 10c rose cancelled, \$2.00 1863 Confederate 2c rose, 5 on part cover, 2.00 1863 20c green Confederate, o. c., 1.00 Money refunded if stamps are not as represented. J. M. BROWNE, Denver, S. C. c

I can still supply a few 3c Documentaries part rouletted; pairs 35 cts., blocks same rate. Get them now or you'll be sorry bye and bye. It's surely the rarest 1858 revenue. H. J. DOUGLASS, Champlain, N. Y.

Boys, here's a chance: 20 stamps to sell from 1 to 100 each (value over \$2.50), 2 blank sheets and hinges, all for 25c. A set of 4 scarce Newfoundland stamps free with this lot (worth 25c alone). Best English Hinges, 10c per 1000. DOMINION STAMP CO., 6 Beaver Hall Hill, Montreal, Can. [91]

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Omahas Wanted! We will pay the following prices for used Omahas in good condition: 1c.....\$0.15 per 1000. 2c......40 " 3c......150 " 4c......200 " 5c......1.00 " 6c......30 each. F. N. MASSOTH & CO., [90] 651 Marquette Bldg., CHICAGO, ILL.

Newspaper Clippings.

FACTS ABOUT POST OFFICES.

NEW YORK HAS MOST OF PRESIDENTIAL AND PENNSYLVANIA OF FOURTH CLASS.

The report of Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Bristow for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1898, shows that there were at the close of the fiscal year 73,570 post offices in the United States; 3,816 presidential and 69,754 fourth class. The net increase in the number of post offices for the fiscal year was 2,548

The state having the largest number of presidential post offices is New York, with 330, followed by Pennsylvania, with 284, Illinois with 257, Iowa with 212 and Ohio with 208. The states having the smallest number of presidential post offices are Wyoming and Nevada, with 8 each, Utah with 10, Arizona with 11 and Delaware, Indian territory and New Mexico with 12 each.

The states having the greater number of fourth-class post offices rank as follows: Pennsylvania heads the list with 4,871, New York next with 3,394, Virginia with 3,297, Ohio with 3,175 and North Carolina with 2,898.

The states having the smallest number of fourth-class post offices are, the scale rising as follows: Rhode Island, 135; Delaware, 160; Nevada, 173; Arizona, 190; Wyoming, 293.

A very interesting table in the report is one showing the compensation of fourth-class postmasters by states. In this table Massachusetts heads the list, showing an average compensation for her fourth-class postmasters of \$335.62 per annum, followed by Rhode Island, \$319.36, and Connecticut, \$283.48.

The state showing the smallest average compensation for her fourth-class postmasters is North Carolina, \$85.72, the scale rising with Tennessee, \$86.08, second, and Alabama, \$92.74, third.

The fourth-class post office is the post office of the masses. The great mass of the American people patronize these offices, and the average compensation of fourth-class postmasters shows quite clearly the extent to which the mails are used by the masses of the people in the respective states.

THE DISTRICT THIRD.

Another very interesting table sets forth the amount expended per capita in the use of the mails by the people of the various states. In this list Massachusetts stands first with an expenditure of \$2.30 per capita in the use of the mails, New York second, expending \$2.27; District of Columbia third, \$2.16; Colorado fourth, \$1.93; Connecticut fifth, \$1.80. The states ranking lowest in this table are South Carolina, \$0.25 per capita; Mississippi, \$0.34; Alabama, \$0.35; Arkansas, \$0.37; North Carolina, \$0.41.

The total number of appointments made during the fiscal year was 25,653.

The report sets forth the fact that a large

number of inspectors were detailed to apprehend depredators upon soldiers' mail and to take charge of stations established for the purpose of distributing mail to the soldiers.

Another interesting feature of the report is the postal facilities for Alaska. Inspectors were detailed to reorganize the mail service in this territory, which resulted in the establishment of a line of post offices from the Canadian border to the Bering sea, a distance of about 2,000 miles, and many other needed improvements were made in the mail service in Alaska upon the recommendation of these inspectors.

A number of recommendations are made by the fourth assistant postmaster general which are worthy of attention, one being that a severer penalty be provided for employes of the service who may be found guilty of embezzling or destroying newspaper mail.

NEW ENVELOPES FOR REGISTERED MATTER.

Another recommendation is that more stringent statutes be enacted covering the transmission of "green goods" and obscene matter through the mails, and that a special stamped envelope of superior material, of the denomination of 10 cents, be adopted in lieu of the present system of registering letters. Many losses occur in the mails because of the poor quality of the envelope in which the articles are inclosed. A strong envelope of the value of 10 cents, as a registered envelope, is recommended instead of the registry stamp.

It is also recommended that all money order offices be inspected annually, which would be a radical extension of the inspection system and would doubtless be of great advantage to the service.—*Washington Star*.

4 Var. Maple Leaf Stamps Free
to all sending 50c for year's sub. to *Montreal Philatelist*: 50 to 36 pages, well printed, always interesting. R. C. BACH, 452 Sanguinet St., Montreal, Canada. [92]

United States	
1895 50c orange, very fine copies	\$0.07
1895 \$1.00 black	.28
1895 \$5.00 green	1.50
Pairs of the above at double prices.	
Canada	
Jubilee 1/2c, unused or used, in blocks, strips or pairs, each	.17
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Sets 1/2 to 50c inclusive, used, fine copies	1.60
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Maple Leaf Issue 1/2 to 10c, unused, in blocks, strips, or single, at	45c a Set
Maple Leaf Issue, 1/2 to 10c, used	25c a Set
1851 6 pence, laid paper, very fine copies	3.80
1852 6 " wove "	2.40
1857 6 " thick spongy wove paper, very fine	4.50
1855 10 " wove paper, very fine copies	6.50
1859 12 1/2c green, good copies	.25
1859 17c blue	.90
1863 10c and 50c blue, good copies, the two	.28
1875 Registers, 3c orange, unused o. g.	.10
1875 " 5c vermilion, "	.18
1875 " 3c yellow green, unused o. g.	.20
1875 " 5c blue "	.13
1875 " 8c unused o. g.	1.60
Block of 4 fine centered, superb copies, for	6.75
1860 Envelope Entire 10c, extra fine condition, a snap	2.75

PRIVATE POST CARDS. THE DEAR PUBLIC DOESN'T SEEM TO UNDERSTAND THEM.

Like all new laws the act of May 19, 1898, is not wholly understood by the public. This law provides for private mailing cards which shall not be more than 3 1/4 inches wide and 5 1/2 inches long; and not less than 2 15-16 inches wide, and 4 15-16 long. These cards must also be white, cream, light gray, or the color of the government card, and must have printed on the address side, "Private Mailing Card—Authorized by Act of Congress, May 19, 1898." The law was framed with the idea of saving money for large users of postal cards, as they can be produced privately, including the postage, for less than the government sells them.

Where the public makes its mistake is in sending out private cards bearing writing of greater size than prescribed by the law. Although there is a weight limit of four pounds, there is no limit to the size of circular and mail matter and a card which bears printed correspondence only, as a circular, and goes for 1 cent. A written card of any size can go for 2 cents, but the card of private manufacture must be within the size limit to go as postal card rates and it is misunderstanding of this distinction that brings many printers and business men to the postoffice these days.

At the postmasters' convention in Detroit recently the assistant postmaster of New Haven, Conn., proposed an ingenious system of remitting small sums of money by attaching the amount to be paid in stamps to a postal card or private mailing card, the stamps to be presented for payment at the stamp window in the central station or substations of the receiving office, card and all. The receiver was to identify himself and the amount was limited to \$1. If this system is adopted it will cause a decrease in the small money order business.—*Minneapolis Journal*, Nov. 10, '98.

Hawaii 188a 10c, unused or used, fine copies	\$1.00
" 188a 15c, used, fine copies	1.50
" 1875 12c, unused, "	.90
" 1893 50c, "	.90
Newfoundland 1863 unused o. g., 4 pence lake	.45
" 1863 " 6 " "	.40
" 1863 " 1 shilling lake	.80
Strip or Blocks of above at same rate.	
Newfoundland 1865 5 pence, red brown, unused o. g.	.90
" 1867 1c violet, unused o. g.	1.25
" 1867 1c brown lilac, unused or used	1.25
" 1866 13c orange	.80
(Blocks or Strips of the 13c at same rate.)	
Newfoundland 1867 3c vermilion, unused o. g.	2.00
" 1867 5c black, "	2.95
" 1896 5 var. Re-iss ue "	.50
" 1897 1c to 60c Cabot Set, unused o. g.	3.00
New Brunswick 1, 2, 5, 10, 12 1/2 & 17c, unused, fine, per Set	.65
Prince Edward Island 1, 6 & 12c, 2, 3 & 4 pence, unused, fine, per Set	.65
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We have enough to supply any ordinary demand. Any stamp may be returned and the money will be refunded. All stamps are in fine condition only.	
We are prepared to send out selections of United States, British North America and high value new issues, etc., on approval at 50 to 65% discount from catalogue prices. Our books contain stamps only in fine condition and we are confident that the reasonable prices we mark our stamps at will find in you a steady customer.	
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Have Been Mustered Out of the Army
But not out of the
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A FEW SHOTS AT U. S.
Columbians, set, new, o. g. \$16.50
1894, 50c, \$1, \$2, \$5, new, o. g. 9.00
Agriculture, set, new, o. g. 16.00
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State, 1c new, o. g. 1.00
Due, 1892, 1c to 50c light claret, used 1.00
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Your money back if you are not satisfied.
What more can I say. Can't I see your want list?
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New Issue, 1895-97.

311-2c green and black \$0.04
312-6c lilac06
313-6x6c lilac10
314-2c brown03
314-2c brown, used05
315-8c carmine07
316-8x8c carmine12

1898 PROVISIONALS.
312 and 313 Surcharged, "2 cents"
On 31250
" first half of 31320
" second half of 31320
SUPPLY LIMITED.
Order quick to avoid disappointment.

POSTAL CARD REPORTER
No. 3, now in press. It is FREE.
A. LOHMEYER,
922 N. Gilmer St., BALTIMORE, MD.

"A CLOSE CALL."

When we issued a card to our contract advertisers and a few others the latter part of last week under the above heading, we did not expect to issue more than a twelvener for this, our December "Special," and we were contented as our regular work had our time pretty well engaged. Accordingly when our Wednesday's and Thursday morning's mails brought us nearly all of the extra advertising in this issue, it can easily be seen the "close call" we had. However we shall manage to have nearly our entire regular mail in the post office before mid-night, while the balance and the sample edition will go Monday A. M. We wish to thank our many dealer-friends for their prompt patronage, and trust our readers will give the many announcements and bargain offers to be found in our columns their "due consideration."

Mr. M. F. Billings informs me that the 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10-cent Columbian stamps are still on sale at the Hartley, Iowa, post office.

Circular-letters to the members of the Philatelic Sons of America have been mailed by Mr. F. D. Sawyer, the Exchange Superintendent, soliciting their patronage to the Department, which he desires to make "useful as well as ornamental."

Mr. Robie has our thanks for a copy of his book "Stamp Hunting" which came to hand a few days ago. We have not yet had an opportunity to read it, but don't think anyone would regret spending fifty cents for the sake of perusing its 250 odd pages written in Robie's inimitable style. Our supply of the books, we regret to say, has not yet put in its appearance, for some unaccountable reason. They were to have been shipped us direct from the publishers, and will probably show up soon.

Bogert & Durbin Co.'s 114th auction sale is scheduled for Saturday afternoon, December 17th, at their Philadelphia offices. Over 500 lots are listed in the catalogue.

The priced catalogue of this Company's 111th sale has been received. Copies can be had for 25 cents each, of the Company.

Plate Numbers of Proprietary Stamps.

ISSUE OF 1898.

Mr. J. M. Bartels has kindly furnished us with a complete list of the plate numbers of the new Proprietary stamps. This list is compiled from official sources and is complete up to date. Next month we expect to print a similar official list of the plate numbers of the new Documentary stamps.

7960.	7963.	7972.	7976.	8124.	8125.
8135.	8143.	8265.	8274.	8287.	8439.
1/2 CENT.					
7962.	7981.	7992.	7994.	8104.	8105.
8119.	8120.	8336.	8344.	8346.	8349.
3/4 CENT.					
7957.	7968.	7979.	7982.	8185.	8197.
8200.	8206.				
5/8 CENT.					
7964.	7969.	7974.	7978.	8002.	8006.
8024.	8061.	8064.	8068.	8069.	8224.
8225.	8230.	8235.	8330.	8331.	8339.
8340.					
1 CENT.					
7926.	7928.	7938.	7939.	8055.	8266.
8444.	8446.	8455.			
1 1/4 CENT.					
8019.	8023.	8044.	8046.	8053.	8058.
8351.	8352.	8353.	8358.		
1 1/2 CENT.					
8362.	8365.	8370.	8375.		
2 CENTS.					
7945.	7950.	9752.	7956.	8462.	8467.
8473.	8475.				
2 1/2 CENTS.					
8021.	8047.	8054.	8056.	8059.	
3 1/4 CENTS.					
8357.	8359.	8363.	8369.		
4 CENTS.					
7944.	7949.	7953.	7959.	8463.	8468.
8472.					
5 CENTS.					
8014.	8347.	8456.			

—Post Office.

"Your Ads Set Well"

Wrote one of our critics. This is more than we can say of our Thanksgiving chicken. They worked an old Rooster onto us and it didn't set worth a cuss word. But we have set our mind on giving you our usual weekly song and dance here for one more year and are going to woop up **Porto Rico Revenues**. Send for an approval lot and see how they look. A set should be in every collection as a souvenir of our late war.

LEWIS ROBIE,
631 West Adams St., CHICAGO, ILL.
"Stamp Hunting" now ready and for sale every where at 50c a copy. Sent by return mail on receipt of price.

GOOD U. S. REVENUES

\$3.00 Manifest, imp.	Cat. \$2.00	Price \$0.80
\$3.00 Charter Party	2.00	.80
\$1.00 Passage Ticket, perf.	7.00	3.50
\$1.00 Probate of Will, perf.	1.75	.85
\$50.00 U. S. Revenue, perf.	4.00	2.00
\$20.00 ad issue, perf.	15.00	8.00
Am. Match Co. (Eagle)	1.00	.50
G. W. H. Davis, 1c carmine	2.00	1.00

STAMP CO Coldwater, Mich.

Please mention this paper when answering advertisements.

Half Catalogue.

I have a complete set of Departments in beautiful condition, all nicely centered and Post Office state, which I offer at the following prices:

Agriculture, Complete	\$18.00
Executive, "	30.00
Interior, "	3-75
Justice, "	60.00
Navy, "	26.00
Post Office, "	5.00
State, 1c to 90c	30.00
\$2 State	16.00
\$5 "	115.00
\$10 "	45.00
\$20 "	40.00

The \$ States have never had a bludge on them and are perfect.

Treasury, complete, unused	\$10.00
War, complete	3.00

Special.

1894 Postage Dues, 1c to 50c used	.70
" " " 1c to 10c Inc. "	.12
1895 50c orange, used .....	.06
" \$1.00 black, " .....	.25
" \$2.00 blue, "	1.25

Plate Numbers.

50c Omaha Plate Number	\$1.30
\$1.00 " " "	2.60
\$2.00 " " "	4.75
\$5.00 N.P.surch. U.S.I.Rev.strip 3	20.00

Revenues.

60c Second Issue .....	.40
70c " " .....	.35
\$1.00 Present Issue, used .....	.05
\$5.00 " " .....	.50
1/2c Doc. orange, unused .....	.04

The above are all in fine condition. If not pleased your money will be refunded. *

A. C. Townsend,
1526 O St., Washington D. C.

**Cottlow's...
Chicago Correspondence.**

Wednesday, November 28th.

"Stamp Hunting" has at last put in its appearance and not having been favored with a copy I can give it only a casual review.

A glance at its pages reveals much of Robie's characteristic humor, which is more like that of Mark Twain than that of any other author; and I believe that if Mr. R. were to turn his attention to works that would be read and appreciated more by the public at large than will "Stamp Hunting" he would score a decided success. His preface is one of the most sensible things of the kind that I have ever read; when he says that if the book should receive adverse comments and still sells well, it is a success, while no matter how much praise it should evoke, if it doesn't sell, it is a failure

In answering advertisements please be sure to mention this paper. It is of great importance to us.

VERY SMALL . .

Prices for such very good stamps. Not high priced, very, but they don't appear on the lists every day at these figures.

	Our Price.	Cat. Price.
90c U. S. 1893, -	30c	\$0.65
50c U. S. 1894, -	15c	.40
15c U. S. 1890, -	3c	.08
10c U. S. 1870, -	8c	.20
5c U. S. 1875, -	4c	.10
4c U. S. 1883, -	2c	.03
3c U. S. 1867, 9x13 grill, 1c		.02
3c U. S. 1857, 11x13 " 3c		.05
15c U. S. 1867, 9x13 " 60c		1.50
1 to 10c U. S. 1893 (Columbian), -	10c	.34
10c U. S. 1861, -	7c	.15
10c U. S. 1867, 9x13 grill, pair, -	50c	1.20
1c U. S., No. 193, -	6c	.15
1c U. S., No. 205, -	2c	.05
1c U. S., No. 206, -	2c	.05
1c U. S., No. 207, -	2c	.05

Send Addressed Stamped Envelope with Order.

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We Pay Spot Cash for good U. S. Postage and Revenue Stamps. Send us your duplicates with your best prices. Stamps not wanted returned same day.

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I have however one criticism to make and it is one which I have heard others comment on, also. On the cover he has illustrated four varieties of Canadian revenues, none of which are at all rare and which do not attract the attention of the great majority of collectors who do not collect these stamps, to say nothing of the non-collecting public.

If he had illustrated his cover with cuts of rarities like the Millbury, Brattleboro, N. S. shilling, Confederate locals and a few other things of which even the laity may have heard, it would look much more in keeping with the title than the pictures which he has on it. To run the very first page to such a specialty might lead one to believe that the book was an account of his experience with Canadian revenues, while if I'm not mistaken they play little or no part therein.

Mr. W. G. Jerrens Jr. is back from a three months' stay in St. Louis.

Mr. Geo. B. Ward, the photo man, has invented a new "Watermark Mirror" which is the best thing of the kind out.

It is on the same principle as the ferro-type plate and is to be used like it, with benzine. Instead of one reflecting surface that the tin plate has, he has a combination by which this service is trebled and the image is shown three times more distinctly.

He will probably have his invention on the market shortly.

Mr. Wolsieffer has shown me a set of the new Guatemala surcharges which were made to fill a shortage in the one, six and ten centavo values.

They are on the various values of the 1886 issue and the surcharge is in different style of type for each of the three values made.

The surcharge is as follows being changed of course to suit each value:

	1898	1 centavo
The full set as received by him consists of eleven stamps. Scott's 58th numbers.		
No. 33, 1 on 5c, red surcharge.		
" 36, 1 " 25c, black surcharge.		
" 37, 1 " 50c, red surcharge.		
" 38, 1 " 75c, black surcharge.		
" 33, 6 " 5c, red surcharge.		
" 34, 6 " 10c, black surcharge.		
" 35, 6 " 20c, " " "		
" 39, 6 " 100c, " " "		
" 40, 6 " 150c, red surcharge.		
" 41, 6 " 200c, " " "		
" 35, 10 " 20c, " " "		

The 1 centavo surcharge is in Roman type and the 6 and 10c each in a different style of block type.

They ought to prove to be quite scarce as I understand the supply was limited and they have since surcharged revenues for postal use.

Set U. S. Proofs,
177 Stamps, all Departments, Newspaper and Regular Issues up to 1886, in fine condition—as they came from the Department.
Price \$22 00. VERY CHEAP.

Ceylon 1883 4c Rose, Unused, in Single, Blocks and Pairs, at 8c each. Catalogue 35c each.
Brown & Durling Match stamp 1c green, cat. \$4.00..... Price \$1.75
Canada Jubilee Set 1/2c to 50c, unused, *mint* " 2.05
Newfoundland Cabot complete, unused... " 2.75
St. Lucia, the famous 1898 2 pence, unused " .15
U. S. 1898 Proprietary 1 1/2c plum, " " .06
Guatemala 1898, surcharged, 10 varieties... " 1.50
U. S. Entire Envelope 1874 3c, Die C on white, cat. \$7 00... " 1.85
U. S. 90c purple, unused, not well centered " 1.15
" 3c scarlet 1862, penmarked..... " 60.00
Our new Price List is out. Send for it.

F. N. MASSOTH & CO.,
681 Marquette Bldg., CHICAGO, ILL.

Approval Selections.

I ask you to give me a trial, either in U. S. or foreign, and I therefore say this:

If you write me for a selection of either U. S. or Foreign stamps I will send them to you, paying postage and registration both ways, and return you the postage it cost you to write me.

So you can look over what I send you and return if not pleased, without any loss to yourself.

Isn't that Fair?

As to quality and price, I guarantee to please.

Why not write me To-day, you will not regret it.

HERMAN LECHNER,
McClintock Avenue,
ALLEGHENY, PA.; U. S. A.
P. S. You need only mention some bank or commercial firm whom you know.

CANADA 🌿 🌿

3 pence perforated, fair copy..... \$1 50
1/2c Jubilee unused..... .20
Jubilee 1/2, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8c used, per set .45
Maple Leaf Issue 1/2, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8c, " .10
Numeral Issue 1/2, 1, 2, 3, 8c, " .06
Newfoundland 1898, 1/2, 1, 2, 3, unused .12

Orders under twenty-five cents respectfully declined. A Jubilee post card free with every order from above.

JOHN HULME LOWE,
49 Adelaide St., East, Toronto.

BACK NUMBERS

THE PHILATELIC ERA
Can be supplied at the Era office only at the following prices:

Vol. I. complete (6 Nos.) 50 cents. Single copy No. 4, 10 cents.
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Vol. IV. 3 Nos. (complete except No. 6), 15 cents; single copies, except No. 6, 3 cents each. No. 6 we cannot supply.
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Vol. VI. complete (12 Nos.), comprising 488 pages, 75 cents. Single copies (except No. 1) 10 cts. No. 1 25 cents.
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Vol. IX. complete (32 Nos.) \$1.25. Single copies, except No. 19, 5 cts. each; No. 19, 15 cts.
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Current number 3 cents per copy. All back numbers of Vol. XI., 5 cts. each.

The Editor's Spears.

A GOOD SUGGESTION.

A *Weekly* subscriber suggests that inasmuch as so much satisfaction is expressed at the action of the catalogue proprietors in not issuing the work this year, it would be a good plan to publish the catalogue once in two years only, as a regular thing. He says that a supplementary list could be issued, as intended this year, in the intervening years.—*Weekly Stamp News.*

THE NEW STANDARD CATALOGUE.

For some time past dame rumour has been busy prophesying that the new Gibbons' Catalogue (which is expected in the spring of next year) will be notable for its extraordinary reduction in prices. In fact, pessimists declare that every country and colony, almost without exception, will show at least a 50 per cent. reductions off the prices in the 1897 edition. We do not know upon what information the pessimists found their prediction, but if the rumours which come Rushden way are to be relied upon, those particular pessimists will have a remarkable awakening. Instead of an all round lowering of prices, we believe the new catalogue will show a startling advance, especially in the stamps of some of the West African Colonies, and in unused and superb used stamps of Australasia. Whatever reductions are made it must be remembered that Gibbons' rates are always *net.*, so that even the reduced prices should have the effect of sending up market rates for really good stamps. We believe that collectors of British West African stamps

will be wise in completing their sets as far as possible *before* the new catalogue appears, as the surprises in store will show how scarce many African stamps really are. Only a large firm like Stanley Gibbons, Ltd., can correctly gauge the values of stamps, for in keeping up their stock books they naturally find out which stamps are most difficult to obtain.—*Stamps.*

WHEN IS A POSTAGE STAMP NOT A POSTAGE STAMP?

"S. E. L.," the Boston correspondent of the *WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA*, commits himself to the assertion that the United States "Special Delivery" stamps are not postage stamps. He works it out this way: "It is especially stated in the rules and regulations made by the powers that run the postal business of this country that a special delivery stamp will not pay postage and can only be used in connection with other stamps to be of any use whatsoever. Therefore a special delivery stamp can not be a postage stamp."

Rather a large assertion, this! Does not the special delivery stamp pay for accelerated postage? By some of the most competent authorities in this country the British Railway Letter Fee stamps are undoubtedly postage stamps. And the U. S. A. "Special Deliveries" are practically on all fours with these labels.—*Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly.*

DANGEROUS STAMPS TO BUY.

URUGUAY:—The early stamps of this Republic, which are among the moderate rarities of South America, have been very extensively forged—especially the three stamps of the first issue, and the 100, 120 and 240c., of 1864. With regard to these latter, Mr. Robert Ehrenbach, a great authority on Uruguay, recently gave the following useful particulars:

"120c., blue; 240c., red.—Firstly, the blue colour is too much of an ultramarine, and the red colour too orange, in these forgeries. The distance between the first 'c' of 'CORREO' on the left, and the outer border above 'MONTEVIDEO,' is 15 mm. on the forgeries, and 14½-14¾ on the originals. There is also a slight difference in this measurement on the right side, but not so pronounced. In the forgeries of these two values the 'x' in 'CORREO' on the right has curved lines on the top and bottom ('æ'), which is not the case in the originals. The left eyebrow is straight in the forgeries, and curved in the originals. These are the chief differences.

"The 100.—The dash after 'CORREOS' on the right is scarcely visible, and the word 'CORREO' slightly larger than in the originals. The colour of this stamp is too much of a brownish hue, and there are discrepancies in the position of the rays. This is the most dangerous of the three."

Some New Stamps!

- Netherland 1 guld, Queen..... 70c
- (Said to have been withdrawn.)
- Cape of Good Hope 4d pale drab..... 12c
- " " ½d green..... 2c
- "British Protectorate" on English ½, 1, 2, 3, 4, 6d, Set for..... 50c
- British Guiana 1898, Picture Set..... 50c
- Cook Isle 2d, 6d, 1sh, new design, 3 for..... 60c
- British South Africa 6d, "..... 18c

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But even with these detailed warnings before him the young collector is in danger of being defrauded, for the forgeries have a very guileless and respectable look. Early Uruguays, in fact, should only be purchased on the guarantee of some responsible person.—*Stamps.*

In the issue of November 17th the *Weekly* published a list, taken from the *PHILATELIC ERA*, of the I. R. plate numbers, with prices annexed. While these were the market prices at the time of the compilation of the list, over a month ago, the quotations have changed very materially since that time. A great number of the commoner plates have been found and placed on the market, and the production of these have naturally lowered the prices on those plates in the neighborhood of from 25 to 50 per cent. Most of the plates quoted in the list referred to at 25 cents are now put at 15 cents, and a similar reduction has been made in those of nearly all of this class. On the other hand, the scarcer numbers have been advanced, as it is very difficult to find them in any quantity.—*Weekly Stamp News.*

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1894 20c brown.....	.30
1896 1c lilac brown.....	.03
1896 2c claret.....	.02
1896 2½c rose.....	.02
1896 5c slate blue.....	.05
1896 10c emerald green.....	.08
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For the WEEKLY ERA.

Rambler's Notes.

THE 1860 ISSUE.

I recently had the pleasure of inspecting a file of old reports of the U. S. Postmaster Generals, ranging from 1835 to 1860. These reports are interesting and invaluable, for instance, we are informed in the report of 1860 that the plates had been prepared during that year for 24c, 30c and 90c values and stamps then first supplied to Postmasters of these denominations, so it is impossible for the catalogues which give the issue of these values as 1856 to be right. Both Imperforate and perforated must have been issued in 1860 and probably ceased in 1861, which explains why they are so scarce used, especially on original envelope.

Referring to my album of U. S. covers I find a pair of the 30c value was addressed to Lyons, France, from New York, July 17, 1861 (received July 28), and a 24c mailed in Philadelphia, May 1st, 1861, addressed to "Cape Haytien" Hayti, but none prior to these dates.

Mr. Kendall, the Postmaster General, in his report of 1835 lays great stress upon the future of the railroad in developing the mail facilities of the future and seems to have been endowed with prophetic intuition, altho' the stage coach routes at that time were in a vast predominance to the few railroad lines available at that early day.

John F. Seybold of Syracuse swooped down on us recently with the second bewildering installment of finest lot of stamps on original covers ever seen here. Fancy blue Triancria Naples on original paper, Oldenburgs in strips (which are difficult to obtain singly off the letters); 2c numeral Hawaii Inter-island 1st issue, 13c red, etc., all on the original letters.

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Mr. S's visit was appropos, as I find his 24c, 30c and 90c of 2nd U. S. issue on covers were all used in 1860-61.

Your hapless correspondent has been the recipient of a perfect torrent of criticism regarding the recent article on "New Issues," but Mr. Seybold told me he had called especially to endorse every word of the article which he had read in the ERA, and this goes farther to inspire my confidence in the justice of my position on the speculative new issues, with which Philately is rapidly becoming swamped. Still I hate to measure words with the ERA's Boston correspondent, as those gentlemen from the "modern Athens" have the faculty of using flowery and convincing linguistic arguments. But I don't believe Chinese Locals will ever secure even a "short-lived boom" or that the Omaha stamps will ever be bringing a good price above face. The Columbian issue has had five years run and last week all I could get for \$100.00 face value of higher denominations o. g. in strips and blocks was 15% LESS than face, which don't look much like the increasing value the many old issues have had.

I wish to correct any impression that I am a speculator or boomer in British North American stamps, altho' practically complete in that group and having a good stock in both old and new issues, I regret to say that the speculative modern new issue taint has crept into this interesting group and no doubt affected the value of all old issues, and I regret to state that I have kept right along and bought the Canada Jubilee and Newfoundland mushroom issues and seriously think of hiring someone to kick me around the block for so doing, but when it came to the New Zealand "Kit and Kat Flock" my eyes were opened and I closed in on one, as the theatrical cult say, and am buying no more new issues to discount, after holding five years, at 15% below face.

There are so many fine old collections in Boston and I really cannot see what charms this new and trashy common stamps can have in that city, altho' I am open to acknowledge that the demands of stamp collectors have kept up the engravers' art to a high standard of excellence in order to produce the attractive chromos which some governments have launched for almost exclusive purpose of selling to philatelists, but none have excelled the early Ceylon or even the "Cents" issue of Nova Scotia which a legitimate find of remainders has placed at a more reasonable figure.

All in all I am confident the "New Issue" is not only absorbing too much of the collector's spare cash but also producing an endless aggregation of stamps which one can never thoroughly understand.
EDGAR NELTON.

A NEW THING IN JANUARY Philatelic Trade and Exchange List

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1/2 sh, unused.....	2.80
MALTA 1888, New Issue Being Made,	
1/2, 1, 2, 3, 4, 6d, 1sh, unused.....	.60
MALTA 1888 Complete,	
1/2, 1, 2, 3, 4, 6d, 1sh, unused.....	2.00
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1/2, 1, 2, 3, and 6c pink, 12c brown, unused...	.35
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1/2, 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8d, 1sh, unused.....	1.00
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10 1863 4p lake, unused.....	.85	.42
25 1863 6p " ".....	.75	.35
25 1863 1sh " ".....	1.50	.70
39 1866 3c green, ".....	1.00	.50
28 1866 10c black, used.....	1.50	.75
34 1866 12c pale red brown, unused...	.60	.30
37 1867-73 7c violet, unused.....	2.50	1.20
38 1867-73 7c brown lilac, unused.....	2.50	1.20
41 1867-73 5c black, used.....	5.00	2.35
43 1876 7c violet brown, used.....	1.50	.75
45 1876 3c blue, used.....	1.00	.50
1897, Jubilee issue, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6c, unused...	.37	.18
1897 Prov. issue 1c on 3c, Type I., unused...	.50	.25
1897 " " 1c on 3c, Type II., ".....	1.25	.62
1897 1c carmine, 5c orange, unused.....	.07	.03
1898 1/2c olive, 1c green, 3c orange, unused...	.09	.04

Nova Scotia

8 1860-64 1c black, used.....	.60	.30
9 1860-64 2c mauve, ".....	.75	.35
10 1860-64 5c blue, ".....	.35	.17
11 1860-64 10c carmine, used.....	2.00	.85
19 1860-64 1 1/2c black, ".....	1.50	.74

Prince Edward Island

4 1864 1p yellow orange.....	2.00	.95
11 1868 3p rose, unused.....	.20	.09
12 1868 3p blue, ".....	.20	.09
13 1868 4p black, ".....	.20	.09
14 1868 6p green, ".....	2.50	1.15
15 1870 4 1/2p brown, unused.....	2.00	1.00
1872 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 12c, unused.....	2.65	1.30

Canada

26 1859 10c red lilac, used.....	.60	.29
27 1859-64 2c pink, used.....	1.00	.49
28 or 29 1 1/2c green, used.....	4.00	2.00
30 1859-64 1 1/2c blue, used.....	1.50	.75
82 1893-93 20c vermilion, used.....	.15	.09
83 1893-93 5c deep blue, used.....	.35	.21
1858 Maple Leaves, 1/2, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 10c, unused.....	.47	.23
156 1875-89 8c blue, registered, unused.....	1.20	.60

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- *Angola 1894 2 1/2 to 300c complete, unused, 13 for \$1.40
- Argentine 1888-9 20, 30, 40, 50c, used..... 4 for .30
- " 1892 1/2c to 50c complete, used. 10 for .18
- *Austria 1893-5, Unpaid, 1kr to 50kr complete, unused..... 9 for .65
- *Austria 1861 Lombardy Venice, perf. 9 1/2, 25 to 125, complete, unused..... 5 for .35
- *Belgium, Unpaid, 1895, 5c to 1fr complete, unused..... 5 for .60

Many other bargains are to be found in my Price List of Sets, Packets, Single U. S. Revenues and Supplies. If you have not sent for one, better do so at once and save money.
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From Our Regular Correspondent.

Philadelphia Notes.

Our letter has not made its appearance for several weeks owing to sickness of the writer. We hope that nothing will henceforth interfere to delay our letter.

The auction sale business here is still on the increase, and the prices that are being paid show that there is a good market here for certain stamps, as never before. Bogert & Durbin Co. are holding their sales regularly, and the season seems to be a remarkably successful one judging from the interest shown and the prices obtained.

From the circulars and various advertising matter reaching us daily, the publishers of most of the papers promise us very large and extra holiday numbers this year

Mr. H. D. Rutherford, who resides near this city, will shortly make his abode in Philadelphia. He is a collector of many year's experience, and will doubtless take an active part in the foremost of our ranks.

In this city, as elsewhere, the demand for plate numbers is on the increase, and is so great that the prices being paid for the same are 'way up.

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Prince Edward Island '65 3 blue.....	5	"
Prussia '50 6 vermilion.....	7	"
" '51 3 sgr maize.....	7	"
" '56 3 orange.....	7	"
Queensland '62 2 blue, no wmk.....	18	"
" '68 2 " trunc. star.....	15	"
" '60 1 orange.....	15	"

If you have not yet seen any of my new Approval Books, I should be pleased to have you send for one and I know you will like them. As a matter of business, I would ask you to give home references. I shall send you the books by registered mail, and expect you to return them the same way.

FREDERIC NOYES, Alice, Texas.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Canadian Notes.

BY W. J. PORTER.

Official report from Ottawa says: A special postage stamp of the value of two cents will be issued in commemoration of the introduction of Imperial Penny Postage on Christmas Day next. This stamp will be in use for a short time only. Many designs, nearly all of which embody the Imperial idea have been submitted to Postmaster-General Mulock but up to time of writing no decision has been given in favour of any. This reduction will apply to letters passing between Canada and the following colonies or countries: Uganda, Newfoundland, Great Britain and Ireland, Zanzibar, British East Africa, British Central Africa, Niger Coast Protectorate and the Niger Company's Territory, the rate being reduced from five cents to two cents per half ounce. The report further says that due notice will be given to postmasters and the public from time to time as to the countries or colonies this reduced rate will apply.

In his annual report to the State Department at Washington Consul-General Bittinger says that Canada is about to make an important change in her postage rates. On the 25th of next month there will be three rates of postage, viz.: two cents for Great Britain and her colonies, three cents for Canada and United States, and five cents for foreign countries. If the experiment proves satisfactory the Postmaster-General it is understood will then reduce letter postage for Canada and United States to two cents.

The *Canadian Philatelic Weekly* published in Toronto has been granted second class rates of postage. Toronto would not have been without a philatelic publication so long had it been possible to procure these rates. Many have applied but have been met with a refusal. The publishers of this periodical doubtless had influence.

Mr. W. B. Grant of Hamilton was in Toronto on Saturday, November 12.

Have seen plate No. 3 1c numeral issue. This is a new number.

The *Washington Post* states that the war tax will not be abolished at the coming short session of Congress and that there will be no revision of the tariff whatever. This will throw cold water on the hopes of many regarding revenue stamps in their possession, which would be rare had the tax been abolished at the coming session, but now plenty of time will be given to flood the stamp market with these revenues.

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Argentine 1898 30c orange, used.....	\$0.05
Belgium 1896-7 5, 10, 10, all 3 with coupon.....	.05
Bolivia 1897 5, 10, 20c, large size used (3).....	.15
Canada Jubilee 1, 2, 3, 5, used, the four.....	.10
" " 1898, 4 leaves, 1/4 to 8c (7).....	.12
China 1897 20c, used.....	.20
" " 30c, used.....	.30
" " \$1.00, used, already obsolete.....	1.00
Ceylon 1895 on service, 12c*.....	.15
" " 25c*, scarce.....	.25
Hawaii Official Set 1897 2c to 25 (6)*.....	1.75
Philippine Islands 1872 1p 25 bistre*.....	1.20
" " 1880 6 2-8 green*.....	.12
Tonga 1897 1/4, 1, 2d (beauties 3)*.....	.12
Trinidad 1898 Jubilee 2d*.....	.08
Samoa 1895 1/2 on 12 carmine.....	.12
Salvador 1895 Postal Packet stamps, beautiful complete set, diamond shaped (5)*.....	.40
" " 1897 Postage, complete (12)*.....	.40
" " Postage Duc, complete (8)*.....	.40
" " Official, (12)*.....	.40
" " Envelopes, (5)*.....	.15
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It is almost indispensable to collectors. Its price is 10 cents.

Notice is given by the P. O. Department of the withdrawal of free transmission of Canadian newspapers, and the imposition on January 1st next of one-quarter cent per pound and on July 1st of one-half cent per pound.

The 7th weekly meeting of the Philatelic Club of Toronto was held Tuesday, Nov. 15th, in the Forum Bldg, Toronto. Vice-President in the chair. Meeting called to order at 8.15 P. M. The roll call showed an attendance of fifteen members. Minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved. Three applicants were admitted and duly elected to membership. At a previous meeting a committee was appointed to draw up a constitution for the Club. This they did and was presented this evening but owing to many objections made against certain clauses it was decided to read and adopt each one separately, this took nearly two hours in which time many of the clauses were either changed or improved and were finally adopted. Meet adjourned 10.30 P. M.

[The above notes of our Canadian correspondent were unavoidably crowded out at the last moment last week. They are given just as set up and prepared for our last issue.—ED.]

With reference to the circular notice which was sent to all postmasters under date of the 8th of August last, requesting

How is This?

20 var. Mexico, good lot.....	\$0.14
30 " Mexican Revenues.....	.09
12 " Central America.....	.08
30 " South America, good lot.....	.12
15 " Br. Col. in Australia.....	.08
10 " " " Asia and Africa.....	.06
45 " Southern Europe, good lot.....	.22
60 " Northern Europe.....	.27
200 stamps—25 var.—no Europe.....	.12

Only One Each of the Following:
 Set of 9 var. Hawaiian Env., entire and unused, cat. cut at \$2.10..... 1.65
 A collection of Mexican Revenues, in fine condition, 90 var..... 1.05
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them to draw the attention of the public to the advantage to be derived from indicating on letters, etc., the name and address of the sender, and also authorizing them to endeavor to secure the full prepayment of all letters, etc., posted unpaid or insufficiently prepaid. Postmasters are requested to observe that insufficiently prepaid articles, which, under the regulation may be forwarded are not to be detained for the purpose of securing full prepayment. If the supplementary postage cannot conveniently be obtained before the mail leaves, the article must go forward short paid.

During the month of August, the first month that the postal note system was tried, 2,773 notes were sent, in September 11,999 were used and last month 15,146. During the three months there were issued 8,675 25-cent notes, 146 40-cent notes, 6,095 50-cent, 3,246 70-cent, 7,365 one dollar, 165 one dollar and fifty cents, 295 two dollars, 3221 two dollars and fifty cents, and 5,710 five dollar notes. Six denominations remain to be issued. Any one wishing to send a sum not covered by a note may paste upon its face stamps sufficient to make that sum. For example, if one wishes to send forty-seven cents he will buy a forty-cent note and affix seven cents' worth of uncanceled stamps to its face and the forty-seven cents will be paid upon presentation. The value of this system is coming to be greatly appreciated. It is less hampered than any other, and will soon be in general use.

An improvement more extensive and interesting than any ever contemplated by the United States Post Office Department in years is expected to result from a novel experiment to be commenced by the government authorities on New Years Day. If it proves successful we will before long see every important country road within the U. S. vast domain traversed by moving post offices, actual post offices on wheels, with a traveling postmaster in each. Those who have hit upon the purely novel scheme, says the *Toronto World*, see in it the solution of the growing rural free delivery as well as the application of the rapid transit mail car idea to the interior country road. Days of delay lost in the present slow rural system will be saved, postage

commerce between large cities and country towns. Farmers will go simply to the nearest highway instead of to the post office, perhaps miles away, to transact any business which they now carry on by aid of the mails, a complete collection, delivery, register, money order and stamp, envelope and postal card selling equipment will pass through their neighborhood on schedule time each week day during the year.

The Toronto police have notified the Toronto postal authorities of certain suspected illegal transactions connected with the sale of postage stamps, which brings to the public notice a point that is not generally understood. The law imposes a penalty upon any person not possessed of a stamp vender's license selling postage stamps. This has been the law for many years but has remained dormant owing to there having been no fractional currency whereby small sums of money could be remitted by post. This difficulty, however, has ceased to exist owing to the adoption of the postal note system whereby remitters can send fractional currency by postal note, for any sum from 20 cents up to \$5. Now that the police have taken the matter up it would be well for stamp dealers and others to intimate to their correspondents the risk they run in making payment by postage stamps.

Apropos to the above the reason is doubtless contained therein why the Custom authorities have only lately refused to accept postage stamps in payment of duties.

The design for the new Imperial penny postage stamp which will come into use on December 25th next will be an engraving of the map of the world. The colonies of the Empire will be shown thereon to distinctness by being printed in red, the background of the stamp I believe will be either black or blue, surmounting this will be a crown, underneath will be intertwined a wreath of oak and maple leaves will represent the unity of England and Canada.

Referring to the police's notification to the postal authorities regarding illegal use of postage stamps the *Toronto Globe* says: It appears that country postmasters are paid a commission on the amount of stamps sold, the intention being that these stamps are to be sold purely for local postage requirements, but some years ago some postmasters, thinking to increase their salaries, developed the system of inducing persons to buy stamps and remit them to cities in payment of goods. This practice works a fraud upon the public treasury and many years ago legislation was passed to prevent it. Now that the postal note system has done away with the necessity for payment by postage stamps that practice should cease, and those who in the past have been

in the habit of receiving payment in postage stamps would render a service to their correspondents by warning them against a continuance of that method of payment.

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From Our Regular Correspondent.

Our Boston Letter.

Tuesday, November 29th.

The stamp business here is very good. The rush for new revenues seems to have abated. There is still a good demand for the three high values of the Omahas used. The other values used are very plenty. I

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Chas. Roemer, 206 Adams St., San Antonio, Tex.

have been shown to-day by the Colonial Stamp Co., the new 6d and 1sh stamps of Rhodesia. They are the same design and size of the 1d lately chronicled, and the colors are 6d mauve, 1sh bistre. The 10c U. S. in the new color, light brown, has also made its appearance in a few of the smaller offices. A sheet of the 1/2c Proprietary has been found here, printed on both sides. They are wretchedly off center, but the dealer is finding a ready sale for them at 5 cents each. They are also selling here a new shade of the type A23 3c Newfoundland, the last re-issue made just before the plates were destroyed.

It is rumored that Canada is to have a new commemorative set of postage stamps. An old-time collector here, who is the owner of one of the largest and best collection held in this state, in speaking of the above named stamps, says he hopes they will make the set of about 100 different varieties. He also says that it is very amusing to him to hear the crying down of commemorative stamps and new issues by some parties, when they are a part of the goods they sell. I have often wondered if some of the kickers against commemorative stamps know that if they do not want to collect these stamps, they don't have to.

Robie's book, "Stamp Hunting," has been received here.

I mentioned a few weeks ago that the 30c Due, watermarked, had made its appearance here; and this has caused some comment from philatelic scribes. Now I have no doubt but that there are offices to-day that have not received these stamps, as their stock of unwatermarked is still large enough to supply their needs. Although it is claimed that this stamp made its appearance in Washington last May, our friend Cobe has retailed an entire sheet of them, and many of them were sent to customers in the West.

The Post Office has the largest and best "Chronicle of New Issues" of any paper published in this country. In the current number under the head of Gibraltar, speaking of the new issues it says: "Three of the values 1/2, 1 and 2 1/2 pence, are of the old 1886 type, and can be regarded as re-issues." I think that this will be the general opinion and that they will be classed as re-issues. I note that Mr. McKearnin makes a very readable article on re-issues, but does not state where the type A23 3c Newfoundland was obtained to make up the sets that the Government sold to collectors, and to help the sale of which they had printed a list of the stamps on a neat card, which they sent to collectors all over the U. S. The Newfoundland postal department of late years has worked philately for all it is worth.

S. E. L.

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C. F. Rothfuchs, 3118 Washington St., Boston, Mass.

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New Cuban Counterfeits.

NEW YORK, December 8, 1898.

MR. W. W. JEWETT,
502 Congress St.,
Portland, Maine

Dear Sir: We deem it our duty to inform your readers that the present issue of Cuba, i. e., Boy King 1898-99 set, has been counterfeited. Among a lot of used stamps purchased by us yesterday, we found counterfeits of the 3 and 6 centavo values. These counterfeits were undoubtedly made to cheat the government, and are easily recognized from the originals by their general appearance, being a very coarse lithograph, and by the perforation which in the case of the counterfeits is an irregular pin perforation, in place of the clean cut perforation of the genuine stamps. We do not know whether any other values have been counterfeited, but the inference to be drawn is that the scarce high values have also been made, and it is against these that we wish to warn collectors. The characteristics given above will be sufficient to enable collectors to recognize these frauds; a full and detailed description will however be given in the next number of the *Post Office*.

Very truly yours,
J. C. MORGENTHAU & Co.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

New York Notes.

New York has just been treated to a plethora of stamp auctions but the appetites of the collectors seem to increase with the supply offered. Mr. Albrecht's sale on the 16th and 17th of November offered a beautiful assortment and the prices were moderate. Bogert & Durbin's sale at their rooms on the 26th drew quite a crowd and the bidding was lively. Mr. Tuttle's sale at the Collectors Club on the 28th was well attended and some very good figures recorded, while Bogert & Durbin's sale on December 3rd surprised quite an assemblage of collectors at the prices realized, the catalogue price being nearly reached in a number of cases on single stamps, but stamps in lots were about as usual. Mr. Toppan of Boston left the room hugging himself in glee at having gotten some British Central Africas at a moderate figure.

There is little excuse to be offered by any collector in New York at not being a member of a stamp club. The Collectors Club is the headquarters for four or five clubs, graded to suit the tastes of the most modest or most pretentious collector and their meeting nights are arranged so as not to conflict; membership fees are moderate. Our worthy Exchange Manager rarely loses a chance to drop in each and all meetings and lay before the members temptations greater than the apples of Eden.

That plan of friend Bartels to appropriately cancel or mark counterfeits is all very nice, but who is going to be the judge? Is every Tom, Dick and Harry to sit in judgment on your stamps and cut and slash to his heart's content. It seems to me that in the eyes of a large majority of "experts" every rare stamp not their own is a counterfeit. As for Mr. Bartels I cheerfully relegate him to the small minority, as those who are intimately associated with him justly acknowledge him away up in stamp lore and are always grateful for his opinion on philatelic questions.

There is perhaps no more interesting branch of plate number collecting than the stamps of Great Britain. The varieties above the 2 pence are comparatively few but embrace the various colors, watermarks etc. The cost of the pursuit is very moderate and when you have about all the Great Britains your album calls for you need something to retain an interest in it.

While we are discussing what shall and shall not appear in the albums and catalogues, what is the matter with the old Austrian unpaid letter stamps? My attention was called to one the other night by a collector who wanted to know what it was and said it was given him by a friend who got it from "Australia" many years ago. My explanation of his friend's evident mistake seemed to satisfy him. These stamps were about the size of the 1867 Austrian stamps, perforated $9\frac{1}{2}$, printed a solid color; red, blue, yellow etc, the block having two white lines crossing the stamp diagonally, a St. Andrew's cross, and nothing more. These were probably the first postage due stamps and there were spaces for them in Lallier's old albums.

LOOKER ON.

From an Occasional Correspondent.

Canadian Letter.

OTTAWA, December 7th, 1898.

The new Imperial stamps referred to in past numbers of the ERA were issued this morning, and although the new Imperial rate does not come into effect until Xmas-day, and they bear that inscription, they are receivable for ordinary postage now. I shall prepay this letter with them.

The general design has already been described, but it may be well to say that the stamps are printed in three colours. The frame is in black with white letters, the seas are in a pale blue, or rather a lavender, and the British possessions are in bright red. The map of the world is on Mercator's projection, which magnifies high latitudes; consequently the Dominion of Canada, which occupies the middle of the upper part of the stamp, looks bigger than all the other British possessions put together. The border of the stamp is of cable pattern and measures $38\frac{1}{2}$ mm. in width by $22\frac{1}{2}$ in height. The stamp is printed on medium, machine-wove, white paper, similar to that used for the Jubilee and subsequent Canadian issues, and is perforated 12.

The new-comer has already excited a good deal of unfavourable comment, and I predict lots of fun before it is ultimately withdrawn from circulation. When it comes to putting a 2-cent stamp through three impressions, the possibilities in the way of errors and varieties are awful to contemplate. The small patches of red colour are, too, liable to land in unexpected places. On the sheet I have, we have annexed the whole northern strip of States, from Maine to Washington, and there is a big sea northwest of India not known to geographers.

A motto has been added to the stamp that savours of Jingoism, "We hold a vaster Empire than has been." This morning's *Citizen*, a naughty opposition paper of course, suggests that it would have been better to put on it a sentiment to the effect that "this is the only British possession that can be licked with impunity"; another would-be wit, referring to the decidedly bizarre effect of the red colouring thinks the obvious motto is: "No foreign nation is a patch on this."

However, the stamps are out, and they

embody the Imperial idea in a decidedly novel and striking way, and they will no doubt be popular with collectors.

Your correspondent, Mr. McDonnell, is necessarily worried about the colours of our stamps. The Imperial stamp is for a special purpose, a kind of family affair;

It seems impossible that the anomaly that now exists in Canada should long continue. A letter sent from British Columbia to Halifax, a distance of three thousand miles, costs three cents.

Scarce Old Canadians.

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The 287th regular meeting was called to order at 8 15 P. M., Dec. 1st, 1898, with Mr. L. H. Miller, President, in the chair. Present: Messrs. L. H. Miller, Wolfstieffer, Michaels, Massoth, Bradt, Schlieckert, Lefever, Smack, Oesch, Trask, Pierce, Severn and Doncyson.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

Upon ballot Mr. Henry Vocke was unanimously elected to Active membership, No. 463.

The following nominations were made for officers for the year 1899.

- For President: Mr. C. E. Severn. For Vice-President: Mr. John J. Oesch. For Secretary: Mr. S. T. S. Doncyson. For Treasurer: Mr. Chas. Schlieckert. For Governing Committee: Messrs. L. H. Miller, Chas. S. Smack and Fred Michaels.

Motion prevailed that nominations be closed.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9.15 P. M., after which a discussion on stamp topics was held.

S. T. S. DONCYSON, Sec'y.

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Send me 100 assorted stamps, U. S. or Foreign, no trash, and a stamped envelope, and I will send you 100 Japan, good variety. W. W. MacLaren, 694 E. Prospect St., Cleveland, Ohio.

Will give good exchange from my approval books for 1 and 2d stamps of Great Britain of the issues prior to 1860, in lots of twenty-five or more. J. F. Johnson, 83 Thornton St., Boston, Mass.

I will exchange 12 Homing pigeons or 12 Tumbler pigeons for stamps from approval sheets cataloguing \$10.00. United States Postage and Revenue and British Colonials preferred. I. Sprague, Wellesley Hills, Mass.

I desire exchange with collectors. Send sheets of U. S. Postage, Departments, Dues, Special Delivery and British North America and receive my sheets. E. Bull, Jr., Care Union Bank, New London, Conn.

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Boys, here's a chance: 50 stamps to sell from 1 to 10c each (value over \$2.50), 5 blank sheets and hinges, all for 35c. A set of 4 scarce Newfoundland stamps free with this lot (worth 25c alone). Best English Hinges, 10c per 1000. DOMINION STAMP CO., 6 Beaver Hall Hill, Montreal, Can.

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MANSFIELD, MASS., Dec. 7th, 1898.

The 67th regular meeting of the Old Colony Philatelic Society was called to order at 8 o'clock P. M. by President Smiley. The Secretary's report read and accepted. The report of the Treasurer was also accepted.

There was no report from the Librarian. The Sales Superintendent made no report. The following resignations were read and accepted: R. Reynolds, E. T. Parker, C. A. Barnes, F. Forehand.

Motion was made that the Secretary write to each member in arrears 1 quarter and 60 days, and report at the next meeting, the replies. Will not the following members send in their dues before next meeting (as the present Secretary would like very much to hand a clean record to the new Secretary, Mr. S. W. Sheppard): Nos. 1, 6, 32, 67, 77, 95, 105, 7, 114, 116, 117, 118, 119, 40, 50, 84. I know it is an oversight on the part of the above members, and if any one of the above ever held the position of Secretary of a Stamp Society, they would fall over themselves to pay their dues out of sympathy for me.

Motion was made that the polls be closed as soon as all present had voted, and so carried.

Motion was made that the President appoint a Committee to see what can be done about permanent rooms for the Society, and was so carried, and a Committee, consisting of M. T. Estey, W. W. Skinner and F. B. Eldredge, was appointed to report at the next regular meeting. The ballots being all cast, M. T. Estey and W. W. Skinner were appointed Tellers and declared the following members elected to serve for the year 1899:

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There being no further business to come before the Society, it was voted to adjourn.
HOWARD PAINE, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE SALES DEPARTMENT.

GEORGE R. TUTTLE, Superintendent,
87 Nassau St.
New York City, Dec. 3rd, 1898.

1,334 books of stamps in circulation according to my report of Nov. 26th, valued at \$43,262.72

15 books received since Nov. 26th, valued at 381.57

..... \$43,644.29

10 books retired since Nov. 26th, valued at (from which has been sold \$45.00)..... 206.55

Total number of books in circulation 1,339 valued at \$43,437.74

GEO. R. TUTTLE, Supt.

A COMMUNICATION.

177 Boul. Haussmann, }
PARIS, November 27th, '98. }
THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA,
Portland.

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MONTHLY STATEMENT OF TREASURER, DEC. 1, 1898.

Stock Account.

Bal. on hand Nov. 1, '98, \$1516.00
Paid during November, 9.00
\$1525.00

Entertainment Fund.

Bal. on hand Nov. 1, 1898, \$125.89

General Fund.

Bal. on hand Nov. 1, '98, \$332.45
Dues paid in November, 139.20
\$471.65

Disbursements.

Nov. 1, E. M. Carpenter, \$15.04
2, F. A. A. Robertson, 20.00
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From Our Regular Correspondent.

Our Boston Letter.

Tuesday, December 6th.

I have been shown today the new 6d, 25h 6d, and 10sh Niger Coast. The 10sh stamp is a beauty, being a bright purple in color, and is one of the most attractive stamps that I have seen for some time.

In one of the first letters that I wrote to the ERA I mentioned that if philatelic scribes would be a little more particular about finding out the facts concerning the subjects discussed, their writings would be of more benefit to the philatelic public. I note in the correspondent column of the last issue of the ERA a letter from Mr. McDonnell, in which the question is brought up in regard to the color of the new stamps of Canada, to conform with the rules of the Universal Postal Union. The writer states that the colors for certain denominations must be blue or red, and I notice that the word must is in italics. Now the U. P. U. recommended that certain stamps should be certain colors, but they did not say they must be. And I have learned from a high official in the

postal service of Great Britain that that country will not accept this proposition, and do not intend to change the color of their stamps. Therefore, there is nothing to hinder the Postmaster-General of Canada from issuing the new stamps in any colors to suit his fancy. Another paragraph, which is equally as misleading, I notice in *Mekeel's Weekly*. Under the head of "New Issues" is the following: "The English papers, after regularly chronicling the 3d Great Britain with 'Bechuanaland Protectorate' surcharge, now disclaim all knowledge of any such variety and think it does not exist." The 3d Great Britain, with above-named surcharge, has been on sale in Boston for several weeks, and as they were received directly from the Colony, I know they are legitimate. I have also a copy of an English paper, in which is mentioned that the 3d Great Britain surcharged British Bechuanaland probably does not exist. I do not think it does. Bechuanaland and Protectorate are two different places

We all have to "live and learn," and I see from a clipping in the last issue of the ERA, taken from an English paper, that a U. S. Special Delivery stamp is an accelerated postage stamp.

It seemed to be the general impression among collectors that Stanley Gibbons was not going to issue a catalogue this season. We are now promised by their agents in the United States, Part 1st, which will list the stamps of the British Empire, to be ready about Dec. 25th; Part 2nd, adhesive stamps of all other countries, to be ready during February, 1899; Bright's A. B. C. catalogue, listing all adhesive stamps, envelopes, wrappers and postals will be ready about Dec. 20th. It is said that these catalogues are being entirely re-written and re-priced to conform with the times. There ought to be a good demand for them from American collectors. While I am speaking of catalogues, I will mention that I have received, since my last letter, the Supplement to Scott's 58th Standard Catalogue. I am informed that it is having a great sale here. It is well worth the price which is only 10 cents. It catalogues all the stamps issued since the 58th catalogue was published, up to October, and also includes the speculative issues of the old catalogue. The St. Antonio issue of Portugal and Colonies, although listed, is but priced, either used or unused, and I know of no reason why they should not have been, as they are still in the market. The 4m Porto Rico, 1898-99 is priced at 50 cents. The same denomination of Cuba and Philippines is priced at 25 cents each. As I have been informed that there were an equal number of each of these stamps sent to the Colonies, I cannot understand why one of these stamps is worth as much as the other two.

S. E. L.

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On the Collecting of Entires.

By B. W. W.

As Mr. Dendy Marshall remarks in the *S. C. F.* of Oct. 1st, "Why have philatelists turned a cold shoulder on a legitimate branch of their science, namely the official [ly issued] post cards?" Recently in stating my opinion as to the slump in adhesives, I was said to be a pessimist, but the reasons then given apply equally, if not more forcibly, to the neglect of collecting "Entires," whether cards or envelopes; and the chief reason is, that adhesives when bought can be kept in such a small compass that 'bloating' or cornering becomes easy, and the holder may be making a little fortune by judiciously holding certain issues, but entires take up room and become very heavy if held in quantity.

How I wish sometimes that Mr. de Ysasi had not bought that "Transvaal" error from me at 1sh 6d about 20 years ago, and tempted me with a sight of his blocks of 6 to 12 triangular Capes and 2sh 6d in cash to sell him another. The third one however is snugly housed close to my hand, and being one of a block of four is declared unique. What has this to do with post cards, the reader will ask? Nothing more than this, that my small profit on these and other stamps just then received from the Transvaal, caused me to buy at the same dingy little shop in Nicholas Lane (I wonder how many remember it), my first lot of post cards, numbering less than 100, for about 10 sh; half-a-dozen of which, such as early German and first U. S. with extra dots, would if sold now, repay me my speculation with interest.

May I suggest, incidentally, that the use of the word "Entires" be restricted to cards, envelopes and wrappers, in an entire or uncut condition; and not be applied to adhesives on covers? Last year a man sent me some stamps to buy, which were returned with the remark that I only collected entires now. To my surprise, by next post came a card (followed by a parcel) with the message that he was so glad to hear that, as he had accumulated the accompanying packet of entires, and wished to dispose of them. On opening the parcel, it was found to contain nothing but envelopes with adhesives, English, French and Italian, etc. The expression to be used for these should be, such and such stamps on original covers.

Philatelists, we know—or we are told so—have no such sordid motive before them as money-making in the pursuit of their hobby, or must we say, science,—so we will blame the mere collector (such as myself) for having neglected post cards so long. The new craze for getting picture cards will not last long, being merely a revival or survival of the English propensity for collecting anything portable when touring about. This is how we became possessed of India, Australia and a

quarter of Africa, but as they were not portable, we made beautiful pictures of them and then claimed the originals! I have still, somewhere, over a thousand of these cards, mostly about 30 to 40 years old,—but, as these new cards have nothing to do either with philately or stamp collecting, as adhesive stamps have to be used on them as a rule, they need not concern us any more than the older craze. Yet—to quote Mr. Marshall again—the time may come when such "collectors will turn back to philately as the only outlet for the enthusiasm which has been created in the beginning by these trifles"

Enthusiasm—yes, that's the word. Stamp collecting would never have advanced to philately, but for the enthusiasm of a few some 30 odd years ago, but how can one be enthusiastic about post cards? Adhesives were, and some are now, beautifully engraved, veritable works of art in miniature, says a reader. Yes, but can you find me a stamp more beautifully engraved than the 1875 card of Guatemala, with its elaborate engine turned frame and ornamental scrolls round the central stamp? Many of the more recent and Seebeckian issues of these Central American States, it must be admitted, are over done with ornamentation, but if good engraving and design are desired, there are plenty of other issues, such as those of Canada, Newfoundland, Hawaii, etc., that should satisfy an art critic; and for embossed designs, look at our own envelopes and that first one of Sweden.

Philately, however, as such, pays no regard to mere beauty, or where would the British Guiana wobble circles be, or the lovely portraits of Her Most Gracious One on certain Mauritius stamps? It does, or at any rate it ought to, demand consistency from its followers, and a 'specialist' cannot possibly have a complete collection without the postal covers and cards of his chosen district.

Among my first purchase of cards, I found this reproachful query written on the back of the square English card of 1870—"Have you quite forgotten an old friend?" Alas, this was so, for copies could be picked up then at a penny, though now priced at a shilling each. This neglect of the cards of one's own country is still very great. Not long since a friend was boasting that he had at least kept up his English entires, and showed what he had. Certainly there were from one to six specimens, shades, etc., of 29 out of the 30 cards named in standard catalogue, besides envelopes and wrappers, but when asked how many different perforations of the reply cards he had, would refer me to one only, never having heard of the four varieties; so with the higher values. He knew nothing either of the two types of stamps in use on the half-penny cards since 1890, though there are packets containing both types even now to be got occasionally at post offices. Another col-

lector of stamps did not know a plain newsband with a ½d green stamp on it, nor had he heard of a penny wrapper, or seen a 2½d "foreign" envelope.

Some collectors tell me, when accused of neglect in this particular direction, that they have always gone in for card and envelope stamps, pointing with pride to their albums, in which spaces have been marked for cut specimens. But this is not collecting envelopes or cards, for they are not even stamps. All unused adhesive stamp mounted on any envelope or cover will pass it through the post of its fatherland, but cut off the stamp from a card or a wrapper, paste it on a letter, and see if it will pay postage. A cut envelope or card is just as valuable (or valueless) as an adhesive torn in two would be.

Enthusiasm—yes, as was before remarked—that is the word, or the emotion needed to make a successful collector. Two friends of mine last year bought up the small stocks of Entires held by two dealers who were giving up the sale of these, and after satisfying themselves, find they can get rid of their surplus through Exchange Clubs. And someone well-known to me (who shall be nameless), a few years ago went to the extravagance of clearing out another firm's stock of over 25,000 pieces, from which he added about 2,000 varieties to his collection, now getting on for five thousand,—but he justifies his enthusiastic outlay in this way, that to buy that 2,000 singly, or in two would have cost him more than half the amount he paid for the lot, and he has the sale of the large remainder to recoup him with, many of which can only be had at fancy prices. Not that such proceedings are recommended, for after all, it is selfish work doing so, and dealers want encouraging to keep fair stocks, not to sell in a panic because trade is dull in a particular line.

But what is the enthusiasm to feed upon—there are no novelties or rarities in post cards as there are in adhesives! says someone. There you are mistaken, my friend. Look at the beautiful Guatemala card referred to last week. I cannot say how many designs were engraved or why such differences exist, but there are twelve varieties in my collection (besides a proof of unfinished or incomplete design) which can only be discovered by close examination of sundry curls in the ornamentation. Of Norway, first issue, there are five or six varieties mentioned though not detailed in Catalogue; but including watermarks—a novelty in cards—there are something like 18 differences. Even in the overprinting on a provisional card of Ceylon, there are five or six settings to be found in the three lines, if you look for them.

As to rarities, look at those Ceylons in your catalogue, and you will find these prices—£10, £7, 10 sh, four at 50 sh each, four at 20 sh to 30 sh, besides others so scarce that no prices can be given. Again 6 sh, 10 sh, 17 sh 6d and 20 sh are not un-

common for used cards,—as in Jamaica, Heligoland and Trinidad; and even 60 sh for a Tasmanian, and 30 sh, 40 sh and 50 sh for early Japanese. On the other hand, some are so cheap that they might be used advantageously for covering your walls—they would certainly be more economical than Mr. Whitfield King's adhesives as wall papers.

Discoveries may be made years afterwards that have not been chronicled in English journals, as unfortunately the collection of entire cards has not been advocated or taken up so much as on the Continent even, nor so much as the wasteful and extravagant habit of obtaining whole sheets of adhesives has been defended in this country. The one difficulty that must be admitted is that so few stamp dealers have thought it worth while to stock or push the sale of cards and envelopes, that one has to trust largely for shades, etc., to those offered by members of exchange clubs who have had their entire sent them by friends abroad or who buy from dealers in different parts of the kingdom. A curious instance of this has just been told me by a collector who wanted to make up a sheet of the "eight minor varieties" (I have found sixteen) of one issue or type of Mexico. He went through one of the largest dealer's immense stock, but could get only three;—trying another dealer, he found, out of hundreds examined, but one type only; and looking over the stock of another, he obtained two more—each dealer having no general mixture, but hundreds of his particular variety in stock.

The fascination of collecting anything, it seems to me, consists in the discovery of unusual specimens, and the difficulty occasionally experienced in obtaining some of the commonest. In collecting entire, there is one consolation, that a man of moderate means can approach finality, which is out of the question in the case of adhesive stamps, coins, and many other objects of a collector's activity. Six thousand entire, issued from 1870—the first year of post cards in general use—as compared with twenty-six thousand stamps from 1850, may be considered the proportion, and the new issues as a rule not one-fifth those of adhesives. As no face values are higher than fourpence, except a few of those confounded—yes, that's the right word, Mr. Printer,—and compounded English envelopes (which, not being official issues, are usually ignored), there is not the dread of a Columbian or a Jubilee issue requiring the disbursement of a good many dollars to obtain one a set. Then there are no varieties of watermark and of perforation (with two or three exceptions) to drive one mad, or wear out one's precious eyesight to discover. The one dreadful fear, too, of a stamp collector in the usual way—the paying of a heavy price for what turns out to be a forgery—does not haunt the collector of entire, there not being any

known forgeries of the cards, I believe, though there are a few bogus surcharges and some imitation envelope stamps on pieces of paper.

This last is another reason for rejecting cut envelopes or cards—besides that previously given of their uselessness for defraying postage, which is the one object of all postal stamps—and yet another reason is that the same stamp is often impressed on entirely different issues. The commonest instance, perhaps, is to be found in our first English half-penny and penny cards, and again in those of Mexico, where the same stamp is embossed on about twenty different types of cards and envelopes, so that no particular issue can be recognised by the "cut square" stamp.

Used *versus* unused can hardly be discussed in connection with cards, for the very simple reason that, with few exceptions, used cards cannot be had from the dealers, who consider the stock of unused ones to be bulky enough, but who clear out some used from time to time at a few shillings per thousand. However, used cards are preferred by many enthusiasts who like to trace the route and the time occupied in transit by the various postmarks, and there is certainly some very amusing, if not instructive, reading to be found on the backs thereof. Indian cards are beauties in these respects, especially if you can appreciate the various writing characters used in Hindostan; one now before me has twelve postmarks, including one of "Refused" and another "1 anna to pay"—the only portions that are readable to me. Orders for soap and grocery, and complaints about the butter in Melbourne are not exhilarating, but there are a few funny stories to be made out from some in my collection—lovers' appointments—family history—baby's first tooth and Jane down with the mumps—reminders of subscriptions due—offers of bargains—programmes of touring companies—and regrets that so-and-so has left the faith and joined the ranters. Envelopes too often get torn badly in opening and occasionally have big seals, so are not popular in a used state.

One drawback is the matter of a suitable receptacle for one's "entires." A few hundreds may be pasted down at the corners in a plain scrapbook, or, as just shown me by a philatelic friend, by using two strong stamp hinges close to sides and about three-quarters-of-an-inch from bottom, four cards on a page overlapping one-half. When one gets into thousands drawers can be utilised if you only wish to store them for your own gratification, but you cannot show them well to your friends in that condition. My preference is for a book made with four strips or pockets across each page (like the dealers stock books for stamps), but oblong in form, say 13½ in. by 10½ deep, the cards arranged in four overlapping rows of two side by side. Ten volumes specially built would thus be required for about 5,000 pieces. There is a very good

stockbook sold by some publishers with twelve strips across a page 12x9, which by using alternate pockets will admit five cards to a page, and by placing each card half-an-inch to right or left of preceding one, allows of a hinge being fixed under top corner to hold it in position, and leaving a little space for cut specimens of extra shades by their sides. Of course nine pockets could be so used, but the thickness of the overlaps would be so great as to burst the binding.

The simplest way to begin a general collection is to buy a few packets from different dealers, thus ensuring a greater variety—the few duplicates thus obtained are always useful for exchange purposes.—*Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly*.

The Editor's Spears.

RE-MONETISED.

As it appears there are still numbers of the obsolete New South Wales stamps in the hands of persons who are unaware of their demonetisation it has been decided to rehabilitate them for the present.—*Australian Philatelist*.

THE OTHER SIDE.

It seems a bit ominous, to say the very least of it, to read in a contemporary an article on stamps worth "full catalogue." We trust the new catalogues when ready, will be a bit nearer the mark than to quote certain stamps at prices which collectors can buy from dealers at 50 per cent. to 75 per cent. reduction.—*S. C. Journal*.

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From Our Regular Correspondent.

Toronto Letter.

The new penny postage stamps were on sale Dec. 7th at the Toronto Post Office, with Plate Number I. How long they will be in use is not known, but the supply is supposed to be limited. Very few were aware that they were being sold till late in the day, and the first lot was soon bought up. Each person was only allowed to purchase ten stamps at a time.

The last meeting of the Philatelic Club of Toronto was held Dec. 6th, Mr. W. J. Porter in the chair. After the business of the evening was transacted an auction sale was held which netted a fair amount to the sellers. The Maple issue of stamps that were offered brought good prices. A lot of 40 1/2c Maple Leaf brought 30c, 3c Maple Leaves sold at 15c per 100, and the 2c purple at 30c per 100.

Your correspondent purchased the first complete sheet of the new penny stamp.

An Ottawa philatelist was shown a specimen of the new Imperial stamp. While the general appearance of the stamp, he remarked, is pleasing to the eye and flattering to Canadians from the prominence which the Dominion receives in this miniature map of the world, yet from an artistic standpoint, the stamp is not a success. The red colour which is intended to indicate portions of the Empire, is not printed evenly or accurately upon the land areas, thereby destroying the value of the stamp as a work of art. This criticism does not of course apply to every stamp as on some the printing is well done. Probably the work has been spoilt by importing those "experts" from New York. If the Canadian plate printers had relied entirely upon their own resources they must certainly have made a better job of it, as what is given to the public is hardly "expert work."

The following is an official list of the places other than Great Britain to which letters can be sent for two cents on and after Christmas Day:

- The Bahamas. Leeward Islands.
- Br. Central Africa. Natal.
- Br. East Africa. Newfoundland.
- Br. India. Niger Coast Protectorate
- Ceylon. St. Helena.
- Cyprus. Seychelles.
- Falkland Islands. Sierra Leone.
- Fiji. Strait Settlements.
- Gambia. Trinidad.
- Gibraltar. Tobago.
- Gold Coast. Turks Islands.
- Hong Kong. Uganda.
- Lagos. Windward Islands.

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A Specimen Page

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IN THE INTERESTS OF STAMP COLLECTORS.

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Written for the ERA.

Things That Strike One.

That Canada is getting just a little trying, now-a-days. What with the Jubilee set, large and small maple leaf, figure at bottom, and now the International 2-cent stamp; like Joseph's coat of many colors, the pockets of poor stamp collectors are being turned inside out.

That the U. S. of Central America, having busted up, after an unprecedented period of harmony—which lasted 15 days—each country will now start on new issues with renewed vigor. And just meditate on the things they will have to celebrate, oh my! oh my!

Mr. Seebeck, can't you take a hand in this? Pray make the most of your chances while on this planet. *Don't* go into the next world mourning neglected opportunities. Just a few freaks or cross perforations and "sich" to make life worth living!

That the mighty potentate of the Island of Trinidad, Mr. Harden Hinckley, Prince James I. of the Island of Trinidad, is defunct. *He* tried very hard to make it interesting for collectors. He had caused to be printed (so says the *Stamp Collector*) a set of stamps of seven values, for use in Trinidad, face value from five centimes to five francs. There is not a single human being on the island, nothing but large numbers of gulls.

The *Stamp Collector* makes flattering allusions to the gulls who *do not* reside in Trinidad.

What's the matter with Portugal? Nothing to celebrate, eh? Oh nonsense! Come, come. As the clown says to the horse, "Git up, old seldom-fed!"

That these Mauritius "Post Office" finds are getting a little frequent, and yet they do not seem to have the effect of lowering the prices.

The gentleman who has the latest find, two one-penny stamps on the same cover, wants the modest sum of \$12,500 for his treasure. Whew! Nobody seems, so far to humor the gentleman in his frantic desire for wealth, but Lord, who knows? The office of fool-killer is not *yet* a sinecure!

That these quarrelsome people have not

yet decided as to whether or no Due stamps are Postage stamps.

I have one point in favor of their being considered so. In my "freak" collection is an envelope with the Postage paid (I do not say *pre*-paid) by thirteen 10-cent Due stamps. Can it be denied that the Due stamps paid the postage?

On the other hand, I have also a letter from Cuba, with two 5-cent Cuban stamps on the front of cover and the legend "Collect Postage \$1.20." This amount is represented on the back of the envelope by sixty 2-cent U. S. Due stamps.

Now comes the question of revenue to the two countries. Cuba gets 10 cents, U. S. gets \$1.20—but there, let these fighters thrash it out.

That I was somewhat surprised to find "Looker On" in your December 10th issue, calling the old Austrian St. Andrew's Cross "unpaid letter stamps." The Catalogue for Advanced Collectors says: "These stamps or labels, are found in the lower row of the Austrian stamps of the two first issues: this was done to make the value of a sheet amount to a round sum. Formerly they were generally collected, but of late very few collectors care for them; they are of no philatelic value."

This statement is borne out by Dr. Gray in his catalogue.

J. B. T.

Written Expressly for the ERA.

Notes on Stamps.

I recently saw a half sheet of Canada 10c type A24 in a very handsome shade which might be termed brownish vermilion red.

I have now in my collection in blocks of four three very distinct shades of this 10c; not including the rose lilac No. 63, viz., 10c carmine red, brownish vermilion red, lake red. They form a very pretty and pleasing contrast, and although many look upon shade collecting as little short of foolishness I can say from my own experience as a collector that nothing affords greater pleasure than the study and collection of shade varieties. Nothing, it seems to me, adds more to the beauty of an album than well contrasted shades. It also serves to encourage a more systematic and comprehensive study of color, which is greatly to be desired.

In connection with this I might say that I have been much interested lately in looking over a small lot of Belgium 30c 1866, and found at least three very distinct shades. Belgians are for the most part cheap and offer a very good field to the collector who desires to do a little specializing in shade and other minor varieties without a heavy expenditure. There are many other countries which offer equally good opportunities for study of this kind.

I do not know as it will be an item of news to most of my readers but the 10c Omaha I have seen in two distinct shades very striking in their difference. One is a very handsome deep purple, the other might be termed a dull purple-black. It is somewhat similar to the Canada 8c purple black but much more sombre and does not possess the bright purple tint which gives the Canada 8c such warmth and beauty of coloring.

A certain writer seems a little exercised because I do not reply to his query of where the Newfoundland 3c type A23, which forms a part of the set of all values placed on sale at the General Post Office in St. Johns, came from. Some nine months or so ago I gave this very information in my notes in the ERA. The information I then gave was based on statements of the postal authorities, and all other information which I have since been able to obtain regarding the various printings of this type is corroborative. In my notes of Nov. 12th I stated quite plainly that I had no knowledge of any printing of the 3c type A23 save as a current issue for regular use, nor of any issue of it since the type became obsolete. Therefore it is simply absurd to ask me where the 3c of the set came from, as I have already stated what I know about them and on the face of the information given by me, they must be remainders just as are the 5, 6, 10, 12 and 24c of the same sets. Now I do not pretend that I am infallible in either my information or opinions and I may be mistaken in this case. There may have been a re-issue of this type, of which I have no knowledge, for the express purpose of completing these sets. The manner of the questioning of the writer above referred to implied that to his knowledge there had been, and in his last notes he states positively that such a re-issue did take place just before the plates were destroyed. This destruction of the plates took place on the 27th of May, 1898.

I suppose this writer would not have made these statements unless he had the facts at his command to support them, but it seems to me it would have been well if he had kindly coupled these facts with his statements in order that we who have no knowledge of this re-issue might learn something about it. The stamps of this type have been a favorite subject of study with me the past twelve months and any new facts I can obtain or the correction of any erroneous impressions or information would be very welcome.

The writer referred to also implied that, to his knowledge, there had been more than one printing of A23 which met all the requirements of a re-issue as I defined it, and I sincerely trust he will not withhold the facts and information he has regarding these re-issues. The mere statement that there has been one, two or three re-issues of it does not enlighten us to any extent. We would like to be informed as to what shades they are and have the facts showing them to be re-issues placed before us.

I trust I have made it clear why I did not reply to the question of the writer referred to. I had already given the information I had at my command and considered that any argument on the subject would be of little interest or at least of little value. Such argument ought not to have been necessary to bring out the facts our Boston friend evidently possesses, and which I trust will give us either additional or more correct information regarding A23, which certainly would be of value. I may add that my idea that the 3c of these sets were remainders was based on two facts. The statement of the postal authorities that only the ½, 1 and 2c were reprinted to make up these sets, and that I had handled a great many of the sets, purchased at various times during the past year, and in every instance the 3c were the lilacs, which run in four or five shades ranging from a dull to reddish lilac. A similar variation of shade is to be found in the provisionals for which the 3c lilac was used. During the past year in order to get all the material possible for my study of A23, I have bought them used and unused from various sources all over Newfoundland, Canada and the United States, and I have not yet seen a shade or variety which I have not seen matched, either in unused copies, purchased before the Cabots were issued, or used copies which certainly did service long before the sets referred to were placed on sale and without doubt before the Cabot set made its appearance.

Notwithstanding this there may have been a re-issue and I fail would like to learn the facts concerning it.

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It is now reported from good authority that a 2½d Grenada Jubilee stamp, from an issue of five hundred thousand, has been cut down to two hundred and forty thousand, and also that all the old issues of Hayti postage stamps have been sold to a prominent dealer, and that the only stamps now on sale are the new issue; and that the Netherlands 1898 1 gulden, has not been withdrawn, but that no more are to be printed after the present stock is sold. One of the characteristics of the people of the Netherlands is thrift.

When the 1898 issue of New Zealand was put on the market, those stamps that were procured from the London office were different shades of color from those that were imported from New Zealand, which goes to show that there were two printings of these stamps made, one which was sent to the Colony, and the other to be sold from the London office. The supplement to the 58th edition of Scott's Standard Catalogue lists and prices both prints of the 5d, 6d and 9d. But no mention is made of several of the other values, in which the shades are as pronounced, considering the colors, as those listed, and they are the ½, 1, 4d, and 1sh. It would be a good idea for collectors who go into shades to acquire these now, as they probably will be listed in the English catalogues.

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From Our Regular Correspondent.

Cottlow's... Chicago Correspondence.

Monday, December 12th.

The Fraud Committee of the Chicago Society, of which Mr. Wolsieffer is chairman, has been at work for some time on a matter which has been reported by several dealers, whose names are not made public at present. I am at liberty to give the facts in the case to some extent, to warn other dealers and collectors from being taken in. The party in question writes for stamps, giving the name of J. H. Hilton, Room 4, 59 North Clark St.

It has been proven that this is merely the nom-de-plume of Mr. F. Otto who has been thought shady for some time. Another (?) person associated with Otto and also using the name of Hilton is J. A. Diestelow, who gives with Otto the reference of Chas. Stiller of the same address who is running the affairs of the "German-American Investment Company." This man Stiller has so far not been seen by the members of the Committee (Messrs. Wolsieffer and Oesch), who have this affair in charge. Diestelow is usually in Stiller's office and when the Committee called, neither was in, but there was a clerk there who gave them the information they desired and showed them letters from several prominent dealers, one of whom had been mulcted to the tune of over \$80 worth of stamps.

Otto's house address is 366 Austin Ave., from which place he does business under the name of the "J. Pierce Stamp Co." using his wife's maiden name (Jennie Pierce) as a name for his so-called Company.

This "Company" must not be confused with the old reliable J. A. Pierce of 191 So. Clark St.

Anyone having been defrauded by this Otto-Diestelow-Hilton combination or knowing anything about them should address Mr. P. M. Wolsieffer, Chairman of the C. P. S. Fraud-Investigating Committee, 75 State St.

The sale of albums has been especially good this month, so the dealers report, and there is a greater proportionate demand for the higher-priced books, up to the \$10 kind, than ever before. Blank albums are going well, also.

"Stamp Hunting" still continues to be in demand and everybody seems to be pleased with it.

The annual C. P. S. election occurs next Thursday night and I am very glad to see that Mr. C. E. Severn is to be the next President of the Society.

Charlie has been a stand-by of the Society since he joined, away back in '87 and I don't think that he has missed a half a dozen meetings in all that time. He has held various offices and has done a lot of work for the good of the cause, but this will be his first experience at the head of the list, and I want to be one of the first to wish him success.

The balance of the board of officers will be composed with one exception of new members who are taking hold of things in the proper way and are certainly hustling to put the C. P. S. where it was three or four years ago, when we had applications every meeting night and everything was going at a rapid pace.

Both Mr. Doncyson and myself have had trouble with the name of our new army philatelist, Lieut. U. G. Worrilow. Doncyson had him down in the C. P. S. reports as M. G. Worrilow, while the compositor made even a worse mess of my scrawl; having printed it as U. G. Montow. Hence this correction, with the promise that I won't let it occur again.

The Lieut. has joined his regiment, the Twentieth Infantry, U. S. A., at Ft. Leavenworth and expects shortly to go to the Philippines.

CANADA 1897, Maple Leaf, Scarce, 1/2, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 10c, unused.....	\$0.50
ST. LUCIA 1889, 1sh, unused.....	1.40
ST. LUCIA 1889, 10sh, unused, a good buy.....	2.80
GREENADA 1898, Artistic, 2½ Commemorative, unused.....	.10
TRINIDAD 1898, Superb, 2d Commemorative, unused.....	.10
MAURITIUS 1898, 3c Diamond Jubilee, unused.....	.25
NEW ZEALAND 1898, Native Scenery, 1/2, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9d, 1sh, unused.....	1.45
NEW ZEALAND 1898, Milford Sound, 2sh, unused.....	.70
NEW ZEALAND 1898, Mt. Cook, 1sh, unused.....	1.80
CANADA 1898, Imperial Postage, 2c unused, Free with each order.....	.00
Postage 2c extra.	*
345A Washington St., Boston, Mass.	Colonial Stamp Co.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Canadian Notes.

On Tuesday, December 6th, in the Forum Bldg., Toronto, the second auction sale of the Philatelic Club of Toronto was held. The attendance although not large was of the buying class. The sale comprised of some fifty lots and the prices realized were comparatively large.

The British American Company have just completed a magnificent set of stamps for Newfoundland. The stamps are the same size as the Jubilee stamp. At the top they bear the denomination, in the centre is an excellent medallion Queen's head and around it the words Newfoundland Inland Revenue.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Providence Notes.

Tuesday, December 13th.

The sensation of the past week has been the disappearance of Mr. John B. Calder, one of the oldest and best known philatelists in this city, as well as one of the earliest stamp dealers in the country.

[A lengthy account of his disappearance and alleged embezzlement appeared in last Friday's (the 9th inst.) *Telegram*. The clipping was sent us by our correspondent and set up in type, but it is found necessary to omit at the last moment.—E D]

In justice to Mr. Calder, the fact should be given which, so far as the writer knows, has so far failed to reach publication in any of the newspapers, that for some time past he has been in very poor health. Last summer he was obliged to give up work entirely for a time, because of threatened nervous prostration, and in the course of a few weeks he lost over fifty pounds in weight. It may be possible that he had become mentally unbalanced at the time of his disappearance.

Mr. Calder was first engaged in the stamp business in the sixties and had done business both in this city and in New York. Of late years his trade had been largely local, as he had done little advertising and devoted only a part of his time to it. Only three days before his disappearance, in conversation with the writer he mentioned his plans for the coming winter in terms which indicated that he intended to do considerable business this season. He had no bad habits, did not gamble, and it is very hard to account for his alleged embezzlement, the news of which came as a great shock and surprise to his many philatelic friends here.

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- American Journal of Philately, Vol. XI. No. 12.
- Australian Philatelist, Oct., Vol. V. No. 3.
- Boston Stamp Book, Nov., Vol. IV. No. 6.
- Deutsche Briefmarken Zeitung, Nov., Vol. IX. No. 11.
- Evergreen State Philatelist, Vol. X. No. 4 (58).
- Illustriertes Briefmarken Zeitung, Nov., Vol. XXV. No. 22.
- Madrid Filatelico, Nov., Vol. II. (23).
- Mekel's Weekly Stamp News, Vol. XII. No. 23 (414).
- Metropolitan Philatelist, Vol. X. No. 13.
- Philatelic Advocate, Vol. V. No. 6 (28).
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- Polski Filatelista, Sept., Oct., Nov., Vol. IV. Nos. 9, 10, 11.
- Revista de la Sociedad Filatelica Argentina, Sept., Vol. IV. No. 9 (47).
- Revista Filatelica do Brazil, Vol. III. No. 10.
- Revue Postale, Nov., Vol. I. No. 11.
- Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly, Nov. 26, Vol. V. (109).

Mr. John Luff's article in this month's *American Journal of Philately* deals with the department stamps of the United States and contains much valuable matter. It has long been thought that there must have been more copies of the \$5, \$10 and \$20 State Dept. than Tiffany's History stated were issued, namely 363. Mr. Luff gives official figures showing that during 1873 there were 700 of each of the dollar values delivered to the stamp agent, in 1874 there were 1800 of the \$2 value and in 1875 there were 1980 of the \$2, 1870 of the \$5, 1930 of the \$10 and 1940 of the \$20. No statistics of deliveries after 1876 are available so that it is not known whether there may not have been even more than the above issued. The above figures do not include the special printing of the "Specimen" issue.

The "Reference List of Type and Die Varieties" in this month's *Boston Stamp Book* is entirely devoted to Bhopal and occupies two and a half pages with more to follow next month! Several more lists of "Stamps Worth Full Catalogue" are given on the authority of P. M. Wolsieffer, the Colonial Stamp Co., F. P. Richardson, R. C. Bach, and a prominent Boston dealer whose name is not given. They all furnish food for reflection and collectors will most certainly hustle to fill up on these stamps where they can get them at any considerable discount from catalogue.

The *Deutsche Briefmarken Zeitung* contains a full page plate containing nine enlarged half tone reproductions of South Bulgarian stamps and their forgeries. As the reproductions are about twice natural size the variations stand out quite distinctly.

C. Lindenberg also contributes an article on the old issues of Denmark. The forgery department is illustrated with genuine forgeries pasted in and surcharged "Falsch," of Servia, Lubeck, Portugal and Mecklenburg.

Polski Filatelista has a way of vanishing for some months and then arriving several months at a time. The numbers now before me are for the months of Wrzesien, Pazdziernik and Listopad! The illustrations of the new issues are very interesting but the reading matter!!

(Continued next week.)

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Terms, cash or good business references. (93) W. L. LEDYARD SCOTT, 17 N. Royal St., Mobile, Ala.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Philadelphia Notes.

From a philatelic stand-point, this season appears to be the best that Philadelphia has ever experienced.

Some very good things turn up where they are least expected. A local collector made quite a reap a few days ago in purchasing two entire sheets of the I. R. inverted 2 cent Revenue stamps at face value in a drug store.

Last month we received five copies of a prominent monthly philatelic paper, and so far this month four copies have reached us addressed to the same place. Either their mailing list must be rather loose or else we can flatter ourselves by being so highly honored.

Many collectors are buying up quantities of the higher priced U. S. stamps which have, during the past few weeks, been advertised at such low figures.

It is our opinion that if our Canadian weeklies would take advantage of what space they have for reading matter and give us a little more good stuff instead of devoting so much space to proving to whom their title belongs it would doubtless do them some good.

H. A. JACOBS.

Answers for the Anxious.

C. E. S., Chicago.—By all means get married if she'll have you.

G. S. McK., Hoosick Falls.—I congratulate you, but don't name it after me. I'm not lucky enough.

S. E. L., Boston.—Yes, we'll resign in your favor if Robie will. One philatelic humorist can do the business for this country.

I. A. M., St. Louis.—Very well satisfied, thanks, but a little less C. H. M. in the advertising columns would tickle me to death.

W. C. S., Springfield.—Well, next time we change the size we'll give you a chance to file a brief anyway.

H. A. C., Rocky Hill.—To get a crop of cherries the first year planting must be very early. If you are likely to have a backyard spring start your seeds in the house or under glass.

J. F. D., New Oxford.—No, the Stampman is not for sale.

Wolle, St. Louis.—We are glad to hear that you have a situation for the next 18 months. Don't worry about our little account.

L. R., Chicago.—My advice is don't! But if you will not take advice we wish you good hunting, anyway.

—The Stampman.

U. S. Revenue Stamps.

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Table listing prices for various U.S. Revenue stamps (perforated) with columns for denomination, price for 1st, and price for 2nd.

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From Our Special Correspondent.

Washington Notes.

Thursday, Dec. 22nd.

I just learned that the surcharged Cuban stamps will be delivered to the stamp agent to-morrow. These stamps will only be used until the Bureau can make the plates for a special design for Cuba.

The P. O. Dept. is counting the Newspaper and Periodical stamps and it is believed by officials who ought to know that they will be placed on sale for about \$10 00 per set. It is also found that there will not be a complete set of the American Bank Note Co. issue. There will be quite a number of the small denominations however.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Our Boston Letter.

Tuesday, Dec. 20th.

To-night occurs the regular monthly meeting of the Boston Philatelic Society.

I. A. Mekeel, of the *Weekly Stamp News*, was in Boston last week soliciting advertisements for the New Year's number of his paper. Having called upon the principal dealers in the eastern part of the United States, he says that they all have great hopes for a good stamp trade this season.

A government official of Canada states that the 2c Imperial postage stamp is to be changed in color from a lavender to a blue. One of your contemporaries states that the color is to be green. I understand that most of them that have been printed have been off center. A well-centered copy of the first printing may be, some day, a desirable stamp.

The speculators that bought the surcharged Surinam stamps are quoting them at 40 cents each. They are offered by London dealers at 25 cents each.

I have been informed that the Colonial Stamp Co. is to hold auction sales Saturday afternoons commencing Jan. 14, 1899.

A stamp collection was shown to me the other day, that was formed by a cashier of a national bank here, about 1872. The collection, in first-class condition, would be worth nearly one thousand dollars. Although the majority of the stamps were in nice condition, every one of the adhesive stamps was trimmed up close to the design. It made no difference whether the stamps were perforate or imperforate, they were all trimmed the same. The envelopes were cut to shape. I noticed such stamps as 5c chocolate, 5c yellow, unused; 90c, 1856, used; early Ceylons, Barbados, Nova Scotia shilling, New Brunswick 6 pence and the early issues of New South Wales, Trinidad, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and a good many old Europeans. The owner was willing to sell the collection for less than one hundred dollars, but could find no buyers. He informed me that this was then the style of collecting in his locality. It was truly a heart-rending sight to look over this collection from a modern philatelist's standpoint, and to think that the owner mutilated these stamps.

S. E. L.

Stamp News.

COMPLETE LIST OMAHA PLATES.

Mr. Edward F. Weed kindly furnishes us with the following complete list of Omaha plate numbers:

1c: Nos. 590, 591, 592, 598, 600, 601, 605, 607, 612, 635, 709, 710, 711, 712.

2c: Nos. 597, 608, 610, 611, 615, 616, 619, 621, 622 to 633, 638 to 642, 644 to 708, 713 to 744, 749 to 752.

4c: Nos. 599, 634, 636.

5c: Nos. 602, 614, 618, 637.

8c: Nos. 609, 643, 757.

10c: Nos. 604, 617, 620.

50c: No. 603.

\$1.00: No. 606.

\$2.00: No. 613.

Nos. 593, 594, 595, 796, 745, 746, 747, 748, 753, 754, 755, 756, being the regular two-cent rose.

Mr. Bartels states that the color of the new \$30.00 Documentary stamp is bright red and the plate number 8482. He also says that the Department do not intend to perforate the current revenue stamps as has been rumored.

The Editor's Spears.

POSTMARKED TO ORDER.

A high-class English philatelic journal, published in the interests of a stamp dealing firm, makes some remarkable comments on the decision arrived at by the Intercolonial Postal Conference to place the word "Specimen" across the stamps issued to collectors, and to date-stamp those issued to the Postal Union. These remarkable remarks are:—"Now, if the Post-offices in these colonies, and other places, must go in for the obliterated stamp trade, we certainly think that the word 'Specimen' is the only kind of cancellation which they can legitimately and honestly apply to their wares. A postmark implies postal use; these copies issued to collectors have never been used, and are not to be used; to apply a postmark to them is therefore, strictly speaking, fraudulent."

If we concede this point, a stamp so cancelled becomes a fraud, pure and simple. How then can the publishers of this journal conscientiously offer for sale, except as acknowledged frauds, the hosts of stamps of such countries as Tonga, North Borneo, Labuan, Honduras, Bolivia, Faridkot, Samoa, et hoc genus omne, of which the greater proportion of so-called used stamps are simply obliterated in sheets and sold to and by dealers without even going through the flimsy pretense of having the gum washed off? Possibly these purists who prate so glibly about "fraudulent postmarks" would argue that they simply accept and sell these stamps as genuinely used specimens because they might have passed them through the post, but took delivery of them without going through that formality to save time and the trouble of sticking them on letters. But then what about the price paid? If this were face value there might be something in the argument, but we know as a matter of fact that these postmarked-to-order stamps are sold at prices ranging from 50 per cent. off face down to a trifle over the actual cost of manufacture!

Really it seems only a question of who gets the profit. If the dealer, then all is done decently and in order. If the Post-office, then all is done fraudulently and crookedly! Alas! our friends' principles appear to be governed by their pockets!—*Australian Philatelist.*

THE OUTLOOK.

We may now be said to be entering on a new season of philatelic activity and may therefore be excused if we pause to consider awhile the way in which we are being led by the various changes that are so rapidly coming on our hobby, and the general prospect that lies before us.

Perhaps the most notable change is the increased popular interest in what a few years ago we were accustomed to call "minor varieties," but which now we are beginning to look upon as simple varieties. Of course advanced knowledge of stamps is bound to show small differences, and to make them appear considerable, and nothing is more natural than that once being revealed they should be so eagerly sought. But detail of this sort is bringing about a great deal of specialism; and of late years the leaning towards concentration of interest by philatelists upon certain countries, states, or groups, has been obviously apparent. Whether this change is a desirable one may, perhaps, be questioned. Personally, we think it is much to the benefit of the hobby, as it leads to the deeper study of specimens and more earnest interest in the more practical part of postal detail. That it brings about a corresponding decline in the old-fashioned general collecting may seem regrettable, but while there are few men who can really master a good general collection, it is within the reach of many to be an authority on the issues of one particular country.

There is another phase of the matter too. Nowadays much attention is given to the more sordid commercial aspects of collecting, and though it is a most natural and quite unavoidable state of affairs, we fear much from the over anxiety of collectors to hoard those specimens which they are able to acquire cheap to the detriment of less profitable portions of their collection. It

is very certain, as things are at present, that the rarer and older of obsolete issues will become comparatively scarcer as time goes by, and therefore, of course, by natural laws they should become dearer. Hence the speculation that we come across every day. Whether this will always continue to be the case is not certain, for fancy prices have an immediate effect in checking sales, and it is not an uncommon thing to see a whole issue ignored by a collector who considers the price of some of the specimens to be unduly high. Whether the increase of speculation will have any appreciable effect in checking or increasing speculation has yet to be learnt. One of the considerations of the collector choosing a country for specialism will be the price of its specimens, and let us hope much will be done in this way to rebalance the position.—*Stamps.*

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U. S. 1875 6c carmine entire envelopes, Confederate stamps on covers, U. S. and Foreign stamps for others. Send sheets and receive mine. J. C. Jay, Mt. Pleasant, Ia.

I will give 10 stamp papers, mostly covered, in fine condition, for the 6c and 10c Canada Maple Leaves lightly cancelled. Meyer Brandwick, 2401 23rd Ave., South, Minneapolis, Minn.

Sample copy find? no, I guess not, but an active, buying collector who would like to receive specimen copies of papers, and also catalogues from dealers. Address, F. Weber, L. Box 347, Monroeville, Ind.

For Exchange—1898 Doc. 5c, 60c per 100; 10c, \$1.00 per 100; 25c, \$1.80 per 100; 30c, 35c each; \$1.00, 7c each. Will exchange at above rates for stamps and catalogue from approval sheets. W. W. Sammons, Blue Island, Ill. [95]

Desire Exchange for 50,000 duplicates: Foreign, U. S. Postage, Dues, Depts., Periodicals and Revenues, including 1893 (up to \$10). Send your duplicates (perfect copies only) with Want List. L. Beringer, 2964 3rd Ave., New York.

Five hundred mixed Revenues, fifteen to twenty-five varieties, for every U. S. stamp in good condition cataloguing one dollar or more. Good U. S. postage to exchange for same, send list. F. W. Rothery, 2621 Davenport St., Omaha, Nebr.

A lot of U. S. Revenues, First and Second Issue, Imperf., Part Perf. and Perf., cat. from 1c to \$4.00, to exchange for U. S. Postage, U. S. Revenues or M. and M. stamps not in my collection. John Wilson, Wapakoneta, Ohio.

Will exchange 1000 one-cent postage surcharged I. R. for either 200 4c, 150 5c, 100 8c or 150 10c used Omaha stamps. I give and accept only good copies. Wm. A. McDonnell, 1546 Madison Ave., New York City. [95*]

Exchange. I have about 200 of the 1c, 2c and 4c Newspaper stamps, unused in fine condition, of the issue of 1872 to exchange for best offer, also have a number of fine duplicates of U. S. and foreign. Have several copies of 24c purple, triangle Good Hope, etc., also many common. Please let me hear from you. E. H. Wolcott, Wolcott, Ind. [95]

Will exchange 100 or 500 U. S. stamps for same of your country, rare for rare. Postal Cards also exchanged. Address, A. D. Grant, 927 Orville Ave., Kansas City, Kansas, U. S. A.

Will give good exchange from my approval books for 1 and 2d stamps of Great Britain of the issues prior to 1860, in lots of twenty-five or more. J. F. Johnson, 83 Thornton St., Boston, Mass. [90*]

Whoever sends me Souvenir Cards will receive by return mail the same quantity of Souvenir Cards of the famous Vagthal. Drd. Leo Fried, Trenscen, Hungary. [94]

Will exchange your duplicate U. S. or Foreign stamps or envelopes for anything you may want at 1/2 of catalogue, from 5c to 50c, and above these at 1/4. Send us your stamps and want list. Ulster Stamp Exchange, Station R, Kingston, N. Y. [93]

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NEW ZEALAND 1898, Native Scenery, 1/2, 1, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9d, 1sh, unused.....	1.45
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Above stamps are good used copies, the envelope stamps are cut with good margins, all are in neat packages of 100.

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Resignations Received.

- 1259. SNOW, FRANK W., Newburyport, Mass.

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Membership last report	702
New Stockholders	7
Re-instated	1
.....	710
Resignations accepted	2
Present membership	708

WM. N. HOWE, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

FLEMINGTON, N. J., Dec. 20, 1898.
I have received from the Bogert & Durbin Company eight complete volumes and thirty-six odd numbers of the *Philatelic Monthly* toward completing our file. We need yet volumes one, two and six. Who will present them?

H. E. DEATS, Librarian.

REPORT OF THE SALES DEPARTMENT.

GEORGE R. TUTTLE, Superintendent,
87 Nassau St.

NEW YORK CITY, Dec. 17th, 1898.
1,318 books of stamps in circulation according to my report of Dec. 10th, valued at \$43,095.38
14 books received since Dec. 10th, valued at 291.85

36 books retired since Dec. 10th, valued at (from which has been sold \$158.75)..... 1,425.84

Total number of books in circulation 1,296 valued at \$41,961.39

Special Notice.

Private Auction Sales will be held at the office of the Superintendent of Sales Geo. R. Tuttle, 87 Nassau St., New York City, every Saturday afternoon from 1 to 2 o'clock for the benefit of the A. P. A. members who wish to realize quickly on any stamps they wish to sell.

Remittances will be made Monday following, less 10%. Members who wish to sell by this method will please send in any lots, collections or single stamps.

Reserved prices may be placed on what is sent in if so desired.

GEO. R. TUTTLE,
Superintendent Sales Department.

Correspondence.

[The editor wishes it distinctly understood that he does not hold himself responsible for assertions made under this head, nor does he necessarily sanction any ideas or opinions expressed. All are invited to contribute to this department, with the above understanding, and all communications deemed suitable or of interest to our readers will be published.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 12, 1898.

MR W. W. JEWETT,
Dear Sir: I cannot refrain to heartily endorse the plan, of Mr. Bartels or any other, whereby counterfeits will be "branded as such" forever; but "who shall be the judge" this is the most serious part of the question.

In reference thereto I wish to state a little episode which took place in this city some few years ago.

A prominent collector and intimate friend informs me that he wanted a certain stamp, which he purchased from a "prominent downtown dealer not located in Nassau St." Forgeries having been known to exist and said collector not being satisfied of its genuineness, though being assured by the aforesaid dealer that it was genuine submitted the purchased stamp to a society, to have its "Official Counterfeit Detector" examine it.

But behold "this said Official" pronounced the stamp a "Rank Counterfeit." On being returned my friend was informed of the result and name of official who examined the stamp. Now comes the curious part of the affair. "The Official Counterfeit Detector" is the same party who sold the stamp in question as genuine.

I give this for the benefit and amusement of my friends.

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L. BERINGER.

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100 Varieties and a Dime Album 10c
1/2 and 3/4 Prep. unu-ed, the two for 10c
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Postage 2c extra.
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	Cat. price.	Our price.
1859 2c pink, unused.....	\$2.50	\$0.70
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Set of 6 var., 1, 2, 5, 10, 12 1/2, 17c.. .55
12 1/2c blue

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Jubilee Post Card, entire, used.....	5c
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" " " " used.....	4c
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- Hawaiian 1882 20c black, new o. g. 1.25
- Labuan 1894 2c to 4c, used, fine, 7 for 2.50
- New Brunswick 3p, on cover 4.40
- New Brunswick 6p, grand, used 13.25
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3 varieties imp. and part perf. stamps, Cat. \$0.25
47 varieties perforated stamps Cat. 3.23
4 varieties and 18.5c stamps Cat. .13
12 varieties 3rd issue an Prop. Stamps Cat. .87
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Price \$1.00. Price \$1.00. Price \$1.00.

This packet contains the largest variety, the best specimens and the best value of any packet offer. We have enough for all so don't feel afraid to order a dozen at a time.
Favorite Album containing spaces for above Revenues given FREE with every order if 5c extra for postage is enclosed.
We are still selling the Famous Kaneville Pound Stamps which give such universal satisfaction, at 58c per pound, post paid.

BURTON & BURTON,
LAKE GENEVA, WISCONSIN.

Please mention ERA when answering ads.

North Clark St. and Mr. J. A. Pierce is on South Clark St. it is quite evident that the impression might arise that he was interested; and this possibly was one of the reasons of the selection of the name and location they use.

RECEIVED:

We acknowledge receipt, with thanks, of a handsome office calendar from the Boston Stamp Company, Mr. J. Favill Capron, manager.

No. 3 of the *Postal Card Reporter*, for December, 16 pages, from Mr. A. Lohmeyer, Baltimore, Md. Copies can be had gratis upon request to him.

A neat 16-page price list from the Raynor Hubbell Stamp Co., with an "original" front cover design.

Wholesale and retail price list from H. H. Ashworth & Co., England.

Cuba . .

- 1897, 40c, orange-brown each 80c.
 - 1897, 80c, lilac-brown each \$1.50
- (The Two for \$2.00 net.)

Unused and in good condition.
Above are two very desirable stamps that are worth much more than the catalogue price, which was fixed while the stamps were current.
Order by return mail. [cow*

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From Our Regular Correspondent. Cottlow's... Chicago Correspondence.

Tuesday, Dec. 20th.
I noticed on a package of cigarettes that the "10 cigarette" stamp "Series of 1897" surcharged "Series of 1898" is printed in red on blue U. S. I. R. paper instead of black or blue as formerly. Whether this departure is to be carried all through the line of tobacco and cigar stamps or not I cannot say but the stamp in its new color is certainly a pretty one.

Mr. Bartels, in a recent number of the *Metropolitan Philatelist*, says the Bureau officials deny that any of the 2c 1894 have been printed on laid paper as catalogued in Scott's Addenda to the 1898 Catalogue.

Now the Government officials do their work well enough but in the matter of minor varieties their observation is sometimes very poor as the following case will show.

Along in '87 when the 2c "rejected die" was first discovered and commented upon by Mr. F. F. Gilbert and other Chicago collectors, Mr. Wolsieffer sent copies of both dies to the Department at Washington asking for information as to the necessity for the two dies.

The Department people answered that they had referred the matter to the manufacturers of the envelopes at Hartford. After their reply had reached Washington, Mr. W. received a second letter from the Department saying that but one die had been used. He had not pointed out the differences in the dies and their observation was not keen enough to discover them; and as a matter of fact anyone, whether familiar with stamps or not can easily observe these points of distinction when his attention is called to them as they are so very plain. This is merely an illustration and when it comes down to the bottom of the matter, the Department and Bureau officials don't know half as much about the U. S. stamps as do the collectors themselves.

So, according to the "Special" on page 115 of the ERA for Dec. 17th, we are to have the regular issues surcharged for Cuba. That's nice. It will give the boys something to do, especially when Porto Rico, the Ladrões and the Philippines and Hawaii also have followed suit. That means that Uncle Sam regards these possessions as distinct from the U. S. so far as the postal regulations go and sooner or later we may expect a different set of stamps for each Colony just as it was before the war.

When it comes to the matter of "stamps worth full catalogue" did anyone ever happen to remember that the Poland adhesive is a pretty good thing and hard to get hold of, either perfect or not?

Dr. Caswell of Rockford, Illinois, was a visitor this week.

Nothing Succeeds Like Success.

"Stamp Hunting," by Lewis Robie (Donohue, Henneberry & Co., Chicago), is a bright, breezy, entertaining book, in which, along with no little half-jocular knowledge of the commercial traveler, is conveyed an endless fund of information about stamps that are worth anything, to the collector, and of how they may be sought, with many airy touches at the humors of the quest. Its half narrative, half sketchy way will commend it to the interest of many, and to not a few others it will impart information scarcely to be found elsewhere in print.—*Chicago Chronicle*, Dec. 5.

Have your book store get you a copy. Sent by return mail on receipt of 50 cents.

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We send our wholesale list to every dealer who wishes one. We put up a fine special dealer's stock for \$10.00, or half the lot for \$5.25.

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My Wants are Many!

The few I can afford to indulge will be advertised in the ERA during 1899. Watch my space each week. A different "want" each week. "Make a note of them;" you may sell me something.

EDWARD H. HALL,
FORT COLLINS, COLORADO.

2c Omaha, used, fine	\$0.35
\$1.00 " " "	.70
15c Canada 1882, n/w o. g., fine	.22
20c " 1892, " " "	.30
50c " " " "	.70
5c " Maple Leaf, new o. g., block of 4	.30
6c " " " " " " " " " " " "	.35
50c Postage Due, U. S., lightly cancelled	.35
30c " claret 1891, new o. g.	.60
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Blocks of 4 of the 15, 20 & 50c Canada, same prices each.
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262	3.00	1.00
263	8.00	3.50
268	2.00	1.00
277	2.50	.75
587	.25	.10
664	.75	.15
750	1.00	.60
752	3.00	.80
849	.25	.10
851	.25	.10
897	5.00	2.25
908	5.00	2.25
899	5.00	2.25
901	5.00	2.25
1102	7.50	.75
1136	10.00	5.00
1150	.40	.30
1197	1.50	.60
1200	.40	.40
1236	.40	.30
1238	.30	.25
1275	1.00	.20
1700	6.00	3.00

Rumford Stamp Co.,
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3 Capitol St., CONCORD, N. H.

OMAHA PLATES Wanted:
25¢ above face for 713 to 715, 723, 730, 731, 736 to 751, 621, 624 and any No. from 660 to 690.
Cash by return mail. SEND WANT LIST.
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FREE! "THE EVERGREEN STATE PHILATELIST" on trial two months. It will then be discontinued. Address, at Hartland, Washington. [tfa

Philatelic Press Review.

By WM. C. STONE.

(Continued from page 119.)

Madrid Filatelico again gives us some figures concerning the quantities of stamps sent to the various colonies. This month the figures are given for the issues of 1894-5 and 1896-7 with the "Habilitados" of the Philippines for 1897. Of these latter very small quantities were issued and they will no doubt be hard to get. The 80 centavos of the 1896-7 series will also be scarce as only 10,000 were sent to each of the three colonies. Of the 40 centavos 20,000 were sent to Cuba and the same to the Philippines, and 50,000 to Puerto Rico.

The publisher of the only standard catalogue in the Spanish language, M. Galvez Jimenez, announces that all collectors who in their exchange advertisements in foreign magazines will announce his catalogue only, as their basis of exchange will receive an eighth of a page free advertisement in *Madrid Postal*. Those who use his catalogue in connection with others will be entitled to five lines. This is decidedly enterprising and M. Galvez will no doubt profit considerably by it.

It does not seem as though any of our war revenues would be very scarce judging from the list given in Mr. Bartels letter in the *Metropolitan Philatelist*. The smallest quantity of any of the proprietaries is 26,450 sheets of the 5 cent value with 200 (or 216) stamps to a sheet. Of the documentary 34,000 sheets of the 3 cent value were issued while the dollar values which have 128 stamps to a sheet varied from 23,092 sheets of \$1, to 886 of the \$50. Even allowing that half of them never fall into collectors' hands there will probably be enough to supply all who want them at a moderate price. These figures only come down to September 30, so there will be still more than these figures indicate. But to those who go in for shades there is no time like the present. As Robie says: "Hustle while you have the legs."

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A Specimen Page

From My APPROVAL BOOKS:

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Switzerland '78, Unpaid, 100 blue	8 cts.
Trinidad '82 1 carmine and black	12 "
Turkey '05 2 blue	4 "
" " 90 5 pi salmon	15 "
Tuscany '53 4 green	12 "
*Two Sicilies '60 1/2 green	6 "
" " " 10 orange	6 "
" " " 20 yellow	7 "
Uruguay '84 1 gray	7 "
Wurtemberg '58 6 green	18 "

I should be pleased to have you send for one of my books; you will like them. As a matter of business I would ask you to furnish home references or deposit.

HAVE YOU ANY STAMPS TO SELL?

F. NOYES, Alice, Texas.

An interesting article in *Le Philatelic Francais* deals with the classification of provisional stamps. The author divides such stamps into eight classes as follows: 1. Value modified by a surcharge (Hong Kong, Liberia, etc.). 2. Value modified by more than one surcharge, (Tonga, St. Vincent, Mauritius). 3. Name of country changed by surcharge (Labuan, Perak, Azores, Zululand etc.). 4. Value and country modified at the same time by a surcharge (British East Africa on Zanzibar, Timor on Macao, Zanzibar on India). 5. Telegraph stamps used postally: A, With no surcharge (Chile); B, With surcharge (Philippines, Paraguay). 6. Revenue stamps used postally: A, Without surcharge, (Great Britain, Chile, Victoria, etc.); B, With surcharge (Sierra Leone, Philippines, Grenada). 7. Postage stamps cut in half to represent non existing values, (Belgium, Antigua, Chile, etc.). 8. Stamps of one country used in another without a surcharge, (Alsace, Chile, English and French used in the Orient, etc.).

December papers unless noted otherwise.
American Collector, Oct., Vol V. No.

3 (24).

Canadian Philatelic Weekly (Berlin),
Vol. III. No 3 (15).

Colectionador de Sellos, Nov., Vol. III.
No. 11.

Filatelic Facts and Fallacies, Nov, Vol.
VII. No. 2 (74).

Herald Exchange, Vol. V. No. 4 (28).
Lone Star State Philatelist, Oct., Vol.

VII. No. 3 (103).
London Philatelist, Nov., Vol. VII. (83).

Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News, Vol. XII.
No. 24 (415).

Philatelic Bulletin, Nov., Vol. II. No. 3
(15).

Philatelic Chronicle, Nov., Vol. VIII.
No. 2.

Philatelic West, Nov., Vol. VIII. No. 1.
Revista Philatelica do Brazil, Nov., Vol.

III. No. 11.
Stamp Collectors' Journal, Nov., Vol.

XXI. (241).
Stampman, Vol. IV. No. 2 (18).

Stamps, Nov., Vol. II. No. 11.
Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal, Nov.,

Nov., Vol. IX. (101).
Virginia Philatelist, Vol. II. No. 4.

A familiar face smiles upon me from the pages of *Filatelic Facts and Fallacies*. Our friend Hale, the "stamp drummer" has been doing San Francisco, and in addition to a write up and photo, furnishes a page and a half of his impressions of the Golden Gate collectors. Charles E. Jenney has a very readable article on "common" stamps.

The most interesting article in the belated *Lone Star State Philatelist* is that made up from the official reports of the postmaster general of the Confederate States.

The only trouble with it is that it is too short. Give us more of it at a time friend Bradley. An illustration of the recently discovered Emory, Va., local is given with an account of the same, including an affidavit from the postmaster who issued it.

The *London Philatelist* takes "Catalogue Value" as the subject of its editorial article this month, and has also an article by W. A. Walker, Secretary of the Plymouth society, upon "Breakers Ahead." They are both very interesting reading and ought to be widely circulated. Mr. Walker shows up the evil effects of booming stamps which have not had time to reach their real level and says that no stable market value can be attached to a new issue until at least one year after its appearance. A good example might be quoted in our own war revenues of which the \$5 value was listed not long since at 90 cents while now it has dropped to about one half that, and will continue to drop for some time as the used specimens come on the market through the running out of the documents upon which they are placed.

The *Philatelic Bulletin* improves with time and is quite a readable magazine. The cover of the current number is very tasty and the contents well worth perusing. A portrait and sketch of Georges Carion is the leading article.

A dead certain steal without any credit given is the article by J. M. Andreini in the *Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser*. The article is one which Mr. Andreini read before the Philatelic Society of New York and it was published in the *Metropolitan Philatelist*.

The *Stampman*, which is no longer a yellow journal but decidedly an orange red one, contains but little reading matter this month aside from the price list. "Answers for the Anxious" and "The Grumbler" are short but decidedly spicy. Keep it up Brother Osgood, but give us more at a time. We can stand it as long as Robie is not going to get out the *Stamp Hunter*.

Aside from its regular departments the best thing in *Stamps* is the reprinted article on the stamps of Paraguay which originally came out in the *Virginia Philatelist*.

The postal card and fiscal departments contain considerable interesting matter. Next year there will be given a series of articles dealing with the revenue stamps of Japan.

Major Evans commences his series of papers in the *Monthly Journal*, on the native stamps of India, by a very interesting and instructive article on the stamps issued by Alwar or Ulwar as it is sometimes spelled. This state is one of the most im-

portant of those issuing stamps and yet has been content with only two stamps and those both of low value. Specialists in these stamps will be interested to learn that four shades exist of the $\frac{1}{4}$ anna and three of the 1 anna. Announcement is made of the forthcoming catalogue of the publishers, which will be in four volumes, to correspond to the Imperial album. The price for the complete catalogue, six shillings, is rather steep, especially as it will cost another shilling to have it sent by post.

The *Virginia Philatelist* commences a series of articles on the stamps of Japan and has quite a little matter concerning Confederate stamps. It is as fine as ever typographically.

The Collectors Club.

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Thirty-second meeting of Governors held at the Club House, Dec. 12, 1898.

Called to order at 8:25 p. m. by Vice President Bruner, the following Governors being present: Calman, Luff, Scott, Stebbins and the Secretary.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.

The Secretary read letters from Messrs. Deats, Perozo and Gibson, and was instructed to reply to one of them.

Upon motion of the Secretary duly seconded and unanimously carried the thanks of the Governors were extended to the publishers of the following philatelic papers which have been received free during the past year and displayed in the Assembly room for the use of the members:

Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News.

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Boston Stamp Book.
Postal Card Bulletin.
Evergreen State Philatelist.

Treasurer's report was then received, showing a balance in Bank \$541.32 exclusive of U. S. bonds.

The Committee on Piano purchase reported progress.

The Chairman of House Committee made his report, which was received.

After an informal discussion on the subject of new quarters and further accommodation for the members, the Treasurer was appointed a Committee on lease of new house, and the meeting adjourned at 9:30 p. m.

J. M. ANDREINI, Secretary.

Newspaper Clippings.

AMERICAN STAMPS FOR CUBA.

A LIMITED NUMBER TO BE MARKED "CUBA," WITH VALUE IN SPANISH CURRENCY.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The Bureau of Engraving and Printing will begin on Monday to turn out postage stamps for temporary use in Cuba.

The new stamps are our own one, two, five and ten cent stamps. Across the faces will be printed the word "Cuba" in black ink, with the amount in pesos near the lower edge. The latter will be small but sufficiently distinct to prevent mistakes. The green one-cent stamps will be known as "1c de peso," and red twos as "2½c de peso," the blue fives as "5c de peso," and the brown tens as "10c de peso."

The Bureau of Engraving and Printing is now at work preparing designs for the permanent stamps.

One stamp will contain a representation of a cane mill, with a cane field in the rear. For another denomination the subject will be "Commerce." The design will show a full-rigged clipper ship on the water, and in appearance the stamp will be similar to the 12-cent issue of 1869, one of the most attractive stamps ever used by this Government.

The rate of letter postage in Cuba, 5 cents for half an ounce, will not be changed for the present.

Acting Postmaster-General Heath today received the following cablegram from Major-Gen. Greene, at Havana:

"Military post office established and ready for business. Can handle all the mail for the troops in the provinces of Havana and Pinar del Rio, and when the Spanish evacuate Matanzas can handle everything east as far as the terminus of the railroad at Santa Clara."—*N. Y. World.*

MESSENGER BOYS ROB UNCLE SAM.

BY SUBSTITUTING CANCELLED REVENUE STAMPS FOR ONES GIVEN TO BE USED BY BROKERS

Collector Treat, of the Second Internal Revenue district, and Colonel Williams, chief of the Internal Revenue Inspector's office, have discovered another leak in the matter of revenue receipts. For some time

past it has been a matter of remark among brokers in Wall street that many messenger boys had plenty of money. Investigation brought out the fact that many of the boys have been selling documentary stamps at a discount of from twenty-five to fifty per cent.

It was learned by the inspectors sent out by the government officials that the boys obtained the stamps they sold by holding back the stamps given them by brokers to place on sales tickets, and substituting in place of them stamps which had formerly been used on sales tickets and cancelled.

COULD BE USED AGAIN.

These cancelled stamps could be again used in this way, as, according to the ruling of Commissioner Scott, in cancelling these stamps it was not necessary to put the day of the month in the cancelling mark. The plan followed by the boys was to detach the old stamps and by regumming them use them in place of new stamps given them to place on sales tickets. They would then sell the new stamps to brokers.

Some of the boys engaged in the business confessed and said that they had made as much as \$100 in one day by this plan. Reputable brokers in Wall street, who gave the government officials information of the fraud and aided them in obtaining evidence against the offenders, say that the plan could not have been successful had not the boys found a ready market for all the stamps they could dispose of and been encouraged by the purchasers to bring them more stamps.

AFTER THE PURCHASERS.

Collector Treat and Colonel Williams are still investigating the matter and may possibly proceed against the men who purchased the stamps at such a discount.

The receipts from the sale of documentary stamps at the office of Collector Treat yesterday were \$63,197.20, and of this amount \$37,900 was taken by two firms in fifty dollar stamps.—*N. Y. Herald*, Dec. 22, 1898.

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From an Occasional Correspondent.

OTTAWA, CANADA, Dec. 29, 1898.

The fun which I anticipated over the Imperial stamps has begun, but not exactly as I expected. Our first variety is an accomplished fact. The first issue of these geographical stamps, on the 7th instant, had the sea coloured a light lavender. About the 20th, I cannot fix the exact day, a second supply had the sea coloured a light blue, as nearly as I can judge Prussian blue. And now I am told the third lot are to have the seas much darker in colour, but that is only rumour.

It is remarkable how few people can name colours correctly; the two varieties are here popularly known as the blue and the green stamps, but the former has certainly got some red in its blue tint, and is, as before announced, a lavender, while the latter has certainly no more green in it than the slightly greenish tinge of Prussian blue.

On the 25th the first letter to England franked with the Imperial stamp in full prepayment of postage was mailed by our Postmaster General to the Postmaster General of Great Britain; a great many of our collectors also mailed letters to friends for the purpose of having souvenirs of the inception of Imperial penny postage, by getting the envelopes back postmarked 25th.

Talking of pennies I would remind your readers that in this sense a penny represents almost exactly twice the value that you mean by the word. An English halfpenny is almost equivalent to an American cent or penny, 480 of the former being worth 487 of the latter. The variation in the values of shillings and pence would make quite an interesting article.

I hear the Canadian postal authorities are preparing a new five dollar stamp, as it is required to pay newspaper postage in bulk. It will not be issued until the high values of Jubilee stamps have been exhausted. Under a new law, newspapers, which heretofore passed free by mail from the office of publication, throughout the Dominion, must, after January 1st, pay postage at the rate of $\frac{1}{4}$ cent a pound if sent beyond 20 miles from their place of

publication, and this rate is prepaid by stamps placed in a pass book supplied for the purpose, and cancelled at the mailing office.

This use will soon exhaust the high values of our Jubilee issue, of which, in spite of the condemnation of the S S S. S., I am quite fond, because we know exactly where we stand with it. The number issued of each denomination is known beyond all dispute, and, thank heaven, the plates are destroyed, and we can have no reprints, specimens, proofs, or other resurrection abuses. I look with pleasure on my very handsome page of Jubilee blocks.

Let me correct two mistakes in my last letter [see first page No. 291—ED.], the length of the Imperial stamp is 32 mm. not 38; that was my mistake. The name of the distinguished navigator whose plan of charting was adopted for the stamp was *Mercator*, not *Mercabis* as printed; that was the "intelligent compositor's" mistake.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Our Boston Letter.

Tuesday, December 27th.

Last Saturday was received here Stanley Gibbons' Priced Catalogue for 1899, of the Postage Stamps of the British Empire. The following are some of the new prices: Antigua, unused, No. 1, \$6.25; No. 3, \$18.75; No. 7, \$15.00; No. 13, \$5.00; No. 18, \$3.12; No. 23, \$5.60. Bahamas, unused, No. 1, \$2.50; No. 3, \$25.00; No. 4, \$25.00. Barbados, 5sh, No. 44, unused, \$23.75, used, \$10.00; Nos. 60, 61, 62, \$40.00, \$45.00, \$40.00. Canada, 1855, 10 pence, unused, \$45; used, \$7.50; 1857, $7\frac{1}{2}$ d, \$50 unused; \$15, used. Dominica, 1879, 1sh, unused, \$5; 1883, 6d, \$3.75; 1sh, \$16. Gambia, 37 stamps are listed, not including the current set; a great many more shades are given; and I think the stamps of no other Colony have advanced so much as these; the 1880, 2d, is \$1.75; 3d, \$1.12; 4d, \$8.75; 1887, there are two shades listed to each denomination, excepting the 6d of which there are three shades, and the 6d is priced from 37 cents to \$3.75. In the ERA, over a year ago, I called attention to these shades and that they would probably be listed. Those who acquired a set of these stamps at that time may now be considered fortunate. Gold Coast, 1884, 2sh brown is priced at \$2.12; Grenada,

1883, 1sh is priced at \$7.50 unused; \$5 used; Lagos, 1885, 2d, grey, unused, \$2.50; there are listed five 1890, 3c Newfoundland, unused, 8 cents each; the 3c type A23 is evidently not very scarce in Europe. The New South Wales Jubilee set of 3 stamps are listed in different dies and perforations, besides shades. Sarawak and Tonga are included with the other Colonies. It is said that Sarawak was placed under the British protection in 1888, and that Tonga, although not under a British Protectorate, is nevertheless within the jurisdiction of the High Commissioner for the Western Pacific. There are also given two new stamps for Falkland Islands; one is rectangular in shape, the other is circular, and they were evidently made by hand-stamps, used to signify that the postage was paid on letters from these Islands, before they had adhesive stamps.

The last issue of Zululand stamps has been advanced and the 3d is quoted at 37 cents, used or unused. A stamp that I mentioned some time ago, that I thought was worth full catalogue value, was a $\frac{1}{2}$ d Tobago, 1880, watermarked CC. It is quoted in this catalogue at \$2.50. The book also has the stamps of Great Britain illustrated, which is a new feature for an English catalogue. There has been a great many reductions in prices, especially in used stamps. The current or recent issues are also priced on a lower basis than formerly, excepting some of the African stamps that have recently become obsolete, which we all expected would be advanced.

A word in regard to the book: a great many of the illustrations in the book are half-tones; and, with a few exceptions, they are the wretchedest half-tone illustrations that I have ever seen. The cuts illustrating the New Zealand stamps are a libel upon the original. The illustration showing the 1898 3c Newfoundland I would wager is a picture of Queen "Lil" of Hawaii. The book has every appearance of having been put together in a hurry, and sent on its journey across the water in haste, as the binding is very poor.

The new U. S. 15c stamp has been on sale in some of the small offices during the past 10 days, and the Boston office has them on sale to-day, plate No. 264, 15c olive.

There is quite a demand here for the first printing of the 2c map stamp of Canada; it is readily selling at 10 cents per copy,

and very few copies are to be obtained. I do not believe that 50 copies of it can be found for sale in Boston. In the first printing of the stamp the color representing the water was lavender, and although the originators of the stamp did not hesitate to color about three-fourths of North America as representing British possessions, it would seem that lavender water was a little too expensive, and in later printings the water is of a greenish blue of different shades. It looks now as if the lavender stamp would be a good one.

S. E. L.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Providence Notes.

By F. PUTNEY, JR.

The bookstores here report many calls for the "new catalogue," that great portion of the collecting public which does not take the stamp papers being evidently a little behind the times. The new albums are selling well

I note that the "London letter" of one of the local Sunday papers states that the last issue of London hospital stamps has proved an utter failure. Stamp collectors would not touch them, and the general public got tired of the novelty, not to mention the cost of the stamps.

The Providence internal revenue office sold \$22,800 worth of stamps last month, a gain of some \$2,000 over the month preceding. The greatest demand in documentary stamps is, of course, for the two-centers, but of late there has been an extra large call for even the fifty dollar stamps. The office is carrying quite a quantity of stamps which got stuck together in the dog days last summer, waiting until the government shall issue orders for their redemption. The officials are also frequently called upon to redeem revenues which have become spoiled on the hands of other people, but are unauthorized to do so, much to the disgust of the public. One Newport man got "stuck" several hundred dollars on stamps which he ordered by mail and which reached him in a solid mass.

The local contractors for printing the stamped bank checks are the J. C. Hall

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Company, and orders for special checks are now the regular thing. Some business men complain, however, that the design of the stamp is difficult to write upon, presenting a somewhat oily surface which fails to take ink from the pen.

In Proprietary stamps, the greatest call is for the 3/8c stamp. This value is likely to be the most common of the used Proprietaries, as it is the one used on twenty-five cent articles. The writer has taken pains to inquire at various drug stores which articles are most sold, next to twenty-five cent ones, and opinions seem to vary about evenly between the fives and tens. This would make the 3/8c and 1/2c stamps rank next to the 3/8c in plentifulness.

The Canada Xmas stamps are coming in quite frequently, used and in remittances, and many are the opinions as to their design. One collector says that since reading the ERA of two weeks ago, he knows where the design came from. It is evident, he asserts, that a wall map of the world was used for target practice by Mr. Robie of Chicago, his shotgun being loaded with red ink. If this is so, it must be a consolation to D. T. Eaton to know that Brer Robie is such a blamed poor shot.

Nothing new as to J. B. Calder, whose whereabouts are still unknown.

EXCHANGES.

One notice is allowed each subscriber free if sent with his remittance, extra notices will be inserted at the uniform price of 10 cents each insertion. Non-subscribers 15 cents each insertion. Positively cash with notice. All notices must be for exchange and limited to thirty words, exclusive of the address, and must be written on a separate piece of paper. Notices offering articles for sale for cash, or offering to purchase for cash cannot be inserted here as they do not come under this head.

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Several hundred old stamp magazines to exchange for stamps. Also a 2c Justice to exchange for 20c 1847 or 30c 1869 in good condition. C. F. Case, Sam's Valley, Oregon.

War and Omaha stamps wanted in exchange for Canada Jubilee and Maple Leaves. I also want U. S. and Foreign not in my collection, and illustrated post cards. J. A. Laferriere, Berthier en-haut, P. Q., Canada.

3c and 4c Playing Cards and \$300.00 first issue Revs., perf. and in fine condition, to exchange for a fine perf. copy of \$300.00 Probate of Will. Jas. Mikolasek, 721 W. 19th St., Chicago, Ill.

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Will exchange one year's subscription to "Stamp Talk" for 100 used Canadian Imperial penny postage stamps; or for 300 used 2c Omaha stamps. Address, Stamp Talk, Box 487, Kansas City, Mo.

For Exchange—1898 Doc. 3c, 60c per 100; 10c, \$1.00 per 100; 25c, \$1.80 per 100; 50c, 3c each; \$1.00, 7c each. Will exchange at above rates for stamps at catalogue from approval sheets. W. W. Sammons, Blue Island, Ill. [95]

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Exchange. I have about 200 of the 1c, 2c and 4c Newspaper stamps, unused in fine condition, of a issue of 1872 to exchange for best offer, also have a number of fine duplicates of U. S. and foreign. Have several copies of 24c purple, triangle Good Hope, etc., also many common. Please let me hear from you. E. H. Wolcott, Wolcott, Ind. [95]

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" 25 chocolate	6 "
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1,296 books of stamps in circulation
according to my report of Dec.
17th, valued at \$41,961.39
32 books received since Dec. 17th,
valued at 890.20
\$42,851.59
47 books retired since Dec. 17th,
valued at (from which has been
sold \$274.95)..... 1,830.04

Total number of books in circula-
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tle, No. 87 Nassau St., New York City.

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collections, or good single stamps and they
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lector in the United States should be a
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Worcester, Mass., Letter.

After a few months of inactivity a few of
the members of the Worcester Philatelic
Association held a meeting at the Y. M.
C. A. one evening a few weeks ago, and
elected officers as follows:

President—Frank E. Stimpson.
Vice-President—M. V. Olmstead.
Secretary and Treasurer—Walter L.
Brown.

Librarian—Dr. W. E. Booker.
All present were interested to have the
organization continue and undoubtedly
larger attendances will be had at future
meetings.

Our stamp club was organized April 15,

1891, and has had its "ups and downs" ac-
cording to the interest shown by the mem-
bers. Our meetings had been held at the
Lincoln House with an expense to the As-
sociation for a room until a member con-
ceived the idea that four or five of the mem-
bers might join the Y. M. C. A. at an ex-
pense of two dollars each and have the
privileges of the membership and a room
furnished for the meetings without extra
expense to the Association. Accordingly
five members joined the Y. M. C. A. and
now enjoy the comfort of dropping into a
cosy corner in the parlor for a stamp talk
and exchange most every Monday evening.

A former resident of Worcester, home on
a short vacation from the west, found no
difficulty in finding a purchaser, in Mr.
Laurie, for two 15-cent 3rd issue Document
stamps with inverted medallion. But three
of these stamps were known to exist by
this gentleman and he has been unable to
hear of any person who had ever seen one
before these were placed on the market.
Some good things pass thro' Worcester!

Among things that pass in a night were
twenty-one large chests containing all the
papers and documents of a very large and
wealthy property holder in the West. The
burning of a mill, in which these chests
were stored crushed the hopes of this col-
lector, of the inverted medallion, who had
a team hired to remove those chests the
very next morning, and at the same time
probably destroyed many thousand dollars
worth of valuable revenue stamps.

Fire as an agent for keeping the supply
of rare stamps at the proper limit seems to
be a top-notch. A smoke talk with the
friend, the collector, brought out a remark
that at one time before he knew the value
of stamps, that he as clerk of a hotel in a
Kansas town, had caused a large number of
unclaimed letters to be burned. These let-
ters had laid around the hotel since the
"forties" and as a joke on a stamp col-
lecting friend he sent a stamp with two
bears represented on the face of it. A re-
minder of an incident in which they were
both interested—P. D. Q. a letter comes
back with a request for more of these St.
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The following telegram from the ERA'S Washington correspondent gives important news:

Washington, D. C., Dec. 31, 1898.
The Philatelic Era,
Portland.

The Postmaster General has just recalled the 2c surcharged Cuban and the 3c stamp will be substituted.

The necessity for the change has doubtlessly been made necessary as a precaution against fraudulent surcharging of this value, to which, under the original plan, there was a special incentive, i. e., the 2-cent value being raised by the surcharge to 2 1/2 c de pesos.

Now the all-important question is: How many (or few) of the 2c stamps surcharged 2 1/2 c de peso were issued or got into the hands of the public?

Correspondence.

[The editor wishes it distinctly understood that he does not hold himself responsible for assertions made under this head, nor does he necessarily sanction any ideas or opinions expressed. All are invited to contribute to this department, with the above understanding, and all communications deemed suitable or of interest to our readers will be published.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 27th, 1898.
EDITOR OF THE PHILATELIC ERA.

Dear Sir: Counterfelt surcharges of large I. R. plate numbers are being offered from Chicago. Thus far 525 and 526 have been seen. They are not very good imitations of the originals, the letters of both the 1c and 2c being off color. The blue on 525 is much too light. In the one cent the red is better but a little too dark. The shape of the letters is fairly good but in several respects defective. The periods are wrong in size.

Of the location and number found of all genuine surcharges of the 1c Nos. 439, 440, 493, 494, 496, 526, 527 and 528 as well as 2c No. 525 a pretty accurate record has been kept by the writer and all new finds should be regarded with suspicion. Collectors having any of these in their collections send them to the undersigned who will examine them free of charge.

As stated before, it will never be possible to counterfeit a surcharge which cannot be told from the original. It never has been done in the past and never will be in the future.

It is also reported that about seven sheets of inverted surcharges were made by someone in Nebraska and sold to dealers. The party is said to have subsequently destroyed all on hand and discontinued the business.

Yours very truly,
J. M. BARTELS Co.

ONE MINUTE PLEASE!
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We are now laying our wires to leave N. Y. by Jan. 1st, 1900, for London and a two years' tour of the world. Subscriptions solicited for another book entitled "How We Got There," or "Around the World by a Stamp Crank," bound in cloth \$1.00. We are sprouting out with it a little soon, but it is our way. Like the little boy in the woods—He hadn't lost his way, it was a way he had. All is, it is no Fairy Tale, and only the tolling bells of our funeral will prevent its consummation. We want some good-natured, refined Stamp Friend of good family, with no strings on him, to accompany us and hold the sack. One preferred who is mentally competent to understand French and German and physically competent to sleep in the field and eat hay—if necessary. Keep in touch with us by correspondence on this proposition.

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Philatelic Press Review.

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All are December papers unless otherwise noted.

Anales de la Sociedad Filatelica Santiago, Sept.-Oct., Vol. IV. No. 5.

Annonce Philatelique, Nov., Vol. IV. (45).

Australian Stamp News, Oct., Vol. II. No. 6.

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Francobollo, Vol. VI. (75).

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Post Office, Vol. VIII. (93).

Postal Card Reporter, Vol. I. No. 3.

Revue Philatelique Francaise, Nov., Vol. IX. (96).

Rocky Mountain Stamp, Nov., Vol. IV. No. 2 (38).

Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly, Vol. V. (110).

Stamp Talk, Vol. I. No. 2.

Stamps, Nov., Vol. II. No. 11.

Timbrophile Poitevin, Vol. IV. (44).

The *Anales* of the Santiago, Chile, philatelic society forms a very handsome appearing magazine, fully equal to anything published in this country. The cover design represents the recording angel with a stamp album in her lap putting a small youth through an examination in philately. At least if it doesn't represent that it might be so interpreted. The old, old question of "Bleute par la gomme" is taken up by A. T. Lista and handled in an able manner. His paper was read before the Santiago society and was brought out by one on the same subject by W. A. S. Westoby which appeared in the Berlin society's volume issued to commemorate its tenth anniversary. The chronicle of new issues, while it seems a trifle old to us

here, is very full, and well illustrated. The reports of the society and its sections fill several pages. Those who desire to receive this publication should remit 3 francs, 50 centimes to the treasurer of the society, Casilla 1124, Santiago, Chile.

We again have the *Canadian Philatelic Weekly* in two varieties, one Toronto print, the other Berlin. The Toronto journal being a week late appears with eight pages and has a new heading. The contents are bright and newsy and I trust the paper will continue as it now is and not change into a monthly as I understand is the intention with the coming of the new year. We have plenty of monthlies now.

The best article in the *Eastern Philatelist* is that devoted to the Lesser Antilles. With the rumor that the now existing Leeward Islands postal confederation is to be broken up, and special issues brought out by each of the islands as before, it is interesting and instructive to read over the historical sketch which "S" has so vividly set forth. Henry A. Chapman compares prices as set forth in an 1874 magazine with those of the present day and the deadly parallel makes us all wish we had spent more of our loose change for stamps in our younger days.

I well remember myself paying J. W. Scott \$1.25 for a set of eight values of the 1857-60 issue of United States and \$1.00 for the three big newspaper stamps that sell same year. I have the 27th edition of his catalogue still and what a contrast to the latest! But we can't go back, so we must buy carefully now, and perhaps the catalogues of 1922 will show as great advances in stamps now as common as the above were in 1874.

For a dealer's advertising sheet Friedl's *Offertenblatt* is a remarkably good one. Besides the special offers of the publisher (no other ads are admitted) it contains numerous notes which will well repay the reader. Postal card collectors will be especially interested in the three pages devoted to a price list of the cards of Austria, Hungary and Bosnia.

The supplement to Senf Brothers' *Illustriertes Briefmarken Journal* is mainly devoted to the German pneumatic, official,

private and colonial cards. It forms a continuation of previous articles which treated of the regular issues and is by Dr. Kalckhoff. A commencement is made of a bibliography of the subject.

The *Melita Philatelic Chronicle* winds up its first year with a 20-page number as promised, but the contents are rather disappointing, being for the large part advertisements. Edmund Rizzo commences a series of articles on the stamps of Malta which promises well. The "Hints to Collectors" is rather a chestnut to most of us now, but perhaps the Maltese need it.

Long lists of new plate numbers and statistics concerning old ones are furnished the readers of the *Metropolitan Philatelist* by J. M. Bartels, so well-known to readers of the ERA. The reports of the annual meeting of the Collectors Club of New York shows that the club is in excellent condition with over \$700 in the treasury and only about \$175 of unpaid bills. The auction sale of the famous Casey philatelic library is advertised to take place January 19th. It will be the chance of a lifetime to fill up your libraries.

The *Perforator* with its green and yellow ink presents a somewhat striking appearance. A likeness of J. H. Thomas in the uniform of the U. S. S. Badger shows that philatelists are not behind hand in coming to the front when our country calls. The magazine has been running to advertisements a little more of late than was formerly the case. The amount of reading matter however fills over half the magazine. Mr. Stowell is to occupy the editorial chair himself after January 1.

When I look back over the file of the *Philatelic Monthly* to the first number issued twenty-four years ago next February what a change greets the eye. Then it was a four-page sheet almost wholly devoted to Mr. Durbin's price lists with a brief chronicle and one or two brief notes. The current number (288) consists of 12 pages within a cover, and eleven of those pages are solid reading matter. Mr. Bacon's article on the Bermuda provisional of 1849 is reproduced from the *Philatelic Record* and the brief news items are full of interest as usual.

The *Philatelic Messenger* is still behind time, but will catch up sometime I suppose. The November issue consists of 24 pages, 12 of them being devoted to the much advertised price list of Williams & Co., the Lima, Peru, dealers. The appearance of the *Messenger* has certainly not improved with its change of residence. The earlier numbers looked the best.

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With the December number the *Philate-*

lic Record closes its twentieth volume and next year will consequently be entitled to vote. Edward J. Nankivell, who for the past three years has been its editor, announces his retirement in a valedictory editorial. This will be greatly regretted by its readers, but I trust the publishers will be able to secure some man of equal ability to fill his place. His "Stray Notes on Transvaals" occupy a couple of pages and among other things give some of the prices brought by the plums in the Pierce collection recently sold in London. A priced catalogue of that sale, by the way, will be of considerable value to collectors, as it comprised one of the fullest lines of Transvaals ever brought under the hammer. It can be had of Messrs. Buhl & Co. for one shilling.

Another number of Mr. Lohmeyer's bright little *Postal Card Reporter* has been received and it is the best yet. While it is of course intended as an advertisement of his business it is full of interesting matter about cards. The Congo Free State receives a write-up with a priced list of the cards annexed. The newly discovered Indian official cards, the news of the discovery of which through the kindness of Mr. Lohmeyer was first made public in the *Postal Card Bulletin*, are fully described, illustrated and priced.

"A Short Account of Stamps Used for Military Purposes" is the title of a most interesting sketch in the *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly*. If the author had only waited a few weeks he could have added our own stamps with the "Cuba" surcharge for they are most certainly issued under a military occupation and are of the same character as the Alsace-Lorraine emissions. Mr. Andreini's paper on the emergency stamps of Cuba and Puerto Rico is reprinted from the *Metropolitan Philatelist*, due credit being given. Another English paper recently reprinted the same article but failed to mention the fact that it was not original matter.

Chicago Philatelic Society.
651 Marquette Building.

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The 288th regular meeting was called to order at 8.25 P. M. Dec. 15, 1898, with Mr. L. H. Miller, President, in the chair. Present: Messrs. L. H. Miller, Mikolasek, Smack, Oesch, Massoth, Wolsieley, Schlieckert, Wolsieffer, Bradt, McDonald, Soutag, Lefever, Severn, Douglas, Pierce and Doncyson. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read. The Auditing Committee's report was received and referred to Governing Board. Mr. P. M. Wolsieffer, Chairman of Investigation of Frauds Committee, reported progress.

The Secretary read preliminary report which was referred to Governing Board. Resignation from Mr. Jos. Rechert (No. 67) was read and referred to Governing Board.

The annual election resulted as follows: For President, Mr. C. E. Severn. For Vice-President, Mr. John J. Oesch. For Secretary, Mr. S. T. S. Doncyson. For Treasurer, Mr. Chas. Schlieckert. For Governing Committee, Messrs. L. H. Miller, Chas. S. Smack and Fred Michaels.

The Governing Committee reported as follows: Ordered posted the application (for Passive membership) of Mr. Eugene H. Field, Galesburg, Ills., proposed by Mr. P. M. Wolsieffer.

They accepted the resignation of Mr. Jos. Rechert (No. 67) with regret.

They accepted reports of the Auditing Committee and Secretary.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9.30 P. M., after which Mr. W. H. McDonald exhibited his magnificent collection of revenues and stamped paper.

S. T. S. DONCYSON, Sec'y.

Plate Numbers of Documentary Stamps.

In the November number of the *Post Office* we published a list of the plate numbers of the new proprietary revenue stamps, furnished us from official sources by Mr. J. M. Bartels. We promised them to publish a similar list of the documentary stamps, and present the same herewith. This list, like the other, is compiled from official sources by Mr. Bartels, and contains the numbers of all the documentary stamps issued to date. Our readers will notice the eight cent value is included. As Mr. Bartels explained in his notes to the WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA, plates for this value were prepared on the assumption that an 8-cent stamp would be required by the life insurance companies, but this was found to be unnecessary, and no stamps have been printed from these plates. There need only be added that the 1/2-cent numbers include the orange as well as the slate.

- 1/2 CENT.
- 7971, 7973, 7983, 7996, 7998, 8236, 8237, 8243, 8244.
- 1 CENT.
- 7977, 7984, 8015, 8017, 8028, 8029, 8035, 8038, 8060, 8062, 8066, 8073, 8079, 8080, 8087, 8088, 8242, 8246, 8248, 8249.
- 2 CENTS.
- 7946, 7948, 7954, 7958, 8004, 8005, 8008, 8009, 8011, 8030, 8031, 8041, 8051, 8211, 8218, 8234, 8240.
- 3 CENTS.
- 8003, 8403.
- 4 CENTS.
- 7967, 7975, 8417.
- 5 CENTS.
- 7965, 7985, 7995, 7999, 8434.
- 8 CENTS.
- 7986, 8458.
- 10 CENTS.
- 7987, 8313, 8322.
- 25 CENTS.
- 7993, 8425.
- 40 CENTS.
- 8345, 8354, 8437, 8440.
- 50 CENTS.
- 7990, 8432.
- 80 CENTS.
- 8438, 8441, 8443, 8445.
- 1 DOLLAR.
- 8022.
- 3 DOLLARS.
- 8042.

- 8848. 5 DOLLARS.
- 8012. 10 DOLLARS.
- 8033. 50 DOLLARS.

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PORTLAND, ME., SATURDAY, JANUARY 7, 1899.

WHOLE No. 295.

From Our Special Correspondent.

Washington Notes.

Wednesday, January 4th.

The reason why the 2c Cuba was recalled was on account of the rate of postage. It was stated to me that the postage should have been 3c. It may be that they will not be returned. Since recalling them the Post Office Department decided to leave the matter with Major Rathbon and they are now awaiting his decision. However, I have nothing to retract as the order was sent from the Post Office Department as stated in the ERA.

I notice I am called down by friend Bartels on the Periodical statement and he practically gives the same information the ERA had previously published. I will admit, however, I had not been called in the Council Chamber and asked in what manner to dispose of them. I think you will find that Uncle Sam will be glad to receive suggestions and—then turn around and do as he likes. I think we had an instance of that on the Omaha issue. I made an official suggestion to separate the watermarked and unwatermarked and sell them as such and in that way they could in many cases sell two sets instead of one. I also suggested that they be sold for \$6.00 per set. I hardly think what I said will have any effect as the only reply I got was a "grunt." In any event there will be plenty of them and I think we will be able to get them at the proper price.

I think the readers of the ERA will get authentic information and get it when it comes out, but it may be in some cases that stamps may not be delivered the same day as stated as we all know in Washington what government red tape is.

I give the list of stamps surcharged. I am sure these figures are right as I got them from one in authority:

1,000,000	1c	surcharged	Cuba,	1c	de peso.
2,000,000	2c	"	"	2½c	"
4,000,000	5c	"	"	5c	"
400,000	10c	"	"	10c	"

LATER.

Thursday, January 5th.

I went over to the Post Office Department today and I found that the 3 and 4c

stamps had been surcharged for use in Cuba. The 2c stamps have also been surcharged 2c de peso. The U. S. soldiers will use this stamp as they will be entitled to regular rates. I presume that was the reason of the original order recalling the 2c 2½c de peso, as it would be very confusing to have the 2c stamp have two different surcharges.

The Government is furnishing these stamps to Cuba and charging them for the manufacture of same at the same rate we paid the American Bank Note Co.

Things That Strike One.

That our sphynx-like catalogue makers get very exasperating in their sphynxness, so to speak. Look at Nos. 21 and 46 Argentine Republic, in the 1897 Catalogue.

Look also at note under No. 20, and the omission of No. 46 in the 1898 Catalogue.

Now then, please concentrate your attention on 21, 21a, in the Supplementary Catalogue, and tell us if our tottering reason has got to submit to such dreadful assault and battery.

That such things as the above, coupled with the officially-sealed monstrosities, make one turn back to nursery literature: "Fly away Jack; fly away Jill; Come again Jack; come again Jill."

That the new, sort of hashed-up issue of Gibraltar has apparently not reached our S.-L. C.-M., for they have not included it in the supplementary information (*sic*).

That the proprietor of the Clipperton Islands must have said or done something very dreadful to have had his lucubrations excluded from the kaleidoscopic medley, for which we coughed up ten cents. We shall really miss that lively, sunny stamp that has done so much to brighten our lives! A severe critic once described Turner's picture "Sunset" as "a cat having a fit in a plate of tomato soup." His opinion on the Clipperton panorama would be extremely edifying.

That the new issue of Cuba is not going to encourage the schoolboy trade.

"A cane mill, with a cane field in the rear" needs no demonstration as Euclid so pertinently remarks!

That when it comes to stamps "worth full catalogue" we have a few duplicates ourselves to which we would fain apply a gentle Zephyrian boom. Perhaps we will mention them next week.

That Cook Island has a kind of inverted sequence of events. First a picture of de cullahd lady of culinary propensities, and now we have a picture of a flying bird.

Our recent Xmas experience would humbly suggest that de cullahd lady should come *after* the bird!

That Mr. Otto Bickel of San Marino seems to have retired from the public service. *Deo gratias!* For a period of 13 years the little republic had been running along with five or six stamps to its credit. Early in the nineties appeared Mr. Otto Bickel, in the dual role of Postmaster-General and stamp dealer.

He issued a philatelic paper, and very, very freely advertised the freaks he was able to create as postmaster and sell as dealer. Pooh-bah was a blighted idol compared with him.

One of the issues of his paper gave an account of his wedding, with a picture of Mr. and Mrs. Bickel on the front page, posing as Raphael cherubs.

Then he began to issue stamps for a living!! Possibly a mother-in-law to support! Possibly a horde of *very* poor relations!

We have cut the San Marino pages from our album and we used the Registration envelope to stop up a leak in the roof, thereby procuring a sort of artificial rainbow always on tap.

But, nevertheless, we feel an interest in Otto (who could help it?), and would fain know why he has withdrawn his countenance from us. Can it be too much mother-in-law? Tut, tut, Otto! Come over here and help boost up the waning star of Seebeck!

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Our Boston Letter.

Tuesday, January 3rd.

Mr. Lyons, the well-known stamp dealer, is at home sick with the grippie.

During the past week Boston dealers have received a large supply of the 2c Newfoundland in carmine. There has been a

great demand in Newfoundland among speculators for the 2c orange, and they have all been sold. They are quoted here at \$3.00 per hundred. Dealers here have also received the new Hayti stamps, including the 50c, which I think was the last one to be issued. The U. S. Treasury Department says the 1 guerde of Hayti is worth in our money 96 cents. There are a great many inquiries among collectors and dealers to know the value of the money of Hayti. If one undertakes to send any money there to import stamps, they will cost 100 cents on the dollar. The Consul for Hayti here says he knows of no way that the stamps can be purchased at less than their nominal face.

I understand that it is claimed that the I. R. inverted surcharge on the 2c stamp has been counterfeited extensively. Some of the knowing ones say that they can tell the counterfeits from the originals, but I think it very doubtful.

I see that Mr. Bartels advocates the selling of the Newspaper stamps, 10,000 sets at \$10 per set. I will be willing to wager any amount that the Government cannot dispose of 1/2 of this number at that price. A set of newspaper stamps, to be of any great philatelic value, must be a used set.

For the past four or five years collectors have been finding fault with the prices of stamps, when in fact stamps can be bought cheaper to-day than ever in the history of stamp collecting. Even the prices of 1862 were a great deal higher than the prices of to-day, when we take into consideration the rarities of the stamps. I have been asked by several collectors what is the true market value of a 10c 1847. The market value of a 10c 1847, in good condition, is \$2.50 to a collector; to a dealer, I should say that the stamp in the same condition ought to be worth \$2.00. Having made a study of the market for a great many years I have made up my mind that a great many dealers advertise stamps at apparently less than the market value; and when such stamps are examined, the prices asked for them is a high price, considering the condition. Several months ago, a European dealer advertised a certain stamp of one of the English Colonies for 50 cents. It was a stamp that I was willing to pay considerable more money for, and I immediately sent the cash to secure whatever copies he would sell at that price. In course of time I received a reply from him stating that he only had one copy in stock, which he sent, and returned the balance due me. The stamp has since been quoted at \$2.50.

The Colonial Stamp Co. will hold the first public auction sale at their office on Saturday, Jan. 14, at 3 P. M.

S. E. L.

EXCHANGES.

One notice is allowed each subscriber free if sent with his remittance, extra notices will be inserted at the uniform price of 10 cents each insertion. Non-subscribers 15 cents each insertion. Positively cash with notice. All notices must be for exchange and limited to thirty words, exclusive of the address, and must be written on a separate piece of paper. Notices offering articles for sale for cash, or offering to purchase for cash cannot be inserted here as they do not come under this head.

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Scott's 58th Catalogue and 1898 Supplement sent post paid for 50 used Omahas above 2c in fine condition. 50c Due, used, for 25 Omahas above 2c or for 200 1c. Charles W. Cutter, Box 32, Cambridge, Mass. [97]

Wanted, all kinds of stamps, Foreign or U. S.; especially desire Omahas and new Revenues; in exchange will give good value in stamp papers and magazines; I have some of almost every stamp paper issued. I also have for trade a number of nice bound books, old magazines, and a few coins. Rev. Geo. A. Joplin, Duncanson, Pa. [96]

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Exchange. I have about 200 of the 1c, 2c and 4c Newspaper stamps, unused in fine condition, of the issue of 1872 to exchange for best offer, also have a number of fine duplicates of U. S. and foreign. Have several copies of 2c purple, triangle Good Hope, etc., also many common. Please let me hear from you. E. H. Wolcott, Wolcott, Ind. [95]

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CONING, F. W., Maryville, Tenn.; age, 18; occupation, Student. References: L. T. Brodstone, Judson N. Burton; Guarantor: Frank W. Coning.
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REPORT OF THE SALES DEPARTMENT.

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1,281 books of stamps in circulation according to my report of Dec. 24th, valued at \$41,021.55
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\$41,303.47
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GEO. R. TUTTLE,
Superintendent Sales Dept.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Toronto Letter.

The first letter to take advantage of the Penny Ocean postage which came into force on Saturday, Dec. 24th, at midnight, was posted by John Ross Robertson, the editor and proprietor of the *Evening Telegram*. The letter was received at the General Post Office at one second past twelve on Sunday morning by Mr. John Carruthers, the Assistant Postmaster, who certified to the posting with his signature to the envelope. At five seconds past twelve it was handed to Mr. H. S. Allen, chief of the night staff, who at twelve seconds past the hour dropped it into one of the electric stamping machines, and at fifteen seconds past midnight it came out in due and proper form bearing the Toronto postmark of December 25th and the new two-cent stamp in the right hand corner duly cancelled so that it was all ready for the London mail bag waiting for it and succeeding letters going by the next British mail.

F. J. Whately, Jr., of this city, died recently at his home, Bellevue Place. Mr. Whately was a member of the D. P. A. and an earnest philatelist. He had been confined to the house for nearly two years.

Officials of the Post Office Department say there is on hand only one month's supply of the three-cent numeral postage stamps. No more of them will be issued.

Another philatelic weekly is announced from Hamilton, Ontario, by the name of the *Ontario Philatelic Weekly*, published by Norman Matches.

Canada may issue a four-cent stamp at an early date, to meet the demand for the double rate over the ordinary domestic or imperial rate.

It is reported that the department has issued a new 2-cent envelope.

Some of Hon. Wm. Mulock's English critics do not admire the taste of the motto in front of the new Imperial stamp, and the question is what will they think of the taste of the mucilage on the back of the same work of art and patriotism.

The public is taking kindly to the new stamp. Sales have been large, but as Xmas demands are always heavy no comparison can be made. The Imperial stamp is used on all kinds of mail matter so that the size of British mails is not indicated by the sale of stamps. It will be July, Postmaster Patterson thinks, before any statement can be made as to the increase of correspondence resulting from the reduced ocean rate.

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Great Britain '65, emblems, 6 lilac	7 "
" " " 1 sh green	12 "
" " '72 6 brown	21 "
" " '80 5 slate	7 "
" " '83 ash 6 lilac	6 "
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" 15c, " 106, ".....	.80
" 30c, fine copy.....	2.00
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1871 24c purple, fair copy.....	.85
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From an Occasional Correspondent.

OTTAWA, 4th January, 1899.

The reduction of the domestic rate of postage, and, concurrently, of the rate to the United States, to two cents an ounce came upon us as a surprise last week. It was generally understood that such a change would be necessitated in the near future to overcome the anomaly of a heavier charge for domestic letters than for those to distant parts of the Empire, but we had no hint of the coming change until the order-in-council was passed, inaugurating it with the new year. In consequence of the extremely short notice I understand that quite a large proportion of letters are yet prepaid with the three-cent stamp and those from new territories are likely to be so prepaid for many weeks to come.

The change is going to make still further additions necessary to our rapidly increasing list of Canadian stamps. The two-cent stamp will have to be changed in colour from purple to red, and the three-cent stamp will become obsolete. The Postmaster-General this morning announces that a four-cent stamp, to prepay double rate letters, is being prepared.

The three-cent envelope stamp will be replaced by a two-cent envelope; the die for which has been cut in England; consequently we will have three different types of envelope stamps for the values of 1, 2, and 3 cents. I shall endeavor to see the new design in time to describe it in your next issue.

Stamp News.

Mr. Albert H. Hall informs us that Queensland has abandoned perforations. Some weeks ago he received word that a change was in progress, and this week he received the 1 penny stamp *perce en scie* or with "saw-tooth" roulette.

Mr. Henry D. Wilson, one of our subscribers, a Surgeon in the U. S. Navy, now on duty on the U. S. S. Castine stationed at Havana, Cuba, writes us under date of Dec. 31st, 1898, that the following Cuban stamps 1898-99 issue are the only ones obtainable at the Havana Post Office: 2, 3 milésimas, 2, 3, 6, 8, 10, 15, 20 and 60 centavos and 2 pesos.

Mr. Wilson also states that the U. S. P. O. there had not at date of writing received any information concerning the surcharged stamps to be supplied them.

Mr. Bartels is authority that plates Nos. 637, 723, 730, 731 and 757 were never used.

Puerto Rico Revenues.

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Philatelic Press Review.

By WM. C. STONE.

December papers unless otherwise indicated.

Illustriertes Briefmarken Journal, Vol. XXV. No. 24.

Lone Star State Philatelist, Nov., Vol. VII. No. 4.

Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News, Vol. XIII. No. 1 (418).

Metropolitan Philatelist, Vol. X. No. 17.

Philatelic Messenger, Vol. III. No. 2 (15).

Philatelist, Vol. XIX. No. 12 (249).

Philatelistre Francais, (58).

Texan Philatelist, Vol. IX. No. 4 (57).

Timbre Poste, Vol. XXXVI. (432).

Gebruder Senf's interesting magazine, *Illustriertes Briefmarken Journal*, contains in its chronicle, among other novelties, a list of Puerto Rico surcharges, some of which are slightly shady I am inclined to think, in view of the information recently published by Mr. Andreini of New York who is in a position to know whereof he speaks. The set alluded to is that with the surcharge, "Habilitado 17 Octubre 1898" in a rectangular frame. The quantities issued are given of each value.

A further installment of the official reports of Confederate Postmaster-General Reagan is given in the *Lone Star State Philatelist*. They give the history of the organization of the postal system of the Confederacy and its bargaining for the printing of its stamps. One of these days we shall have a monograph brought out on the C. S. A. issues which will be recognized as the standard. Who will be the man to undertake it is a question I cannot answer.

"Ike" has outdone himself in the get up of the New Years number of *Mekeel's Weekly*. It is a beauty and no mistake. The cover is adorned with a very tasty design representing Columbia (?) with a map of the United States for a background, while our new possessions, Puerto Rico, Cuba, Hawaii, the Philippines and Guam, are spread across the page at her feet. Of the literary merit of its contents, it suffices to say that Mr. Severn has brought together a choice collection of articles which will well repay perusal. Portraits of the

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C. H. MEKEEL,
Rooms 604 & 605 Century Bldg., St. Louis, Mo.

editor, publisher and several of the staff adorn one of the pages.

The *Metropolitan Philatelist* contains the pleasing information that the periodical stamps will probably be put on sale to collectors at a price somewhere in the neighborhood of \$10 a set. A second lot of surcharged stamps has been ordered for Cuba and from the quantities ordered I do not think that any of us will get left on this set at least. Two advertisements of these stamps appear in this issue, one dealer wanting 35 cents for a set, while the other asks 30 cents.

The *Philatelic Messenger* has at last caught up with the calendar but appears this month with only eight pages. It is vastly improved typographically and while it contains but little aside from news items, will ere long I trust regain its old position.

Der Philatelist presents its readers with a supplement in the shape of a page containing ten forged stamps, each with the surcharge "Falsch." The stamps are from Servia, Lubeck and the Danube navigation company. For purposes of comparison they will be quite useful.

Th. Lemaire announces to his readers that commencing with the new year the subscription price of *Le Philatelistre Francais* will be reduced to 1 franc 25 centimes. The translation of Mr. Luff's article is continued and the first installment is given of the article on the stamps of the Netherlands which ran in the *Philatelic Record*.

The *Texan Philatelist* treats its readers to a highly improbable detective story in which certain stamps figure as the stolen property. I was in hopes we had seen the last of such rot but it seems it will bob up about once in so often. The five pages which are devoted to this nonsense had better have been left blank.

With the December number *Le Timbre Poste* closes its thirty-sixth year and shows no signs of stopping. The article on the "Stamps of the Netherlands" is continued and makes very interesting reading. Another installment of the catalogue of "Jubilee" issues is given, dealing with Montenegro, Japan and Ecuador. The fiscal department is quite contracted this month.

The following have just been received:
Revista de la Sociedad Filatelica Argentina, Oct., Vol. IV. No. 10 (48).
Revue Postale, Dec., Vol. I. No. 12.
Tri-Monthly Collector, Jan., Vol. I. No. 1.

Our Buenos Aires contemporary is rather disappointing this month. It contains an

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The Eastern Philatelist,
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23 Court St., Room 219,
BOSTON, MASS. [remx]

Do You Collect Stamps?

If so send us for 3 months' trial subscription; or 25c for a year and get fine premium free. [cover]
Philatelic Advocate, Box C104, Berlin, Ont.

account of the annual meeting of the society and this with its chronicle and the letters from its various correspondents forms the bulk of its contents. The supplement containing the revenue catalogue has not appeared for several months. I trust it will not be given up.

La Revue Postale completes its first volume with this number and presents its readers with a very good index. The most interesting article contained in this number is the list of the hundred rarest stamps according to the judgment of Victor Flandrin. The Mauritius Post Office 2 penny and 1 penny stamps head the list, with the British Guiana 1856 1 cent and Hawaii 1851 2 cents following after.

J. F. Dodge has found it too laborious a task to run three monthlies, so he has consolidated the *American Collector*, *Columbian Philatelist* and *Rocky Mountain Stamp*, and will issue the new paper as the *Tri-Monthly Collector* on the 3rd, 13th and 23rd of each month. It is a wise move and I trust will prove a financial success. The article in the current number by S. A. D. Cox on literature collecting is well worth reading and I want to quote the closing paragraph entire:

"So, don't make sport of the philatelic literature collectors. They are the truest hearted, most enthusiastic stamp collectors in the ranks. Because of their love for stamps, they wish to learn all they can about stamps. This can be done only by reading about stamps, and the reading matter is to be found only in stamp publications. They get the publications, read them, study them, and learn to love them, thus becoming philatelic literature collectors."

Thanks for your kind words Brother Cox. I'm one of them myself.

In the *Illustrated London News* of December 24 (American edition January 7) will be found half tone cuts of the Canadian Jubilee 2-cent stamp and the new stamp for Crete which it states has been prepared in Athens for the use of the new government. It is quite simple in design having the value in a circle with a Greek inscription around it.

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From an Occasional Correspondent.

New York Notes.

Mr. R. F. Albrecht is making a longer
stay in Europe than was anticipated; he
is meeting with marked success every-
where.

The unearthing of revenue frauds in
Wall street will cut short the supply of
war revenues. Brokers will be inclined to
preserve their tickets entire, stamps and
all, after this.

The Supplement to the 58th edition Cat-
alogue is almost too small a book to sell for
10 cents. If the Scott Co. had distributed
it free it would have been a grand stroke of
advertising for them.

How do the large wholesale dealers like
the reduction in catalog prices? The
wholesale dealers will suffer most in our
opinion.

The new albums have been a grand
success, and the demand for low and
medium price stamps is increasing. That
is the best sign of all.

It is a good thing to note the absence of
fine collections in the auction room now-a-
days. Indifferent stamps bring indifferent
prices, hence the slump in auctions.

An attempt is being made at the Col-
lectors Club to organize an exchange of
duplicates between collectors. The idea is
a good one but will not work until dealers
are forbidden from rushing in huge selec-
tions to be sold for "cash only."

An exchange of this sort to be successful
should be for collectors only, and dealers
should be made to understand that no
stamps are to be offered for sale.

The Club rooms being public property of
the members, the scheme will be difficult
to carry out until some enthusiastic col-
lector invites participants to his private
dwelling.

A New York dealer recently received a
request and want list of some rare stamps.
These were accompanied by guarantee of
safe return by a bank president, in such a
manner as to leave no doubt as to the
safety of the stamps. A week later the

entire selection was returned in perfect
order, and not the slightest damage had
been done in any way. Accompanying
was a letter stating: " * * * I was expecting
some Philatelic friends to spend the even-
ing, and desired to place these fine stamps
in my album to show them. My friends
were delighted with my collection, and I
now return the stamps to you with my
best thanks for the loan, &c., &c." No
cheek about that, was there?

We have not seen many comments on
the new S. G. Catalogue. We will touch it
up shortly

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From Our Regular Correspondent.

Our Boston Letter.

Tuesday, January 10th.

Last evening B. L. Drew & Co. held
their 29th auction sale of stamps, at Elks'
Hall. There was a fair average attend-
ance, and considering the class of stamps
which composed the sale, and the condition,
the prices realized, with a few exceptions,
were very low. One of the buyers secured
a bargain, which was evidently owing to a
mistake in the catalogue value, which was
\$2.00. The stamp, a 1r violet, unused,
Philippine Islands, No. 25, is catalogued
at \$20.00; it sold for \$2.10. No one, un-
less it was the buyer, seemed to realize
what a trade it was. The following are
some of the prices that the stamps sold for:
Antigua, 1sh, unused, o. g., \$3.00; Brazil,
1843, 30 reis, used, \$2.25; British Buchu-
analand, 1887, 2sh 6d, used, \$1.60; British
East Africa, 1891, 1 rupee, grey, unused,
o. g., \$2.70; the 2, 3, 4 and 5 rupee, of the
same set, sold for \$4.20, against a catalogue
value of \$4.40; this was evidently a mis-
take on the part of the buyer, who must
have thought that he was buying by the
lot instead of the piece; British Honduras,
1sh, CC, 14, o. g., \$3.62; No. 20, o. g.,
sold for \$2.55; No. 32, o. g., for \$1.12;
Ceylons brought from 50 to 60% of cata-
logue; Cyprus, No. 15, o. g., extra fine,
\$5.12; Dominica, No. 8, unused, sold for
\$1.87; in comparison with this, the current
5sh Fiji Islands, unused, sold for \$1.75;
Formosa, 20c green, unused, sold for \$5.12;
Great Britain £5 o. g., fine, for \$22.00;
Ionian Islands, complete set unused, \$1.65;
Poland, 10k, used, \$1.05; Philippine Is-
lands, 1854, 10c carmine, used, \$4.00; 1r

slate-blue, used, \$4.00—this stamp catalogued at \$8.50 although the auction catalogue said \$3.50; 2r yellow-green, unused, \$7.60; Porto Rico, 1878, 10c o.g., \$6.50; St. Christopher, 1887, 6d, unused, \$7.00; 1sh, unused, \$4.00; St. Vincent, No. 40, o. g., fine, \$3.75; Tobago, 1880, 6d, bistre, unused, \$10.00; Turks Island, 1893, ½ on 4d, unused, \$5.00; Venezuela, 1886, 25 bolivars, unused, \$2.75; which was more than catalogue.

I have seen correspondence from Canada in which is stated that the 2c, with numerals in lower corner, has been changed from purple to carmine, and it was also stated that the 3c would no longer be issued. If this information is correct, the 2c purple will be a very desirable stamp.

Stanley Gibbons' *Journal* for December, under the head of "New Issues" says: "Some question has been raised as to the existence of the 3d of Great Britain surcharged British Bechuanaland, it seems advisable to state that our publishers have received a supply of this value." I wonder what our friend Mekeel will say to this?

The *Boston Stamp Book*, I understand, has ceased publication; and the unexpired subscriptions are to be filled by the *Eastern Philatelist*. No stamp paper ever started out with so bright prospects as the *Boston Stamp Book*, and although it has been conducted on a high standard its life has been short.

Bright's "A. B. C. Stamp Catalogue" for 1899 was received here to-day, and as it lists the adhesive stamps of the world, wrappers, and postals, it ought to command a ready sale.

The stamp dealers here report business on the increase, and I see that Scott Coin and Stamp Co. claim to have sold a larger number of the new edition of the International Album than they have ever sold before. This is a strong indication that the stamp business is decidedly improving
S. E. L.

EXCHANGES.

One notice is allowed each subscriber free if sent with his remittance, extra notices will be inserted at the uniform price of 10 cents each insertion. Non-subscribers 15 cents each insertion. Positively cash with notice. All notices must be for exchange and limited to thirty words, exclusive of the address, and must be written on a separate piece of paper. Notices offering articles for sale for cash, or offering to purchase for cash cannot be inserted here as they do not come under this head.

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Will exchange a few copies of Scott's 58th U. S. Nos. 1478, 1515 and 1728, entire and uncut, and also other U. S. envelopes, for good foreign I can use. R. H. Graham, Penn Van, N. Y.

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I have complete vols. and single numbers of "P. J. of A.", "P. J. of Gt. B.", "Stamp News" of London, "Post Office", "Dominion Phil.", "P. E.", "Eastern Phil.", "Quaker City" etc., etc., to exchange for Indian Relics, Minerals and Curios of all kinds. A stamp album for every good Arrowhead sent me. Robt. Van Sciver, Lock Box 297, Middletown, N. Y.

One penny black, 2sh 6d and 5sh Great Britain wanted to complete reconstructed sheets; will give good exchange from my approval books. J. F. Johnson, 83 Thornton St., Boston, Mass. [96c]

I desire to exchange U. S. and foreign stamps for those of U. S., Canada, Newfoundland, Hawaii, Porto Rico, Philippines and British Colonies. W. A. Carr, 6 Forest St., Rochester, N. Y.

Wanted! Will give good exchange for all kinds of stamps, U. S. preferred, from one to one hundred of each type. State lowest exchange price. Calvi n C. Brackett, 44 Railroad St., Auburn, Maine.

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Exchange desired with collectors. I have plate numbers of the Omaha and regular issue; also postals, envelopes, U. S. and foreign stamps. What do you offer? Chas. S. Younger [A. P. A. 1531], 58 Morning-side Ave., near 120th St., New York City. [98]

To exchange for good U. S. or foreign: Scott's Nos. 272, 273, 1036, 1059, o. g.; 74 unused; 287 perf., 2856 and 2861 imp.; Antires, unused, 1428, 1451, 1492, 1594. W. F. Carter, 1232 Duncan St., N. E., Washington, D. C.

Revenues wanted in exchange for U. S. P. imperforated pairs; ultramarine shades. Partly perforated 10c Cert., 25c L. Ins., 50c P. of W. \$1.00 In. Ex. Only fine copies. Write me now. E. H. Field, 7 Pub. Square, Galesburg, Ill.

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Would like to exchange Vols. 1, 2, 3 and part of 4. "Boston Stamp Book" for the \$3.00 Columbian, A No. 1 shape. L. T. Hurd, 35 No. Washington Ave., Bridgeport, Conn.

Exchange desired with collectors; value for value. Send yours and receive mine. Honest dealing only. S. E. Medford, 435 North 41st St., Phila., Pa.

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Exchange relations desired, with collectors only. Wish to obtain British North American stamps. Offer in exchange old European and Australian, medium value, and a good selection of Canadian, including late issues unused in blocks &c., also Canadian Revenues. Complete set of Canada Law for \$6 worth of exchange, my selection. Will purchase for correspondents unused current Canadians at face plus cost of registration. Drop me a postal saying what you have to spare and what you want. Wm. P. Anderson, 64 Cooper St., Ottawa, Canada. [96]

Scott's 58th Catalogue and 1898 Supplement sent post paid for 50 used Omahas above 2c in fine condition. 50c Due, used, for 25 Omahas above 2c or for 20c 1c. Charles W. Cutter, Box 32, Cambridge, Mass. [97]

Your face on 100 Stamp Photos, enameled, gummed and perforated, for \$1.00 net from good sheets, or offers in complete files of stamp papers. Samples free. Send your best photo. Geo. B. Ward, 208 Washburn Ave., Chicago. [96]

Will give good exchange from my approval books for 1 and 2 stamps of Great Britain of the issues prior to 1860, in lots of twenty-five or more. J. F. Johnson, 83 Thornton St., Boston, Mass. [96c]

Wanted, all kinds of stamps, Foreign or U. S.; especially desire Omahas and new Revenues; in exchange will give good value in stamp papers and magazines; I have some of almost every stamp paper issued. I also have for trade a number of nice bound books, old magazines, and a few coins. Rev. Geo. A. Joplin, Duncansville, Pa. [96]

Will take your duplicates at the following rates: 10c catalogue 2c, 15c, 20c, 25c and 50c at ½, and above these prices at ¼, giving you stamps you want. Send stamps and want list. Stamp Exchange, 26 W. 131st St., New York. [96]

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25 cts. a 1000 for U. S. and Foreign Postage stamps; every 1000 contains a stamp cat. from 25 cts. to \$2.50. Post free. E. A. KELLY, 713 La Salle St., Ottawa, Ills. [97]

Have \$250.00 of 1883 nickels, "no cents," in original bags, a bargain for some one. H. L. WHITNEY, Derby, Conn.

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Bargains: Set Treasury, used, fine, (cat. \$12.00), \$5.00. Set Interior H. P. O. g., cat. \$8. \$3.50. Set Columbian 1c to \$5, fine, o. g., \$17.00. 1c and 90c P. O. o. g., pair \$1.25. A 50c Omaha, used, with any above 25c; straight price 40c. A fine collection cat. \$200 for \$300.00. Uncancelled Postal Cards bought, printed one side, 3c, both sides, 20c per 100; cash upon receipt. CHAMBERS STAMP CO., 34 Park Row, New York City.

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Canada Maple Leaf issue, set of ¼, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 10c and new International 2c stamp, used, price 18c. Packet of 15 var. Canadian stamps, 15c. H. JOHNSON, Longueuil, Can.

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Everybody sending me one cent will receive in return a stamp worth 4 to 5 cents. How many do you want at 1 cent? Or send 5 cents and get one worth 15 to 25 cents; or send 95 cents and get one worth 60 to 80 cents. EDWARD RUNKEL, Port Washington, Wis. [96]

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From Our Special Correspondent.

Washington Notes.

Wednesday, Jan. 11th.

Uncle Sam printed a few postage stamps during the year 1898. The total number of all denominations amounted to 3,500,000,000; of this number 2,500,000,000 were of the 2c denomination.

Figures furnished by the post office department show that the average person in Massachusetts, including men, women and children, spend \$2.30 on postage per annum; New York comes next, with \$2.27; the District of Columbia, third; Colorado, fourth, and Connecticut, fifth. The states ranking lowest in amount of postage spent per capita are South Carolina with 25c, Mississippi with 34, and Alabama, 35 cents.

I hope that the readers of the ERA will excuse the error published in the last number. I stated that the 4c stamp had been surcharged for use in Cuba, but such is not the case. It was however so stated to me at the post office department, but since then I found that it was a mistake.

The post office department is now surcharging postal cards for Cuba, both 1c and 2c ones. They received the cards in sheets uncut and they are being surcharged here in this city by the National Capital Publishing Company.

List of stamps furnished for Cuba is as follows:

1st shipment, 1c, 1,000,000; 2½c, 2,000,000; 5c, 4,000,000; 10c, 400,000.
2d shipment, 2c, 1,000,000.
3d shipment, 2c, 3,000,000; 3c, 4,000,000.

The local trade is good and everybody who is interested in stamps is happy, as they have something new to add to their collections at a small cost.

I understand Mr. H. F. Dunkhorst is a proud possessor of a 5c Baltimore, which he recently purchased.

The following list was very kindly furnished by the post office department, and therefore can be relied upon as being correct:

1c,	70,938,700
2c,	159,453,300
4c,	4,918,200
5c,	7,690,780
8c,	2,923,900
10c,	4,624,360
50c,	530,180
\$1.00,	56,790
\$2.00,	56,080

Please mention this paper when answering advertisements.

REPORT OF THE SALES DEPARTMENT.

GEORGE R. TUTTLE, Superintendent,
87 Nassau St.
New York City, Jan. 7th, 1899.

1,216 books of stamps in circulation according to my report of Dec. 31st, valued at..... \$39,414.73

26 books received since Dec. 31st, valued at 954.27

\$40,369.00

32 books retired since Dec. 31st, valued at (from which has been sold \$176.11)..... 1,996.41

Total number of books in circulation 1,205, valued at..... \$38,372.59

Notice.

Private Auction Sales will be held at the office of the Superintendent of Sales, Geo. R. Tuttle, 87 Nassau St., New York City, every Saturday afternoon from 1 to 2 o'clock for the benefit of the A. P. A. members who wish to realize quickly on any stamps they wish to sell.

Remittances will be made on Monday following, less 10%. Members who wish to sell by this method will please send in any lots, collections or single stamps.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR THE WEEK ENDING JAN. 14th, 1899.

Applications for Membership.

HOUTZAMER, W., Den Haag, Holland; occupation, Stamp Dealer. References: E. Doebelin, C. P. Krauth.

HUYCK, CHAS., 816 Page St., San Francisco, Cal.; age, 44; occupation, Book-keeper. References: H. B. Phillips, A. H. Greenebaum.

WM. N. HOWE, Secretary.

MONTHLY STATEMENT OF TREASURER, JAN. 1, 1899.

Stock Account.

Bal. on hand Dec. 1, '98, \$1525.00

Entertainment Fund.

Bal. on hand Dec. 1, 1898, \$125.89

General Fund.

Bal. on hand Dec. 1, '98, \$336.61

Dues paid in December, 56.60

\$393.21

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1899, \$2044.10

H. G. SMITH, Treasurer.

Every year finds specializing getting a stronger hold upon us. It seems to be the tendency of the age to develop this spirit. Mr. Oldfield will specialize in Bolivians, Mr. Pearce in Transvaals, Mr. Seybold, original covers, and so the tide runs. This is but a natural outgrowth of the multitude of issues put forth each year. One can stand a few jubilees or commemorative issues where a few countries are specialized in, in fact they might be welcomed as one relishes a cool drink on a summer day. It is the interminable, unceasing, everlasting grind of new issues that makes specialists.

Canada, once deserving of the title "the steadfast," is assuming a new role, and there is danger of her outstripping Newfoundland in her mad race for change. A new stamp one week, inaugurating a new rate for foreign postage, followed closely

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URUGUAY

1/2c on 1c blue 1894, unused.....	\$0.04
1/2c on 1c bistre 1895, ".....	.04
1/2c on 1c brown violet and black 1896, unused..	.04
1/2c on 2c blue 1895, unused.....	.04
5 milsimos lilac-pink 1898, unused.....	.02

Other New Things:

India 1/2 on 1/2 green, unused.....	.02
Paraguay 10c on 40c dark blue, unused.....	.17
Guatemala 1898, Prov. 1c on Revenue, unused	.03
" " " 2c " 25c Rev. unused..	.03
" " " 2c " 50c " " ..	.06
" " " 2c " 1p " " ..	.18
China '98, London Priit, 4c, unused.....	.04
Newfoundland 2c vermilion red, unused.....	.03
Canada 2c Imperial Penny Postage, 2d printing, unused.....	.05
Canada 2c Imperial Penny Postage, 3d printing, unused.....	.04
British North Borneo 1896 1c and 2c, unused, the two.....	.12

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*Catalogue 40c, cheap at	
PHILIPPINES, 1886,	.09
*1/2, 1, 2, 5, four var. cat. 22c.....	
HAYTI, 1898, Fine Set	.35
1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, new and o. g.....	.12
PERU, Head of Bernudez	.40
*Scott's Nos. 139, 140, 141, 142, 148, cat. 45c.	
OMEGA HINGES, "a perfect hinge"	.10
Eventy cut, well gummed, 1000 full count...	.12
VENEZUELA, Commemorative	.08
*1893, 25c magenta, used, cat. 15c.....	
HONDURAS, 1890, "official,"	.28
*1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75, 1p. o. g., cat. 68c	
HAYTI, 1893-5,	.16
1, 2, 3, 5, 7, five varieties used, cat. 41c.....	
60 VAR. UNUSED All different.	.28
*Catalogue at least \$2. A fine packet.....	
GAMBIA, 1898, o. g.	.26
*1/2, 1, 2, 2 1/2, 3d, five var.....	
NO. BORNEO, 9 var.	.16
*1887 92 1/2, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, cat. 50c....	
1000 ZECHMEYER'S Continentals	.18
Packet 80 diff. and foreign post card.....	
GIBRALTAR, 1898, o. g.	.80
*1/2, 1, 2, 2 1/2, 4, 1sh, six var.....	
APOTBOSIS de MIRANDA, 3 var.	.10
*Venezuela, '97-8, 5, 10, 25 o. g., cat. 22c....	
GREAT REP. OF CENT. AM.	.16
*Salvador 1c and 5c in four giddy colors....	
17-8 and 3 3-4 REVENUES, O. G.	.08
*Buy now and get first shades.....	
MAP OF THE WORLD	.00
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by another regulation as to service locally and with the United States, tends to keep the stamp people busy. I found few of my dealer friends prepared for this thing, and there will be a little hustling to keep abreast of the times. I wonder how many of the 3c stamped envelopes can be found unused in the average dealer's stock.

I have seen this week our own change in stamped envelopes, the 2c in carmine. While it has been announced in the philatelic press for some weeks that the change was to be made, I think that it will come as a surprise in many quarters. My local postmaster tells me it will be weeks before he will need any, and the only way his office sees them is by the filling of requisitions from local banks or firms.

Behold the new order of things: Where formerly papers published columns of auction quotations, now the promoters of auctions are purchasing space to herald broadcast prices realized.

Whitfield, King & Co., of Ipswich, England, have determined upon taking a step that carries with it considerable food for reflection. In the future adhesives only will be carried in stock; and, notwithstanding their fine stock of post cards, all are to go at bargain prices. There must be some good reason for the whicness of things.

The commission of internal revenue has decided that the proprietor of a saloon "keeping five or six people playing, in order to enhance his trade in selling beer, whiskey, etc.," must pay a special tax. This of course will not affect philatelists much. They are too busy evenings studying their treasures to think of dance halls, much more patronizing them.

I notice in *Stamps*, a very creditable English magazine, that the United States is charged with the redemption of its own postage stamps. This is a mistake and must have referred to Canada. The United States having sold its stamps, never refunds the money paid for them.

Bundi has shied its hat into the arena of philatelic monstrosities by giving us a sheet of stamps with 120 types. It couldn't have done much worse had it tried. Beware, brethren, of Bundi's bulls.

Thirty-four years brings about a great many changes, and while many things depreciate in value during that time, others find their market value considerably enhanced. For instance, an 81 paras Moldavia was purchased by Dr. Legrand in 1863, of a Paris dealer, for 62 cents, and resold in 1897 for \$2000.



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SECRETARY'S REPORT.

MANSFIELD, Mass., Jan. 4, 1899.

The 60th regular meeting of this society was held in rooms over Eldredge's store, Wednesday evening. President H. H. Elliott occupied the chair. Members present were Messrs. Elliott, Benton, Kirby, Skinner, Paine and Eldredge. In the absence of the Secretary, Mr. Eldridge was chosen Secretary *pro tem*. The Secretary's report was read and accepted. The Treasurer, Sales Superintendent and Librarian's reports were read and accepted. The resignation of Howes Norris, Jr., of Cottage City, Mass., was read and accepted. The committee on rooms was instructed to report at next meeting. Meeting adjourned.
F. B. ELDRIDGE, Sec. *pro tem*.

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Germany '62 2 gr blue.....	14 "
" " " 3 gr brown.....	8 "
" " " 50 3 fr dark blue.....	9 "
" " " 9 pale yellow.....	6 "
Alsace to brown, inverted net.....	18 "
Germany '70 18 stone.....	25 "
Gold Coast '84 1sh violet.....	12 "
Great Britain '65, emblems, 6 lilac.....	7 "
" " " 1sh green.....	12 "
" " " 72 6 brown.....	21 "
" " " 80 5 slate.....	7 "
" " " 83 2sh 6 lilac.....	6 "
Greece '62 1 brown, clear print.....	9 "
" " " 2 bistre.....	8 "
" " " 82 20 carmine.....	5 "
Grenada '81 1 rose.....	21 "
Hamburg '61 1/2 black.....	16 "

Books of good stamps sent to responsible collectors. WHAT HAVE YOU TO SELL?

Philatelic Press Review.

By WM. C. STONE.

- American Journal of Philately, Vol. XII. No. 1. Jan.
- Australian Philatelist, Vol. V. No. 4. Nov.
- Deutsche Briefmarken Zeitung, Vol. IX. No. 12. Dec.
- International Philatelist, Vol. IX. No. 1. Dec.
- Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News, Vol. XIII. No. 2, (419).
- Metropolitan Philatelist, Vol. X. No. 18. Philatelic Bulletin, Vol. II. No. 4, (16). Dec.
- P. J. G. B. Advertiser, Vol. III. No. 27. Dec.
- Philatelic Monthly, Vol. XXV. No. 1, (289). Jan.
- Philatelic West, Vol. VIII. No. 2. Dec.
- Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly, Vol. V. No. 111. Dec.
- Stamp Collectors' Journal, Vol. XXI. (242). Dec.
- Stamp Reporter, Vol. II. No. 4. Dec.
- Stamps, Vol. II. No. 12. Dec.
- Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal, Vol. IX. (102). Dec.
- Virginia Philatelist, Vol. II. No. 5. Jan.

Mr. Toppan's catalogue of U. S. envelopes is drawing to a close in the *American Journal of Philately*. The present number finishes up the regular issues, and gives the post office department issues, including the "Postal Service" envelopes, which leaves only the War Department and the wrappers for the next paper. Being the latest list of the kind there will be sure to be a big call for it when it comes out in book form. Nearly six pages of Mr. Luff's article is taken up with figures showing the numbers of stamps actually issued to the departments as well as the number of those which were ordered destroyed in 1885. This latter report shows what became of so many of the high values of the State department set, no less than 1700 of each of the three highest values being among the remainders. Mr. Nankivell commences a series of articles on the "Leading English Philatelists," with a sketch of Hastings E. Wright who has recently died. Mr. Wright's great work on the stamps of Great Britain will shortly appear, being brought out by the London Society.

The *Australian Philatelist* reprints Mr. Bassett Hull's essay which came out in the *London Philatelist*, dealing with the fiscal stamps of New South Wales bearing the surcharge "Postage." The editorial pages

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are decidedly well written and the paper is not going to fall below its former record.

With the current number the *Deutsche Briefmarken Zeitung* closes its ninth volume, and includes a very full index. As a worker in a library, catalogues and indexes are my delight, and I think I know a good one when I see it, which, I regret to say, is very seldom in a philatelic magazine. The *Boston Stamp Book* and *American Journal of Philately* are the only papers in the United States that publish an index worthy the name. The foreign papers worth including can be counted on the fingers of one hand. The index before me is a model. The entries are so arranged and classified that it will be but the work of a moment to find what has been published on a given subject in its columns during the year.

The general appearance of the *International Philatelist* is much improved, but there is one thing which the publisher ought to do if he does not wish to be charged with having an older established paper than he really has. Put on the title page, "Whole No. 33," etc., so that every one will know that you run only four numbers to a volume. Six months is little enough time for a volume, and with magazines as small as philatelic publications usually are, one year's issues are none too thick to call a volume.

Dies have been finished for five patent medicine firms, so states Mr. Bartels in the *Metropolitan*. Lanman and Kemp will have three values, and C. H. Fletcher, Hostetter & Co., Johnson & Johnson, and the Piso Co, one each. Wont there be a rush for them when they come out!

The *Philatelic Bulletin* presents a very pretty appearance with its holly branches on the cover of its Christmas number. The contents are bright and newsy, but there is a lack of articles concerning stamps. Mere statements that "It is said" and "We understand" are not what we need. Why not follow the example of the *Virginia Philatelist* and delve into some unworked subject and give us some facts and not mere gossip? The weekly papers are the place for that, but they are rapidly achieving a place beside the strictly solid magazines so far as valuable information is concerned.

A very entertaining account of the Turkish postal service in Syria is given in the *Philatelic Monthly*. The methods are decidedly novel, and one does not wonder that foreigners refuse to trust their correspondence to this crude organization but patronize the various foreign offices, which are maintained in most of the important cities and towns.

(Continued next week.)

SOME GOOD REVENUES CHEAP. Cat. Our P.

\$2 Revenue vermilion and black.....	\$0.75	\$0.35
3c Playing Cards orange.....	1.25	.50
5c " " red.....	.90	.35
10c Foreign Exchange, blue.....	.60	.25
Block of 8 Conveyance, Imp.....	14.00	4.00
Greece Olympian Games 11 to 20.....		.09
" " " 11 to 40.....		.22
" " " 11 to 1dr.....		.45
100 varieties Genuine Stamps.....		.04
Set of 4 Guatemala Commemorative..		.10
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1c de peso.....	\$0.04
2c ".....	.06
2½c ".....	.20
3c ".....	.10
5c ".....	.12
10c ".....	.20

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\$1.00 used.....	.25
\$2.00 used.....	1.25

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4c used.....	.02
5c ".....	.02
8c ".....	.04
10c ".....	.03
50c ".....	.35
\$1.00 used.....	.70

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IN THE INTERESTS OF STAMP COLLECTORS.

VOL. XIII. No. 17., PORTLAND, ME., SATURDAY, JANUARY 21, 1899. WHOLE No. 297.

The Periodical Stamps

Will be Sold at \$5.00 the Set.

[From the ERA's Regular Washington Correspondent.]
WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 19.

The collectors of this country will be pleased to learn that the Post Office Dept. have decided to place the Newspaper and Periodical stamps on sale for \$5.00 per set. The Attorney General of the Department has decided that it is lawful for the Postmaster General to sell them for less than face, in fact he can sell for any price that he might direct. This of course will be a bitter pill for holders of these stamps but as the Government never authorized the sale of this set holders have no kick coming. The old issue will be destroyed as the Government had sold them at face and furthermore there is only a very few of them.

The plan of the Department is to place them on sale in a few of the large cities and place a certain number of sets on sale and so advise the public, after which the plates will be destroyed. This information is correct as it came from General Merritt himself.

I would advise envelope collectors to keep a look-out for the No. 5 special request envelopes. Some of the 1894 stamped envelope dies are being used on 1899 paper and some of the new dies (1899) are being used on the 1894 paper.

I am in receipt of a letter dated Havana, Jan. 11, '99, from Mr. A. W. Bingham, Member U. S. Postal Committee now at Havana, in which he states that the 2-cent and 3-cent stamps have just been received, but will not be opened and put on sale until the 2½ cent stamps (which were sold for two cents) on hand are disposed of.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

New York Notes.

The enterprising dealers who went to Havana so as to get in at the start of the Cuban surcharges will find that the wide-awake Washington dealers are way ahead of them. There is an old fable about the man who went chasing all over the world

after fortune and the man who waited for fortune to come to him right at home.

If the authorities put any sort of surcharge on the Newspaper stamps they will not sell half a dozen sets all told. That is the opinion in New York.

Imperforate revenues are booming just now. They are the fashionable stamps and will be much higher in next price lists. A word to the wise.

We would like to see a real exchange among collectors for their duplicates. A genuine scheme of this sort would meet with great success we feel certain. Anything to promote and encourage collectors is a step in the right direction.

The new Canadian Christmas stamp comes in a new shade by every mail. We wonder to what particular color they will eventually settle down to. The waves of the ocean are constantly changing and probably this is an attempt to represent the ocean correctly. We have the dark-day color, stormy-day shade, clear-sky tint, Atlantic-ocean-at-night shade and so on.

We are looking for a batch of minor varieties in the Cuban surcharges when the pioneers return. How else make the expenses of the trip?

We have seen not a few complaints of late about the large South American firm. Such huge advertisement, too—why are the small fry philatelic papers so indiscriminating about their advertisers?

C. E. R.

Written for the ERA.

Things that Strike One.

That few stamp collectors know the meaning of the word "Suomi," on the Finland stamps. The Finns call their land "Suomenmaa"—or the "Land of Fens." Eleven per cent. of the area of the country is covered by lakes and morasses.

That fewer collectors, still, know the meaning of the inscription on the Jummo Kashmir stamps—but then we don't ourselves. However, we keep a stiff upper lip

and fewer collectors yet could read our ignorance on the subject in our faces.

That with all the boiling down of from 100 to 500 miles of scenery to the size of a postage stamp, it was left to Canada, with her Imperial Penny Postage, to construct a stamp that takes in the whole world.

That one wearily sighs at the contemplation of what the other countries in this Imperial treaty are going to perpetrate.

That the air is full of rumors from Canada, we once heard the expression "*As busy as a dog in dough.*" Perhaps we never thoroughly realized its startling intensity till Canada began to carry on so!

That it is delightful to see the elephantinely skittish firm of Stanley Gibbons, Limited, getting down from their high horse—in the way of prices.

They do it as though they had rheumatics, and it apparently gives them a nasty taste in the mouth.

If the ERA were *only* an illustrated paper—! Oh, my!!

That we are glad to hear Mr. Podsnap is not dead. He still lives and breathes, and at present animates the editorial "we" of the *American Journal of Philately*.

In this capacity Mr. Podsnap has majestically delivered himself of the opinion that hard times are over, and the way he waves away, with his favorite right arm flourish, the subject of 40 and 50 per cent. discounts, is beautifully and intensely Podsnappian.

The last paragraph of the article on the Stanley Gibbons Catalogue doubled us up with silent laughter.

"They shall both be right, and neither wrong, upon my life and soul, oh demmit!!"

That the Gibbons Catalogue has made one move in the right direction, and that is in refusing to recognize a stamp not issued, or authorized, by the government. It does away a good deal, with these endless and needless varieties caused by individual whims, or the leaning towards wealth on the part of the postmaster of some small island near the South Pole.

We have seen stamps, cut in every sort of way, and stuck on a letter, the writer

taking care to put on the necessary postage, so that the mince-meat doesn't count. However, sometimes the mince-meat gets a small modicum of cancellation, to the intense glee of the schemer, who at once bores his philatelic friends with the freak and its history.

The "Stamp Collector," by Messrs. Hardy & Bacon, mentions an instance of this: "The postmaster of the South African Republic in 1869 was asked by a gentleman to send 25 envelopes, of different sizes and colors, stamped with the ordinary post-marks, but that he should omit the date in the centre, and fill up by writing '6d' in its place." A magnificent provisional!!!

If our S.-L. C.-M. would only copy Gibbons in this respect, their catalogue might be a good deal smaller.

That we quite forgot to mention those full-catalogue duplicates we have, but our readers must watch the ERA carefully, each week.

J. B. T.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Providence Notes.

By F. PUTNEY, JR.

Tuesday, January 17th.

The January meeting of the Rhode Island Philatelic Society was announced as usual, but not enough members appeared to form the necessary quorum, so no business was transacted. The annual meeting is in February, and whether or not the customary banquet will be held the writer is unable to state at present.

The current two cent stamps are coming in recent mail remittances in a new color which is certainly as distinct from the ordinary carmine as the lake shade of the 1890 twos is different from the ordinary tint. The new color has much more orange in it and could almost be called a vermilion. Is this a permanent change or merely the result of poor ink mixing at the bureau? The stamps received at the office here are still in the old color.

Extensive alterations are being contemplated on the local post office building, although just what they will be is at present

CUBA

Table with 2 columns: Price and Description. 1894 20c brown, 1896 20c lilac, 1897 40c orange-brown, 1897 80c lilac-brown.

Just 1/2 of 38th ed. catalogue prices. THE SET OF FOUR..... \$1.25.

Special Notice:—Any one who has bought any of above stamps of me at higher prices may claim the difference in trade credit.

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ent impossible to state. Changes which are especially needed in the money order and registry room will probably be among those effected.

Nothing can be learned at the offices here as to whether the Providence patent medicine firms are planning to issue private stamps.

The writer recently had the opportunity to look over a small collection of stamps made in the seventies. The owner pointed out the usual set of 116 Hamburg locals, and stated that he became so disgusted on learning that these labels, for which he paid fifty cents, were valueless that he gave up collecting. Philately, he thought, was a rather poor investment. We pointed out a 90 cent 1869 from his complete set and asked him what it cost him. The price paid for it was but a few dimes. The gentleman's ideas on philately as an investment underwent a sudden change when we told him the present value of the stamp, and it is quite likely that he will be back in the fold again before long.

EXCHANGES.

One notice is allowed each subscriber free if sent with his remittance, extra notices will be inserted at the uniform price of 10 cents each insertion. Non-subscribers 15 cents each insertion. Positively cash with notice. All notices must be for exchange and limited to thirty words, exclusive of the address, and must be written on a separate piece of paper. Notices offering articles for sale for cash, or offering to purchase for cash cannot be inserted here as they do not come under this head.

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I want Match and Medicine stamps, not in my collection, and will exchange U. S. Postage and Document Revenues for them. Write for terms. Send your want list and receive mine. Howard M. Jones, No. 113 West 8th Ave., Columbus, Ohio. [99]

Want unused foreign cataloguing over 15 cents; also adhesive stamps on original covers. All covers except common continentals wanted; prefer covers having stamp of one denomination. Member Manhattan Philatelic Society. A. Herrmann, A16 Produce Exchange, New York City. [99]

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Exchange desired with collectors. I have plate numbers of the Omaha and regular issue; also postals, envelopes, U. S. and foreign stamps. What do you offer? Chas. S. Younger [A. P. A. 1531], 58 Morning-side Ave., near 120th St., New York City. [98]

One penny black, 2sh 6d and 5sh Great Britain wanted to complete reconstructed sheets; will give good exchange from my approval books. J. F. Johnson, 83 Thornton St., Boston, Mass. [90fc]

Scott's 38th Catalogue and 1898 Supplement sent post paid for 50 used Omahas above 2c in fine condition. 50c Due, used, for 25 Omahas above 2c or for 2c 10c. Charles W. Cutter, Box 32, Cambridge, Mass. [97]

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Under this head we print all notices not properly belonging to our exchange department, such as business announcements, want and for sale notices, etc., etc., at the uniform low rate of five (5) cents per line. Eight words average a line. All notices will be set in solid 6-point type and no display allowed. Minimum charge 10 cents.

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REPORT OF THE SALES DEPARTMENT.

GEORGE R. TUTTLE, Superintendent,
87 Nassau St.
NEW YORK CITY, Jan. 14th, 1899.
1,205 books of stamps in circulation according to my report of Jan. 7th, valued at \$38,372.59
19 books received since Jan. 7th, valued at 526.03
\$38,898.62
65 books retired since Jan. 7th, valued at (from which has been sold \$220.17)..... 1,721.93
Total number of books in circulation 1,159, valued at. \$37,176.69

Notice.

Private Auction Sales will be held at the office of the Superintendent of Sales, Geo. R. Tuttle, 87 Nassau St., New York City, every Saturday afternoon from 1 to 2 o'clock for the benefit of the A. P. A. members who wish to realize quickly on any stamps they wish to sell.
Remittances will be made on Monday following, less 10%. Members who wish to sell by this method will please send in any lots, collections or single stamps.
Reserved prices may be placed on what is sent in if so desired.

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Correspondence.

[The editor wishes it distinctly understood that he does not hold himself responsible for assertions made under this head, nor does he necessarily sanction any ideas or opinions expressed. All are invited to contribute to this department, with the above understanding, and all communications deemed suitable or of interest to our readers will be published.]

IN REPLY TO MR. ROTHFUCHS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 19, 1899.
THE EDITOR OF THE ERA,
Portland, Me.

Sir: In your issue of January 14th, Mr. C. F. Rothfuchs makes some statements in his article on periodical stamps, tending to show that the various Washington correspondents are not to be depended on for correct news, but that the articles submitted by them are likely to be manufactured news or presumptions.

I feel it incumbent upon myself to refute these statements in justice to the correspondents here and in order that the many philatelic readers may be sure that what they read is as correct as it is possible to have such items.

The news furnished to the philatelic press relating to the stamps of our own country have an official basis and come from the department in nearly every instance. That such information does not always prove to be correct cannot be attributed in any manner to the correspondent, for he tells the news as he receives it. That all orders are subject to change is no fault of the correspondent, neither should he be blamed because orders are sometimes revised.

With regard to the periodical question, however, the correspondents have kept within bounds and stated facts as they appeared, and do not deserve the unfavorable comments made by Mr. Rothfuchs. He may not wish to believe the facts as stated, and undoubtedly he would enjoy reading an article stating that these stamps would be sold at face. But if the correspondent wrote to this effect, although he might please two or three holders of these stamps, he would disgust thousands, and subsequent developments would prove such items to be in reality the "manufactured" articles he is now accused of writing.

It may be unpleasant for a few persons to contemplate a disposition of these stamps at \$5.00 a set, but there are thousands in the rank and file who will be delighted. And when one stops to consider that these stamps have never been placed on sale; that the laws of the United States regards as criminal the selling or holding of them by any one other than those so authorized; and that the attorney general of the department has decided that their sale is lawful, it is rather difficult to see why objections should be raised. If these stamps had ever been placed on sale to the public, or if it had ever been intended that the public should possess them by paying their face, it would then be right and proper to object as strong as possible. But when things are not so and are as stated above, it would seem the less said on the subject the better.

Very respectfully,
G. A. CAMP.

U. S. Stamps on Approval

Why not send me your want list? I know I can supply most of your wants, and at low prices too. All I ask is a good reference.

This week I offer . . .

1898 Revenues

Document, 50c, 1d, 3d, 5d, used.....	\$o.8o
Proprietary, set of 12, new, o. g.....	.3o
" " 1 1/4 and 3/4, new, o. g.....	.o8

Postage Duc

30c and 50c, light claret, used.....	.8o
1894-5, 1c to 50c, new, o. g.....	1.1o

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Sold by the Lot, to the Highest Bidder.

Lot No.	Cat. Value.
1 Canada, 1882, 15c, o. g., block of 4.....	\$1.20
2 Sierra Leone, 1883, 3/4d, C. A., unused.....	3.00
3 Virgin Islands, 1883, 1d, o. g., block of 4.....	5.00
4 " " 2 1/2, 1880, 1d, blocks of 4.....	3.72
5 43 var. Newfoundland, etc.....	2.76
6 100 Foreign Revenues mixed.....	4.00
7 U. S., 1885, 9c, slightly damaged.....	10.00
8 Navy 7c, used, good copy.....	6.00
9 Agriculture 10c, used.....	12.00
10 U. S. 5c New York, slightly damaged.....	3.50
11 " 1862, 5c, red brown.....	15.50
12 U. S., 1855, 24c, 1867, 5c grilled, 2c State, all damaged.....	4.50
13 State 15c, used, fine.....	8.00
14 " 3c, used.....	3.25
15 Shanghai, 1890-91 5 var., unused.....	1.75
16 5c Insurance, part perf., (7).....	6.77
17 U. S., 21 var., unused, some o. g.....	4.00
18 " 10c 1871, damaged.....	15.00
19 " 1861, Aug. type, 10c, fine used copy, but perforations cut off on one side.....	1.70
20 " 1870 6c, grilled, heavy cancellation.....	1.00
21 " 1847 5c, unevered pair on cover.....	3.00
22 Revenue \$10 Probate of Will, slight tear.....	1.51
23 Navy 24c, used, fine.....	5.00
24 " 30c.....	3.00
25 New Brunswick, 1, 4, 5, 10, 12 1/2, 17c.....	1.51
26 " " (10).....	3.00
27 Hawaii 1882, 15c, used.....	3.25
28 " 1883, 12c, 25c, used, 25c damaged.....	5.71
29 Omaha, 1 to 50c, used.....	2.50
30 9 var. War Department, used and unused.....	4.42
31 56 var. U. S. Revenues.....	1.06
32 U. S. Newspaper, 1865 5c, torn.....	1.06
33 U. S. 1869, 1, 2, 3, 6, 12, 15c, last damaged.....	2.00
34 Interior, 2, 3, 6, 12c, Post Office 2, 3, 6c, all used.....	2.00
35 50c mixed common foreign stamps.....	4.00
36 2,000 " U. S. Omaha and Columbians.....	2.00
37 Malta, 1886 5sh, o. g.....	2.00
38 Leeward Islands, 1890 5sh, o. g.....	2.00
39 St. Lucia, 1889, 5sh, o. g.....	4.00
40 " 10sh, o. g.....	3.00
41 Newfoundland, 1899 7c, entire sheet 100.....	1.00
42 " Cabots 1c, o. g., (10).....	2.09
43 " 1 to 12c, o. g.....	2.09
44 Hayti, 1898 2 on 20c brown, o. g., (1) scarce.....	1.38
45 Rhodesia, 1896 1/2 to 1sh, o. g.....	2.50
46 " 3sh, o. g.....	.98
47 " 1898, re-engraved, 1/2 to 8d, o. g.....	.90
48 " 1899, 1d, 6d, 1sh, o. g.....	1.20
49 Canada Maple Leaf 3c, (20) o. g.....	.71
50 " 1 to 10c, o. g.....	2.50
51 " Registered 8c, o. g., fine.....	3.50
52 Grenada, 1883 2 1/2, 4, 6, 8d, o. g.....	4.00
53 " 8d, pair tete beche.....	1.50
54 Niger Coast, 1893 1sh, o. g.....	1.25
55 " 2d.....	1.40
56 Confederate, 1863 2c, block of 4, o. g.....	2.00
57 Bechuanaland, 1893 1sh, o. g.....	1.42
58 Zululand, 1894 3d, scarce, block of 4.....	.75
59 Newfoundland, 1897 1 on 3c, o. g.....	1.46
60 New Zealand, 1898 1/2, 1, 2, 2 1/2, 3 1/2 error, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9d, 1sh, o. g.....	3.00
61 New Brunswick, 10c (10).....	.75
62 " 12 1/2.....	5.00
63 " 10c (10).....	2.50
64 Nova Scotia, 8 1/2, o. g.....	15.00
65 " 6d, dark green, very fine.....	1.50
66 " 1 1/2, used, fine.....	1.70
67 " 1, 2, 5c, used.....	.85
68 U. S., 5c 1847, fine used.....	3.50
69 " 1867 5c, grilled, very fine.....	5.00
70 Newfoundland, 1867 5c black, used, very fine.....	

Send your bids to
COLONIAL STAMP CO.,
J. H. LYONS, Manager,
345A Washington St., Boston, Mass.

We are indebted to Mr. E. B. Power, manager of J. C. Morgenthau & Co the New York City stamp dealers and who is now in Cuba, for an envelope which reached us last Saturday p. m., via registered mail, prepaid by a set (1, 2 1/2, 5 and 10c. de Peso surcharged stamps) and bearing postmark of "Isle de Cuba," date not legible.

We have received a printed list of members of the Staten Island Philatelic Society. On Jan. 1st, 1899, it had seventy-two members.

Mr. Geo. R. Tuttle's 16th auction sale will occur on Monday evening, Feb. 6th, at the New York Collectors Club. The catalogue lists over 600 lots.

A government official in Ottawa sends us, under date of the 18th inst., a specimen of the 2-cent envelope with stamp of current type in purple. We quote the following extract from his letter to explain the status of this emission:

"This 2c purple envelope was printed to conform to the 2c purple stamp, and after a few thousand only had been printed and distributed, the postal union requirements made it necessary that red should be the color of the stamp for the British Possessions, United States and Canada. The issue of purple was immediately stopped and all others printed in red. This envelope must become rare."

STAMP HUNTING and a year's subscription to the WEEKLY ERA only 90 cents.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Our Boston Letter.

Tuesday, January 17th.

Boston dealers received yesterday a new printing of the 2c map stamp of Canada. That portion of the stamp representing the water now comes in a bright blue. It is a more pronounced color than any of the previous printings, and is a decided improvement.

Last Friday the new Cuban stamps were received here. A letter from the Director of Posts of Havana states that the 2 1/2 c de peso is an error. In looking over several sheets of the 1c, I have discovered one stamp to each sheet that has no period after the word peso. The following are the plate numbers of the surcharged Cuban stamps that I have seen: 1c, Nos. 566, 567, 766, 768, bottoms and lefts; 2c, 758, 761, same positions as the 1c; 5c, 407, bottom, 408, top; 10c, 306, bottom and left. I understand that the prices quoted here for plates are 50c for the 1 and 2c; 75c for the 5c; and \$1.00 for the 10c. There is such a large range in the plate numbers of the 2 1/2 c I should suppose that some of the

(Continued next week.)

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20c For. Exchange, .40	\$3.00 Charter Party, .10
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25c Wash. blue end, mint, package of 40..... 25.00
25c Walker, red seal, short key, mint 38..... 20.00

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1st Issue 5c, 10c block of 4, 25c, 50c.
2nd Issue 25c block of 4.
3rd Issue 3, 5, 10c, 25c green backs, 50c carmine back auto. Colby & Spinner.
4th Issue 10c, 25c, pink fibre, 25c blue end violet fibre, 50c.
5th Issue 10c & 50c green seal, 10c red seal long key, 10c short key, 25c Walker short key.
The Collection for \$14.00.
Same will be sent on approval if reference is given. Let me hear from you.

numbers later on would command a very good price.

There seems to be considerable controversy among the Washington correspondents about the newspaper stamps. I have it on good authority that the Department has never given the matter of selling the stamps to the public any consideration to speak of; and that if they are sold to the public they will be re-printed, as the present stock of stamps is being destroyed as fast as the several accounts are adjusted, and that under no consideration will the set be sold for \$5.00, including the \$5.00 newspaper stamp, as it would be the means of defrauding the Government by having the stamp surcharged as a revenue. I have been informed by a prominent official of the revenue department that the chance of surcharging this stamp and thus defrauding the revenue department has been called to the attention of the Postal Department; and it has been suggested by the revenue officials that if the newspaper stamps are sold at a low price that the \$5.00 stamp be surcharged "Specimen." It has caused many a smile in this part of the country, among collectors and dealers alike, that the Department has asked the opinion of certain persons about the market value of these stamps. Several of the dealers here corresponded with the Department a good

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5941 Cote Brillante Av., St. Louis, Mo.

many months ago about these stamps, and up to the present time nothing has been said that would indicate in the least that the Department intends to sell them to the public. The following illustration shows how little is known about postage stamps among some of the postal officials at Washington. A prominent Boston collector was in Washington several months ago, when the 4c in new color had been issued. At that time the stamp had been on sale in several of the small offices of this State. The collector called upon a prominent postal official, and made enquiries about the stamp, if it had been issued, etc., and he was referred to the head clerk of the Department where requisitions for stamps are filled. On enquiry at the Department he was told that they had not seen the stamp, and knew nothing about the color being changed.

The Colonial Stamp Co., last Saturday afternoon, held the first afternoon sale of stamps that has been held in Boston. About 75 lots were disposed of in less than one hour, and the prices realized on the average were very low. As one of the collectors said, he never had attended an auction sale where there were so many bargains.

I notice in one of the stamp papers that a value of 25 cents is put upon the 2½c de peso of the surcharged Cuban stamp. This is an outrageous price to charge for this stamp, as there were one million of them supposed to have been shipped to Cuba. The stamp is selling here to-day at 5 cents.

The new 6c U. S. made its appearance here to-day, Plate No 554, color, magenta.

To-night occurred the regular monthly meeting of the Boston Philatelic Society. There was a very good attendance. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Mr. Woodward, President; Mr. Holton, Vice-President; Mr. Toppan, Secretary; Mr. Greene, Treasurer; Mr. Johnson, Superintendent of Sales; Mr. Lyons, Manager of Auctions. At the close of the meeting there was exhibited to those present a collection of U. S. proofs and essays, owned by Mr. Mason. With probably one exception, this is the finest collection of proofs and essays in the country. The proofs of the 1869 issue in trial colors is something magnificent. There was also a die proof set of Omahas.

It is not generally known that the dies for the new U. S. envelopes are made in Boston. The engraver of the dies states that so far he has made the following denominations: 1, 2, 4 and 5c, and that owing to a bad accident which took place a few weeks ago, an unavoidable delay has occurred in finishing the dies.

S. E. L.

The Collectors Club.

351 Fourth Ave., New York.

34th meeting of the Governors held at the Club House, Jan. 9, 1899.

Present: President Thorne, Dr. Stebbins, Mr. Scott and the Secretary.

Called to order at 8.10 P. M., when the minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.

Letter from Mr. Perozo was read by the secretary, who reported having mailed on the 3rd inst. to stockholders and subscribers 125 reports of the annual meeting.

The following committees were appointed in accordance with Sec. 14 of the By-Laws.

Executive: H. L. Calman, chairman, J. O. Hobby, J. W. George.

House: J. H. Stebbins, Jr., chairman, Rob. A. McKim, J. N. Luff, A. Perrin, W. S. Scott.

Amusements: John N. Luff, chairman, P. F. Bruner, G. E. Jones, W. Knudson, John W. Scott.

Auditing: P. F. Bruner, chairman, Henry Clotz, A. Davison.

Literary: H. E. Deats, chairman, J. J. Casey, J. S. Rich.

Membership: A. Perrin, chairman, J. C. Morgenthau, J. S. Rich, H. Clotz, H. N. Terrett.

The Treasurer's report showing balance in bank of \$535.55 exclusive of U. S. bonds, was then approved.

The Governors ordered that the name of Angel M. Trujillo be enrolled as a subscribing member.

Resignation of Chas. E. Green as a subscribing member was read and accepted with regret.

The Secretary read a letter from the Chairman of Committee on Amusements.

An appropriation was voted for purchases, not exceeding \$50 at the Casey library auction sale and a committee appointed, consisting of Messrs. Luff, Deats and Rich to attend to such purchases.

The question of further expense for entertainments was laid on the table.

The report of Chairman of House Committee was received.

The Secretary reported the posting of the name of

Herman Stiepmann, proposed as a stockholder by N. Dieschbourg, seconded by P. F. Bruner.

The applications of Messrs.

Jos. J. O'Donohue, Jr., Eugene Angell,

were reported favorably and upon ballot Messrs. O'Donohue and Angell, were unanimously elected as subscribing members.

Adjourned at 9.05 P. M.

J. M. ANDREINI, Secretary.

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F. Putney, Jr.,

Box 944,

Providence, R. I.

From an Occasional Correspondent.

Brooklyn Letter.

January 17th, 1899.

As I promised sometime ago to occasionally give news and the happenings, from this Borough, I will endeavor to again give you some idea of what we are doing to elevate philately.

I believe very few collectors have any idea of the great value of our society, of the great stride it is making in placing philately among the sciences.

No doubt many collectors class the Section on Philately among the great number of local societies, which often were organized to give a few of its members a chance to hold office in same, with very little idea of increasing in membership or helping to elevate philately.

The members of the Section have no such selfish ideas that I am aware of, but all work with vim, always having in view the two great objects, viz: to increase the great army of philatelists and to elevate philately to the top of the ladder.

Great credit is due the Brooklyn Society in having secured the recognition of philately as a science, by such a world renowned institution as the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences.

It has been my sad experience in many organizations of similar nature, to find at least 90 per cent. of the membership lax in energy in building up the society or endeavoring to secure the fulfilment of the objects in view.

Have you ever noticed the enthusiasm shown at the meetings? How we will do this and do that, sometimes almost turn the earth inside out if it were possible, but when the meetings are over, how different, subjects foreign to the meeting are talked of, in fact most of the shouters having forgotten what they said or had heard and to be continued in our next-meeting.

During the interim very little is accomplished, but not so with the Section on Philately. Its members are on committees and sub-committees that have much work to accomplish and which require a great deal of their spare time, and the progress they have made is simply wonderful, even surprising the officials of the Institute.

No doubt all the readers of the ERA are aware of the great Exhibition of stamps, which will be held under the auspices of the Section on Philately and the backing of the Institute during two weeks beginning March 18th and ending April 3d, 1899.

The Exhibition will be a grand affair and will be on view during the afternoons and evenings of each day during two weeks. The prospectus is in the hands of the printers and I hope in my next letter I shall be able to give the readers more information.

The sub-committee on official programme, of which your servant is secretary, has

held several meetings and its entire work fully outlined and is now in fine working order.

The committee has been very successful thus far in securing advertisements, it having disposed of about one-third the space.

Advertisements will be received by the committee at the following rates, viz: one page \$10.00, one-half page \$5.50 and one-quarter page \$3.00. Those desiring space should make application at once as the forms will close about Feb. 15th. The catalogue will be an elaborate affair and a credit both to philately and the Section.

At a recent meeting a press committee was appointed. Mr. Crawford Capen, chairman, with Messrs. H. E. Robinson, T. W. C. Happel, C. R. Gay and H. Toelke as his associates, and it is hoped that all communications for the press, concerning the Section will be duly published, if received from the committee or any member thereof.

The philatelic library of the Section is enlarging wonderfully and it is hoped other publishers will contribute towards the same as it is the aim of the Section to secure a complete library of all worthy stamp journals if possible.

The collection of stamps of the world is gradually building up, not only by individual contributions, but also by foreign governments. The curator has received stamps from the postmaster-generals of New Foundland, Canada and Bermuda with more to follow in the near future.

Should any of the readers of the ERA have duplicates and which they may wish to present to the Institute for the collection, they may send same to Mr. John D. Carberry, Curator, 174 Montague St., Brooklyn, N. Y., and the same will be duly acknowledged.

I have lately noticed the following in the Postal Bulletin which may be news and of some value to the ERA readers.

On January 5th the following Military Postal Stations were opened for business: No. 26 at Buena Vista, Province of Havana; No. 27 at Matanzas, Province of Matanzas.

Beginning January 1st all mail for Porto Rico to be sent to New York Post Office instead of Washington as heretofore.

January 3rd. The franking privilege extended to and from Cuba, Porto Rico, Hawaiian Islands and Philippines.

This will give some of our politicians at Washington a chance to start in early and the Department of Agriculture, to get worthless seeds and send them down to the colonies.

The American Philatelic Exchange is still at it, and it is hoped that those receiving a sample list will make good use of

it, as they are sent out to be used and not to look at, thus giving them a chance to really see the many benefits derived and to leave the old ruts, as the days of approval sheets and books are nearly at the end.

Should any of ERA readers desire a sample, a postal card will fetch it.

At any rate do not forget the Section on Philately. Those wishing to join can receive all information from me and if it is possible to attend our lectures or meetings, the members will make it pleasant. Our next lecture is on January 27th.

Yours for the elevation of philately,
H. TOELKE.

Chicago Philatelic Society.
651 Marquette Building.

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The 289th regular meeting was called to order at 8.30 P. M. January 5th, 1899, with Mr. C. E. Severn, President, in the chair.

Present: Messrs. C. E. Severn, W. F. Miller, L. H. Miller, Michaels, Wolsieffer, Oesch, Smack, Lefever, Massoth, Trask, Schlieckert, Pierce and Doncyson.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

Mr. Wolsieffer, chairman of Committee on Investigation of Frauds, reported on the "Cohen case" in full, and progress on the others.

Resignation of W. G. Jerrems, Jr., (No. 291) was read and referred to Governing Board. Motion prevailed that a committee of three (3) be appointed to investigate all applicants for membership.

Motion prevailed that every applicant be balloted on. Upon ballot Mr. Eugene H. Field, No. 7 Public Square, Galesburg, Ill., was unanimously elected to Passive membership No. 464.

The Governing Committee reported as follows: Ordered posted the application (for Active membership) of Mr. John Peters, Chicago, proposed by P. M. Wolsieffer.

They accepted report of Secretary which showed the present membership to be

Honorary members,	5
Active " "	56
Passive " "	38
Application posted,	1
	100

They accepted the resignation of Mr. W. G. Jerrems, Jr., (No. 291) with regrets.

They appointed Mr. Chas. S. Smack Librarian for year of 1899, and extended thanks to Mr. Lefever for services rendered.

They ordered Mr. John J. Oesch to solicit bids for Exchange Superintendent, and report at next meeting.

They suggested that Society's room be open every Thursday night.

Motion prevailed that room be open every Thursday night for benefit of members and visitors.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 10 P. M.

S. T. S. DONCYSON, Sec'y.

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Notable Stamp Exhibit.

By the Section on Philately,
Brooklyn Institute of Arts
and Sciences.

Prospectus, Rules and Regulations,
Lists Exhibits, Awards, Etc.,
Given in Full.

[From Our Special Correspondent.]

BROOKLYN-NEW YORK, Jan. 23, '99.

Philatelic news from the Borough of Brooklyn is perhaps not as plentiful as from some of the large cities, but collectors in this section are awake as usual.

The Exhibition Committee of the Section on Philately have furnished me with a copy of their announcement and prospectus, of which the following is a copy and I trust the ERA readers will read it over carefully:

PHILATELY RECOGNIZED AS A SCIENCE.

The year 1898 marks a new and most important epoch in philately, that is, the study, collection and preservation of postage and revenue stamps, and stamped envelopes. This subject, which many people have imagined only a school boy's hobby, has received the serious thought and earnest support of students in all parts of the civilized world, having among its devotees, artists, scientists, theologians, financiers, soldiers and statesmen, Pope Leo XIII, the Czar of Russia, Queen of Holland, King of Siam, Duke of York, Baron Rothschild, Count Ph. Von Ferrary of Paris, the well-known Americans, William Thorne, Esq., of New York, and F. W. Ayer, Esq., of Bangor, Maine, being among the most ardent collectors. It conduces to extensive research in geography, history and political science, as is indicated by acquisitions of new territory, accessions of sovereigns to power, and changes in the monetary systems of countries, oftentimes necessitating an entirely new issue of stamps, varied in color, design and value.

During the past summer, the Trustees of the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences—an institution established "For the People, by the People," of the highest standing among scientific societies the world over—had under consideration the application of the Long Island Philatelic Society to join the Institute. The importance of the study and preservation of postage stamps was laid before the Trustees in a clear and concise manner by the members of the Society, and after a

careful examination and thorough discussion of the merits of the subject, the Trustees were convinced that Philately is a study of the highest educational value, alike to young and old, and one worthy to be classed with the arts and sciences, and they unanimously decided to form a department, to be known as the "Section on Philately."

To commemorate the recognition of Philately as a scientific study and its classification as a science—a recognition which philatelists over all the world have been seeking for years—the Section on Philately of the Brooklyn Institute has decided to give a public Exhibition of postage and revenue stamps, and stamped envelopes, at the Art Rooms of the Institute, 174 Montague St., Brooklyn, N. Y., from March 18th, 1899, to March 31st, 1899.

The Exhibition will be open on week days from 10 A. M. to 11 P. M., and on Sundays from 2 P. M. to 6 P. M.

The formal opening of the Exhibition will take place on Saturday evening, March 18th, 1899, at which only members of the Section and invited guests will be present; all other days and evenings will be open to the public.

A special day (Saturday, March 25th) will be set aside for the school children of Brooklyn; packets of postage stamps will be distributed; competent persons versed on the subject will be present to talk about stamp collecting, and thus arouse among them an interest in this valuable pastime.

Various awards and medals will be offered for competition.

Information concerning classes, awards, rules and regulations governing the Exhibition can be had by applying to John D. Carberry, Secretary Exhibition Committee, 1206 Bushwick Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.

It has been decided that no fee shall be charged for admission, and all persons interested in this most fascinating pursuit are invited to view the Exhibition.

Desiring to further the interests of philately, the members of the Section are making a large and valuable collection of the stamps of the world, under the supervision of the Curator, for the Museum of the Institute, which is always open to the public; and are also establishing a permanent philatelic library for the preservation of literature for the use of philatelists in search of complete knowledge on the subject; and to this end contributions of stamps and philatelic literature are earnestly solicited.

The members of the Section are most untiring and persistent workers, and their efforts to elevate philately to the plan of a science and to increase its popularity, deserve to be crowned with success.

Will also give contents of the prospectus for further consideration, which gives in detail, information regarding the Institute's Exhibition of Stamps; the rules and regulations governing same and the classes, divisions and groups of exhibits.

PROSPECTUS.

The Section on Philately of the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences has decided to invite Philatelists to join with it in commemorating the recognition, by the Institute, of Philately as a science, by giving an exhibition of Postage and Revenue Stamps, including adhesive and envelope stamps, post cards and reprints, and to that end offers for competition various medals and awards.

The exhibition will be formally opened March 18th, 1899, at 8 P. M., and will be open free to the public Sundays, from 2 P. M. until 6 P. M., and week-days from 10 A. M. to 10 P. M. from Sunday, March 19th, to Friday, March 31st inclusive, at the Art Rooms of the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences, 174 Montague Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

The Art Rooms of the Institute are specially adapted for the exhibition of art treasures, and have the advantage of good light without danger from exposure to the sun's rays.

Night and day watchmen will be employed, and every possible precaution will be taken to secure exhibits from damage or loss, but neither the members of the committee nor the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences will assume any liability for loss or damage.

The following rules and regulations govern the exhibit and exhibitors, and all exhibitors must conform and be subject to these rules and regulations.

The intent of the exhibit is not so much its completeness as the benefits derived from its educational advantages and the general advancement of Philately in the public eye. Saturday, March 25th, will be devoted to the children of the public schools, and packets of stamps contributed by the leading dealers will be distributed.

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

All exhibits must be mounted under glass in sealed frames, at the exhibitor's own expense, ready for hanging, and a uniform charge of fifty cents (50) per frame will be made for space.

Arrangements can be made by exhibitors for insurance against loss by fire (or burglary) of exhibits with the committee while same are in their custody, at the rate of 25 cents per \$100.00 insured for each kind. The charge for same, together with charge for space, will be payable on delivery of exhibit to the committee.

Exhibits must be sent, charges prepaid, and will be returned at the expense and sole risk of owner, unless insured (insurance in transit, if any, being paid by the owner).

Notice of the nature and extent of exhibits, with value for insurance, should be sent to the Secretary of the Committee as soon as possible, on the accompanying blank form, but not later than February 10th, 1899, in order that they may be properly entered in the catalogue.

Exhibits should be delivered on the 16th or 17th of March, 1899, at 174 Montague Street, Brooklyn, N. Y., addressed to the Exhibition Committee, Section on Philately.

No price or other notification of sale may be fixed to an exhibit.

The right of refusing any exhibit is reserved by the committee.

Exhibits for competition must be *bona fide* property of the exhibitor.

No exhibitor may be awarded more than one silver medal.

The following judges have kindly consented to act, the awards in each class to be made by at least three judges:

P. F. Bruner, John N. Luff,
J. W. George, Charles R. Braine, Jr.,
J. M. Andreini, Alex. Holland.

The following is the table of classes and divisions for competition and awards:

CLASS I.

For collections of adhesive stamps of any one of the following countries or combination of countries named below:

Division 1.

NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICA.

GROUP A.

United States Postage (including Departments, Dues, and Newspapers).

GROUP B.

United States Revenues—

1. Document and Private Proprietary.
2. Telegraphs.

GROUP C.

United States Colonies.

1. Hawaii.
2. Cuba.
3. Porto Rico.
4. Philippine Isles.

GROUP D.

1. Colombian Republic and States.
2. Brazil.
3. Mexico.
4. Central American States (Salvador, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Costa Rica and Honduras).

5. Chili.
6. Peru.
7. Ecuador.
8. Argentine.
9. Bolivia.
10. Uruguay and Paraguay.
11. Venezuela.

12. British Colonies in North America (Canada, Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick and British Columbia).

13. British Colonies in Western Hemisphere, remaining.

14. Danish and Dutch West Indies (Surinam, Curacao).

15. Hayti and Dominican Republic.

Awards in this Division:

- Group A, one silver medal.
- Group B, one silver medal.
- Group C, one silver medal.
- Group D, one silver medal.

Division 2.

EUROPE, ASIA, AFRICA AND AUSTRALIA.

GROUP A.

1. Great Britain.
2. Austria (Austrian Italy and Hungary).

3. Russia (Finland and Poland).
4. Germany (any two of the following): Alsace and Lorraine, Baden, Bavaria, Bergedorf, Bremen, Brunswick, Empire and Confederation; Hamburg, Hanover, Lubec, Mecklenburg-Sch. and Str., Oldenburg, Prussia, Saxony, Sch. Holstein, Thurn and Taxis, Wurtemberg.

5. Italy (any two of the following): Italy, Modena, Naples, Papal States, Parma, Romagna, Sicily, Tuscany.

6. Spain and Portugal.
7. Switzerland.
8. Turkey.
9. France.
10. Holland and Belgium.
11. Greece.

12. Norway and Sweden.

13. Denmark and Iceland.

14. British Colonies in Europe (Cyprus, Gibraltar, Ionian Islands, Malta).

15. Balkan States (Servia, Roumania, Montenegro, Bulgaria, Bosnia).

GROUP B.

1. Japan.
2. Persia.
3. Egypt.
4. Colonies of France and Portugal in Asia, Africa.
5. Orange Free State.
6. Sarawak and Siam.
7. India and Ceylon.
8. British Colonies in Asia and Africa, other than (7).
9. Australia and New Zealand.

Awards in this Division:

- Group A, one silver medal.
- Group B, one silver medal.

CLASS II.

EXHIBIT BY DEALERS.

One silver medal for most meritorious exhibit by a dealer.

Arrangement to count 10 per cent.

Quantity to count 40 per cent.

Quality to count 50 per cent.

CLASS III.

Division 1.

BEST EXHIBIT BY A LADY.

Division 2.

BEST EXHIBIT BY A BOY OR GIRL UNDER EIGHTEEN.

Awards in this class, Division 1, one silver medal.

Awards in this class, Division 2, one silver medal.

SPECIAL AWARDS.

The following Special Awards have been donated:

Section on Philately. One Bronze Medal for the most meritorious Exhibit shown by a member of the Section on Philately.

Nassau Stamp Co. One Gold Medal for the Exhibit showing most scientific arrangement.

Scott Stamp and Coin Co. One 1899 Edition National Album, linen paper, full morocco, for the best Exhibit shown in Class I, Division 1, Group A.

One 1899 Edition International Album, two volumes, half morocco, for the best Exhibit shown in Class I, Division 1, Group D.

One subscription to "The Catalogue for Advanced Collectors" for the most meritorious Exhibit shown.

A. Krassa. One "Ne Plus Ultra Postage Stamp Album," sunk mounts, for the best Exhibit shown by a member of the Section on Philately, in Class I, Division 1, Group B.

One sterling silver "Ne Plus Ultra Stamp Cleanser and Hinge Remover" for best Exhibit shown in Class I, Division 2, Group B.

J. C. Morgenthau & Co. One "sheet 25 centavas Arequipa, Peru," for the best Exhibit shown of South American countries.

Bogert & Durbin. One "5 Pesos Honduras inverted center," for best Exhibit shown by a member of the Section on Philately, of the Central American States.

One "sheet Providence Reprints" for best Exhibit shown of U. S. Reprints.

Geo. R. Tuttle. One and two cent Justice Department unused for second best Exhibit shown in Class I, Division 1, Group A.

The J. W. Scott Co. One "J. W.

Scott's Best Blank Album" for best Exhibit shown in Class I, Division 2, Group A.

George J. Carter. A set of United States Revenues, valued at \$20, for the most tastefully arranged general exhibit of stamps by a boy or girl under fifteen years of age.

For further particulars apply to the Secretary, Exhibition Committee,
JOHN D. CARBERRY, ESQ.,
1206 Bushwick Avenue, Brooklyn.

The following gentlemen comprise the Executive Committee of the Exhibition: Alex. Holland, Chairman, John D. Carberry, Sec'y, Charles R. Braine, Jr., P. Elbert Nostrand, David S. Wells, Dr. T. P. Hyatt, Geo. W. Ring.

It is hoped all interested and desiring to exhibit, will send a request by postal for application blanks for the Exhibition.

It will be noted that the Board of Judges are all men well advanced in philatelic knowledge and fully capable of judging by merit only. No partiality whatever will be shown.

Advertising space in the Official Catalogue is being taken very rapidly and it is hoped every dealer of prominence in this country as well as Europe will be represented.

The American Philatelic Exchange has received several requests for sample exchange lists, which have been compiled with and are willing to continue sending same when requested.

Letters are received frequently from Cuba, Porto Rico and Philippine Islands with Spanish stamps attached, but all such have been stamped "collect postage due."

Five mails to and fro are sent each week by Steamship Lines, for Cuba and Porto Rico, two via Miami, Florida, and three via Tampa, Florida.

Jan. 10. Military Station No. 28 opened at Santa Clara, Province Santa Clara, Cuba, for transaction of Money Order and registry business, postal supplies, receipt and despatch of mails.

All true philatelists, do not forget the Exhibition of Stamps, if you have a collection do not be ashamed to show it.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR THE WEEK ENDING JAN. 28th, 1899.

Applications for Membership.

HANNA, MRS. R. M., 117 W. 58th St.,
New York City. References: Geo. R. Tuttle, W. F. Gregory, Resident Vice-President.

DAY, CHESTER S., 280 Newbury St.,
Boston, Mass.; age, 30; occupation,
Merchant. References: R. F. Burns,
Allen A. Brown.

WM. N. HOWE, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE SALES DEPARTMENT.

GEORGE R. TUTTLE, Superintendent,
87 Nassau St.
NEW YORK CITY, Jan. 21st, 1899.
1,159 books of stamps in circulation
according to my report of Jan.
14th, valued at..... \$37,176.69
16 books received since Jan. 14th,
valued at 425.80
\$37,602.49
62 books retired since Jan. 14th,
valued at (from which has been
sold \$415.42)..... 1,579.84
Total number of books in circula-
tion 1,113, valued at. \$36,022.65

Notice.

Private Auction Sales will be held at the office of the Superintendent of Sales, Geo. R. Tuttle, 87 Nassau St., New York City, every Saturday afternoon from 1 to 2 o'clock for the benefit of the A. P. A. members who wish to realize quickly on any stamps they wish to sell.
Remittances will be made on Monday fol-

lowing, less 10% commission. Members who wish to sell by this method will please send in any lots, collections or single stamps. Reserved prices may be placed on what is sent in if so desired.

GEO. R. TUTTLE,
Superintendent Sales Dept.

From an Occasional Correspondent.

OTTAWA, 23rd January, 1899.

It is a pretty poor week in Canada nowadays that cannot produce some change in postal regulations or in stamps. Our last excitement was the news on the 12th that the new 2c envelope had been issued simultaneously in two colours, purple and red, and that, of the purple, there were only 700 printed when the change to red, in consequence of the change in the domestic rate, was made requisite.

The rumour made the local post office officials unhappy for several hours. They had to stand a siege of all the philatelists in town, who are not numerous, and of the many philatelic sharks who are ready to buy anything they think they can turn over at a profit. No one secured more than two or three of the new envelopes, but the supply of 700 did not last long. It was found later that other post offices had been supplied and that either 10,000 or 20,000, I cannot ascertain which, of the purple 2 cents were printed, but in either case the stamp will be a rare one

The two-cent red envelope is now for sale. It is the same type as the 1c green of 1898, and makes a handsome stamp. It

will replace the 3c which will doubtless go out of issue. I should advise collectors to secure copies of this latter envelope, and of the 2c green with beaver on top, at once.

We have now reached the fourth stage of the development of the Imperial stamp. After passing through a lavender tint (Dec. 7th) the sea has been coloured successively the palest prussian blue (about Dec. 20th) and subsequently two deeper tints (about Dec. 25th and January 10th) till now it is a conspicuous blue. If specialists choose to make varieties of differences in printing, they can let themselves loose on the position and sizes of the red patches on this stamp and collect nearly as many as they can secure copies. The differences in the sizes of the Polynesian Island are particularly noticeable.

The 2c figure series has lately been found in a much redder and lighter purple than it was first printed in, but whether this is accidental or not I cannot ascertain. As no further printings will be made the new variety will be a rarity.

W. P. A.

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5c Bill of Lading, imperf.....	1.00	.35 —
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20c Inland Ex.....	.75	.10 —
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25c Warehouse Receipt, imperf	1.50	.60 —
25c " " perf.....	.75	.35 .25
25c Protest, perf.....	.35	.15 .12
50c Lease, ".....	.50	.25 .17
50c Foreign Ex., perf.....	.60	.30 .20
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U. S.

No.			
73	10c green unused,.....	\$1.50	
74	12c black, used,.....	.50	
75	24c lilac, new, no gum,.....	3.50	
77	30c orange, unused,.....	6.00	
78	90c blue, unused, no gum,.....	13.00	
82	10c green, used,.....	5.00	
90	3c pink, used,.....	4.00	
100	30c orange, unused,.....	3.00	
101	90c blue, o. g.,.....	12.00	
101	90c blue, off center, new,.....	8.00	
105	3c scarlet, pen marked, o. g.,.....	50.00	
106	5c red brown, new, no gum,.....	10.00	
108	5c brown, new, no gum,.....	3.00	
112	24c gray, o. g.,.....	2.50	
117	3c rose, almost pink, used,.....	10.00	
117	3c rose, unsevered pair,.....	20.00	
121	3c rose, 12x16, used,.....	4.00	
122	2c black, 12x14,.....	3.75	
123	3c rose, 12x14,.....	1.25	
137	5c brown, new, no gum,.....	5.00	
137	5c brown, used,.....	1.75	
140	10c green, o. g.,.....	2.50	
142	15c black, o. g., very fine,.....	5.00	
143	24c gray, o. g.,.....	7.00	
144	90c orange, o. g.,.....	7.00	
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(I have something that I think will please them.)

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I Want to Buy Stamp COLLECTIONS!!!

DO YOU Want to Sell YOURS? If so, write me AT ONCE.

C. A. STEGMANN,

5941 Cote Brillante Av., St. Louis, Mo.

I have received a copy of "Bright's A. B. C. Catalogue" for 1899, and I paid for it. So I feel at perfect liberty to criticise it. To begin with, one gets his money's worth, as it lists the world's postage stamps, envelopes, and postal cards. It is fully illustrated, and the cuts are much better than those in Stanley Gibbons'. But it was evidently printed not by a first-class printer, as some of the cuts are wretchedly blurred. Some of the features about it are very good. The list of French stamps is the best that I have seen in any catalogue; and in Turks Island, cuts and descriptions listing dies 1 and 2 are commendable. Over 15 pages, of two columns to a page, are given to So. Australia Department stamps, that is, ordinary adhesives, surcharged with initial of Department. In Norway, including shades, etc., 111 stamps are listed, not including the unpaid. In Gambia, 1887 set, 24 stamps are listed, against Scott's list of 11 stamps. Most all of the early Norways, unused, have advanced in price. The following are a few of the quotations: Antigua, 1sh, unused, \$5.60; Barbadoes, 1882, 5sh, unused, \$7.50; Bavaria, 1849, 6k, broken circle, \$1.25; British East Africa, 1896, unused, 1 rupee, \$1.25; 2r, \$2.50; 3r, \$3.75; 4r, \$4.37; 5r, \$6.25; and some collectors says that Africans are no good; those who possess these stamps are to be congratulated. Canada Jubilee, 1/2c, 50 cts.; 6c, \$1.00; Canada maple leaf, 1/2c to 10c, 70 cts., unused; Cuba, 1898-99, not priced; Porto Rico, 1898-99, 4m, 6 cts.; 4c, 30 cts.; complete set, \$8.33; Prince Edward Island, 4 1/2d, unused, 68 cts.; Danish West Indies, 14c, unused, \$5.00; used, \$3.75; Denmark, 1870, 16sk, unused, \$5.00; Dominica, 1883, 1sh, unused, \$15; used, \$20; Gambia, 1880, CC, unused, 3d, deep blue, \$2.50; greyish blue, 75 cts.; 4d, \$12.50; Lagos, 1885, 2d, grey, unused, \$2.50; used, 50 cts.; 4d lilac, unused, \$2.50; the three high values of this set are not priced. Norway, 1856, 8sk, unused, \$15; 1867, 3sk, unused, two shades, \$7.50 and \$10; Nova Scotia, 1860, 5c, unused, \$6.25; Philippine 1898-99, 4m and 4c, not priced; Poland, 1860, 10k, shades and papers, 5 stamps, used, from \$1.50 to \$6.25; Servia, 1890, set, unused, \$1.00; listed in Scott's at 25 cts.; U. S. Omaha, used, 50c and \$1.00, at face value; \$2.00, used, \$2.50. Zambesia, 1898, the illustration in the book is upside down.

Scott's catalogue, in the 1893 issue of Venezuela, mentions three stamps of the set with surcharge inverted. Bright's catalogue, in speaking of these stamps, says: "It is probable that a number of the above exist with inverted surcharge." I will state for the benefit of these catalogue makers, that I have seen, within 24 hours, the entire set both used and unused, with inverted surcharge; they are now owned by one of Boston's prominent collectors.

LIBERTY STAMP CO.,
GEO. FLAGG, Manager,
170 Tremont St., BOSTON, MASS.

OMAHA..

Is the most hospitable place we have yet struck. You would hardly believe it, but we fell asleep out there one morning while leaning against one of brother Rothery's convenient telegraph poles, and our hat fell off. We don't know whether it was our Peruvian bark whiskers or what it was that attracted the populace. Anyhow, when we woke up there was 38 cents in the hat. If we have luck like that on our trip abroad we won't have to eat hay as a regular diet.

Speaking of Omaha reminds us of the Trans-Mississippi Stamps. We want to buy 4c at \$1.75 per 100, and 8c at \$2.75 per 100. Let us hear from you.

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	12c brown.....	" 30c	" 15c
	1/2c black.....	" 3c	" 1c
Cabot Issue	1c.....	" 10c	" 4c
	2c.....	" 10c	" 4c
	3c.....	" 6c	" 4c
	4c.....	" 8c	" 5c
	5c.....	" 10c	" 7c
1897	1c carmine.....	" 5c	" 3c
	2c orange.....	" 6c	" 3c
1898	1/2c olive.....	" 2c	" 1c
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1888	30c brown, " ..	.50	.20
1890	90c orange, " ..	.65	.30
1893	15c Columbian, " ..	.20	.10
1893	30c " " ..	.40	.20

If you want anything in U. S. stamps send in your list.

LIBERTY STAMP CO.,

GEO. FLAGG, Manager,
170 Tremont St., BOSTON, MASS.

Philatelic Press Review.

By WM. C. STONE.

[NOTE.—The following paragraphs were omitted from No. 296 and should have appeared last week but were inadvertently overlooked. This week's Review will of necessity have to be held over till next week owing to lack of space.—Ed.]

The *Philatelic West* has added "and Camera News" to its title, and devotes considerable space monthly to photography. The paper has just changed printers and my advice to Brodie is to change again. The Trans-Mississippi Philatelic Society has been launched with 32 members and will soon hold an election. So glad! Another society was just what we needed. Now we will manage to get along all right.

Georges Carion has a paper in the *Stamp Reporter* dealing with the journal or newspaper stamps of France. He claims that they have no place in a postage stamp collection, but in that he is somewhat mistaken, as reference to any good work on French stamps will convince the reader that they are perfectly admissible to both postal and fiscal collections. Two of the stamps, the blue and the rose, are what might be called compound stamps, as they represent both a fiscal tax and a postal rate.

Bamra forms the subject of Major Evans' article on the native Indian stamps in the *Monthly Journal* this month. There is a plate showing the various varieties of the first issue. The article will be continued in the next number. Mr. A. F. Basset Hull gives a very entertaining account of the "Pioneer Posts in the Western Pacific," which includes the German colonial issues and the New Hebrides Company. The recent exhibition at Birmingham is fully described, and Mr. Phillips' department of "Notes and News" is usually full of good things.

3c PLAYING CARDS for \$1.95.

4c Playing Cards for \$1.60.

The first is a nice, lightly cancelled copy, but a very small piece was torn from the upper left corner and the original piece neatly replaced.

The four cent also had a small piece of corner torn off and replaced, but it is not as clean and otherwise as nice a copy as the three cent. Each, however, should be worth the price asked.

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FREE! "THE EVERGREEN STATE PHILATELIST" on trial two months. It will then be discontinued. Address, at Hartland, Washington. [99]

The *Virginia Philatelist* is as pretty as a pink this month, and contains some first class articles. That on the stamps of Japan is simply written, so as to appeal to the average collector, but contains a good deal of valuable information. The differences between the genuine and the counterfeits are shown by special cuts. Owing to the illness of Mr. Baptist, his reminiscences of the printing of the C. S. A. stamps is indefinitely postponed. I sincerely hope we shall soon hear of his restoration to health again, for I have been greatly interested in his articles.

I received to-day a government document which is well worthy the attention of all collectors. It is the report of the Chief of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, and is full of statistics concerning our stamps, postal and revenue. While it only comes down to the first of July, 1898, it still shows several important facts. The quantities of the I. R. surcharges are given, as well as those of the regular documentary and proprietary series. Some idea can be obtained as to the quantities of the Omaha series. With next year's report it will be possible to get the entire number. The number of cigar, tobacco, cigarette, beer, etc., stamps surcharged "Series of 1898" are all enumerated.

EXCHANGES.

One notice is allowed each subscriber free if sent with his remittance, extra notices will be inserted at the uniform price of 10 cents each insertion. Non-subscribers 18 cents each insertion. Postively cash with notice. All notices must be for exchange and limited to thirty words, exclusive of the address, and must be written on a separate piece of paper. Notices offering articles for sale for cash, or offering to purchase for cash cannot be inserted here as they do not come under this head.

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I have about 400 of the leading stamp papers that have accumulated during the past three years, containing several complete volumes, some duplicate and sample copies. Will exchange entire lot for best offer in U. S. stamps or proofs. Albert E. Chase, 180 B Newbury St., Portland, Maine. (A. P. A. No. 1171).

Wanted! Street railway transfers and car-tickets. 100 different foreign postage stamps, valued at least 50 cents, for each different one sent me. Clarence M. Tyler, Drawer C, Hartford, Conn. [100]

Will exchange old U. S., British Colonies, Hawaii and other foreign stamps for same. Send your sheets and receive mine, by return mail. Basis: Scott's 1898 Catalogue. W. H. Kirsten, 2112 8th Ave., N. Y.

Magazines and papers on advertising, engineering, fiction, microscopy, photography, sports, etc., etc., for stamps, mineral, Indian relics. Write for list on subject you choose; best offer "takes the cake." E. L. Brown, Br kton, Mass.

Anyone sending me any old U. S. coins before 1880 will receive in return three to four times their face value in good stamps. Any amount taken not less than 10 cents worth. W. E. Pellett, Carrier No. 19 P. O. Dept., Indianapolis, Ind.

100 4c Omahas used, all picked copies, to exchange for best offer of foreign stamps from sheets. Have 30c 1887 on blue, entire, unused (Off. size) to exchange for white or amber. E. G. Berger, 1895 N. Marshfield Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Will take your duplicates at the following rates: 10c catalogue 2c, 15c, 25c and 50c at ½, and above these prices at ¾, giving you stamps you want. Send stamps and want list. 25kr Red Austria Newspaper stamp, postally used, cat. Stanley 75h 6d and 1c Prop. rouletted, to exchange best offer. Stamp Exchange, 26 W. 23rd St., New York. [109]

Philatelic papers, previous to 1896, and philatelic printing, to exchange for United States, British North American and Uruguayan stamps—good, used only. What do you need in above line? Clifford Miner, Montague, Mass. [99]

I want U. S. Adhesives, Match, Medicine and Revenues not in my collection, will give in exchange fine Indian Relics, Coins, or good Job Printing. Printing Supplies wanted in exchange. Correspondence solicited. T. O. Young, New Haven, N. Y.

Will exchange \$500 Confederate Bond, No. 8320, issued 1864, autographic signature of Robt. Tyler, Register, 60 coupons attached, in nice condition, for 1c Playing Card, \$1.60 and \$1.90 Foreign Exchange. Geo. H. Anders, Norristown, Pa.

I have several duplicates U. S. Revs., old issue, nearly all varieties, fine condition, to exchange for U. S. and foreign adhesives, fine condition, unused preferred. Lists exchanged. R. A. Metcalf, 6157 Lexington Ave., Chicago, Ill. [100]

Collection of postmarks: 425 cut round, 337 cut square, 40 foreign, 420 U. S. previous to 1883, 284 previous to 1888, 18 sinec, total 762; to exchange best offer stamps. C. F. Richards, 326 West 20th St., N. Y.

I want Match and Medicine stamps, not in my collection, and will exchange U. S. Postage and Document Revenues for them. Write for terms. Send your want list and receive mine. Howard M. Jones, No. 113 West 8th Ave., Columbus, Ohio. [99]

Want unused foreign cataloguing over 15 cents; also adhesive stamps on original covers. All covers except common continentals wanted; prefer covers having stamp of one denomination. Member Manhattan Philatelic Society. A. Herrmann, A16 Produce Exchange, New York City. [99]

Exchange desired with collectors. I have plate numbers of the Omaha and regular issue: also postals, envelopes, U. S. and foreign stamps. What do you offer? Chas. S. Younger (A. P. A. 1531), 58 Morning-side Ave., near 120th St., New York City. [98]

Scott's 58th Catalogue and 1898 Supplement sent post paid for 50 used Omahas above 2c in fine condition. 50c Due, used, for 25 Omahas above 2c or for 2c 10c. Charles W. Cutter, Box 32, Cambridge, Mass. [97]

TRADE COLUMN.

Under this head we print all notices not properly belonging to our exchange department, such as business announcements, want and for sale notices, etc., etc., at the uniform low rate of five (5) cents per line. Eight words average a line. All notices will be set in solid 6-point type and no display allowed. Minimum charge 10 cents.

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Collector desires small lot of neat, artistic printed stationery, and would be pleased to receive samples and prices. F. W. CONING, Maryville, Tenn.

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Canada Imperial new, single, blocks, pairs, 3c each. 2c numeral 3cts. U-ed: Jubilee 1, 2, 3c; sets: 4. Four leaves ¼ to 3c, 4cts.: U. S. 1895 1 to 10c, 3cts.: Sweden '92 15 and 25 ore, 5cts. Postage extra. W. C. BOULT, Box 212, Altoona, Pa. [99]

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If you wish to sell your collection of stamps, or duplicates, for spot cash, write J. M. Hubbard, Rochester, N. H. References, Bradstreet, Dun. [304]

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Correspondence.

[The editor wishes it distinctly understood that he does not hold himself responsible for assertions made under this head, nor does he necessarily sanction any ideas or opinions expressed. All are invited to contribute to this department, with the above understanding, and all communications deemed suitable or of interest to our readers will be published.]

BOSTON, MASS., January 23, 1899.

To the Editor of the ERA.

Dear Sir: I have just read Mr. G. A. Camp's reply to my communication relating to the reports of the disposition of the periodical stamps which appears in your January 14th issue. It appears to me that Mr. Camp has not considered the fact that many conflicting reports have appeared in stamp papers as well as the daily newspapers since last June. These conflicting reports prompted me to write the article.

I did not mention the "various Washington correspondents" nor did I mention any particular locality, but I did mention that these statements were not supported by facts or proper authority and that it was no more nor less than guessing.

Mr. Camp knows as well as myself that the Department has been considering the disposition of the periodical stamps ever since last June. I have received an official communication from Washington dated January 20, 1899, but am not advised of any decision of the Post Office Department, and until the stamps are placed on sale at a stated office and at a stated price I have hopes that the Department will not do as reported by your Washington correspondent.

Mr. Camp further states "that undoubtedly he (meaning me) would enjoy reading an article stating that these stamps would be sold at face." I would enjoy the reading of such an article providing that it was the truth.

As to the sale of these stamps Mr. Camp is acquainted with collectors and dealers in Washington who have bought these stamps at face value from obliging postmasters, and as to the legality of the holding of these stamps will say that I am surprised that Mr. Camp is not aware of the decision rendered by the court in the celebrated newspaper and periodical stamp case which was published in nearly every stamp paper.

It is my opinion that collectors have more legal right to hold periodical stamps than they have to hold Department stamps not surcharged "Specimen." All Department stamps which were sold by the Post Office Department were surcharged "Specimen." Because they were not sold to the public without that surcharge, would Mr. Camp advise to re-issue them and offer them at \$5.00 for the complete sets of nine Departments which are now worth over five hundred dollars, or would it be advisable and would it please collectors in this country to re-issue the 1847 to 1869 issues and declare the 1861 to '69 issues obsolete and place them on sale at about 10 cents per set?

I say no. I would take the same stand against the sale of the re-issue at 10c per set and the Departments complete for \$5.00 that I now take about offering the periodicals below face. I have a fair stock of U. S. stamps including regular issues, re-issues, reprints and stamped envelopes. I started my first collection in 1859 and since then as a collector and dealer I have always expressed my opinion against any government selling any of its remainders below face.

United States stamps have always been a prime favorite with me on account of their high standard. I have had some tempting offers for some of the U. S. stamps in my collection, but suppose that I feel as many collectors do who take particular pride in their collection of United States stamps owing to their beauty and high standard, and I should feel very sorry to have their standard lowered. The stand which I am taking is for the interest of Mr. Camp as well as for all collectors, and I believe that if I had Mr. Camp in my office for one hour, that we would part friends and that Mr. Camp would see the injustice to collectors by having the present high standard lowered, and that he would consider the wishes of thousands of collectors who now take pride in their collections and who would look upon the U. S. stamps with disgust if they were lowered to the 3-cents-on-the-dollar class.

Mr. Camp no doubt remembers that at one time the Columbian issue was a favorite with collectors and that the government believing it would be doing collectors a great favor, placed an extra \$300,000.00 worth on sale at the Washington Post Office. What was the result? Many collectors who bought quantities as an investment disposed of their stamps at once, which could only be done by offering them at a big discount from face value.

The drop in the price of Columbians would be nothing in comparison to the drop in the prices for all U. S. stamps if they are once offered below face by the government, which would lower them in the estimation of thousands of collectors. I hope that Mr. Camp as well as all readers of this communication will see the threatening danger, which might place our stamps in disfavor with collectors, and be magnanimous enough to join our ranks and try to keep our philatelic banner as pure as the stars and stripes of the flag of our country.

Very respectfully yours,

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ANOTHER 1/2c ORANGE PLATE NO.

LYNN, MASS., Jan. 21, '99.

MR. W. W. JEWETT.

Dear Sir: I notice in No. 16 of the ERA a little note stating that the 1/2c orange Documentary stamp was printed from plates No. 7971 and 7983.

I can make an addition to that as among a few sheets I have is one with plate No. 7982.

Trusting this will interest some of your subscribers I remain,

Yours very truly,

E. F. BACHELLER.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

**Cottlow's...
Chicago Correspondence.**

Tuesday, January 24th.

Dr. Fawcett, of the Church of the Redeemer, Elgin, Illinois, was here last week attending an Episcopal church meeting.

Mr. E. J. Kirby, the stamp dealer of Marshall, Michigan, was a visitor yesterday.

Mr. Wolsieffer's first sale this season will be held February 19th. The catalogue goes to press this week.

A few of the Cuban surcharges have strayed in our dealers' show cases, having come in through the mails, but as yet no one has received any stock of them.

Good idea that, of selling the Newspapers at \$5.00 per set, but it's a tough joke on those fellows who paid big prices for some of the high values of the set. The Continental and American prints of the old dies are still good property as I understand they will not be included in the sale.

Our postal clerks here are raising a great howl over Postmaster Gordon's order that hereafter they shall be uniformed. Gordon's main idea seems to be that anyone meeting a postal clerk on the street can identify him by his garb, and in case the stranger wishes any information, he can obtain it from the always accommodating (?) stamp clerk. He evidently wants to make the mail slingers a walking directory.

Another idea of his is that the clerks, being identified and made conspicuous by their uniform, will take more of a pride in the service.

This is a la the colored gentleman who when given a cowboy uniform and placed on a horse, is the proudest man in the world.

Gordon recently had many of the mail boxes painted with silver paint (for all that he is a Republican), and tried a little more suasion on our bad boys here (who were wont to batter the mail boxes and deface the cards on them) by publishing notices in the papers asking the children to take "pride" in the Postal service and if any child saw any bold bad person spoiling the beauty of these pretty silver boxes, to immediately call an officer and have the offender arrested. The chances are that the "kids" on reading this notice, forthwith went out, secured a hunk of the justly celebrated Chicago mud and "pasted" the box fair and square with it just to get even with Gordon.

MAIL AUCTION

—OF—

SCARCE STAMPS,

FEBRUARY 6TH, 1899.

Absolutely no Reserve Price, though each lot is worth at least half cat. price. Send in your bids early; of two equal bids, preference will be given to the earlier.

All stamps accurately listed and priced, and in good to fine condition if not otherwise specified. Bids will be opened Feb. 6th, and successful bidders notified. Stamps sent on receipt of price, and if not satisfactory you may return them and money will be cheerfully refunded.

Lot.	Cat. No.	Cat. Price
1	Confed. States, Mobile, 2c, black on part of cover..	\$40.00
2	" Mobile, 5c, blue on entire cover.....	7.50
3	" New Orleans, 2c, red, pen cancel.....	2.50
4	" New Orleans, 5c, brown on blue.....	3.50
5	103 " General issue, "Ten" cents.....	7.00
6	104 " General issue, 10c, outer line.....	6.00
7	118a " General issue, 10c, perforated.....	5.00
8	*12 Antigua, 2½p, brown, CC, 14.....	15.00
9	" 4p, blue, CC, 14.....	.75
10	" 1p, red, CA, 12.....	.75
11	102 Austria, 6k, yellow, on orig. cover..	40.00
12	*1 Bahamas, 1p, pale lake, full margins..	4.00
13	" 4 on 6p, violet, pen cancel.....	3.50
14	*2 Barbados, 1p, blue, blued paper, full margins.....	2.00
15	*3 " 4p, red, blued paper, full margins.....	4.00
16	*21 " 6p, vermilion, off center.....	10.00
17	6 Bermuda, 3p, buff, perf. 14x12½.....	2.50
18	8 Bremen, 5g, black on rose.....	3.50
19	11 " 5g, yellow green.....	5.00
20	13a Bavaria, 18k, pale red.....	2.00
21	*13 Br. Honduras, 1p, blue, CA, 14.....	2.50
22	" 2 on 6p, rose CC, 14, little soiled.....	7.50
23	*24 " 20 on 6p, yellow, CA, 14.....	2.00
24	9 Cape Good Hope, 6p, violet.....	2.50
25	56 " 1p, sage green.....	3.00
26	65a " 5p, sage green.....	6.00
27	10 Cyprus, ½ on 1p, surcharge 13 mm.....	1.75
28	10 Dominica, ½ on half of 1p, lilac.....	2.50
29	25 " 1p, lilac, postally used.....	1.00
30	15 Egypt, 5pi, brown.....	4.00
31	*114 " 5pi, unpaid letter.....	7.50
32	16 Fiji Islands, 3p, green.....	1.25
33	3 France, 15c, green, 1849.....	2.00
34	18 " 1 fr, carmine, 1849.....	1.00
35	25 " 1 fr, lake, 1853-60.....	5.00
36	3 Gibraltar, 2p, violet brown.....	2.50
37	402 Great Britain, 1p, black, letter sheet..	4.50
38	404 " 2p, blue.....	15.00
39	404 " 2p, ".....	10.00
40	10 Greece, 10l, orange.....	4.00
41	12 " 1l, maroon, clear impression..	5.00
42	1 Hamburg, ¾s, black, scant margin at bottom.....	6.00
43	*32 Hawaii, 5c, blue on bluish, off center..	1.50
44	41 " 15c, br. w.....	3.00
45	11 Japan, 500m, blue green, laid paper.....	2.50
46	24 " 2s, vermilion, thin wove paper, cat. new.....	4.00
47	22 " 5s, blue green, laid paper.....	4.00
48	24a " ½s, brown, error, priced by Sent at.....	25.00
49	44 " 2s, yellow, thin laid p.....	3.50
50	67 " 1s, brown, no syl. char.....	6.00
51	202 " 2½ rin, red, used, cat. new.....	4.00
52	*1 Newfoundland, 1p, violet.....	3.50
53	*2 " 1p, " brown.....	5.00
54	*6 " 5p, ".....	5.00
55	*7 " 5p, " brown.....	1.50
56	*13 " 2p, orange.....	10.00
57	14 " 4p, ".....	17.00
58	18 " 6p, ".....	16.00
59	*19 " 2p, lake.....	10.00
60	*29 " 5c, brown, little off center.....	12.50
61	1 New Brunswick, 3p, red, fine.....	4.50
62	2 " 6p, yellow, creased in center.....	30.00
63	3 " 1 shil, red violet, thin spot on back, but lightly cancelled & otherwise fine.....	150.00
64	6 Nova Scotia, 1 shil, red violet, scant margin, otherwise very fine.....	140.00
65	7 " 1 shil, dull violet, not much margin but otherwise extra fine.....	175.00
66	5 " 6p, dark green, thinned on back, strong color, lightly cancelled.....	15.00

W. LEDYARD SCOTT,
17 N. Royal St., MOBILE, ALA.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Washington Notes.

Wednesday, January 25th.

The Chief of the Stamp Division of the Post Office Dept. said that the Bureau of Engraving and Printing had been called upon to furnish designs of stamps for Cuba, as yet no designs had been furnished the Department. It would seem from this that the surcharged stamps will not be used there for any great length of time.

In a batch of foreign stamps that I just got from the State Department, I notice the 1 centavo Cuba red or orange-brown, surcharge "Habilitado 5 Centavos" in red. I have not noticed any mention of this stamp before. I also secured a 40 centavos dark blue, Scott's No. 40, Paraguay surcharged "Provisorio 10 Centavos" which is also new to me. I notice that Gibraltar is using both the shilling stamps and the peseta.

I just received a letter from a friend in Havana stating that stamp collectors and dealers had become a nuisance, and I should judge by the stamps I just received from there that they were not taking any great pains to accommodate collectors or dealers as all my stamps were beautifully stuck together. I also understand that stamps are sticking very badly down there and we can all congratulate ourselves when we get them in good condition.

I secured a sheet of 3c stamps Monday, but the 2c ones will not be placed on sale for some time, not until the 2½ have been exhausted, and from what I hear it will be some time before they are.

I notice from the report of the Third Assistant Postmaster General that there was only 1105 \$2.00 stamps issued for the year ending June 30, 1898, and 2860 \$5.00 ones. No wonder that the \$2.00 stamp is in such great demand cancelled. This, however, does not include the Omaha issue.

CUBA

1894 20c brown.....	20c
1896 20c lilac.....	15c
1897 40c orange-brown.....	30c
1897 80c lilac-brown.....	60c

Just ¼ of 5th ed. catalogue prices.
THE SET OF FOUR..... \$1.25.

Special Notice:—Any one who has bought any of above stamps of me at higher prices may claim the difference in trade credit. [17]

C. H. MEKEEL,
Rooms 604 & 605 Century Bldg., St. Louis, Mo.

HOW OFTEN have you seen . . . prices like these? . . .

24c War, Scott's No. 644, cat. \$.30, my price \$	.12
1c P. O. (gray paper)	.08
1c Navy,	1.50
3c Justice,	.75
1, 2, 3, 6, 12c War,	.50
24c Treasury,	5.00

Postage extra.
L. M. PASSMORE, Box 724, Los Angeles, Cal.

CUBAN PLATE NUMBERS.

The present set of stamps for Cuba, being surcharged on U. S. stamps, offer an interesting field to the collector of Plate Numbers. The set being temporary, the number of plates to collect will be limited.

The 2½c de peso surcharged on the 2c was a mistake and but two million were issued. In plate numbers there are only bottoms and lefts.

Our Mr. E. B. Power, while in Havana, secured for us a good selection of these valuable plates, which we offer at the following prices:

2½c de Peso on 2c

Number	Bottom	Left
475.....	\$2.50	\$2.00
503.....	2.00	2.00
556.....	2.00	2.00
559.....	2.00	2.00
560.....	2.00	2.00
561.....	2.00	2.00
562.....	2.00	2.00
563.....	2.00	2.00
568.....	2.50	2.00
569.....	2.50	2.50
570.....	3.00	3.00
571.....	3.00	2.50
593.....	3.00	3.00
594.....	3.00	3.00
595.....	3.00	3.00
596.....	3.00	3.00
745.....	2.00	2.00
746.....	2.00	2.00
747.....	2.00	2.00
748.....	2.50	2.00
753.....	4.00	4.00
754.....	4.00	4.00
755.....	4.00	4.00
756.....	5.00	5.00
758.....	2.00	2.00
759.....	2.00	2.00
760.....	2.00	2.00
761.....	2.00	2.00

Set of 56 positions (28 plates),
Bottoms and Lefts,
\$125.00 NET.

There are three other plates, 469, 516 and 552, which are exceedingly scarce and on which we cannot quote as the few plates we received are sold.

1c de Peso on 1c green.

There are only eight numbers so far—564, 565, 566, 567, 766, 767, 768, 769.

Complete Set of 16 positions, Bottoms and Lefts, \$4.00.

Single Plates 30 cents each.

J. C. Morgenthau & Co.,
87 Nassau Street,
NEW YORK CITY.

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Sale of Casey Library.

Unusual Auction of Philatelic Literature.

Some Prices and Comparisons for Consideration of Literature Collectors.

[From Our Special Correspondent.]

It was my good luck to be able to be in New York the night of the sale of Joseph J. Casey's philatelic library. Not to my knowledge has there been such a valuable accumulation of literature on our hobby offered for public sale before. The bindings of many of the volumes were simply superb, being the work of Stikeman, who never does a cheap job. It was a magnificent opportunity for those who had the money to spare, for many of the most valuable works went for less than the cost of the binding. Moens' last edition of his catalogue bound in nine volumes brought \$7.20, while the twenty-nine volumes of *Le Timbre Poste*, also bound in half morocco, sold in one lot for \$2.15 each or \$62.35 for the set. The voluminous work on the stamps of Spain which was published at 20 francs in paper, sold for just that sum, but was elegantly bound in three-quarters crushed red morocco with gilt edges. The publisher has recently cut the price in paper to 10 francs. The series of monographs on the stamps of various countries were bound in cloth and brought various prices. I give the list below together with the publishers' price in paper covers. The first column is the auction price, the other Moens':

Belgium,	\$0.80	\$1.20
Argentine Republic,	.60	1.20
Private Posts of U. S.,	2.00	1.40
Prussia,	.60	.80
Luxemburg,	1.00	3.00
Peru,	1.20	5.00
Egypt and Suez Canal,	.55	.60
Roman States,	.90	1.20
Naples and Sicily,	1.10	out of print.
Natal,	.90	.40
Parma, Modena, Romagna,	.80	5.00
Saxony,	.90	.80
Schleswig and Bergedorf,	.90	.40
Thurn and Taxis,	.60	.60
Mauritius,	1.00	2.00
Mecklenburg,	.60	.40
Wurtemberg,	.85	1.20
Moldavia and Roumania,	.80	.30
Rural Stamps of Russia,	1.20	.40

The publications of the London Society all brought good prices and were good bargains for the purchasers:

Australia and Oceania,	\$16.00
North American Colonies,	15.25
Postage Stamps of Tasmania,	5.50
West Indian and S. A. Colonies,	16.00
British India and Ceylon,	4.20
<i>London Philatelist</i> , 5 vols.,	10.00

The latter was unbound.

The *Stamp Collector's Magazine*, 1863-1874, which was one of the first magazines issued which amounted to anything, sold for various prices ranging from \$1.00 to \$3.50 per volume. The ten volumes of the *Philatelist*, 1867-1876, sold for \$19.75 and were cheap, several of the volumes being almost impossible to obtain. The *Philatelic Record*, eighteen volumes, brought from 25 cents to \$2.00 per volume unbound. The first five volumes of the *American Journal of Philately* (old series) brought \$13.00 bound in half morocco. Five volumes of the *American Philatelist* in similar binding sold for \$5.90. The first ten volumes of the *P. J. of A.* brought \$8.80 unbound. John K. Tiffany's work on the stamps of the United States in French brought \$1.00 in cloth binding, just what I recently paid Moens for it in paper. The first edition of Horner's Stamped Envelopes went for \$7.00. Nineteen volumes of *Le Timbre Fiscal* sold for \$10.00, which is a pretty stiff price for them as Moens only wants \$7.00 for the set of twenty volumes. The stamps which comprised the collection of a Central American president were largely surcharged "Specimen" and brought prices that were rather high in my opinion.

Included in the sale was a collection of 4178 stamps which was simply sacrificed by the way in which it was sold. To insist upon having bids made at so much per stamp for such a lot was simply to throw it away. As it was it brought a trifle over \$500 while to my certain knowledge one dealer present was willing to have given \$100 more than that sum but was deterred by the difficulty in making fractional bids.

W. C. S.

SPECIAL.

[From a Regular ERA Correspondent.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 2, 1899.

The Post Office Department have issued a circular of instructions relative to the sale of Newspaper stamps and the same will be sent to the printers to-morrow and the readers of the ERA will have an opportunity of reading the same in the next issue.

Ready to Receive Orders

For the Periodical Stamps at
\$5.00 per Set.

A Variety in the Cuban Provisionals
—Bartel's Envelope Catalogue
in Printer's Hands.

[From a Regular ERA Correspondent.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 1, 1899.

The Post Office Department have decided to place the Newspaper stamps on sale within two weeks at all first class offices. The \$5.00 stamp will not be cancelled or disfigured in any way, which in my judgment is the proper thing to do. This information is authentic as I called at the Department today and the chief clerk to the Third Assistant Postmaster General gave me the above information. He also stated that the Department would fill all orders sent there and the price is to be \$5.00 per set. I think the Department has taken a commendable stand in this matter. As far as I can learn this action will please at least 90% of dealers and collectors alike.

A friend in Cuba sent me a sheet of 5c stamps and upon examining it carefully I find that the fifth stamp on the right side of the sheet has an error in the surcharge, instead of CUBA it is CUPA. In the same lot a plate number of the 10c stamp No. 302, the upper part of the "B" in Cuba was omitted. It is a good idea to examine these stamps very carefully as there will be some very interesting varieties, and I would not be surprised to hear at any time of the surcharge being inverted.

Mr. H. F. Dunkhorst, of this city, contemplates taking a trip North next week on stamp business.

Mr. J. M. Bartels' Envelope Catalogue is now in the hands of the printer, and it is sure to be a very complete affair and should be in the hands of every envelope collector, as he has gone into the subject very thoroughly and it will be a great improvement on his other valuable work.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

New York Notes.

The establishment of a philatelic section in the Brooklyn Institute of Arts is a matter of no small importance.

The dealers who advertised the new Cuba stamps are returning the money sent in reply.

A noted personage from Allegheny, Pa., is advertising solicitations for stamps on approval.

The new \$3.00 revenue, green in color, has appeared. The \$10 is to be pink.

Good stamps seldom go a-begging. Despite the "sweeping reductions," the 50 and 75 per cent. discounts, a certain used stamp catalogued at \$5.00 was sold for \$5.05 in New York last week.

Approval sheet frauds continue to increase. It is too bad that dealers do not organize a serious combination to break up these thefts.

About an efficient P. O. ingenuity in delivering letters. We have seen half a dozen postal cards written from Greece and addressed to E. Y. Parker, DEALER IN U. S. A.

A LARGE International Album Post Free 75c. Anywhere in the World.

C. H. MEKEEL, Rooms 604-5 Century Bldg., ST. LOUIS, MO.

the name of a city. The cards were all property delivered however.

Had this occurred in Paris matters would have been different. If you live at No. 75 and a letter comes addressed 73 or 77, right next door, you don't get it.

The writer sent a letter to No. 93 instead of 95 awhile ago and after three months it came back to New York marked "not found" with no less than twelve unpaid stamps showing twelve useless trips.

C. E. R.

EXCHANGES.

One notice is allowed each subscriber free if sent with his remittance, extra notices will be inserted at the uniform price of 10 cents each insertion.

Three Consecutive Insertions of Same Exchange Notice, 25 Cents.

Fine Job Printing, or Indian Relics from this locality, given in exchange for Stamps, War Relics, Fractional Currency, Old Pistols, etc.

Five good Foreign Coins, for good used copies of U. S. Revs., catalogue value 40 cts. Send what you have and receive Coins. Must catalogue 2 cts. each or more.

Self-inking Printing Press, fine Bird Skins and Eggs, old U. S. Postals, Stamps, etc., to exchange for good Stamps.

Have fine lot of Colonials and Canadians, 1868 and Jubilees, to exchange for other Colonials, West Indies and Australians (preferred) or Depts. of Agric., State or Exec. Only good stamps wanted.

Several hundred U. S. Revenues each First Issue 8-cent orange, old paper, number 2814 and Fifth Issue number 2967, silk and watermarked paper, to exchange for offers in stamps.

Imperate pairs of United States and Foreign stamps wanted, will give good exchange from approval books for any sent me.

A beautiful set of 1875 Periodicals, some rare imp. U. S. and Canada Postage to exchange for wholesale job lots of U. S. Postage, Specials, Dues.

I want to exchange for Blackstone, and Kent's Commentaries. I have 700 var. of U. S. to choose from. Let me hear from you.

Send me 6 varieties of Omahas or 15 varieties of 1898 revenues and receive 100 varieties of stamps in return.

Wanted, to exchange stamps on the original cover; only one envelope from each country wanted.

Would like to exchange with U. S. Entire Envelope collectors, taking Bartels' List. Send list and receive mine.

I have good stamps catalogued from 2 to 100 each, to exchange with collectors. Send sheets and receive mine.

I desire to exchange U. S. and foreign stamps with collectors, as I have a large number of duplicates. Send sheets or books and receive mine.

Philatelic papers, previous to 1896, and philatelic printing, to exchange for United States, British North American and Uruguayan stamps—good, used only.

Wanted! Street railway transfers and car-tickets. 100 different foreign postage stamps, valued at least 50 cents, for each different one sent me.

Will take your duplicates at the following rates: 100 catalogue 2c, 15c, 25c and 50c at 1/2, and above these prices at 1/3, giving you stamps you want.

I have several duplicates U. S. Revs., old issue, nearly all varieties, fine condition, to exchange for U. S. and foreign adhesives, fine condition, unused preferred.

I want Match and Medicine stamps, not in my collection, and will exchange U. S. Postage and Document Revenues for them.

Want unused foreign cataloguing over 15 cents; also adhesive stamps on original covers. All covers except common continentals wanted; prefer covers having stamp of one denomination.

I will exchange U. S. and Foreign stamps for any of the following: A Scott's or Mekeel's Stamp Album, Scott's 58th Catalogue, Robie's "Stamp Hunting," or "Philatelia."

TRADE COLUMN.

Under this head we print all notices not properly belonging to our exchange department, such as business announcements, want ads for sale notices, etc., at the uniform low rate of five (5) cents per line.

U. S. Revenues, 5 varieties equal mixed, 6 cents per 100. F. L. HOOPER, Station D, Baltimore, Md.

Used Omaha Set 1c to \$5.00, fine, \$1.00; 1c to \$1.00, \$1.25; 1c to 50c, 50c. Please send Money Order. R. ROESCIKE, 333 Morgan St., Chicago, Ill.

75% Discount. Book containing 100 varieties stamps cataloguing \$5.00, for \$1.25 (unused stamps taken). WM. H. SHAW, 241 S. Ave., 18 East Los Angeles, California, U. S. A.

I. R. Plate Nos.: 1c, 5c each; 2c, 10c each. 2c Omaha, 5c each. Approval Sheets, 50% commission. WM. KRIEGER, 708 Arch St., Phila., Pa.

Canada Imperial new, single, blocks, pairs, 3c each. 2c numeral 3cts. U. ed: Jubilee 1, 2, 3c, 5cts.; Four leaves 1/2 to 3c, 4cts.; U. S. 1895 1 to 10c, 5cts.; Sweden '92 15 and 25 ore, 5cts. Postage extra. W. C. BOULT, Box 222, Altoona, Pa.

Ceylon 50c, cat. 25c, blocks 4, 12c. Canada 5c Env. 25c. 25 var. Canada Revs. and postage 20c. Lists free. Imperial 4c. CARTIER STAMP CO., Toronto.

Headache cured 10c, trial 5c, failures ev. 45¢; try A. N. P. NEURO PHAR. CO., Sta. B., Cincinnati, O.

If you wish to sell your collection of stamps, or duplicates, for spot cash, write J. M. Hubbard, Rochester, N. H. References, Bradstreet, Dun. [304]

FREE! "THE EVERGREEN STATE PHILATELIST" on trial two months. It will then be discontinued. Address, at Hartland, Washington. [174]

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Newspaper Clippings.

PERIODICAL STAMPS.

POSTMASTER FURLONG IS NOW PERMITTED TO SELL THEM.

Pursuant to an act of Congress there were withdrawn from all post offices all newspaper and periodical stamps June 30, 1898, General Merritt, Third Assistant Postmaster General was in town this morning and informed Postmaster Furlong that owing to the great demand for these stamps by stamp collectors, post offices never having been permitted to sell them, the department have now decided, an opinion having been given by the Attorney-General of the Post Office Department that it is legal so to do, to put them on the market at \$5 a set.

There are about 50,000 sets of these stamps, which it is safe to say, will all be subscribed for soon. Persons desiring any can leave names, addresses and money with Postmaster Furlong.—*Hartford (Conn.) Times*, Thursday, Jan. 26, 1899.

EAST SIDE PROFESSOR MISSING.

BARBER HENNINGER FEARS THAT HEINSBERGER IS DEAD—MANY LETTERS WAITING FOR HIM.

Lower First avenue is mourning the loss of a professor. His name is Heinsberger, and he disappeared three months ago. What his given name is no one seems to know. Gustave Henninger, the barber, in whose shop the professor received his mail, knew him by three different names. The one the professor used most frequently was Philip, but letters addressed to Frederick and Henry Heinsberger were sent to the shop, which is at 15 First avenue, and all were opened by the barber's friend. There were little envelopes addressed to "P. Heinsberger, International Bureau, 15 First avenue," and registered letters from South America and India. Heinsberger went to the barber shop every day to get them.

The barber said this morning:

"Heinsberger came to me eight years ago and asked if I would receive his mail. He used to have his letters sent to a shop in Ludlow street, he said, and when that moved he came to me and asked me to receive them. I think the professor is dead.

"Just look at the mail which has been coming for him!" exclaimed the barber, as he pointed to a boxful of letters, among which were several registered ones. One was from Columbia, South America, and the envelope bore thirty-three stamps. Others were addressed to "P. Heinsberger, International Bureau," and some to "P. Heinsberger, Philatelic Publishing Company."

It was learned that Heinsberger had worked for three months last year as a salesman for Isaac Kubie & Co., commission exporters, of 98 Maiden lane. Mr. Kubie said this morning that Heinsberger had left his employ on account of a disagreement he had with him.—*N. Y. Evening Sun*, Jan. 26, 1899.



REPORT OF THE SALES DEPARTMENT.

GEORGE R. TUTTLE, Superintendent,
87 Nassau St.
New York City, Jan. 28th, 1899.

1,113 books of stamps in circulation according to my report of Jan. 21st, valued at..... \$36,022.65

39 books received since Jan. 21st, valued at 574.69

\$26,595.34

40 books retired since Jan. 21st, valued at (from which has been sold \$173.97)..... 1,298.66

Total number of books in circulation 1,112, valued at. \$35,296.68

Special Notice.

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Garfield-Perry Stamp Club.

CLEVELAND, OHIO.

The 86th monthly meeting was held at the Club room, 446 The Arcade, Wednesday, Jan. 25, 1899, with President Prescott in the chair and Messrs. Bailey, MacLaren, Dodge, Buerger, Pears, Colwell, French, Cushing, DunLany, Brodie and the Secretary present.

Under head of "New Business" a committee on New Membership, composed of H. C. Crowell, W. W. MacLaren and W. H. Barnum, was appointed.

After much discussion a Committee on Entertainment, composed of Dr. DunLany, Prof. Cushing and Mr. Bailey, was appointed to furnish some sort of entertainment at future meetings.

All present showed great enthusiasm and the future of the Club will undoubtedly be bright.

W. H. BARNUM, Secretary.

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10c Agriculture, new, o. g.	\$3.25
15c Agriculture, new, o. g.	1.65
24c Agriculture, new, o. g.	2.10
30c Agriculture, new, o. g.	2.10
1c Justice, new, o. g.90
2c Justice, new, o. g.	1.65
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½, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 25, 50c; 1 and 2c I. R., set of 11, only.....	.10
40c and 80c, both only.....	.26
\$3.00 brown, only.....	.30
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The new set of St. Vincent stamps was received today, by Boston stamp importers, and are of the bi-colored series, of the following denominations: ½, 1, 2½, 3, 4, 5, 6d, 1sh, 5sh, and are all the small sized stamps. This does away with one of the best engraved sets of stamps, and the large 5sh St. Vincent stamp of 1883-88, will always be a favorite among collectors. It may be a good time now to secure this stamp if one does not have it in his collection.

B. L. Drew & Co. held their 30th sale last evening. The prices realized on the whole were very low. I quote a few prices that may interest your readers: \$1 00, \$2.00 Omaha, fine, used, sold for \$2.60, which was a high price considering that the stamps can be bought unused, for \$3.00; Newspaper stamps, issue of 1895, watermarked, fine, used copies, sold for the following: \$10.00 sold for \$1.00; \$20.00 brought \$1.60; \$100.00 brought \$3.00; Post Obitum Seal, unused, sold for \$2 00; 24c State, used, very fine, for \$4.75; a very fine pair of imperforate \$20.00 Conveyance sold for \$3.00; \$5.00 Revenue surcharged on a \$5.00 Periodical unused, o. g., for \$4.93; the 2c I. R. invert sold for 19 cts. each; Canada 8c registered, unused and fine, for \$1.30; British Bechuanaland, 1894, 1sh, sold for 65 cts. each; Gambia, 1889, ½d. to 1sh, for \$2.10; this set of stamps can be bought of most any dealer for about half that sum; Great Britain, 1840, 1d black on cover, for \$1.25, catalogue value, 10 cts.; 1891, 1 pound, beautiful used copy, for \$1.00; Hawaii, 1883, 50c, unused, fine, for \$2.75; \$1.00, used, for \$2.50; 12c mauve, red surcharge, o. g., fine, for \$1.65; Rhodesia, 1896, 10sh, for \$3.10.

A New York firm of stamp dealers advertised a variety of the 2½c de peso surcharged on 2c U. S., and collectors and dealers here have been guessing as to what constituted the variety. The variety was

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Auction Sale of Stamps

.....BY THE.....

Colonial Stamp Co.,
345A Washington St., Boston, Mass.,
SATURDAY AFTERNOON,
Feb. 11th, 1899, at 3 O'clock.

Sold by the Lot to the Highest Bidder.

Lot No.	Description	Cat. Value.
1	British Bechuanaland, 1887 2sh 6d, o. g.	\$2.00
2	Nova Scotia, 8¼c, o. g.	2.50
3	6d, slight tears, fine.....	10.00
4	10c, 12½, used, good copies.....	3.50
5	New Brunswick, 3d, damaged.....	4.50
6	6d, creased.....	30.00
7	2c, 50 copies.....	4.00
8	5c, 20 ".....	1.00
9	17c, 4 ".....	1.00
10	U. S., 1855-60 10c, 5 nice copies, used.....	2.50
11	1c, Type 2, unused, o. g., tiny corner gone, but design intact.....	10.00
12	" 1869, 1, 2, 3, 6, 10, used.....	2.42
13	" 20c, used fine.....	4.00
14	" 1870-71, 7c, unused, no gum, slightly rubbed on upper corner.....	8.00
15	" Due 30c red brown, used, fine.....	1.00
16	" War 7c, unused.....	2.50
17	" Envelope, 3c on blue, entire (5) unused.....	.75
18	" Revenue, 3c Playing Cards, little off center at bottom.....	8.00
19	" " 3c Playing Cards, same condition.....	8.00
20	" 1898, Battleship 10c Documentary, used (25).....	—
21	" " " 1½c Proprietary, unused, 7 shades.....	—
22	" " " ½c Proprietary, dark brown, unused (50).....	—
23	" " " \$3, used, fine.....	—
24	First Issue, \$15 Mortgage, slightly stained, otherwise fine.....	7.50
25	" " \$25 " " fine.....	5.00
26	Second Issue \$10, little off center, fine.....	3.50
27	Third Issue, \$2, \$5.....	1.75
28	" " \$3.....	2.00
29	First Issue, fine unsevered pair 50c For. Ex. Newfoundland, 1899 ac camic, entire sheet (100).....	3.50
31	Nova Scotia, 3d, used, fine.....	1.75
32	Western Union Telegraph, 1872.....	6.00
33	British Central Africa 1897, ¼d to 1 sh, face value 5ac.....	—
34	Leeward Islands ½, 1, 4, 6, 7d, 1sh, face value 64c.....	1.23
35	Bermuda, ½, 1, 2½, 3, 4d, 1 sh, " 48c.....	—
36	Hawaii, No. 21, used.....	12.50
37	Zululand, 1894, 3d (4) obsolete, scarce unused.....	—
38	Portland Star Match (100).....	1.00
39	Griqualand, No. 104, unsevered pair, double surcharge, used, fine and unique.....	1.70
40	French Colonies, Dues, 1881, 1c to 30c, unused.....	.83
41	Martinique, Dues, 1c to 5c, unused.....	1.00
42	Niger Coast, 1893, 2d, unused.....	1.25
43	Norway, 1878 1k, 2k, unused, 8ac face.....	1.50
44	Newfoundland, Cabot, 24c, unused.....	1.50
45	" " 3c slate, used (85).....	—
46	Canada Maple Leaf, ac, unused (15).....	2.55
47	" Jubilee, 3c, unused (25).....	—
48	15 var. unused Zauzibar, etc., fine.....	3.68
49	100 Foreign Revenues, mixed.....	—
50	Omaha 1 to 10c, used, mixed (100).....	—
51	Nevis, 1d rose, No. 14, unused.....	2.50
52	100 mixed stamp papers.....	—
53	Executive 3c, marked specimen, fine.....	—
54	Treasury 24c, used.....	—
55	U. S. Rev. ½c 50 Inland Exch., 8 shades, fine.....	—
56	" Dues, 30c brown, used.....	2.50
57	" " 50c red brown, used.....	2.50
58	" " 30c yellow brown, unused.....	2.50
59	Great Britain, 1883 2 sh 6d, 5 sh, 10 sh, unused.....	5.3
60	Revenue ac Certificate, blue.....	1.00
61	" 1888 10c Documentary, part rotted, unused, strip of 8, rare.....	—
62	Same, block of 4.....	—
63	Strait Settlements, 1884, 24c, unused.....	1.25
64	" " 30c, ".....	1.25
65	Bahamas, 5sh, unused, face value \$1.25.....	2.00
66	" " 1 pound, unused, face value \$5.00.....	7.00
67	U. S. Agriculture 2c, unused.....	1.25
68	" " ac, ".....	1.25
69	War, 9 var., unused.....	1.43
70	Copy of Stamp Hunting.....	50
71	Canada Registered ac scarlet (10).....	1.50
72	5,000 common Foreign.....	—
73	1,000 mixed U. S., none later than 1893.....	—

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25 " ".....	25c
100 " ".....	25c
100, cataloguing \$5.00.....	\$1.00

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MUSCATINE, IOWA.

Left, Right, Left, Right,

Tops and Bottoms, is what I am offering this week.

No.	Description	Price
307	2c rose, T, B, L, R, each.....	12c
310	1c blue, B, L, each.....	8c
311	312, ac rose, T, B, L, R, each.....	12c
313	314, 1c blue, B, L, each.....	10c
315	2c rose, T, B, R, each.....	12c
316	317, 318, 319, ac rose, T, B, L, R, each.....	12c
320	321, 322, 323, ac rose, T, B, L, R, ".....	12c
324	325, 2c rose, B, L, R, each.....	12c
326	327, ac rose, T, B, L, R, each.....	12c
328	330, 331, ac rose, B, R, each.....	12c
329	ac rose, B, R, each.....	15c
332	ac rose, B, L, R, each.....	12c
333	335, 1c blue, B, L, R, each.....	10c
334	336, 1c blue, B, R, each.....	10c
337	338, 339, 2c rose, B, L, R, each.....	12c
340	341, 342, 343, ac rose, B, L, each.....	12c
344	346, 1c blue, T, B, L, each.....	10c
345	1c blue, T, L, each.....	8c
348	1c blue, B, L, each.....	8c
348	350, 352, 1c blue, B, R, each.....	8c
354	363, 364, 368, ac rose, B, L, each.....	12c
358	376, 382, 401, 403, 405, 412, ac rose, B, each.....	12c
370	391, 407, 5c blue, T, B, each.....	20c
390	5c blue, T.....	20c
392	5c blue, B.....	20c
393	440, 1c green, B, R, each.....	10c
475	480, 481, 482, 483, ac rose, T, B, L, R, each.....	12c
483	1. R. ac rose, L.....	12c
470	ac rose, R.....	12c
471	ac rose, L, R, each.....	12c
477	ac rose, T, L, each.....	12c
484	485, 489, ac rose, L, each.....	15c
486	ac rose, B, R, each.....	15c
487	ac rose, B, L, each.....	12c
493	494, 496, 1c green, T, B, L, R, each.....	10c
495	1c green, T, B, L, R, each.....	12c
495	1. R. ac rose, B, each.....	10c
501	502, 503, 505, 506, ac rose, T, B, L, each.....	15c
506	1. R. ac rose, T, R, each.....	10c
507	508, 509, 510, 512, 513, ac rose, T, B, L, each.....	10c
514	515, 517, 522, 523, 524, ac rose, T, B, L, each.....	10c
511	516, ac rose, B, L, each.....	10c
517	1. R. ac rose, B, R, each.....	15c

Please mention ERA when answering ads.

Philatelic Press Review.

By WM. C. STONE.

January papers unless otherwise noted.
 Annonce Philatelique, Dec., Vol. IV. (46).
 Briefmarken Sammler, Vol. IX. No. 1.
 Canadian Philatelic Weekly, Vol. IV. No. 1 (19).
 Cartolina Postale Illustrata, Dec., Vol. I. Nos. 1, 2.
 Coleccionador de Sellos, Dec., Vol. III. No. 12.
 Collectionneur de Timbres Poste, Dec., (218).
 Eastern Philatelist, Vol. XXII. No. 5 (131).
 Filatelic Facts and Fallacies, Dec., Vol. VII. No. 3 (75).
 Francobollo, Dec., Vol. VI. (76-7).
 Herald Exchange, Vol. V. No. 5 (29).
 Illustriertes Briefmarken Journal, Vol. XXVI. No. 1.
 London Philatelist, Dec., Vol. VII. (84).
 Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News, Vol. XIII. 3, 4 (420, 421).
 Metropolitan Philatelist, Vol. X. Nos. 19, 20.
 New York Philatelist, Vol. V. No. 4.
 Perforator, Vol. II. No. 11.
 Philatelic Advocate, Vol. VI. No. 1 (29).
 Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser, Dec., Vol. VIII. No. 3.
 Post Office, Vol. VIII. (94).
 Revue Philatelique Francaise, Dec., Vol. IX. (97).
 Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly, Vol. V. (112).
 Timbrophile Poitevin, Vol. IV. (45).
 Tri-Monthly Collector, Vol. I. No. 2.
 Virginia Philatelist, Vol. II. No. 5.

A new magazine comes from Italy which is devoted to collectors of illustrated post cards, the latest fad in Europe. It is very handsomely gotten up with a cover lithographed in several colors, within is a chronicle of new cards illustrated by half tone cuts. While it has nothing to do with philately proper it will be interesting to many of our readers. The title is *La Cartolina Postale Illustrata*, and it is published by Giovanni Gu Gussoni, Via Torino 2, Milan, Italy. Price 4 lire per year.

O Coleccionador de Sellos completes its third volume with the current number. It is to be hoped that it will change printers before commencing the next volume, as the typographical appearance of the paper is very poor.

In July, 1864, Arthur Maury commenced the publication of his valuable little journal *Le Collectionneur de Timbres Poste* which with the December issue has just reached its 218th number. It appeared for some three years regularly and then with great irregularity for a number of years, but since 1885 it has been as regular as the sun. The present number gives us the

pleasing news that a new series of French stamps has been decided upon. There will probably be three designs, one for the low values which are used especially for printed matter, one for those values used for letter postage and the third for the higher values used for packages, registered matter, etc. The designs have not yet been decided upon.

A new postmark is being experimented with at the general post office. It is copied from the flag cancellation of our own country and looks very effective.

M. Maury always presents his readers with a supplementary catalogue containing the issues of the past year with his December number and the present one makes a 36-page pamphlet. It is fully illustrated and very useful for reference.

The *Eastern Philatelist* has swallowed the *Boston Stamp Book* and hereafter Mr. Kilbon's notes will appear in that magazine. Mr. Kennedy will have charge of the review department and Mr. Smiley will furnish the Supplementary catalogue alternating with Mr. Kilbon's articles.

H. B. Phillips has an interesting bit of news in *Filatelic Facts and Fallacies*. It seems that large quantities of Philippine revenue stamps which were found at Manila, were used after being endorsed in red ink with the initials of the Collector, General Whittier. Are they not admissible to our collections as U. S. provisionals?

Senf Brothers always present a review of the more noteworthy issues of the past year with the January number of their valuable *Illustriertes Briefmarken Journal*. When one considers the large number of handsome stamps which have come out the past twelve months it can be imagined what a gay looking number the current issue is.

The Duke of York upon his visit to Copenhagen last September made certain inquiries concerning the dies and plates of the 1851 2 rigsbank skilling. The answers to these queries are given in the *London Philatelist* and effectually do away with the idea of there being more than one type. Otto Pfenninger gives some observations on the Swiss General Federal Post 1850-51. The article is very interesting and bristles with dates and statistical notes.

The *Metropolitan Philatelist* for January 21st contains a paper which was read before the Philatelic Society recently, dealing with the Coamo, Puerto Rico, provisionals. While the legitimacy of the stamps is not fully established, several facts in their favor have been brought out, and they will continue to be treasured by all who can get hold of them, until their standing is fully settled.

Amy L. Swift contributes a very interesting article to the *Perforator* in her account

of the organization of the revolutionary postal service in Massachusetts. Fourteen offices were established, as follows: Cambridge, Salem, Ipswich, Haverhill, Newburyport, Kennebunk, Falmouth, Georgetown, Worcester, Springfield, Great Barrington, Plymouth, Sandwich and Falmouth. Georgetown and one of the Falmouths were in what is now the State of Maine but which at that time was a part of Massachusetts. Boston does not appear in the list, probably for the reason that it was then controlled by the English forces. The rates varied from 5¼ pence for 60 miles or less to 2 shillings and 8 pence for from 900 to 1000 miles. Lucky for us that they did not issue stamps in those days.

The *Philatelic Advocate* with its sixty pages presents a very solid appearance and contains lots of readable articles. The one on the early days of the American post office is particularly interesting. The paper contains a large number of advertisements and has several illustrations of the Scott Company's place of business. It is a very creditable number. Please do so again.

Mr. Morgenthau did a most excellent thing when he hit upon the idea of gathering into one article in the *Post Office* all the bits of information that have been going the rounds concerning the Cuban occupation stamps. Nearly three pages are taken up with it in the number just received and next month there will be more. Further particulars about the Puerto Rico provisionals are given and there are numerous clippings relating to the Canadian map stamp. The deadly parallel never showed up better than it does in the comparative prices of Leeward Island remainders according to Scott '97 and '98 and Gibbons '97 and '99. The prices by the latter are far below our "Standard."

A very novel form of index accompanies the last number of the *Revue Philatelique Francaise*. It is in tabular form with the names of the countries at the left with columns for entries under the heads of "Echos," "Revue des revues," "Chronique Fiscale" and "Chronique postale." Thus one is able at a glance to see just what has appeared under each head without turning the pages. It is a most excellent idea and worthy of imitation.

The *Virginia Philatelist* continues its history of the stamps of Japan, taking up the 1872-4 issues. It is illustrated, and will be of value to all, now that the native forgeries or imitations are getting to be plentiful. The correspondence from various philatelic centers is unusually good this month.

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said to be found 4 times in a sheet. There are two slight differences which are to be found 4 times in a sheet of these stamps, and as they occur in different places, we have thus an additional variety. One is a small period after the C following the fraction; the other is in the fraction, which shows a slight difference 4 times in the sheet. If either of these constitute the variety advertised, it is rather overdoing it to call it a variety.

The prices charged by some dealers for the 2½c de peso surcharged on U. S. plate numbers are something enormous, but then a collector of plate numbers will buy most anything, for instance, many of the dealers sold the collectors the plate numbers of the I. R. surcharges for a big price, and they are not postage stamps at all. They are now offered plate numbers, at a fabulous price, of stamps which are not U. S. postage stamps. I wonder what these collectors will name their collection of plate numbers, a collection of U. S. postage plate numbers, or U. S. postage revenue and foreign plate numbers.

S. E. L.

From an Occasional Correspondent.

Brooklyn-New York Letter.

February 2nd, 1899.

A very interesting lecture on Locals was delivered by Dr. W. H. Mitchell of New Jersey in the lecture rooms of the Institute on last Friday, January 27th.

The lecture was not only interesting but instructive as well, and no doubt the doctor converted many of his listeners to this branch of Philately, which has been very much neglected.

As usual lantern slides were used extensively during the course of the lecture, and among them were shown quite a number of rarities and oddities. Among the latter was a copy of the doctor's own ingenuity "The Blizzard Local" which carried letters from his town in New Jersey to New York City Post Office during the blizzard of March, 1888.

As to whether his local should be classed among other locals, the doctor has grave doubts, as it was in use but a few days. No doubt it has as much right as the "Bicycle Local" of 1894.

The lecturer handled the subject in a masterly style and showed conclusively that the doctor had everything down to a fine point.

The next lecture will be held on Feb. 24th, by Mr. John Luff of New York on the subject: "What Philately Teaches," and it is hoped all collectors and prospective collectors that can possibly do so will attend.

For the benefit of those interested will give the following information: On Feb. 1st seven new military stations were opened in Cuba, viz.:

- No. 29, at Placetas, Santa Clara Province
 - No. 30, at Santa Cruz, Puerto Principe Province.
 - No 31, at Santo Domingo, Santa Clara Province.
 - No. 32, at Jucaro, Habana Province.
 - No. 33, at Sagua la Grande, Santa Clara Province.
 - No. 34, at Caibarien, Santa Clara Prov.
 - No. 35, at Batabano, Habana Province.
- H. TOELKE.

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- CHAS. S. SMACK, Librarian.

The 290th regular meeting was called to order at 8 30 P. M., January 19th, 1899, with Mr. C. E. Severn, President, in the chair.

Present: Messrs. C. E. Severn, Schlieckert, Massoth, Oesch, Smack, Wolsieffer, Michaels, Lefevere, Bradt, Krippaehne, Pierce and Doncyson.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read. Committee on Investigation of Frauds reported progress.

Upon ballot, Mr. John Peters, No. 942 Noble Ave., Chicago, was unanimously elected Active member No. 465.

The Governing Committee reported as follows: Ordered the following applications posted, viz.:

- Everett H. Russell, Chicago, proposed by P. M. Wolsieffer for Active membership.
- Wm H. Gardiner, Chicago, proposed by P. M. Wolsieffer for Active membership.
- D. T. Eaton, Muscatine, Ia., proposed by P. M. Wolsieffer for Passive membership.

They appointed Mr. F. N. Massoth Exchange Superintendent for the year 1899.

Mr. P. M. Wolsieffer offered as a prize to the member securing the largest number of applications before January 1st, 1900, one of his famous \$4.00 Blank Albums. Mr. F. N. Massoth offered as a prize to the member securing the second largest number of applications 50 varieties of Australian stamps (catalogue value \$3.00). Mr. C. E. Severn offered as a prize to the member securing the third largest number of applications one year's subscription to *Mekeel's Weekly*.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 10 P. M.

S. T. S. DONCYSON, Sec'y.

Harragansett Philatelic Association.

The 6th regular meeting of the N. P. A. took place at East Providence, R. I., on the evening of Jan. 24th, and good progress was noted. At the close of the business meeting a light collation was served. Some valuable stamps were exhibited, especially noticeable being some fine U. S. revenues by F. B. Gouch of Woonsocket, who is a valued and active member of the association. At the next meeting February 14th, to be held at residence of Treasurer A. W. Gregory, there is to be an informal auction sale. Several new applications for membership have been received, and the association is becoming one of the strongest of its kind in this vicinity. The Sales

Superintendent Mr. Geo. H. Hope, reports good progress in his department, and some valuable books are being entered in the circuits. Secretary A. F. Munroe of East Providence, R. I., is prepared to furnish application blanks, and any information to those desiring to become members.

G. A. R.

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\$3-50 Inland Exchange.....	2.00	.50
\$5 Conveyance.....	.20	.06
\$5 Charter Party.....	.25	.08
\$5 Probate of Will.....	1.00	.25
6c Inland Exchange.....	.25	.06
6c Inland Exchange, strip of 3.....	.75	.25
1/2c 1898, 2 shades, unused.....	..	.05
1/2c, 2 shades, unused.....	..	.08
1/2c, 3/2c, unused.....	..	.08

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From Our Regular Correspondent.

Cottlow's... Chicago Correspondence.

Monday, January 30th.

Major C. A. Coolidge, U. S. A., of philatelic fame, is in command of the detachment of the Seventh Infantry which represents the Army at Fort Sheridan.

I understand from a stock-holder that the Collectors Company, of New York, recently declared a dividend of five per cent., covering the last six months of 1898. Ten per cent. a year isn't such bad returns on an investment after all.

Mr. Herbert Armstrong of Iron Mountain, Michigan, was a recent visitor.

General indignation meetings of postal clerks followed by petitions to the Postmaster General protesting against the proposed uniforming of the clerks has led Postmaster Gordon to abandon his project "for the present;" which means that this plan is to be laid on the shelf indefinitely.

The Cuba surcharges have arrived and are being sold by the dealers at fifty cents for the set of four unused.

I had an interview this morning with the father of Harry Cohn of 4450 Langley Ave., and he promised to send me a check in a few days in full settlement of the claims of seven dealers, amounting to a little over thirty-three dollars.

Furthermore he promises to settle in full all other claims which may come in. There are doubtless several others, besides the seven I have already.

I had expected to make a full report at the C. P. S. meeting next Thursday, but as the matter will not be fully settled by that time, I will not report until the meeting of Feb. 16th.

Any one having claims against this boy can send their bills to me, address 4701 Cottage Grove Ave.

Send all of Cohn's letters with your bills.

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534, 535, 536, 537, 1c green, T, B, L, R, each.....	8c
538, 539, 540, 541, 1c green, T, B, L, each.....	8c
542, 543, 544, 545, 1c green, T, L, each.....	8c
546, 547, 548, 549, 1c green, T, L, each.....	8c
536, 542, 543, 544, 545, 1c green "I. R.", T, B, each	8c
548, 547, 1c green "I. R.", T, B, L, each.....	8c
534, 546, 1c green "I. R.", T, each.....	8c
537, 1c green "I. R.", B, each.....	50c
538, 1c green "I. R.", B, each.....	12c
539, 1c green "I. R.", B, L, each.....	12c
540, 1c green "I. R.", T, B, each.....	12c
540, 1c green "I. R.", L, each.....	15c
548, 1c green "I. R.", T, R, each.....	8c
549, 1c green "I. R.", T, L, R, each.....	8c
550, 551, 2c rose, T, B, L, R, each.....	10c
552, 553, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 2c rose, T, B, L, each	10c
562, 563, 563, 2c rose, T, B, L, each.....	15c
568, 569, 570, 571, 2c rose, B, L, each.....	10c

I want to purchase for cash or exchange 15c, 50c, \$1, \$2, \$5 1894-95. Anyone having any of these write me or send on approval at lowest prices.

The Periodical Stamps.

Official Circular Regarding Sale as Promised.

Price \$5.00 a Set—Only 50,000 Sets to be Sold—All the Old Issue to be Destroyed.

[From a Regular ERA Correspondent.]
 [COPY.]

SALE OF NEWSPAPER AND PERIODICAL STAMPS.

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT,
 OFFICE OF THIRD ASS'T P. M. GEN'L,
 WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 4, 1899.

Announcement is hereby made that, in compliance with numerous requests made to the Postmaster General by collectors and others, enough of the newspaper and periodical stamps lately in use by postmasters to make up 50,000 complete sets have been reserved by the Department for sale, and that on and after the 15th instant they may be had of postmasters at first-class post offices, or upon application to the Third Assistant Postmaster General, at the rate of five dollars a set—the set consisting of one each of the following twelve denominations: One, two, five, ten, twenty-five, and fifty cents, and two, five, ten, twenty, fifty, and one hundred dollars. When applications are made by mail, the money to pay for the stamps must accompany the order, with ten cents additional to pay for postage and registry fee on the returned packet.

Not less than a full set will in any case be sold; but as many more whole sets as may be wanted can be bought. When two sets or more are desired, any or all of the several denominations may be had in an unsevered condition, that is to say, in strips not exceeding ten stamps each, or in blocks of four or more. The Department, however, cannot require postmasters to segregate, for the accommodation of purchasers, marginal strips of stamps bearing plate numbers; nor can any guarantee be given that the stamps shall be perfectly "centered." It must also be understood that the stamps are not good for postage, and that after their purchase they cannot be redeemed or exchanged for others by the Government.

The sale of these stamps will continue up to the 31st of December next, unless the stock is sooner disposed of; but no more than the 50,000 sets will be sold, and no more will hereafter be printed. In fact, the working plates from which the stamps were printed will shortly be destroyed. The newspaper and periodical stamps of a former issue—of which fragmentary lots have been returned to the Department by postmasters—will not be sold, but together with the stock of the last issue returned in excess of the 50,000 reserved sets, will all be destroyed.

JOHN A. MERRITT,
 Third Ass't P. M. Gen'l.
 [COPY.]

RETURN OF NEWSPAPER AND PERIODICAL STAMPS.

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT,
 OFFICE OF THIRD ASS'T P. M. GEN'L,
 WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 2, 1899.

Postmasters who have not yet complied with the order of the Department to turn in to this office the stock of newspaper and periodical stamps left in their hands on the 1st of July, 1898, when the use of these stamps was, by order of the Postmaster General, discontinued, are hereby directed to do this at once.

No credit can be given for any of these stamps sent here after the fifteenth instant.

JOHN A. MERRITT,
 Third Ass't P. M. Gen'l.

I concur in the remarks made by the Boston correspondent of the ERA two weeks ago, there seems to be a "nigger in the woodpile" at Havana, and a very disagreeable one too! In other words the dealers down there seem to have gotten a pull on the P. O. D. officials, as regards plate numbers. I have seen recently as many as 40 sheets with the plate number torn in two, deliberately torn up into the sheet for a couple of stamps so as to ruin them. This seemed like accident at first, but as lot after lot arrives with just two tears in a sheet and those through the two plates it becomes impossible to attribute it to anything but design. Have just seen another lot of ten sheets, which were apparently carefully placed together and then torn for the space of three stamps right through the plates.

If this matter is as it appears to be it is an outrage and a rank injustice to both dealers and collectors, and should be speed-

ily and forcibly brought to the notice of the Post Office Department. I am in hopes I am sounding a false alarm, but after reading the Boston letter I am about convinced that somebody is playing a good big *Spanish trick*.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

New York Notes.

There are three United States stamps which we venture to say have been so far ignored by all *but one* specialist. They are the three *cancelled-to-order* stamps sold by the Boston office. It is known that the yearly calendar published by the *Youth's Companion* requires nearly a million 3-cent stamps. The work of cancellation alone would paralyze the entire Boston force, and last year by special license the 3-cent stamps were sold already cancelled in sheets to the publishers. This year when the order came there were no 3c on hand and nearly a million 1 and 2c were delivered cancelled. The cancellation consists of the word "BOSTON" between horizontal lines. The stamps so issued certainly deserve a place in the collection of all specialists.

We will now await the boom in the 2½c Cuba. The 2c stamp is on sale now and the 2½c are to be destroyed.

We hope that the American Catalogue will not fall into the errors of the English one. In their eagerness to annihilate the 50 per centers they have priced many stamps at prices at which they cannot supply. Of course in such a price list there is room for varied opinions as to what is a stamp. Whether it is necessary to have all the perforations, or be neatly cancelled, or fairly centered, or clean and fresh looking.

Stamps all over grease, or without perforations, or torn, can hardly fix a basis of value. We are of the opinion that nearly every unused stamp, well centered and with original gum in perfect shape is worth full present catalogue rates and more too.

From all reports the Brooklyn Exhibition promises to be a grand success. Never before has so much interest been shown nor have so many collectors ever promised their cordial support.

The new color revenues seems slow in arriving. As the three dollar is to be green, why not make the one dollar slate. It would serve no purpose and make a little confusion that is all.

A New York gentleman offers his fine residence in exchange for a collection of postage stamps. Higher taxes on the one hand and faith on the other are responsible for the offer. The gentleman is right too, value for value stamps are preferable to real estate any day.

There is no better property than postage stamps. Strange as it may seem, during the financial crisis a few years ago when all values were at their lowest, the celebrated Maine collection realized \$250,000 cash at a time when standard collateral securities of all kinds were unavailable.

In no other business is there so much ready money. Take a good collection around among the dealers and see with what great ease a thousand or more dollars will be paid over.

C. E. R.

EXCHANGES.

One notice is allowed each subscriber free if sent with his remittance, extra notices will be inserted at the uniform price of 10 cents each insertion. Non-subscribers 18 cents each insertion. Positively cash with notice. All notices must be for *exchange* and limited to thirty words, exclusive of the address, and must be written on a separate piece of paper. Notices offering articles for sale for cash, or offering to purchase for cash cannot be inserted here as they do not come under this head.

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Revolver—American, self-cocking, 32 calibre, five shot, has never been fired; have one also 22 calibre, 7 shot, and an automatic shell ejecting one. Will exchange for stamps. C. F. Richards, 326 West 20th St., New York.

A perfect Arrowhead from this section given for every 5 perfect, used Omahas above 3c. A fine Spear for each 5c, a Drill for each \$1. Scott's 58th Catalogue and 1898 Supplement wanted in exchange. T. O. Young, New Haven, N. Y.

Will trade 200 var. foreign, cat. about \$4, for \$1 or \$1½ Omaha. 50 var. for 50c Omaha. Have stamp papers to trade for U. S.; several entire volumes—make offer. Herbert S. Ackerman, 188 Amity St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

I have a lot of good U. S. copper cents and half cents in good condition that I will exchange for U. S. Postage, Departments or Revenues, or would like offers of bound books in exchange. Have all dates in these coins except the very rare ones. Write me what dates you want and what you have to exchange. H. M. Shaw, Jamaica Plain, Mass.

Wanted. Books and journals on photography in exchange for stamps. Send list and exchange price. Good stamps offered; particularly want "The Photographic Times" for 1897 and 1898. Ashton Munro, P. O. Box 178, Pictou, N. S.

We want the address of every Plate Number collector in the U. S. Send us your want and duplicate list for exchange. Sterling Stamp Co., Boston, Mass.

2000 var. good foreign (no Europeans) to exchange for unused U. S., good exchange given, or will exchange for good Indian relics. S. Bauer, Owego, N. Y.

Will exchange stamps for a good camera, graphophone or Winchester rifle. Will also exchange stamps, novels or stamp papers for Good Luck, Cross Bow, J. F. Horse Shoe or Drummond Natural Leaf Tobacco Tags in any quantity. W. E. Pellett, Carrier No. 19, Indianapolis, Ind.

Exchange wanted with Foreign Postal Card Collectors. James Fariah, P. O. Box 31, Linwood, N. J., U. S. A.

Will exchange a 1 yen Japan for an 1892 40c Iceland, 2c or 6c Treasury. Good foreign to exchange for D. W. Indies. Chas. H. Smith, 43 Charles Terrace, Sta. B, Philadelphia, Pa.

Wanted: 3, 5, 10c Dues, Special Delivery, Omahas, job lots of U. S. and Canada, in exchange for Match and Medicine, set of 1875 Newspaper, imp. U. S. and Canada. Charles King, 105 East 10th St., New York City.

Will take your duplicates at the following rates: 10c catalogue 2c, 15c, 25c and 50c at ½, and above these prices at ¼, giving you stamps you want. Send stamps and want list. Stamp Exchange, 26 W. 131st St., New York.

For best offer in medium priced stamps—duplicates taken: 10c 1855, double perforation, also 3c 1861, unperforated (shows part of next stamp) on original cover. Fine copies, undoubtedly original. E. A. Osborne, Jamaica, New York.

I have just received a new assortment of fine foreign stamps cat. 2c to 10c each. I will give 3c for each "Omaha" stamp sent me, except 1 and 2c. E. Bull, Jr., Care Union Bank, New London, Conn.

Will exchange for stamps from approval sheets at catalogue: 1898 Documentary ½c to 50c, 11 var., 10c per set; \$1.00, 7c each; 5c and 10c, 40c per 100; 25c, 60c per 100. Postage extra on orders less than \$1.00. W. W. Sammons, Blue Island, Ill.

Imperforate pairs of United States and Foreign stamps wanted, will give good exchange from approval books for any sent me. J. F. Johnson, 83 Thornton St., Boston, Mass.

Wanted! Street railway transfers and car-tickets. 100 different foreign postage stamps, valued at least 50 cents, for each different one sent me. Clarence M. Tyler, Drawer C, Hartford, Conn.

I have several duplicates U. S. Revs., old issue, nearly all varieties, fine condition, to exchange for U. S. and foreign adhesives, fine condition, unused preferred. Lists exchanged. R. A. Metcalf, 6157 Lexington Ave., Chicago, Ill.

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U. S. surcharged Cuba, 1, 2½, 5, 10c, set 37c; 2½c (error) 10c each, pairs same rate; all unused 0.5. Wanted, fine used copy \$5.00 '98 Revenue surcharged on Newspaper stamp. Stanley L. Coc, Litchfield, Conn.

I am selling out my entire stock of stamps and electrotypes cheap. Send for list. ROBT. VAN SCIVER, Lock Box 297, Middletown, N. Y.

U. S. Postage, 50 var., '55 to '94, postpaid 25 cents. F. L. HOOPER, Station D, Baltimore, Md.

1895 Bland Dollars Proof surface, \$1.50; uncirculated \$1.40 each, scarce. 1892 Columbian ½ Dollars uncirculated, \$1.20. GEO. H. ANDERS, Norristown, Pa.

Wanted—Gambia, 4p brown 1880 and 6p green 1887-89. Cash paid. C. R. FAGLEY, 333 N. 2nd St., Phila., Pa.

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S. BAUER, Owego, N. Y.

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Wanted for cash. Stamp collections or duplicates. I buy to sell. Prices must be cheap.

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Canada Imperial new, single, blocks, pairs, 3c each. 2c numeral 3cts. Used: Jubilee 1, 2, 3c, 5cts.; Four leaves ¼ to 3c, 4cts.; U. S. 1895 1 to 10c, 5cts.; Sweden '92 15 and 25 ore, 5cts. Postage extra. W. C. BOULT, Box 222, Altoona, Pa.

If you wish to sell your collection of stamps, or duplicates, for spot cash, write J. M. Hubbard, Rochester, N. H. References, Bradstreet, Dun. [304]

FREE! "THE EVERGREEN STATE PHILATELIST" on trial two months. It will then be discontinued. Address, at Hartland, Washington. [124]

Poor Old Spain!

Few seem to care for her philatelically or otherwise. Now I like Spain and I want No. 5 (or No. 9) used, and Nos. 2012, 202 and 203. (Scott's 58th Ed. numbers.) Who can supply them?

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WM. N. HOWE, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE SALES DEPARTMENT.

GEORGE R. TUTTLE, Superintendent,
87 Nassau St.

NEW YORK CITY, Feb. 4th, 1899.

1,112 books of stamps in circulation according to my report of Jan. 28th, valued at \$35,296.68
20 books received since Jan. 28th, valued at 466.90

\$35,763.58

80 books retired since Jan. 28th, valued at (from which has been sold \$373.03)..... 2,169.83

Total number of books in circulation 1,052, valued at \$33,593.75

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REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

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Accessions since last report:

Nos. 136-139. Scott's Catalogue, 1894-5-6-7, cloth, from W. C. Stone.

No. 144. *Filatellic Facts and Fallacies*, Vol. 6, cloth, from the publishers.

No. 145. *Boston Stamp Book*, Vol. 1, 1/2 mor., from Rev. J. L. Kilbon.

The following were received in exchange for a miscellaneous lot of duplicates, mostly journals, the property of the Association. All are bound.

Nos. 146-154. *The Philatelic Record*, Vols. 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13.

Nos. 155-156. *American Stamp Mercury*, Vols. 1, 2, 3, 4, bound in 2.

No. 157. *Mohawk Standard*, Vols. 1, 2.

No. 158. *Der Philatelist*, Vols. 9, 10.

Nos. 159-161. Durbin's Catalog, 15, 17 and 18th editions.

No. 162. Catalog of A. P. A. World's Fair Exhibit.

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6 centavos, lilac,	
20 centavos, olive-gray,	} \$0.50
40 centavos, salmon, price.....	
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5c on 1 milésima, blue, 1894,		

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3 milésimas, orange-brown,	
5 milésimas, orange-brown,	
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3 centavos, dark-brown,	
3 centavos, carmine,	
6 centavos, dark blue,	
8 centavos, gray-brown,	
10 centavos, vermilion,	
12 centavos, slate-green,	
20 centavos, maroon,	

40 centavos, dark lilac.....	Price each. \$0.45
60 centavos, black.....	.65
80 centavos, red-brown.....	.80
1 peso, yellow-green.....	1.50
2 pesos, slate-blue.....	3.00

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a much lighter shade. The first, or vermilion shade, is quoted at 15 cents; the light shade at 5 cents each. I have been informed that the U. S. Newspaper set will be put on sale here about Feb. 15th. Almost every collector that I have seen says that he is going to buy a set, if he can raise the money. It has been stated that fifty thousand sets are to be sold, at \$5.00 per set, which will come to the neat sum of a quarter of a million dollars. Unless some of the dealers lay in a very large stock of these stamps, for future use, I hardly think that 50,000 sets can be sold; for there have been stamps which were much more desirable, from a philatelic standpoint, of which there were a considerably less number issued and although selling at only a small portion of the price asked for the above mentioned set, there are plenty in the market.

I understand that Mr. Batchelder of the New, England Stamp Co. is now in San Francisco.

The 1 gulden stamps of Netherlands, issued on the coronation of the Queen, and of which there have been various rumors of its being withdrawn from issue, went out of existence on Dec. 15th. The letter from the official giving this information, stated that in a few days there would be issued a 50c, 1, 2 1/2, and 3 gulden of a new set, and later on the lower values. The now obsolete 1 gulden above mentioned is quoted here at \$1.00, and as only 10,000 of them are said to have been issued, it ought to rapidly advance in value.

Another stamp that seems to hold its own pretty well is the Niger Coast, 1893, 2d. One dealer here reports having sold several copies of this at retail, during the past week, at full catalogue price of \$1.25. The 1sh of the same issue is listed in Stanley Gibbons' new catalogue at \$2.50. It is quoted here at Scott's price of \$1.50.

It is rumored that Mexico is having a new set of stamps made in England to be used during the fiscal year of 1899-1900. I learn that they are to be issued about the first of next July. It is said that the design and workmanship will be superior to anything known in the way of Mexican stamps. The collecting of Mexican stamps has never been very popular with the majority of collectors, owing principally to the listing of so many varieties of paper, perforations and watermarks.

If our album and catalogue makers would in the future simplify this to design, color and denomination, with the issuing of this new and attractive set, Mexico would be a popular country to collect. The listing of so many varieties should only be for the specialist, and not for the collectors at large.

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last issue of the *Weekly* contains more news from Cuba and Puerto Rico by Mr. Andreini and gives many interesting facts.

Mr. Bartels' letters continue to be the most interesting part of the *Metropolitan Philatelist*. Numerous facts concerning our new envelopes, the periodical stamps, proposed private proprietary stamps, etc., form the text for the last two numbers. It is announced that 200,000 stamps have been ordered by Hostetter & Co. and 320,000 by the Pisco Co. The National Publishing Co. of Washington have purchased 1,000,000 one cent and 583,000 two cent postal cards for use in Cuba.

The *Michigan Philatelic Weekly* is a new paper and is almost wholly devoted to advertisements.

A paper that is new to me is the *Mitteldeutsche Philatelisten Zeitung*. It is however just commencing its eighth year and if the back volumes are as good as the number before me I shall hustle to get them. There is an interesting illustrated article on French postmarks on letters going abroad, which is not yet complete. Another interesting paper is that dealing with the minor varieties in the stamps of Bavaria. It is illustrated with enlarged cuts which show up the distinguishing marks most excellently.

The *Philatelic Messenger* after having caught up with Father Time has concluded to stop and give up the ghost. The *Philatelic Advocate* will fill unexpired subscriptions.

(Continued next week.)

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From Our Regular Correspondent.

Cottlow's....
Chicago Correspondence.

Tuesday, February 7th.

Mr. William B. Hale of Williamsville, Mass., is in the city this week.

Col. James A. Sexton, Commander-in-Chief of the G. A. R. and member of the War Investigating Commission, who died in Washington Sunday last, was a former Postmaster of Chicago.

Our friends in the service, Major Baker of the Fourth Infantry, First Lieut. Bandholtz of the Seventh Infantry, and First Lieut. Worrihow of the Twentieth Infantry, have each been brevetted one rank by order of the President, for meritorious service in the late Yanco-Spanco war.

I wonder if the stamp company which has been doing so much advertising lately from a certain foreign country can be our old friend Quigley under a new name? At any rate they don't seem to be as well thought of as they were a couple of months ago.

And so the boys are to have a lot of fun with the errors and varieties of the Cuban surcharges. Wait until the Porto Rico batch comes in and then the Philippines. Well, it was to be expected.

I have just received from Mr. M. Cohn full cash settlement of claims held against his son Harry, by the following firms: B. V. Jenkins, H. C. Crowell, Excelsior Stamp Co., International Stamp Co., W. Weber, and the Toledo Stamp Co. I understand that he is settling with the Starr Stamp Co. also.

It is probable that one or two more claims may come in which will also be paid. I can assure the dealers that young Cohn will not do any more of this funny business and if he should try it and succeed the dealers would have no one to blame but themselves, as he is now thoroughly advertised. I must repeat what I have said several times before that it is the fault of the dealers many times that they are taken in.

They are not nearly careful enough in looking up references, and in fact oftentimes do not take any trouble at all but send stamps on the application of anyone. More of this case next week.

Catalogue for Wolsieffer's February 18th sale is out. 539 lots are offered, many good stamps being among them.

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10c 1853, die 2, on white, used, cut sq., very fine	4.30
10c 1853, " 4, " " entire, nice	3.00
10c 1853, " 4, " " fair	2.50
10c 1853, " 2, on buff, " " fine	1.50
10c 1853, " 2, " " " fair	1.10

U. S. Colony Porto Rico

20c vermilion 1890, used	1st. \$0.06	2nd. \$0.05
5c yellow-green 1891, unused	.12	—
6c orange, 1891, unused	.15	—
20c rose, 1894, used	.04	.03

Habilitado Para 1898 y 99

1m lilac brown, unused	.03	.02
2m yellow green, " "	.07	.03
4m blue green, " "	.05	.03
1c claret, " "	.05	.04
3c red-brown, " "	.06	.05
3c claret-brown, " "	.10	—
4c brown, unused	.20	.16
5c blue, " "	.15	.10

CANADA

1892 20c vermilion, used	.10	.08
" 50c blue, " "	.22	.17
1897 3c purple black, used	.08	.05
1898 3c, map stamp, 1st printing, unused	.09	—
" 2c, " 2nd " "	.08	—
" 2c, " current " "	.03	—

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NEWFOUNDLANDS

Mint State

	1st.	2nd.	Block 4
1867 6c rose	\$0.15	\$0.12	\$0.60
1880 1c violet brown	.06	.05	.24
" 1c gray violet brown	.08	.07	.38
" 2c pale yellow green	.10	.08	.40
1887 1/2c rose red	.04	.03	.16
" 1c green	.03	.02	.12
" 1c deep green	.08	.05	—
" 1c orange	.05	.02	.03
1890 1/2c black, original	.02	—	.10
" 6c deep pink	.10	—	.10
" 12c puce brown	.18	—	.70
1890 3c slate	.10	.04	.40
1894 3c lilac-gray	.10	.06	.40
1896 3c lilac, No. 69a	.10	.06	.40
" 3c red lilac	.10	.06	.40
" 3c lilac brown, No. 69b	.75	.50	3.00
This is the correct color and a scarce stamp.			
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1894 1c yellow green, No. 65	.20	.15	—

Re-issues

1894 1/2c orange red	.10	.08	.40
" 1c dark violet brown	.10	.08	.40
" 1c green	.10	.09	.40
" 3c dark violet brown	.15	.12	.60
" 3c blue	.15	.12	.60
1897 1/2c black	.02	—	.08
" 1c pale yellow green	.03	.02	.10
This is the stamp being offered by many as No. 65.			
1897 2c orange, yellow orange	.06	.04	—

Provisionals 1897

	1st.	2nd.
1c on 3c lilac, type I., mint state	\$0.50	\$0.40
1c on 3c " " II., " "	1.75	1.00
1c on 3c " vertical pair, types I. and II., mint state	2.25	—
Same in block 4	4.50	—
1c and 3c lilac, type III., mint state, good copy	6.00	—

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GEORGE S. McKEARIN,

Hoosick Falls, New York.

From a Special ERA Correspondent.

Canadian Notes.

Collectors of Canadian revenues may shortly have some new kinds to add to their collections. The Province of Ontario Government find themselves facing a deficit of \$200,000 annually that was formerly raised by timber. To meet this tax it is proposed that all banks, financial corporations, insurance concerns, and such like, shall pay a tax, not only on their net income, but also that each and every cheque, note, draft and similar paper shall pay a tax. In the early years of confederation (1867) the Bill stamps of Canada served such purpose, and similar stamps will be called into use for this later. The "war stamps" of the United States are similarly used in that country.

The Conservative press of Canada delight in attacking anything done by the Liberal government now in power, and the "Xmas" stamp seems to have roused their ire more than most things. It is refreshing to read that the Postmaster-General, among many other complimentary letters, also received one from a training college in England, stating: "A class of 20 English children would like to tell the Hon. Mr. Mulock how much they like the new Canadian stamp." This so pleased the said Hon. Mr. Mulock that he has secured a set of four illustrated post cards of Toronto, Montreal, Niagara Falls and Ottawa, and written a few words on each set, and sent them to these young people. Each card had an "Imperial" stamp affixed to it.

It has been proposed to the government of Canada that a few more thousand two-cent purple envelopes be struck off to give the public a chance to buy them. It is said that should this be done the envelopes will remain on sale until the 1st day of July, 1899.

Canada has a law which makes it a misdemeanor to remit unused Canada stamps in payment for goods. One big departmental store in the Queen City (Toronto) recently accepted (as in the past) several dollars worth of unused Canada stamps in payment for goods on general sale. With this store stamps have always been accepted as cash. Why should they not?

At present the government will exchange 2-cent stamps for any 3-cent ones business houses may have. They claim very few are offered for redemption.

A mail-order house in Toronto recently received a full sheet of the provisional Newfoundland in payment for one dollar. The proprietor's son paid his father a good Canadian dollar for the sheet and has been having a good time on his "profits."

J. W.

SAMPLE OF FOUR PAGES OF .

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Issued February, 1899. 30 Pages and Salmon Laid Paper Cover. All Sets marked "C" are complete. "*" contains unused stamps. "†" used postally, all others contain cancelled, used and unused. All are genuine originals excepting "R" which are reprints. Postage at extra on orders under 50c. Remittances should be made by Bills or P.O. M. Order. Unused stamps not accepted in payment. C. F. ROTHFUCHS, 3118 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MASS.

Price List No 13.

Sets of Foreign Stamps.

Table with columns: No., Varieties, Price. Lists sets of stamps for various countries like Angola, Argentina, Austria, etc.

Table with columns: No., Price. Lists individual stamps for various countries like Tientsin, Colombia, Antioquia, etc.

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Late News from the Hub

All Plates and Dies of 1866-96 Newfoundland Destroyed.

Appearance of 2c Cuba Provisional and Comment—Auction vs. Catalogue Prices by an English Firm.

[From a Regular ERA Correspondent.]

BOSTON, Tuesday, Feb. 14th.

This is St. Valentine's day, and up to the present time, I have not received any. If any of your readers intend to remember me, I should prefer a Scott Coin & Stamp Co.'s 1899 Album, printed on one side. About the most annoying thing in a stamp album is one that is printed on both sides, as the stamps have a tendency to catch with each other, and sometimes this is very destructive. I have seen one fine collection, where to overcome this obstacle the owner has inserted between each leaf a sheet of fine Japanese paper. Though this may be a great help considerable care has to be taken in closing the album.

The date of publication of Stanley Gibbons' Catalogue for 1899, part second, in which are to be listed the adhesive postage stamps of all countries, excepting Great Britain and Colonies, is indefinitely postponed. This is the way they get out of it, after promising to issue it this month: "We regret to find that the work in re-arranging our stock, preparatory to re-writing Part II. of our Catalogue, has turned out to be much heavier than we expected and, further, we find that we have run out of so many small stamps that we have to make very many large purchases to fill up our stock before we are able to give the proper prices of the day, even for many of the common stamps. Under these circumstances, we do not think it is possible to have Part II. of the Catalogue out until well on in March, but we cannot fix any date yet." After a careful perusal of the above, are we to suppose that the large purchases will have a tendency to increase the value of some of the common stamps, or *vice versa*?

In speaking of prices of stamps, this is what "Ventom, Bull & Cooper," in reply-

ing to an article in a former number of the *Monthly Journal*, says: "The question is, What are 'low prices'? Does the auction give the true market value, or are the prices inserted in the dealers' catalogues to be taken as the standard? We venture to say that the former is the more reliable test, and have known cases when the price of a particular stamp has been raised in the stock books after an auction had proved what was its true value. In our opinion the cause of so-called 'low prices' is that in all trade catalogues the prices have been unduly inflated, and with each new issue increased." There is some truth in the above remarks, especially that prices in catalogues have been unduly inflated; but on the whole, it conveys a wrong impression. Auction prices are no standard to go by, and less now than formerly.

The Cuba 2c de peso surcharged on 2c U. S. has made its appearance. It is quite evident from its looks that the same plate that was used to surcharge the 2½c de peso has been used to surcharge this stamp only cutting out the fraction. Present indications are that the 2½c will be in great demand among some of the dealers, to complete sets, as I know of several who have taken orders in advance for from 20 to 100 sets, and some of them are wondering if they will receive any more of the 2½c. I know of no set of stamps that has been issued recently that is so much in demand as these are; and the issuing of this set ought to be a great help to the philatelic trade.

No information could be obtained here today from the officials at the Post Office Department in regard to the sale of Newspaper stamps. I see that one enterprising dealer advertises the set picked specimens, at \$7.50; another dealer advertises the set at \$5.50, and claims to have received orders for one hundred and fifteen sets at this price, and condition not stated.

The latest news from Newfoundland is that all the plates, dies, etc., of Newfoundland stamps, of the issues of 1866 to 1896, in possession of the American Bank Note Co. of New York, were destroyed a few days ago. Among the plates were the 6c pink, 12c brown, 13c orange, 24c blue. As the plates in possession of the British American Bank Note Company of Montreal were destroyed several months ago, (Continued on next page.)

Porto Rico Provisionals.

Second U. S. Provisional Postage Issue Being Prepared.

Four Million Stamps Surcharged—Sale of Periodical Stamps Deferred— Mutilation of Sheets in Cuba.

[From a Regular ERA Correspondent.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 16th.

The Postmaster-General has sent today to the Bureau of Printing and Engraving, directing them to surcharge the following stamps for Porto Rico:

1,000,000.....	1-cent.
2,000,000.....	2-cent.
500,000.....	5-cent.
500,000.....	10-cent.

Wednesday, February 15th.

We are offering \$1000.00 reward in this city for the author of Beautiful Snow and the coal dealers are asking about the same price for a ton of coal, so between the coal dealers and the snow we are all "in it" and stamp news is at a decided premium. The sale of Periodical stamps has been delayed for a short time on account of arranging the sets, as it was found to be a larger job than was expected. From what I can learn it will be about 10 days before they will be able to be placed on sale.

I received a letter from a friend in Havana, stating that all the 2½c de peso stamps sent out from the city post office at Havana to "Buena Vista," Military Station No. 26, which is by far the largest on the island not excepting Havana, had all the plate numbers "pinched" off (not the stamps taken out of the sheets but the numbers taken off). The 5c error Cupa were also missing in the sheets. This confirms my statement made last week.

From an Occasional Correspondent.

Hawaii Stamp News.

According to the terms of the Hawaiian bill now pending in Congress, Hawaiian stamps will continue to be used exclusively until the fourth of July next; after which

date no more will be sold. All then on hand are to be cancelled under the direction of the Postmaster-General of the United States. Any previously sold may be exchanged at any time during six months for an equal value in United States stamps.

The supply of two-cent Hawaiian stamps and one-cent postal cards has just been exhausted. More had been ordered, whether or not in new colors our correspondent was not informed—but the order either went astray or else the American Bank Note Co. concluded that it was revoked by the annexation of the islands. It is not yet known what action may be taken by the authorities to supply the demand for the missing stamps.

Immediately after annexation, the Minister of Foreign Affairs (H. E. Cooper) sold all the Foreign Office stamps on hand to Major Potter, one of the staff of the Foreign Office, at face value. It is claimed by disgruntled dealers that this sale was illegal, as government property must be sold at auction or by a call for tenders. On the other hand it is said that this does not apply to postage stamps, which are always sold at face value, and that the principle is the same whether they are sold in large or small lots. Finally, Major Potter remarks that possession is nine points of the law, and that the public can have the stamps at \$2.00 a set, or \$1.20 a set in lots of 100 sets.

H. M. B.

LATE NEWS FROM THE HUB.

(Continued from preceding page.)

and also the plates of the Cabots, there will be no more reprints of Newfoundland, for which we ought to be truly thankful. It may be of interest to some of the wise-acs to say that the first shipment of Newfoundland Cabots also conveyed a reprint of the 6c pink.

Mr. Charles E. Jenney has an article in one of the philatelic papers, the substance of which is that location has much to do with the scarcity or the opposite of certain stamps, which is true. In the same article he says: "The surcharged provisional stamps of Hawaii have never been regarded in the East with an entirely lenient eye," etc. It is safe to say that where \$1.00 was put into Hawaii provisional stamps in the West, ten times that amount was invested in them from the East. And the stamps have always been great favorites with both dealers and collectors. In speaking of the official set, he says it got into considerable disrepute on account of the fad—of the stamps being cancelled to order. I would like to know where he obtained his information that the stamps were cancelled to order; for for one cancelled set sold in the East, there has been 100 sets sold, unused, original gum. I am afraid that the writer is not posted on affairs in the East.

S. E. L.

Newspaper Clippings.

Three instruments, two deeds and a mortgage, were received last Monday for record in the County Clerk's office, bearing revenue stamps to the amount of \$33,150. There were 663 \$50 stamps affixed to the three instruments. The first deed was executed by the Master in Chancery, appointed to sell the Union Pacific, Denver & Gulf railroad, to the re-organization committee, purchasers, and the second deed run from the re-organization committee to the Colorado & Southern Railroad Company, by whom the mortgage was executed.—From *The Weekly Courier*, of Fort Collins, Col.

NFW POSTAL SYSTEM FOR PORTO RICO.

Capt. W. H. Elliott, director of posts for Porto Rico, will sail from New York today for San Juan on the transport Mississippi, with two confidential assistants. He carries instructions to institute an independent form of postal government on the entire island March 15. This will be the adoption in its entirety of the postal system of this country and it will be identical with the postal system just introduced in Cuba. Orders were given yesterday for the printing of a complete set of stamps for Porto Rico, simply surcharging the United States stamps by printing the words "Porto Rico" across the face. The postal commission dispatched to Cuba to investigate and report recommendations submitted its report to the postmaster-general at Washington yesterday. The main points in re-organizing the service and Americanizing the management and methods of the post offices have already been published.

Mr. Stone sends us the above clipped "Washington dispatch," which appeared in the *Springfield Republican* of Feb. 16th, and asks: "Does this mean similar sets for the Philippines and Guam?"—Ed.

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I have a lot of good U. S. copper cents and half cents in good condition that I will exchange for U. S. Postage, Departments or Revenues, or would like offers of bound books in exchange. Have all dates in these coins except the very rare ones. Write me what dates you want and what you have to exchange. H. M. Shaw, Jamaica Plain, Mass. [2]

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GEORGE R. TUTTLE, Superintendent,
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At a recent meeting of the Executive Board of the Section on Philately, the ground thus far traversed by the different committees having in charge the Exhibition, was thoroughly gone over and found to be very satisfactory with the exception of the returns for exhibits, outside of New York state.

It is hoped collectors throughout the country from Maine to California and from the Arctic to the Gulf will respond to the invitation, as this is a grand opportunity to show at least a part of their collections to the public.

It should be remembered that the admission will be free to all, thus offering the non-collecting public a rare chance to view good stamps, which no doubt will be the means of starting many a new collection.

Collectors! Do your little mite and thus show your appreciation of the recognition of Philately as a science by such a world renowned institute of learning; fill in the application blanks sent broadcast throughout the United States and Canada, of your intentions to exhibit and if you have not received one, send a postal to 91 Grove St., and I will see that it be sent you at once.

The advertising patronage is very encouraging and it is hoped dealers throughout the Middle-West and West will be represented in the Official Catalogue of the Exhibition.

The Section would be pleased to hear, through the columns of the **WEEKLY ERA**, the views of collectors, on the action of the Board of Trustees of the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences in recognizing Philately as a science and a subject worthy of study, and inaugurating a Department, known as a Section on Philately.

It is hoped collectors generally will take more interest in the Section.

H. TOELKE.

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Philatelic Press Review.

By WM. C. STONE.

(Continued from page 183.)

Mr. Bach, publisher of the *Montreal Philatelist*, has been fortunate enough to pick up specimens of the 2 and 8 cents British Guiana of the first issue and illustrates them in the current number. Full particulars of the find will be given next month.

The stamps of Persia are to be written up in the *Philatelic Record* by C. Forbes, and the first chapter appears in the January issue. This is rather an unfashionable country but by no means uninteresting. Of the first issue it is stated that the following quantities were printed: 1sh violet, 3000; 2sh green, 5000; 4sh blue, 8000; 8sh carmine and vermilion, 6000. Of these hardly one quarter were used for it was soon discovered that there were no means of cancelling them and consequently they could be used several times. It is also said that the Persian printer struck off a large quantity for his own use in addition to those he did for the government!

Der Philatelist commences its twentieth year as full of good things as ever. Articles on Bulgaria, East Roumelia and Zululand form part of the contents. With the magazine comes the Statutes and Year Book of the Dresden Society which I shall review in a later letter.

Polski Filatelista has a New Year's poem which looks interesting. It starts as follows:

Co nam ten Nowy Rok znow przyniesie?
Anglicy, Francuzi, Niemcy, Hiszpanie.

But I forbear to give any more as I have some consideration for the feelings of Mr. Jewett's compositors.

Nearly three-quarters of the *Revista Philatelica do Brasil* is taken up with the priced catalogue of Brazilian entires. It is illustrated to some extent and is well worth careful study.

A history of fiscal stamps will be one of the leading features of *La Revue Postale* this year. It cannot fail to be of interest. A history of the Dresden society is commenced in the January issue and among other articles is a very valuable one by V. Flandrin on Nossi Be provisionals. There are 48 pages of reading matter and some dozen or so of advertisements.

The *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly* contains another article on the minor varieties of the 1883-96 issues of Queensland with diagrams of the differences very much enlarged. Such articles as this are in my

opinion just what we need in place of the lot so many of our papers fill their pages with.

Stamp Talk reprints the chapter from Robie's "Stamp Hunting" in which he gives an account of his great find (?) of 6 cent proprietary stamps and promises an additional chapter next month.

I think "Anon" had better look up the history of the Confederate stamps a little before he ventures to speak of London prints of the 20 cent stamp. Unless I am very much mistaken the only stamps engraved and printed in England were the 1 and 5 cent values. The 20 cent is known to exist with the imprint of Archer & Daly, Richmond, and with no imprint whatever, as Keating & Ball erased the former inscription when they took charge of the work.

The *Stamp Tribune* is a new arrival from S. P. Lev, Harriman, Tenn. Subscription 25 cents. It presents a very fair appearance but needs more solid articles.

Crawford Capen is at it again and the rejuvenated *Stamps* is now before us. It is the same size page as before but no longer caters to the juvenile collector entirely. One of the features of the magazine is to be an illustrated article showing minor varieties by means of photo reproductions. A revised version of Mr. Gremmel's articles on the same subject will also be a prominent feature. The price of the paper will be 50 cents but a choice of several premiums is given so that the net cost is somewhat less.

Our Rushden contemporary *Stamps* is just commencing its third volume also and makes a goodly showing. A very full descriptive list of the English post and letter cards has been commenced and F. A. Wickhart deals with the stamps which he considers are under-priced in Gibbons' new catalogue. The introductory chapter of a catalogue of Japanese fiscals is also given.

Another Confederate local envelope has been discovered by the *Virginia Philatelist*. It is said to have been issued by the postmaster at Franklin, N. C., and is typeset and cancelled with a distinct postmark. While it may no doubt be all right it will be well to await more particulars before accepting it positively. The Japanese article is growing more and more interesting as it progresses.

Poor Old Spain!

Few seem to care for her philatelically or otherwise. Now I like Spain and I want No. 5 (or No. 9) used, and Nos. 201a, 202 and 203. (Scott's 58th Ed. numbers.) Who can supply them?

EDWARD H. HALL,
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Philatelic Literature Collectors.

While I am not, strictly speaking, a collector of philatelic literature, I can easily understand why it is that there are many such. There is something very pleasing, not to say fascinating, about stamp publications, and it is no wonder they are collected. Do they not tell all about stamps, about new discoveries, great finds, etc? Is it not interesting to read of these things? And isn't it nice to have the old files on hand to refer to if occasion demands? And often we will wish to read a certain article two or even three times.

What a wealth of interesting reading there is in a few old volumes of stamp papers or magazines; and what a lot of information. True, there is lots of matter of no value, that was of only passing interest, but there is much that is valuable and worthy of preservation.

While I do not exactly collect philatelic literature, everything pertaining to stamps, or giving information about stamps, has always had a great interest for me, and I have for many years subscribed to as many stamp papers and magazines as I could conveniently afford, and have saved all the files complete. In addition, I have quite a library, comprising many works of reference, such as Tiffany's History of the Stamps of the United States, etc., etc., besides the annual stamp catalogues—of stamps, postal cards, stamped envelopes, plate number strips, etc. Even auction catalogues possess an interest for me, and I save them along with the rest, all going to make up a philatelic library—or collection, if you will, and which I would not part with for a considerable sum, I assure you.

So that I am more than half a philatelic literature collector, after all, and I certainly sympathize with collectors in this field. Some day, if I am able to do so, I am going to have a philatelic library—or collection, it's the same thing—that will be a sight good for sore eyes—or well ones either?

Every once in a while I see an offer of a lot of philatelic literature, and it makes my mouth water every time. Why cannot a fellow have what he wants? If it isn't something that it isn't right to have, it looks to me as if he ought to have it. It takes money to buy land, they say, however, and one cannot acquire a philatelic library without cost.

One may require a goodly number of volumes of stamp papers and magazines without great cost, however, by subscribing to the magazines while they are current. A year's subscription costs only from 10c to 50c, the average price being, probably, about 20c; so one may acquire a pretty good collection, in time, at no great outlay. * *

I have seen articles making sport of the philatelic literature branch of collecting, but such articles are entirely uncalled for, and the writers of such are not true philatelists.

at heart, or they would themselves have a liking for stamp publications. Your genuine, enthusiastic philatelic literature collector is the truest kind of stamp collector. It is his love for stamps and stamp collecting that has gotten him interested in collecting literature. The philatelic literature collector is a genuine, enthusiastic stamp collector every time.

And in this branch of collecting, as in the various branches of stamp collecting proper, the rule to apply is, does it give you pleasure? If it does, then collect philatelic literature.

We collect stamps because it gives us pleasure to do so, and it is not supposable that it is right and wise to collect stamps because it gives us pleasure, and wrong and foolish to collect philatelic literature, when it gives us just as much pleasure, perhaps.

But it is impossible to enjoy collecting stamp publications if we are not thoroughly in love with stamp collecting proper. If we were to lose our interest in stamp collecting, then we would lose our interest in philatelic literature collecting.

Take away the foundation from under a house and the house will fall to the ground. A love for stamp collecting is the foundation for the love of philatelic literature collecting, and the former gone the latter would quickly follow.

So, don't make sport of the philatelic literature collectors. They are the truest-hearted, most enthusiastic stamp collectors in the ranks. Because of their love for stamps, they wish to learn all they can about stamps. This can be done only by reading about stamps, and the reading matter is to be found only in stamp publications. They get the publications, read them, and learn to love them, thus becoming philatelic literature collectors.—*Tri-Monthly Collector*.

Correspondence.

[The editor wishes it distinctly understood that he does not hold himself responsible for assertions made under this head, nor does he necessarily sanction any ideas or opinions expressed. All are invited to contribute to this department, with the above understanding, and all communications deemed suitable or of interest to our readers will be published.]

To the Editor of the ERA:

Can you inform me if any full description of the differences in type of the 2c U. S. Columbian Envelope stamp has ever appeared, and if so will you kindly refer me to it or reprint it? I have noticed four or five distinct types, including conspicuous differences in the shape and size of the ornaments in the circle bearing the inscriptions, but I do not remember seeing these referred to as distinguishing different types.

WM. P. ANDERSON.

OTTAWA, CANADA.

In the ERA of July, 1893, Vol. VI. No. 11, appeared a comprehensive and complete list of the die varieties of the Columbian Envelope stamps. A limited number of

copies of this issue can be supplied at 10 cents each post paid.—ED.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Feb. 13, 1899.

Editor ERA:

As a suggestion to Scott or whoever may get out in the future any catalogue of stamps, I would suggest that such stamps as the one-half perf. 2c blue Playing Card, 50c Imp. Conveyance, in fact quite a list of others might be enumerated, be printed in the catalogue. If Scott has not got them in stock why not designate it by a *. Such an arrangement would help very many collectors and also establish a price on them. Would like to hear from other collectors on this point.

Yours sincerely,

H. F. SMITH.

RICHMOND, ILLS., Feb 8, 1899.

Editor of WEEKLY ERA:

Dear Sir: I have in possession a letter which has been around the world. It is a registered letter mailed at Richmond, Ills., Oct. 17, 1898, arrived in New York on Oct. 19, 1898, arrived in Feutsch, Germany, Oct. 31, 1898, forwarded to Manilla, Philippine. Arrived there on Dec. 15, 1898, and from there returned to writer, arriving at San Francisco, Cal., on Feb. 2, 1899, and arrived in Richmond, Ills., on Feb. 7, 1899.

From Germany it went via Mediterranean Sea, Suez Canal, Red Sea, Indian Ocean, and from Manilla it crossed the Pacific Ocean.

I used a large size 5-cent Columbian envelope. It has a 6-cent 1890 issue, 1 and 4-cent Columbian, 1-cent blue 1895 issue, and a 1-cent Omaha stamp; 18 cents in all. The postmarks are all very plain. It is in fact a curiosity. Would like to hear from other readers of the ERA who have letters which have been around the world.

Yours truly,

GUSTAV MILLER.

OTHER CANCELED-TO-ORDER U. S.

PENN YAN, N. Y., Feb. 14, 1899.

DEAR SIR:

Seeing in the New York items in the last ERA the account of the cancelled-to-order stamps of the *Youth's Companion* called to my mind the fact that I had a 1c blue of same kind found on a package of medicine from the west, also two 1c green cancelled "Lynn, Mass." in the same way as the *Companion's* stamps, and also a 3c purple cancelled vertically "St. Paul," and used on the seed catalogue of May & Co., St. Paul, Minn. All these stamps were received in such shape as to make it certain they were cancelled to order, and all were cancelled with the same style cancellation except the St. Paul, in which the style of letter differed.

Yours truly,

R. H. GRAHAM.

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The 291st regular meeting was called to order at 8.30 P. M., Dec. 2nd, 1899, with President Severn in the chair.

In the absence of the Secretary, John J. Oesch was appointed Secretary pro tem. Present: Messrs. Wolsieffer, Smack, Caird, Michaels, Lefever, Peters, Massoth, Schlieckert, Severn and Oesch. Visitors present were: Messrs. W. D. Hale and R. E. Baldwin.

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as read. The Fraud Investigation Committee's report was accepted.

Upon ballot Messrs. Errett H. Russell, 1221 Diversey Ave., Chicago, and Wm. H. Gardiner, 242 S. Jefferson St., Chicago, were elected to Active membership. Mr. D. T. Eaton, Muscatine, Iowa, was elected a Passive member.

The Governing Committee reported as follows: Accepted the resignation of Mr. Lewis Robie (No. 385).

Referred Mr. S. T. S. Doncvson's resignation as Secretary, to the open meeting, to get the members' views regarding same.

By vote of the society, Mr. Doncvson's resignation was laid on the table, until the next meeting. The Secretary was instructed to communicate the society's action to Mr. Doncvson.

Mr. Fred Michaels was requested to exhibit his collection at the next meeting.

On motion the meeting adjourned at 9.30 P. M.

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Written for the ERA.

Varieties

AND SOME THAT ARE NOT.

The line of demarcation between varieties and errors, freaks etc., is frequently overlooked by collectors. This in a measure tends to confuse, and sometimes help to

Canada's Rare Envelope

2c purple embossed, 1898, entire, unused, 60c.

Today's Offers:

Canada 2c carmine envelope, entire, unused... \$0.03
 Nova Scotia 8½c yellow green, mint state 1.25
 Canada 15c gray lilac, mint state20
 Uruguay Provisional ½c, 4 var., mint state..... .16
 Malta ½d buff, CC, mint state..... .18

Philippines

	1st.	2nd.
1881-88 10c on 2c carmine, unused, no gum, \$0.75	\$0.75	\$0.60
" 11 on 5c blue, used.....	.25	.20
" 1c on 2 4-8c ultra. unused no gum	.08	.06
" 16c on 2 4-8c " " " "	.50	.40
1882 16c on 21 blue, No. 370 " " "	.50	.75
" 6 2-8c on 12 4-8c blue, No. 274, un-		
used, no gum.....	.50	—
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bring on that hopeless despair of ever completing anything at all, the "blues of philately" which most of us have felt at times.

There are few errors arising from anything appertaining to the die or plate which are not clearly defined and described as such, an exception is the so-called 2-cent 1890 (U. S.), this is generally called a variety, when recognized at all, but should clearly be called an error since it was the manifest duty of someone to see that both plates and the stamps printed therefrom were perfect, had the inspection been careful these stamps would never have reached the public.

Tete beche stamps and those in the color of another denomination, inverted medallions etc., need never worry the collector because of the absence but should he possess one or more he can value it as a curiosity of more or less interest, originating in the stupidity of somebody and permitted by the carelessness of another.

When it comes to shades and colors the question becomes a very delicate one; radical changes like that from the purple lake of the 2-cent 1890 to the crimson of the later printings are clearly official and do not admit of question, but the slighter changes due evidently to experiments and careless mixing or cooking of the colors leave a wide range of selection to the collector. Personally I like to collect shades, when I can select from a number without paying fancy prices, but I do not believe in pricing "shades" in a catalogue as "varieties."

Without any technical knowledge of the number and variety of perforating machines manufactured, it would seem to me that too much attention has been paid to perforation varieties. Austria is an example with the extreme range of prices quoted on the 1867 issue variously perforated. There might be two different perforating machines running on the same issue of stamps one with the needles a trifle larger than the other and it seems absurd to class the stamps as two varieties.

The worst class of varieties however in my opinion are the surcharge varieties. Where the inscription is set in two different styles of type, such as the I. R. large and small on our provisional revenues, the variety is as genuine as if the die itself were differently engraved, but where a compositor puts a roman period after a gothic line, or where a careless pressman feeds a sheet upside down or a little off from the side gauge it is no more a variety than is a badly centered stamp a variety. Why collectors will allow themselves to be bamboozled into paying outrageous prices for imperfect copies is one of those things no fellow can tell.

Watermark varieties are all right when your eyes hold out and the cancellation is light enough to permit them to be distinguished, but although a good American I have never attempted to separate my 1894's and 1895 by that test.

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2c on 2 milésimas, flesh, 1894,	
5 centavos, blue-green, 1891,	
5c on 1 milésima, dark violet, 1891,	
5c on 1 milésima, blue, 1894,	

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5 milésimas, orange-brown,		
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3 centavos, dark-brown,		
5 centavos, carmine,		
6 centavos, dark blue,		
8 centavos, gray-blue,		
10 centavos, vermilion,		
15 centavos, slate-green,		
20 centavos, maroon,		
40 centavos, dark lilac.....	Price each. \$0.45	
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11	" 1 to 10c, used	..
12	" Columbian 8c, used (50)	3.00
13	New Brunswick 1c (10)	.80
14	" 12 1/2c	.75
15	Nova Scotia 3d, used	1.50
16	" 10c, used	2.00
17	" 8 1/2c unused, fine	2.50
18	New Brunswick 3d, damaged	4.50
19	" 6d	30.00
20	Newfoundland 1867 5c black, little off center	5.00
21	" 1876 2c, rolled, used, fine	1.50
22	" Cabots Complete Set, unused	3.79
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28	" 1sh, unused	.60
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31	" 4sh, "	3.50
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33	" 10sh, "	8.00
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" 1867-73 1c br'n violet [38]	2.50	.99
" 1867-73 3c vermilion [39]	4.00	2.00
" 1867-73 5c black [41]	5.00	1.99
" 1876 2c green [43]	1.50	.73
" 1876 3c blue [44]	1.00	.49
" 1876 5c blue [44]	.60	.27
" 1876 10c on 3c [84]	.75	.37
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" 1867 18kr red [19]	1.25	.62
Belgium 1850 10c blue [3]	.08	.05
" 1866 1fr lilac [27]	.85	.40
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Finland 1856 10k rose [2]	1.50	.70
France 1819-50 10k rose [18]	1.00	.48
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" 1889 10c on 1p [16]	.18	.09
" 1889 25c on 2p [17]	.50	.24
" 1889 25c on 2 1/2p [18]	.30	.15
" 1889 5p steel blue [20]	2.50	1.50
Great Britain 1847 1sh green [10]	.60	.29
" 1847 6p red violet [14]	.90	.44
" 1896 3/4, 1, 2 1/2 [376 to 378]	.45	.30
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Hanover 1859 64 3p green [20a]	6.00	2.85
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" 1859-64 3p brown [20]	.25	.12
*Ionian Island 1859 3/4p orange [1]	1.50	.72
" 1859 2p carmine [3]	.75	.37
*Italy 1890-91 5l blue and pink [69]	1.65	1.10
Lubeck 1803 6s 1sh orange [10]	2.50	1.00
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From a Special ERA Correspondent.

Passing Ships.

Schemmelpennik van der Oije (though his shadow may never grow less, oh, that his name might be shorter) is responsible for the publication of an official decree authorizing Dec. 14, the sale of a stock of Surinam and Netherlands stamps. The lot consisted of 2200 used also "a large number of entire sheets etc., containing errors, bad impressions and similar imperfections." All of which remind me of a congressional incident that expresses my sentiments in the light of events such as this.

Mr. Cobb of Texas was addressing the House in one of the great tariff debates, all the while making frequent inroads upon a dark, delectable decoction that was to be noticed upon his desk. His words flowed freely, but his draughts became so strong that towards the close of his argument his metaphors became somewhat mixed and once after quenching his thirst in a very liberal manner he returned to his argument only to find that he had lost its thread. Turning to the presiding officer, he asked in a helpless manner: "Mr. Speaker where am I at?"

I have had dealings with one or two condition cranks and I always end my relations with them very abruptly. I have no time or patience to deal with chromo fanciers who are masquerading under the guise of stamp collectors. A short time since I found a collector who returned stamps not just to his liking. Our relationship was brought to a close by this message: "We fear you are too fastidious a collector for us to carry on further business relations with you. Our well filled stock-books give tangible evidence that postage stamps were designed to perform postal duty and not simply to ornament stamp albums. We suggest that you try some firm whose stocks will enable you to secure the specimens you desire."

The Czarina Maria Orphan Asylum and Hospital of Russia has hit upon a money-making scheme that is unique and original. The government has sanctioned the issuance of a letter sheet for the Hospital, permitting its sale at a per cent. below face and allowing advertisements to be printed thereon. All of which will prove a great revenue raiser for the Czarina Maria.

As the ad writer struggles with his copy the thought uppermost in his mind is: "How can I win the dollars in my reader's pockets?" Of all the ads written, how many are really successful? I do not mean successful in having enough direct returns to pay the expenses of advertising. Few advertisements will do that. I call an advertisement successful that will secure the names of collectors with whom future business is possible, and any dealer by exercising a little care can win this success.

I think one reason why advertising is often unsuccessful is because copy is prepared in a hurry. There is plenty of time to look up want lists, entertain callers, fill up approval sheets or buy job lots, but no time to get copy ready for the printer. The result is, words are thrown together and chances taken that timely and winning offers are presented the purchasing public. I believe that the successful dealer-advertiser is one who attaches just as much importance to handling his ad copy as he does his office customer.

I noticed a very good ad in a recent ERA by B. L. Drew & Co. It cited a number of bargains under the heading "Cold Snaps. Chili Snaps." The "cold snaps" were Iceland stamps. W. Ledyard Scott had a unique ad in the last two issues in which he offered certain accounts for sale, surrounding the same with a heavy black border, and soliciting correspondence with fellow mourners. The ads of the Colonial Stamp Co. always have a distinctiveness that is refreshing.

I have had a complaint entered against Mr. Luhn, referred to in the ad of Mr. Scott, by Chas. Roemer, San Antonio, Texas. I should not give the matter this wide publicity had not Mr. Roemer clearly established his claim. It does seem too bad that men are permitted to boldly defraud their associates and correspondents and go unmolested.

Just a few comments on Canadian matters: I note a despatch to one of our papers that the printing of "maps" has been discontinued. If so what a scramble there will be to stock up.—The $\frac{1}{2}$ c Jubilee is quoted at \$14 per hundred. It does not seem probable that the price will go lower than this figure, and at this figure I judge it to be a good investment.—An ERA cor-

respondent suggests that the Canadian government will print more of the 2c purple envelopes in order to accommodate those who desire them. How very obliging the government would be, and how ridiculous the action of philatelists! I don't see how one can blame the government for doing what philatelists themselves instigate.

There is one phase of ad writing that I did not touch upon in my running comment. I refer to that work where a large amount of thought and care has been put in and a seemingly successful advertisement is the result. I say "seemingly successful" for the appearance of the same upon the printed page does not bring the desired results. That advertisement may have been well written, pleasing to the eye, an original conception; but with all that, overlooking two important factors may prove fatal to its success. I refer to prices at which stamps are offered, and what I term their seasonableness. I would magnify these two factors as fundamental of successful advertising, and if you try them you will watch with the pleasure of an architect who views the progress of the construction of the creation of his brain, the results that will follow.

Mr. Rothfuchs uses ERA space liberally and writes a good ad. If he has one in this Special "make a note of it."

PURITAN.

From an Occasional Correspondent.

Notes on Stamps.

Canada continues to keep us all guessing. Hardly had we recovered from the shock given us by the two-cent purple envelope when the three-cent envelope and letter cards surcharged 2c are sprung upon us. The reason given for the surcharge is of course the new letter rate which rendered the three-cent stationery no longer of any use. I first learned of the surcharge on Feb. 14th, and the first specimen at hand came in my mail of Feb. 18th. The surcharge is not a very handsome affair and consists of a large figure 2 and small letter c about parallel with the vertical curve of the 2. It is applied with a hand stamp in blue-black ink.

I am informed that the Post Office Department will surcharge any 3-cent stationery

presented and refund the difference in cash. Whether any time limit within which such stationery must be presented has been set, I have been unable as yet to ascertain. The main trouble I am told is to get the necessary stationery. It seems to have disappeared like snow before the sun, and hardly a three-cent envelope or letter card, I am told, is to be found throughout the Dominion. A week or so before I learned of the intended surcharge, I sent an order for a small supply of 3-cent envelopes to one of the large offices in the Dominion and was unable to get it filled. Correspondents in a number of places advise me that there are none to be had at the post offices. It seems as though the Canadian Postal Department must have a working system of mental telepathy rivaling the famous secret telegraph of India which so mystified the British authorities during the Sepoy rebellion. One correspondent who ought

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2c Express, ".....10
2c Insurance, ".....	.15	.05

First Issue, Perf.	Cat. Price.	My Price.
2c Playing Cards, blue.....	.40	.15
2c Proprietary, orange, fair.....	2.00	.45
3c Telegraph, fair.....	.12	.03
3c Playing Cards, fair.....	.35	.09
5c Proprietary, fair.....	1.50	.37
5c " silk paper.....	2.50	.45
6c Inland Exchange, fair.....	.25	.75
10c Foreign Exchange.....	.60	.24
15c ".....	.75	.28
50c ".....	.60	.24
\$1.00 Probate of Will.....	1.75	.60
5.00 Mortgage, fair.....	1.00	.33

Second Issue	Cat. Price.	My Price.
3c blue and black.....	.50	.19
20c " ".....	.25	.09
30c " ".....	1.00	.40
40c " ".....	.75	.30
70c " ".....	.85	.34
\$3.00 " ".....	.75	.30

Third Issue	Cat. Price.	My Price.
4c brown and black, fair.....	1.50	.45
6c orange " ".....	1.50	.45
15c brown " ".....	.60	.18
30c orange " ".....	.40	.15
40c brown " ".....	1.00	.40
70c green " ".....	.75	.30
\$1.00 green " ".....	.10	.03
10.00 " " fine.....	4.00	1.05

1878 Proprietary, 5c black, wmk.....	3.00	1.20
1878 " " 1c, rouletted, fair.....	1.25	.25
Playing Cards 2c orange, Dougherty, fair	2.50	.75
" " 2c lake, "On Hand," unused	.15	.04
50c Original Process, silk, per 10.....	2.00	.25

Navy, 2, 3, 12 and 24c, fair.....	6.85	2.00
P. O., 1, 2, 6, 12, 30 and 90c, fair.....	4.53	1.40
1847 5c, fair.....	.85	.25
1851 10c, ".....	1.00	.30
" 2c, ".....	.75	.20
" 6c, ".....	.15	.04
" 5c, ".....	.75	.20
1864-66 5c red-brown, unused o. g.....	20.00	5.50
1847 5c and 10c Gov. Reprints.....		3.50

UNUSED WAR REVENUES.

Documentary, 1/2, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10 & 1/2 orange, Proprietary, 1/2, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 20, 25, 4, 5c, 1/2 orange brown and 1/2 plum.....	.28
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to know something about it writes he does not think there is a very large stock of the three-cent stationery in existence. If this is so and no considerable numbers are unearthed in the various offices, big and little of the Dominion, then the surcharges may prove quite scarce stamps, but it seems just a little doubtful if they will prove of any real rarity. The scarcity will of course depend upon the number available for surcharging and it is too early in the day to form any accurate estimate of that, if indeed we can ever ascertain, unless the P. O. Department either officially or unofficially gives out information as to the number surcharged.

Regarding the two-cent purple envelopes I am informed that there will be no re-issue. One correspondent recently wrote me that he could not get any official declaration of the number issued but believes it did not exceed ten thousand, that being what the Department says unofficially.

Some of my readers may recall that in my notes last fall, in speaking of the Canadian stamps type A20 to A29, I mentioned three distinct shades of the 10c type A24 not including the rose lilac 1873. I designated them as lake, carmine red, and brownish vermilion red. I see Gibbons lists three shades, viz.: rose priced at \$1.50, carmine red and brown red, priced at 25c each.

Some time ago I saw it stated that the only printing of the Canada 2c Xmas coming with plate number one was the first or "lavender" printing. The first sheet of the second printing which I received came on Dec. 16th, and was from plate number one. About the most remarkable bit of information I have seen regarding these stamps is given by the *Montreal Philatelist* which says: "There are four distinct shades of the sea on these stamps, lavender, white, light blue and Prussian blue. The four shades can in some cases be found all in one sheet."

Now if each shade in these remarkable sheets only came on a different paper, say laid, wove quadrille and perule, what a sheet we would have.

Mr. Henry A. Chapman wrote me Feb. 18th that in two weeks in Hartford orders were received at the post office for 140 sets of the periodical stamps or one set to about every 500 of Hartford's population. However badly our disgusted Boston friends may feel over the decision to sell them at five dollars a set there is no gainsaying the fact that no decision more generally popular with collectors could have been made.

Comparing their sale at less than face to the sale of regular postal issues at less than face is an analogy about as illogical as could be drawn.

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No. 23. 10 Cuba, Alphonso XIII. Catalogue 78c.....	Price 55c
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The Postal Card Reporter No. 3
 which may be had free for the asking.

A. LOHMEYER,
 922 N. Gilmor St., BALTIMORE, MD.

From a Special ERA Correspondent.

News of a Big Stamp Find South.

A thorough and systematic canvass for stamps has recently been made in this city including many old business houses, homes, and legal offices, the result of which I had the good luck to see and examine. The Find consisted of the following stamps, as I remember them. Numbers mentioned are from Scott's 58th Catalogue. One Athens Local No. 1, A1, purple, used on original cover, variety with large loop in perfect condition. Another copy of the Athens Local, same as previously mentioned, on part of the original cover, variety with small loop. Another Athens No. 2, A2, red, used on original cover, a fine, beautiful, perfect copy of this great rarity. The last mentioned Athens is the only one ever seen here and is very, very rare, its value being \$500.00. The above mentioned stamps you will note form a complete set of the Athens provisional issue. It said they are the only ones discovered here in many years, and are in a wonderful state of preservation. One Macon Local 5 cent, buff, No. 47, A3, was next shown me. It was on the original cover, not cancelled however, as the cancellation impression did not touch it, in very good condition. This stamp is very rare, but has been seen here in the past. I do not think it near as rare as the red Athens and is not in the same condition. Another Macon 5 cent, black on green paper, No. 45, A1, used on original cover, fine copy. One Memphis 5 cent, No. 56, A2, on original cover, good condition; on the same cover another Memphis, but damaged very badly.

Next came unsevered horizontal strip of five New Orleans 2 cent, blue, No. 65, A1, on original, all clear copies with light cancellation. Two New Orleans 5 cent brown, No. 70, A2, on bluish paper, unsevered, and on original cover. Six covers with a New Orleans 5 cent brown, No. 67, A2, on each, were next shown, and the condition of all was very good. Several Charleston Locals were found on covers, also a fair number of the General Issue of the Confederate stamps, but these I cannot recall. Strange to say very few U. S. stamps were gotten, represented by the 5 and 10 cent issue of 1847. This hunt and find was the largest ever known in this city and the catalogue value of the stamps found, I was told, amounted to \$1176.55. A remarkable fact appeared in the prime condition of the rarities found. The Athens as described, being in a magnificent state of perfectness. It is safe to say that many of these stamps will never find their way to market, as they are now in the hands of a prominent local specialist in Confederate stamps. I saw most of them reposing in his special album for Provisional in company with many other good things.

A AUGUSTA, GA., CORRESPONDENT.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Washington Notes.

Wednesday, February 22nd.

The Provisional stamps for Porto Rico were shipped yesterday. It is not the intention of the government to get out a distinctive set for Porto Rico as they are doing for Cuba.

Plate number collectors will have some more business on hand now, filling up the Porto Rico sets, and if the government surcharges stamps for our other new possessions they will soon have to hire a hall in which to keep their collections.

It was stated at the Post Office Department yesterday that they would commence shipping the Periodical stamps Thursday. The stamps will then be on sale in most of the Eastern cities by Saturday.

In looking over some foreign stamps that just reached the State Department, I noticed a few copies of the two rupees fifty cents, Ceylon, black and red, same design as the old issue, which I have not seen chronicled.

Mr. H. F. Dunkhorst intends leaving Sunday evening for the North, on stamp business.

From an Occasional Correspondent.

"Philately as a Science."

The *Mail and Express* of New York, on Feb. 11th, published an article entitled "Philately as a Science" with three excellent half-tone illustrations. The subject matter related to the recognition of stamp collecting by the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences which has been fully set forth in the ERA and the forthcoming Exhibition under the auspices of the Section on Philately.

One of the cuts shows the 10, 25 and 50F Obocks; 1 and 2F Djiboutis; 25 and 50F Somali Coast; 6, 10 and 12d Canada; 100c Bolivia; 90c Justice; Vertical pair 90c 1869; 2c Mobile and 2c New Orleans and is described as "A Page From a Stamp Collector's Album" (1) and a note is added that the stamps shown here are valued at \$825; those from the Somali Protectorate being especially valuable.

Another cut has some original covers which do not all show up well, while the third has beautiful reproductions of the \$5 Proprietary and the \$500 2d issue Revenue together with a 2c inverted medallion among others.

Altogether the article will tend to awaken interest in the now officially recognized "science."

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The 292nd regular meeting was called to order at 8.20 P. M., Feb. 16th, 1899, with Mr. C. E. Severn, President, in the chair. Present: Messrs. C. E. Severn, Schlieckert, Massoth, Oesch, Smack, Michaels, Lefever, Wolsieffer, Pierce and Doncyson. Visitors present: Messrs. W. B. Hale and Lewis Robie.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

Mr. P. M. Wolsieffer, chairman of the Committee on Investigation of Frauds, reported that all claims against Harry Cohen had been paid by the boy's father; and that progress was being made on the other cases.

The Committee appointed to look up Amendments of the Constitution and By-Laws reported progress.

Motion prevailed that reports be accepted. Motion prevailed that a committee be appointed to look for suitable rooms as our lease expires May 1st. Committee: Messrs. Schlieckert, Massoth and Doncyson.

Mr. Chas. Smack, Librarian, was instructed to open negotiations with the Chicago Public Library, and ascertain under what conditions, if any, they would take charge of our Library.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9.40 P. M., after which a pleasant hour was spent in reviewing Mr. Fred Michael's magnificent collection.

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DORCHESTER, MASS., Feb. 20, '99.

Editor ERA:

I have noticed the items in the ERA on cancelled-to-order stamps. I received several days ago a one-cent green, 1898 issue, cancelled to order vertically, "St. Paul," evidently similar to the 3c purple noted in the last issue of the ERA. This was received on an advertisement of *The Farm Students' Review*, St. Anthony Park, Minn.

Very truly,
H. S. ADAMS.

A COLLECTION OF CANCELLED-TO-ORDER U. S.

4417 Gibson Ave.,
ST. LOUIS, Mo., Feb. 15, '99.

W. W. JEWETT, Esq.,
Dear Sir: I would like to make some remarks concerning the "cancelled to order" stamps to which your New York correspondent alludes. I have for several years already paid close attention to those "cancelled to order" stamps and have so far obtained the following: 1c blue and green, 2c and 3c Boston horizontal cancellation; Minneapolis, 1c green and 2c, diagonal; St. Paul, 1c blue, 3c purple, vertically; Lynn, Mass., 1c green, horizontal; Racine, Wis., 1c green, 2c, and 5c blue, vertical; Milwaukee, Wis., 1c green, 4c brown, the former plain, the latter with a bar above Milwaukee.

Very truly yours,
FRED FUESSEL.



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Membership Summary.

Membership last report	710
New Stockholders	6
Present membership	716

WM. N. HOWE, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE SALES DEPARTMENT.

GEORGE R. TUTTLE, Superintendent,
87 Nassau St.

New York City, Feb. 18th, 1899.

1,055 books of stamps in circulation according to my report of Feb. 11th, valued at \$33,538 98
15 books received since Feb. 11th, valued at 232 98
31 books retired since Feb. 11th, valued at (from which has been sold \$393.27)..... 1,100 28

\$33,771.96

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Philatelic Press Review.

By Wm. C. Stone.

February papers unless noted otherwise. Annonce Philatelique, January, Vol. V. No. 47. Briefmarken Sammler, Vol. IX. No. 2. Coleccionador de Sellos, January, Vol. IV. No. 1. Eastern Philatelist, Vol. XXII. No. 6 (132). Ewen's Weekly Circular, (61). Filatelic Facts and Fallacies, January, Vol. VII. No. 4 (76). Filatelico Comercial, December, Vol. III. (29). Francobollo, Vol. VII. (78). Friedl's Briefmarken Offertenblatt, January, Vol. II. No. 3. Herald Exchange, Vol. V. No. 6 (30). Illustriertes Briefmarken Journal, Vol. XXVI. No. 3. Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News, Vol. XIII. No. 7 (424). Melita Philatelic Chronicle, Vol. II. No. 2. Metropolitan Philatelist, Vol. X. Nos. 23, 24. Perforator, Vol. II. No. 12. Philatelic Chronicle, January, Vol. VIII. No. 4. Philatelic Monthly, Vol. XXV. No. 2 (290). Revista de la Sociedad Filatelica Argentina, November, Vol. IV. No. 11 (49). Revue Philatelique Francaise, January, Vol. X. (98). Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly, Vol. V. No. 114. Stampman, Vol. IV. No. 3 (19). Stamp Reporter, January, Vol. II. No. 5. Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal, January, Vol. IX. (103). Timbre Poste, January, February, Vol. XXXVII. (433, 434). Tri-Monthly Collector, Vol. I. No. 5. Timbrophile Poitevin, Vol. IV. (46).

L'Annonce Philatelique which was formerly printed on pink paper has changed to a very cheap grade of white paper which contrasts strongly with the supplement which is still printed on pink. Better go back to pink, friend Carteret.

O Coleccionador de Sellos has adopted a new cover design with its fourth volume. The contents are about as usual, a half tone cut of 17 of the 90 reis first issue Brazil being the most striking thing I have noticed. A novelty is the addition of a four-page supplement printed in German and devoted to collectors of illustrated cards.

Raymond Baker continues his "African Ambrotype" in the Eastern Philatelist and gives a very readable and accurate sketch of the issues of Natal. In speaking of the first issue however he mentions the fact that in 1858 the 1 penny revenue was

printed from the same die as the 1 penny of the postal issue. As a matter of fact it was the other way. The fiscal stamps were issued as early as 1854 and their dies were utilized (on different papers however) to supply the postal needs. The set of fiscals includes some twenty-five values, and specimens of the lower ones are by no means rare. They were issued perforated January 2, 1869.

The "Supplementary Catalogue," which was one of the features of the defunct Boston Stamp Book, continues the 38th edition Catalogue and its Supplement. It is a very handy little list and well worth perusing. [This list is reprinted entire elsewhere in this issue for the benefit of the host of ERA readers who do not read the E. P.—ED.]

El Filatelico Comercial, hailing from San Jose, Costa Rica, is a sixteen-page magazine of which ten and a half pages are given up to reading matter. The quality of the contents is good as far as I have been able to sample it. Typographically it might be somewhat improved, but as it is a "local print" we can excuse that. Come again.

Il Francobollo moralizes somewhat over philatelic journals and enumerates some of the Methuselah's amongst them. Heading the list is of course Le Timbre Poste which looks back upon 36 years; next in order comes the Illustriertes Briefmarken Journal 25 years, Philatelic Record 20 years, Der Philatelist 19 years, Le Collectionneur de Timbre Poste 18 years (irregular at one time), Das Postwertzeichen 18 years, L'Echo de la Timbrologie 12 years, etc. Of those which have passed their eighth, ninth or tenth birthdays there are quite a number, although I miss the American Journal of Philately which has just finished the eleventh volume of its second series. Lots of our papers have high volume numbers but most of them represent six-month volumes and some even less than that. A complete file of the papers named above would be a valuable library for a philatelist to own, and would supply a vast amount of information.

Senf Brothers have commenced the publication of a series of articles dealing with the issues of the native Indian states since 1895 in the current number of their magazine Illustriertes Briefmarken Journal. It is illustrated and will be of interest to those collecting such stamps.

The essay on the Stamps of Malta continues to be the leading article in the Melita Philatelic Chronicle etc. Although it is not as good as it ought to be, it brings out many little facts concerning these stamps which are news to many. The scarcity of the 1/4 penny buff, Crown C A, is explained by the statement that at retiring postmaster general, knowing that

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the color was to be changed soon after he went out of office, thought it would be a good speculation to buy up the stock on hand and did so. Consequently the C A stamps are not to be met with in the island, although they are common enough elsewhere. It is stated that £40 worth of the 1/2 penny stamps were ordered at a time.

The *Perforator* has just closed its second volume and it will make a plump one of some 340 pages. From a literary point of view I do not think it is quite so good a journal as it used to be when Mr. Chapman owned it. There is plenty of reading matter, but too much of it is of little value philatelically, and then the way in which the advertisements are scattered about detracts from the good looks of the paper. Miss Swift has a good article on "Overlooked Varieties" which is deserving the attention of all. There should be more articles of this character. I trust a title page and index will be issued for the volume.

The *Philatelic Chronicle* has never been noted for its wealth of news or solid articles, but it does seem rather too bad to copy verbatim articles on Cuba and Puerto Rico which appeared in *Mekeel's Weekly* of a recent date, without crediting that paper, although they do give the author's name.

Were I to note all the good things in the *Philatelic Monthly* it would probably result in a complete reprint of the magazine. While it may be a "house organ," it certainly publishes more real items of interest than many of the so-called independent papers. One item that may be of especial interest is the result of the editor's inspection of Giessmann's directory of stamp collectors. The work contains among other things the names of the active collectors possessing the largest collections of postage stamps. Among others are the following: A. Treichel 36,000, J. Lindmann 32,000, A. Metzner 28,000, J. Ott 19,000, including both used and unused. R. Kortenbach has 14,000, unused and F. W. Kohn 11,000. The most valuable collection in Germany is not the largest however. It belongs to Dr. von Mutzenbecher, Counselor of Legation, and it is valued at more than \$500,000. The largest collection in Austria is that of Dr. A. Knizek of Reichenberg.

Four more pages of the catalogue of Argentine fiscals are given with the *Revista* of the Buenos Aires Society. Eduardo Tardaguila has also an elaborate article on the 1864 issue of Uruguay. A number of official documents bearing on the issue are given.

The "Revue des Revues" of the *Revue Philatelique Francaise* is conducted on a plan which deserves imitation. Instead of taking up the papers and reviewing each by itself as most reviewers do, it is arranged by countries, and items of interest concerning the stamps etc., of such country are condensed and there given so that if you are interested in certain countries you can see at a glance what has appeared in the papers of the world. At the close of the year these items are all included in the tabular index spoken of by me in a recent review. I may make a break myself and try once or twice a review on these lines if Mr. Jewett doesn't object. The *American Journal of Philately* and the *Post Office* have departments which are quite similar but not gotten up in exactly the same style.

The Queensland article is brought to a close in the *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly*. Articles on Hongkong and Crete are promised for the next and subsequent issues. The article on the former is inspired by a work which has just appeared and concerning which I had not heard.

An item of interest to many of our readers will be found in *Le Timbre Poste* for January. It was announced some time ago that in consequence of the American Bank Note Company having secured the contract for printing the Canadian stamps, that we should probably have new sets of revenue as well as postage stamps. The expected has come to pass it seems, and we learn of it from Belgium in place of one of the half dozen or more Canadian papers which are far too busy with politics and bragging about themselves to look out for such happenings! The New Brunswick Probate stamps were not listed in any paper for some two years after they had appeared, although a St. John collector was able to give me the full facts concerning them when I published a query in *Mekeel's Weekly*.

The new stamp is a 10 cent Supreme Court similar in general get up to the former issue but differing much in details. The head of the Queen is the Jubilee portrait to left in a rectangular frame with curved top. Above is the word CANADA and below LAW STAMP. The numerals of value appear in each corner and the value also appears in words in two places. The stamp is printed in blue with red control numbers. Whether the other values are out or not is uncertain. The inscription "Series of 1897," appears in small type below the portrait.

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Our weekly sensation was duly on tap last week, in the shape of surcharges, Canada's first offence, but an aggravated case. The Post Office Department announced that any holders of 3c envelopes or letter cards might send them in to the postage stamp branch, and have them surcharged, and re-issued as 2c emissions, the difference in value being made good by an additional supply of surcharged stationery or in some other equivalent stamps.

It was not anticipated that a very large supply of 3c stationery was on hand, and consequently the arrangements for surcharging are of the most primitive description. Stamps of soft rubber bearing the figures 2c are provided, and the surcharge is put on by hand, the stamps being inked on black pads. The consequence is that the work is ill done, and we have as many varieties of surcharge as there are impressions, with quantities of ink varying from a black blue to a light grey. I have seen one envelope with the surcharge on sidewise reading from bottom to top.

Independently of the variations in printing, there are two types of surcharge. In the first, which I shall christen the "capital surcharge," the figure 2 is 10½ mm. high by 8 wide, the heavy parts of the figure being 2 mm. thick, the thin parts ¾ mm. The C is a capital letter 4½ x 3½ mm. There was only one stamp of this type, and when it had been in use for two or three days the difference in type was noticed and the stamp was destroyed. Any stationery surcharged with it will be exceedingly rare.

The other type, which I suggest should be called the "lower case surcharge," has a similar figure 2 but the C is a heavy face lower case letter 4 x 3½ mm. It is possible that there may be varieties of this type, as there are several stamps in use, but the printing is so badly done, and the stamps so subject to distortion by pressure, that one cannot depend on either inspection or measurement, a change in pressure in printing altering the appearance of the surcharge very materially.

The following stationery is liable to be surcharged: 3c Envelope B. A. B. N. Co.'s print Nos. 1 and 2; 3c Envelope, Printing Bureau print; 3c Letter Card, B. A. B. N. Co.'s print; 3c Letter Card, Am. B. N. Co.'s print. I doubt if any of the old envelopes were surcharged with the "capital surcharge," but I know that some of the old letter cards and new envelopes have it.

A rumour was afloat last week that it was intended to print a further supply of the purple envelopes. So far as I can ascertain it was originated by some parties who had failed to secure any, and wished to bear the market. These envelopes were issued in the regular way, as long as they

lasted, to all offices filing requisitions for 2c stamped envelopes, but a week's requisitions exhausted the stock on hand, and the issue of the red ones followed regularly.

W. P. A.

Our correspondent encloses the above notes on a surcharged envelope of the Printing Bureau print, for which thoughtfulness he has our thanks.—ED.

The Collectors Club.

351 Fourth Ave., New York.

Minutes of the Board of Governors held at the Club February 13, 1899.

35th MEETING.

Present, Messrs J. W. Scott, Albert Perrin, John N. Luff and J. H. Stebbins, Jr. Meeting called to order at 8.45, Mr. John N. Luff, acting as Chairman.

In the absence of the Secretary, the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was dispensed with.

The Treasurer's report was then read and approved, showing \$515.53 cash balance on hand.

The report of the Chairman of the House Committee was then read and accepted.

The report of the special Committee on the purchase of books was read and accepted.

Mr. Luff then announced the following donations to the Club. One Vol. *American Journal of Philately* for 1898, presented by the Scott Stamp and Coin Company. One Vol. of the postal issues of Hawaii, presented by Mr. A. W. Dunning, which were accepted with thanks.

The following candidates were then balloted for, and duly elected stock holders of the Club.

Mr. Louis Ruhl, 174 St. Nicholas avenue, proposed by J. W. Scott, and seconded by Henry Clotz. Mr. Paul Stiepmann, Park Avenue Hotel, proposed by N. Dieschbourg, and seconded by P. F. Bruner.

It was then moved that the Secretary be requested to call a special meeting for Saturday evening, February 18, at 8 o'clock, to discuss the advisability of securing new quarters for the Club.

There being no further business the meeting then adjourned.

JAMES H. STEBBINS, JR.,
Secretary pro tem.

Editor W. P. ERA:

The Governors desire to give publicity to the following letter and request its publication.

Yours truly,

J. M. ANDREINI.

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND ART,
Kildare Street,
DUBLIN.

8th Jan., 1899.

DEAR SIR:

As you may have learned from communications of mine to the *London Philatelist*, the late Duke of Leinster has left his collection of stamps to the National Museum here, and the Executors have asked me to arrange and mount it for exhibition purposes.

The collection contains only stamps issued prior to 1870, but the Directors of the Museum are anxious that such a valuable exhibit should, if possible, be completed; by adding the issues from 1870 to date.

The Consul for the United States here has made every effort to procure from the

Postmaster General of your Country proofs or specimen copies of the earlier issues and sets of the current ones, but the reply received was that there were no stamps available for such purposes. I always understood that the Post Office Department held a large lot of proofs and specimen copies of the U. S. issues, but perhaps we have applied to the wrong Department. We are greatly disappointed at the refusal, as the Governments of Russia, Denmark, France, Switzerland, Roumania, Austria and in fact all the European stamp issuing countries have forwarded sets of the various issues in stock, as well as in many cases official reprints of earlier issues, and we have also received a great deal of help from individual collectors, but you will see that to make the collection anything like complete will require a lot of assistance.

I venture to communicate with you with the hope that you will be able to put me in the way of acquiring for the Museum a set of proofs or specimen copies of the earlier U. S. stamps and also that should any of the members of your Society be so inclined they might be afforded the opportunity of aiding us in the completion of the U. S. adhesives. I shall be pleased to send you a list of the U. S. stamps in the collection should you desire but practically we want everything from the 1869 issue on.

I remain,

Yours etc,

(signed) WM. R. LANE JOYNT.

J. M. ANDREINI, Esq., Sec'y,
New York.

Thirty-sixth meeting of the Board of Governors held at the Club House, pursuant to special call on Saturday, February 18, 1899.

Present: Messrs. Thorne, Bruner, Calman, Luff, Perrin, Scott, Stebbins and the Secretary.

Called to order by President Thorne, at 8.30 P. M., when the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

It was moved, seconded and carried, that the election of Mr. J. J. O'Donohue, as a subscribing member on January 9, 1899, should be recorded as his election as a stockholder.

The thanks of the Club were extended to the publishers of the *Pennsylvania Philatelist*, received at the Club up to August, 1898, but accidentally omitted from previous list.

The Secretary read letters from Messrs. Meyenberg, Joynt, Gooch and Kissinger, and he was instructed regarding same.

The Committee on purchase of books was authorized to complete the proposed purchase of books from Mr. Deats.

The question of new headquarters was thoroughly discussed and a committee appointed to search for a suitable house and report thereon without delay. The Chairman named Messrs. Bruner, Luff, Perrin and Stebbins as such committee with power to add to their number.

The Governors agreed to meet again next Thursday evening, February 23, at eight o'clock.

Adjourned at 9.45 P. M.

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UNITED STATES.

- 4c red-brown.
- 6c magenta.
- 10c terra cotta.
- 15c sage green.
- Envelopes, new design, white paper.
- 1c pale green.
- 2c lake red.
- 1c pale green. Blue paper.
- 2c lake red.
- Documentary Revenues, rouletted.
- 40c steel blue.
- 50c pale brown.
- \$.30 red.

AFGHANISTAN.

- Registration, Imperf.
- 2ab black, magenta.

AUSTRIA LEVANT.

- Perf. 13.
- 50p on 5kr rose.
- 1pi on 10kr blue.

BAHAMAS.

- A3 1sh blue green.

BELGIUM.

- N4 2c red brown.
- A23 50c black.

BRAZIL.

- Provisional (on newspaper).
- N2 200r on 100r.

BRITISH EAST AFRICA.

- Provisional (on Zanzibar).
- 1a black, blue, and red (red surcharge).

CANADA.

- Jubilee Stamp (map).
- 2c black, carmine and lavender.
- 2c " " pale greenish blue.
- 2c " " deep turquoise blue.
- Wrapper.
- A3a 1c green.

CEYLON.

- A15 2r 50c, rose-violet.

CHILE.

- A4 30c carmine.

CHINA.

- Provisional.
- \$.5 on 3c red.

CUBA.

- Provisional (on U. S.).
- 1c on 1c green.
- 2c on 2c red.
- 2½c on 2c red.
- 3c on 3c purple.
- 5c on 5c blue.
- 10c on 10c terra cotta.

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ECUADOR.

- Provisional (on revenue).
- 5c on 50c violet (green surch.).
- 10c on 20c orange.
- 20c on 50c violet.
- 20c on 50c violet (red surch.).
- Wrappers.
- E1 2c yellow.
- 3c blue.

FERNANDO PO.

- Provisional (on revenue).
- 15c on 10c green.
- Same (blue surch.).
- 50c on 2c rose.

FRANCE.

- A15 10c black, violet (type I.).

GERMAN S. W. AFRICA.

- Closed surch., no hyphen.
- A1 3pf brown.
- 5pf green.
- A2 10pf carmine.
- 20pf blue.
- 25pf orange.
- 50pf red-brown.

GIBRALTAR.

- Re-issues and color changes.
- A6 ½p green.
- A7 1p rose.
- A8 2p purple and blue.
- A9 2½p blue.
- A8 4p red-orange and green.
- 6p purple and carmine.
- 1sh light brown and carmine.

GUATEMALA.

- Provisionals (on A13).
- A13 1c on 10 red.
- 1c on 25c orange.
- 1c on 50c olive green.
- 1c on 75c carmine (red surch.).
- 6c on 10c red.
- 6c on 20c green.
- 6c on 100c brown.
- 6c on 150c dark-brown (red surch.).
- Provisionals (on revenues).
- 1c dark blue (red surch.).
- 2c on 1c dark blue (red surch.).
- 2c on 1c aniline rose.
- 2c on 5c carmine.
- 2c on 50c blue (red surch.).
- 6c on 1p purple.
- 6c on 5p
- 6c on 10p dark emerald.

HAYTI.

- 1c blue (portrait).
- 2c orange
- 3c green
- 4c red (arms).
- 5c brown-violet (portrait).
- 7c slate-gray (portrait).
- 8c carmine (arms).
- 10c red (portrait).
- 15c olive (arms).
- 50c brown-lilac (portrait).
- 1 gourde violet

HONDURAS.

- 1c orange (arms).
- 2c pale blue (arms).

INDIA.

- Dhar.
- ¾a carmine (elephants).
- Envelope.
- ¾a ultramarine (elephants).

ITALY.

- Due Stamp.
- U3 1l blue and carmine.

MEXICO.

- Thick Unwatermarked Paper.
- A20 1c green.
- 2c carmine.
- 3c yellow-brown.
- A21 4c orange.
- A22 5c ultramarine.
- A23 10c rose-lilac.
- A21 15c olive.
- A23 15c blue-green.
- 20c brown-lilac.
- 50c violet.
- A24 1p brown.
- 10p deep blue.

NEWFOUNDLAND.

- A30 2c orange-red.
- (Note: There is no "2c carmine.")

NEW SOUTH WALES.

- A39 2½p blue.

PARAGUAY.

- A12 10c on 40c dark blue.

PERSIA.

- Registration.
- 1 shahi red.
- Same, used for postage.

PERU.

- Provisional (on due stamp).
- Surch'd "Expendio Lima."
- 5c red.
- Due Stamps.
- A23b 500 light green.
- 1000 lilac.

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PARA 1898 y 99.

Regular 1896-97 issues of Puerto Rico with above surcharge in red, used as provisional postage stamps.

- 2 milésimas, yellow-green,
- 4 milésimas, blue-green,
- 1 centavo, claret,
- 2 centavos, red-brown,
- 3 centavos, claret,
- 4 centavos, brown,
- 5 centavos, blue,
- 8 centavos, lilac,
- 20 centavos, olive-gray,
- 40 centavos, salmon, price..... \$0.50
- 80 centavos, black, price..... 1.25

Set of 9, \$1.00 net.

IMPUESTO DE GUERRA.

Regular 1890-94 issues of Puerto Rico with above surcharge in violet or red, used as war tax stamps or provisional postage stamps.

- 2 centavos, dark violet, 1890,
- 2 centavos, lilac-rose, 1894,
- 2c on 2 milésimas, flesh, 1894,
- 5 centavos, blue-green, 1891,
- 5c on 1 milésima, dark violet, 1891,
- 5c on 1 milésima, blue, 1894,

Set of 6, 75 cents.

Regular Issue.

Regular 1898-99 issue of Puerto Rico, Colonial type used just prior to above provisionals.

- 4 milésimas, orange-brown, price..... 45c
- 1 milésima, orange-brown,
- 1 milésima, orange-brown,
- 3 milésimas, orange-brown,
- 5 milésimas, orange-brown,
- 2 centavos, blue-green,
- 3 centavos, dark-brown,
- 5 centavos, carmine,
- 6 centavos, dark blue,
- 8 centavos, gray-brown,
- 10 centavos, vermilion,
- 15 centavos, slate-green,
- 20 centavos, maroon,
- 40 centavos, dark lilac..... \$0.45
- 60 centavos, black..... .55
- 80 centavos, red-brown..... .80
- 1 peso, yellow-green..... 1.50
- 2 pesos, slate-blue..... 3.00

Set of 12, \$1.00 net.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

The above prices are fixed, as a conservative estimate of the value of the stamps based upon the remainders existing. I believe that the tendency will be to advance rather than reduce these figures. My customers, however, may rest assured that I will protect them in any event, and they may safely order upon this assurance. [17c]

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PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

A17 1c deep carmine.
2c rose.

PORTO RICO.

Provisionals.

(Same surch. as Scott's No. 155 in Supplement).

2m yellow-green (1896).
3m claret-brown (1897).
4m blue-green (1896).
1c claret (1896).
2c red-brown (1896).
5c blue (1896).
6c lilac
8c rose

Surch'd "Habilitado 17 Octubre 1898" in four lines.

1/2m violet (1896).
1m brown (1896).
2m yellow-green (1896).
4m blue-green
5c green (1897).
8c brown-lilac (1897).
10c carmine (1897).
20c violet
40c orange (1896).
80c black (1897).

Surch'd "1898, Provisional, 1899" in three lines, diagonally.

2m rose (1870).
8c brown (1891).
10c rose (1890).
10c carmine (1891).
20c orange (1890).

Surch'd "Habilitado, PARA, 1898 y 99" in three lines, horizontally.

1/2m violet, red surch. (1896).
1m brown " "
2m green " "
4m blue-green " "
1c carmine " "
2c red-brown " "
3c blue " "
3c brown " (1897).
4c brown, red surch. (1896).
5c green, violet surch. (1891).
5c blue, red surch. (1896).
6c mauve " "
8c rose, violet surch. (1896).
20c greenish-grey, rose surch. (1896).
40c red, rose surch. (1896).
80c black, " (1897).
8c double surch. in violet.
8c " " in red and violet.

Surch'd "Habilitado 4 ct vs" in two lines.
4c on 5m orange-brown (1898) (violet surcharge).

QUEENSLAND.

A12 4p yellow.

RHODESIA.

1p red (arms).
6p lilac "
15h ochre "

SAMOA.

A2 2 1/2p on 1sh rose.

SERVIA.

Plain paper. No threads.

A6 5p green.
10p rose.

Due Stamps.

Plain paper. No threads.

U1 5p lilac-rose.
10p blue.
20p red-brown.

SIERRA LEONE.

Envelope.

2 1/2p blue.

Wrapper.

1/2p green.

SOUDAN.

A1 10pi rose and green.

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.

A13 5d yellow and red.

PERAK.

A9 50c green and black.

TUNIS.

A2 20c vermilion, green.
Due Stamp.
A2 20c vermilion, green.

UGANDA.

1a carmine (elephant).
2a lilac-brown
3a gray "
4a green "
8a olive "
1r ultramarine (lion).
5r brown (lion).

URUGUAY.

Provisionals.

1/2c on 2c blue (1895).
1/2c on 5c red "
1/2c on 5c black and blue (red surch.).
1/2c on 7c green (red surch.).
Regular Issue.
5mil (1/2c) rose (Liberty).

ZANZIBAR.

Provisional (on India).

2 1/2a on 1a plum (red surch.).
2 1/2a on 1a 6p bistre " "
2 1/2a on 2a blue " "

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From a Special ERA Correspondent.

Brooklyn-New York Letter.

Those stamp collectors residing in the vicinity of Brooklyn, who did not attend the meeting of the Section on Friday evening, the 17th, certainly did miss a treat seldom met with, as some fine collections of Match and Medicine stamps were shown, particularly the collections of Messrs. J. W. George and George H. Blake.

Quite some interesting remarks were made by one of the Section's hardest workers, concerning these stamps, which opened the eyes of several present, but then it would not do to tell all, for the present.

It is hoped that after the Exhibition is over, the Section will have several of these "Stamp Talks" as they are not only interesting but instructive as well.

Collectors that imagine "they know it all" are invited to these meetings, as it is just possible some of our members may be able to give them points; if not, they are willing to take a few, provided they are well centered—the points we mean.

Contributions for the Institute Collection and Library are coming in and will soon give our curator something to do, but then he is satisfied as it is for a good cause, and willing to receive further contributions.

The Section has now a fine book-case for its library, which is open to collectors on every Friday night from 8 to 10.30 o'clock.

The Section will soon have its Exchange Department for members under the able management of Mr. A. Holland.

Collectors should not be backward in joining the Section, as the benefits are many. Applications are filed every meeting.


For the information of those concerned will give the following:

Four new postal stations were opened on Feb. 10th: No. 36 at Colon, Matanzas Province; No. 37 at Surgidero de Batabano, Habana Province; No. 38 at Guines, Habana Province; No. 39 at Union de Reyes, Matanzas Province, Cuba.

No. 32 Jucaro is in Puerto Principe Province.

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5c yellow green 1891-93; The two, mint state, 18c
6c orange 1891-93.
None of these I believe were included among the remainders recently sold.
1c claret 1896, mint state..... 3c
6c lilac " "..... 6c
3c claret brown 1897, mint state..... 5c
Habilitado Para 1898 y 99 1st. 2nd.
1, 2 and 4m, unused..... 11c 9c
1c, 2c, 3c, " "..... 20c 16c
4c, unused..... 20c 15c
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(Continued from page 194.)

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I have just received a new assortment of fine foreign stamps cat. 1c to 10c each. I will give 3 for each "Omaha" stamp sent me, except 1 and 2c. E. Bull, Jr., Care Union Bank, New London, Conn.

Will exchange for stamps from approval sheets at catalogue: 1898 Documentary 1/2 to 50c, 11 var., 10c per set; \$1.00, 7c each; 5c and 10c, 40c per 100; 25c, 60c per 100. Postage extra on orders less than \$1.00. W. W. Sammons, Blue Island, Ill.

Imperforate pairs of United States and Foreign stamps wanted, will give good exchange from approval books for any sent me. J. F. Johnson, 83 Thornton St., Boston, Mass.

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Bargain Column.

Some of the advertised stamps in this column are not in my List No. 13.

No.	Used	58th Catalogue Price.	My Price
	Brazil 1898 Journal stamp, 2000 on 1000 reis brown, green surch.		\$0.65
189	Brazil 1897 700r mauve and black	\$0.35	.17
24	Dominica 1890 1sh lake, CA	50.00	15.00
48	Hawaii 1883 50c red	4.00	2.00
49	" " \$1.00 rose red	5.00	2.50
12	St. Christopher 1882 4d blue	3.90	1.75
41	St. Vincent 1883 1sh orange verm.	6.00	3.00
26	Sierra Leone 1876 1sh blue green	none	5.00
209	Western Australia 1d bistre	scarce	25.00
85	U. S. New York 1843 3c blue	17.50	7.75
1213	" Due 1879 30c brown	1.00	.45
1214	" " 50c	2.50	1.00
1215	" " 1881 30c red brown	1.00	.45
1227	" " 1891 30c bright claret	1.25	.45
1228	" " " 50c	2.00	.60
1234	" " 1894 30c light claret	1.00	1.00
1244	" " " 50c deep	1.50	.50
2383	Brown & Co. 1853 3c black	10.00	4.75
248	Washington 1852 1c violet	15.00	5.00
2659	Baltimore " 1c red	25.00	15.00

United States—Unused

41	1851 3c red, o. g.	2.50	.50
41	" 3c, unsevered pair	none	2.00
82	1861 10c dark green	45.00	10.00
105	1866 3c scarlet, pen cancellation	100.00	45.00
148	1861 3c re-issue, not centered	25.00	10.00
168	1860 24c green and purple	20.00	7.50
177	1860 15c re-issue	12.50	6.00
181	1860 1c	2.50	1.00
193	1879 1c ultramarine o. g.	3.50	1.50
193	" 1c, not centered, no gum	3.50	.50
195	" 3c green, o. g.	2.50	1.00
195	" 3c o. g., not centered	2.50	.35
197	" 7c vermilion, o. g.	8.00	4.00
197	1879 30c black, centered	2.00	1.00
272	" 30c, not centered, no gum	2.00	.60
290	1882 3c gray brown, o. g.	5.00	.20
296	" 6c red, o. g.	1.50	.50
297	" 10c brown, o. g.	.50	.25
298	" 10c yellow brown, o. g.	.50	.25
299	" 10c black brown, o. g.	5.00	2.50
310	1888 90c purple, o. g.	2.50	1.25
626	Treasury 1c yellow brown	3.50	1.25
626	" 1c, not centered	3.50	.75
668	Interior 10c, well centered, o. g.	1.50	.40
668	" 12c	3.00	1.25
698	War 12c, o. g.	.25	.10
698	" 12c, perf. 3 sides	.25	.05

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Used Stamps			
12—10	No. 53 Cape of Good Hope 2 1/2d		5.00
14—200	No. 31 Costa Rica 1887 5c		6.00
15—200	No. 37 Costa Rica 1890 5c		6.00
18—150	No. 12 Jamaica 1871 1d		6.00
19—200	No. 13 Jamaica 1871 2d		6.00
21—150	No. 14 Jamaica 1871 1/2d		6.00
22—150	No. 27 Jamaica 1885 2d		6.00
24—31	No. 351 Queensland 1d red		5.00
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25—170	No. 1397, 1870 3c on orange		6.80
26—10	No. 1420, 1875 5c on white		5.00
28—8	No. 1440, 1874 10c on amber		4.00
31—4	No. 1463, 1880 3c on cream		10.00
33—6	No. 1478, 1879 1c on fawn		4.50
34—18	No. 1494, 1883 4c on white		5.40
35—7	No. 1504, 1884 3c on fawn		7.00
36—5	No. 1509, 1884 3c on blue		7.50
41—50	No. 1804, 1874 3c P. O.		5.00
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9	Angola, 1876, 30c chocolate	\$.25	\$.12	\$.12
7a	Argentine Republic, 1862, 5c pink	1.00	.50	.28
25	Baden, 1864, 3c orange	.95	.12	.12
24	Bolivia, 1851, 10c blue	.75	.35	.30
25	Brazil, 1859, 10c yellow, (Journal)	.75	.35	.30
26	Bremen, 1855, 50agr rose (Marken)	2.50	.75	.75
29	Br.Honduras, 1888, 10c on 4d violet	.25	.12	.12
33	" 1891 6c on 10c "	.08	.08	.08
34	" 6c on 10c "	.20	.10	.10
152	Canada, 1875, 2c vermilion (Regis.)	.50	.25	.15
86	" 1897, 1/2c black, Jubilee	none	none	none
9	Cape Verde, 1877, 30c chocolate	.35	.15	.10
12	China, 1885, 5c greenish yellow	.75	.35	.35
93	Ceylon, 1834, 4c rose	.35	.07	.07
5	Costa Rica, 1863, 4c green	.40	.15	.15
6	" 1p orange	1.50	.60	.60
232	" Official, 1892, 5c red purple	.20	.07	.07
233	" " 10c green	.35	.15	.15
234	" " 10c red	.60	.25	.25
97	Cuba, 1882, 2 1/2c brown	.15	.07	.07
124	" 1888, 2 1/2c red brown	.25	.12	.12
129	" 1890, 2 1/2c green	.10	.10	.10
136	" 1891, 3c claret	.10	.05	.05
137	" 1894, 3c claret	.20	.10	.10
143	" 1894, 20c brown	.42	.20	.20
148	" 1896, 10c green	.15	.07	.07
149	" " 20c violet	.30	.15	.15
150	" 1897, 4c orange brown	.60	.30	.30
151	" 80c lilac brown	1.20	.60	.60
23	Dominica, 1890, 6d orange	5.00	3.00	3.00
11	Ecuador, 1872, 1p rose	.10	.05	.05
22	" 1887, 80c gray	.25	.10	.10
7a	Germany, 1871, 2 kr orange	.10	.05	.05
13	" 1872, 3 kr blue	.12	.05	.05
22	" 1872, 2 kr orange	1.00	.50	.50
26	" 18 kr stone	.12	.06	.06
28	" 1874, 9 kr brown	.12	.06	.06
20	Gold Coast, 1891, 2 sh brown	.50	.25	.25
24	Grenada, 1893, 8d bistre	2.00	.90	.90
7	Hawaii, 1832, 5c blue	6.00	3.00	3.00
45	" 1886, 10c vermilion	.75	.25	.25

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46	Hawaii, 1886, 12c mauve	\$1.25	\$.60
53	" 1893, 1c violet, Prov.	.25	.12
54	" 1c blue	.20	.10
36	Hayti, 1890, 2c on 3c blue	.15	.05
43	" 1892, 3c on 3c slate	.12	.06
17	Japan, 1872, 1/2s brown	.50	.20
142	" Officially Sealed, 56th Cat.	.50	.20
4	Liberia, 1860, 6c red	3.00	1.50
5	" 12c blue	1.50	.75
7	" 1864, 6c red	2.50	1.25
8	" 12c blue	2.00	1.00
21	" 1881, 3c black	.12	.06
5	Luxemburg, 1869-63, 2c black	.75	.35
13	" 1865-71, 1c red brown	3.00	1.50
14	" " 2c black	.40	.20
17	" 1865-72, 1c brown	.25	.12
18	" 1c orange	.35	.17
111	" Official, 1876, 1c brown	.15	.07
121	" 1880, 25c blue	.35	.17
20	Madagascar, 1886, 1d red	2.50	1.00
26	Madaira, 1876, 5r blue	.25	.10
114	Mexico, 1872, 12c blue	none	50.00
22	Nevis, 1879, 2 1/2d violet	12.50	6.00
34	" 1884, 1 sh violet	16.50	8.25
13	New Brunswick, 1860, 10c vermilion	.30	.15
12	" 12c blue	.75	.35
12	" 17c black	.75	.35
41	Newfoundland, 1867, 5c black	6.00	3.00
156	Peru, 1895, 20c orange	.50	.25
41	Philippine Islands, 1872, 25c gray	1.00	.50
176	" 1881-88, 10c on 2c carmine	1.25	.60
180	" " 10c on 2-4c ultra	.15	.07
182	" " 16c on 2-4c ultra	1.00	.50
270	" 1882, 16c on 2r blue	1.75	.75
274	" 6-8c on 12-4-18c blue	1.00	.45
300	" 1883-88, 2r on 250m ultra	1.50	.60
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24	" " 6 pa carmine	.10	.05
25	" " 6 pa vermilion	.40	.20
26	" " 15 sh blue	.08	.05
28	" " 36 pa orange	1.00	.50
49	" " 1866, 2 pa yellow	.08	.05
91	" 1872, 1 1/2 br. green	.18	.10
139	" 1890, 1 1/2 br. lilac	.08	.05
201	" Unpaid, 1881, 5b brown	.08	.05
7	Roman States, 1852, 2b greenish	.08	.05
7	St. Christopher, 1870, 6d green	2.50	1.20
23	" 1890, 1 sh lilac	8.50	4.25
41	St. Vincent, 1883, 1sh orange vermilion	6.00	3.00
53	" 5 sh carmine lake	2.00	1.45

8	St. Thom. & Prince Is., 1877, 100r violet	\$.50	\$.25
70	Salvador, 1892, 1c on 5c gray	.20	.05
73	" " 1c on 20c orange	.10	.05
74	" " 1c on 25c maroon	.10	.05
89	" 1893, 1c on 2c brown	.10	.05
1	Siam, 1883, 1l blue	.15	.07
2	Surinam, 1873, 3c green	5.00	1.00
68	Tolima, 1887, 5c brown	.50	.20
68a	" " 5, 10c, unsevered pair	5.00	2.50
24	Tonga, 1893, 5d on 4d yellow	.50	.25
28	" 1894, 1/2d on 1 sh brown	.15	.07
28b	" " " surcharge	2.50	1.25
32	" " 2 1/2d rose 6d purple	.25	.12
32a	" " 1/2d on 4d brown	.10	.05
32a	" " " surcharge	2.00	.75
3	Venezuela, 1858, 1/2 orange	.15	.07
5	" 1r dark blue	.75	.35
6	" 2r red	.50	.25
15	" 1861, 1c gray brown	.50	.25
20	" 1864, 1/2c pale red	2.00	1.00
20	" 1c gray	2.00	1.00
511	Victoria, 1891, 1/2c carmine & blue	.15	.07

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15	Angola, 1881, 50r blue	.10	.05
113	Argentine, 1892, 1p carmine	.25	.12
89	Austria, 1890, 1 gld carmine	.20	.08
94	" 1896, 1 gld pale lilac	.10	.05
95	" 2 gld gray green	.25	.10
95	Barbados, 1878, 1d blue	.15	.07
71	" 1882, 1 sh red brown	1.00	.40
10	Bolivia, 1894, 50c violet brown	.30	.10
11	" 1896, 10c blue	.10	.05
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PORTLAND, ME., SATURDAY, MARCH 4, 1899.

WHOLE No. 303.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Washington Notes.

Wednesday, March 1st.

The Periodical stamps were placed on sale here Monday. While we did not experience such a rush as was the case in some places, there were a great many sets sold. The Post Office Department alone had orders for over 1,000 sets and I understand that they received their first order from Europe yesterday. There can be no doubt but what they are in great demand, as I understand that a number of offices have already duplicated their orders. The only way that they can be accommodated is to withdraw from some office where there was not many sold.

I understand that Milwaukee, Wis., Concord, N. H., and others sold out at once.

The ERA was the first paper to publish that the Periodical stamps would be sold for a nominal sum and the writer was severely criticized by nearly all of the correspondents of the various stamp papers, together with dealers especially in Boston. Comment is unnecessary as facts speak for themselves, and I am willing for the readers of the ERA to judge who was doing the guessing.

On and after March 1, 1899, Domestic Money Order offices in the United States must not issue money orders payable in Cuba. Commencing on that date such money orders may be issued at International money order offices only and must be drawn on International order form, and the advice must be mailed to the Postmaster at Tampa, Fla., for certification, that being the Exchange Office for Cuba.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Our Boston Letter.

Tuesday, February 28th.

The newspaper stamps were put on sale here Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The Saturday papers devoted more or less space to these stamps, and among other statements, more or less inaccurate, they quoted the face value, and said that the set could be bought for \$5.00. These newspaper notices have caused quite a lot of excitement among non-collectors, and many people are buying the set for speculation

that never collected postage stamps. There were 4,000 sets sent here. The stamps are put up in small sealed envelopes and you pay \$5.00 and take your chances. I have seen sets with some of the high values torn and one set with the 12 stamps imperforate at the top, which was rather tough on the purchaser. Frank Brown, the well-known Boston dealer, after a careful examination of several sets, states that the 5, 10, 50 and 100 dollar values have been re-printed. This is very apparent in the \$50 one, and the \$5 stamp is a much darker shade than the stamp surcharged for revenue. Present indications are that the stamps will all be sold in a very short time.

Mr. and Mrs. I. A. Mekeel have been in Boston for several days. Mr. Mekeel is soliciting advertisements for what he calls a missionary number of the *Weekly*, to be issued about March 15th, to have a circulation of one hundred thousand copies; the rates are said to be 70 cents per line, and the dealers are taking space at this unusual rate.

B. L. Drew & Co. held a gilt-edge auction sale of two evening sessions. The following are some of the prices brought at the sale Monday night: 5c red New Haven, said to have been sold at one of Scott Coin & Stamp Co.'s auctions in 1893 for \$21, brought \$12; 5c. 1847, fine, unused, o. g. sold for \$4.38; 5c 1855-60, type I, brick red, mint state, catalogued as a "gem of purest ray serene" sold for \$58.15; 30c 1869, unused, o. g., superb, for \$10.50; 90c, re-issue of 1869, unused, o. g., perfectly centered, for \$19.00; \$2.00 State, unused, o. g., fine, for \$12.00; \$20.00 unused o. g., for \$35.00; Confederate Local, 5c Athens, Ga., superb copy, on original cover, for \$30.50; Baton Rouge, La., 5c unused, for \$33.00; Petersburg, Va., 5c, for \$11.75; Barbadoes, 1878, 1d on ½ of 5sh, No. 62, for \$28.25; Br. Columbia, \$1.00 1868, perf. 12½, for \$17.75; British Honduras, 1884, 6d, mint state, for \$11.50; 1sh, same issue, same condition, for \$11.25; British Protectorate, 1888, 2sh 6d, mint state, for \$10.25; 5sh, same issue, same condition, for \$12.75; Buenos Ayres, 3 peso green, fine, unused, \$18.75; Congo Postal Packet stamp, No. 51, mint state, for \$6.00; No. 54, used, for \$10.00. The first night's sale, on the whole, would be considered a very good sale.

The following are a few prices realized

at the second evening's sale: Great Britain, No. 110, used, \$7.65; Lagos, 1885-86, 2sh 6d, unused, o. g., \$20.25; 5sh, same issue, same condition, \$31.00; Madagascar stamps sold for less than 50 off; Mauritius, No. 10, simply superb, sold for \$23.25; No. 11, for \$10.00; Nevis, No. 17, unused, for \$32; 1882, 6d green, unused, o. g., fine, for \$25.00. The stamps that seemed to sell the best, and command the best prices on the average, were the New South Wales Sidney Views; some of them brought as high as 80% of catalogue. Switzerland, Basle, used, very fine, sold for \$15.50; Zurich, No. 8, used, for \$65.00.

S. E. L.

From a Special ERA Correspondent.

Springfield, Mass., Notes.

Tuesday, February 28th.

Our post office received one hundred and fifty sets of the newspaper and periodical stamps yesterday morning and they are going rapidly. This (Tuesday) afternoon I was told by the stamp clerk that they had sold at least 120 sets; one speculator secured some eighty sets and wanted more but was refused. A further supply was telegraphed for to-day. There were only three plate numbers in the lot. I have not heard of any unwatermarked varieties being found yet.

Our stamp club is very much alive and meets every two weeks at the home of some one of the members. Wm. C. Stone and E. D. Curtis were re-elected president and secretary respectively at the meeting last Friday. Mr. Bartlett entertained us very handsomely, a phonograph furnishing amusement for the ladies while the men talked stamps and attended to business. The auction sale was a decided success.

One of our members sent to Havana and secured some sets of the provisional stamps for the benefit of the members. They met with a ready sale and an order is going to San Juan in a few days for the Puerto Rico set. Ditto to Manila if they get out a set there.

The stock of 4, 5, 8 and 10 cent Omaha stamps has been completely exhausted at our post office for some little time, but

there is a good supply of ones and twos. There is also a small stock of the higher values but the two dollar stamps are rather "rocky." The two cent plate numbers ranged from 597 to 642 with a few scattering between 700 and 725.

We have been very fortunate here in getting shades and colors of the revenue stamps. There being no internal revenue office, three of the banks were appointed agents, and the clerks have been very kind to collectors in regard to giving them opportunity to see what they were getting. Quite a large number of the 1/2 cent orange were picked up here by a local collector and the scarce shade of the 1/4c was on sale for several days at one of the banks. One of our collectors was also fortunate enough to find some of the 10 cent part roulette.

Mr. Connor of Trenton was in town not long since with a big lot of rare revenues which he had recently picked up. This is getting to be quite a haunt of stamp drummers. Wish Robie would give us a call. Will show him where there is a lot of old playing card stamps if he will! In a drug store too!

Wednesday, March 1st.

The morning paper says that the supply of periodical stamps was exhausted yesterday afternoon. The entire stock in Hartford (150 sets) is said to have been scooped in by two speculators. If the local office receives any more sets they will do their best to keep them out of speculators hands.

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Concordites who are interested in the study of philately have organized and will be known as The Tiffany Philatelic Society, named after the late John K. Tiffany. Officers have been chosen, prominent among them being well-known residents of this city, who for a long period have been regarded as being stamp collectors. The formation of the society is regarded as being the opening of a new and important epoch in the local study, collection of and preservation of postage and revenue stamps and stamped envelopes. Meetings are to be held twice every month after the society is comfortably located, and it is the purpose of the officers to give lectures on the subject. The following officers were elected: President, Charles H. Stone; vice president, A. A. Holt; secretary, P. J. Kelley; treasurer, C. J. Moulton; exchange manager, George N. Fellows; board of trustees, Elmer P. Brown, C. N. Pike, George N. Fellows, president, ex-officio. Messrs. Stone, Holt and Kelley were appointed a committee to draft a constitution and by-laws, the same to be submitted at the next meeting.

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1899 1c green wrapper with 1894 watermark to exchange for envelopes at face in lots of 10 or more. E. G. Berger, 1895 N. Marshfield Ave., Chicago, Ill.

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A No. 4 Caligraph Typewriter and case, good condition, cost \$100.00, for a collection of stamps, or stamps listing over 25 cents each, from approval sheets. Trash not accepted. James A. Andersen, Loomis, Nebraska. [5]

Pairs, blocks and strips of imperforated U. S. Revenues wanted. Will give good U. S. Postage or Revenues in exchange. Eugene H. Field (C. P. S. No. 464), 7 Public Square, Galesburg, Ill. [5]

Bartel's No. 1102 entire envelope, unused, is priced at \$7.50; I will give one in exchange for a 50c Omaha stamp, used; or I will give one wove and one laid paper of the same envelope, for a Omaha \$1.00 stamp used. Scott's No. 1215 entire unused envelope, is priced at \$5.00; I will give one in exchange for a used \$2.00 Omaha stamp. Mine are in good condition and I shall expect your stamps to be the same. W. C. Odiorne, Huntingdon, Pa. [4c]

15,000 stamp papers, many old, to exchange for stamps. Can use almost anything. Make offers. 10 papers issued before 1890, all different, fine condition, for good stamps cat. \$1.00. E. L. Shove, Unionville, N. Y. [4]

Will give good exchange for Omahas in quantities, at list, except 1c and 2c; allow 1/4c for 1c and 1-1/2 for 2c. Will take other stamps in quantities. H. S. Vanderburgh, Lit hgow, N. Y.

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Fine pair 2003 for fine copy 2201. 135 o. g. for unused 1390. Used copy (light cancellation) 1215, entire, for 1213 unused. Send yours, if satisfactory will forward mine at once. H. F. Smith, 207 Kirk Ave., Syracuse, N. Y. [3]

New Idea Exchange will take your M. and M. Rev. and Postage duplicates and give you stamps you require. No damaged or heavily cancelled sent or taken. A set of Newspaper stamps U. S. will be given to the person sending in the largest quantity of stamps M. and M. or postage. New Idea Exchange, 381 St. Nicholas Ave., New York City. [3]

I have just received a new assortment of fine foreign stamps cat. 1c to 10c each. I will give 3 for each "Omaha" stamp sent me, except 1c and 2c. E. Bull, Jr., Care Union Bank, New London, Conn. [3]

Will exchange for stamps from approval sheets at catalogue: 1898 Documentary 1/2c to 50c, 11 var., 10c per set; \$1.00, 7c each; 5c and 10c, 40c per var.; 25c, 60c per 100. Postage extra on orders less than \$1.00. W. W. Sammons, Blue Island, Ill. [3]

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7c War, fine unused o. g. copy, postfree for \$1.40. W. LOWRY, Abilene, Texas.

1c and 2c I. R. surcharged, 1/2c orange and gray; 1c, 2c, 3c, 4c, 5c, 10c, 25c, 40c, 50c, \$1.00, \$2.00 and \$5.00 1898 Doc. Rev. stamps, the Set for a Dollar bill. 1862 5c red brown, unused, perfs. missing on N. E. corner, small tear on top, no gum, cat. \$20.00, my price for this copy \$2.50. 10c 1847 and 12c 1851, good copies but cut loose, both for \$2.50. I have other stamps that are same condition that I will sell at one-third of catalog price. I will send anything I have for examination if good reference is given. W. C. ODIORNE, Huntingdon, Pa. [4c]

100 varieties U. S., no Revenues or Envelopes, catalogue value over \$4.00, for \$1.00 post free, registry 8c extra. Postal cards bought. CHAMBERS STAMP CO., 34 Park Row, New York City. [3]

If you wish to sell your collection of stamps, or duplicates, for spot cash, write J. M. Hubbard, Rochester, N. H. References, Bradstreet, Dun. [304]

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Packet 3-20 varieties unused British Colonies, cat. about 75c, is a leader..... \$0.25
U. S. 1899 3c red vermilion, unused..... .03
U. S. 1898 2c I. R., unused, inverted, fine .30
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NEW YORK CITY, Feb. 25th, 1899.
1,039 books of stamps in circulation
according to my report of Feb.
18th, valued at \$32,671 68
12 books received since Feb. 18th,
valued at 223.98
\$32,895.66
23 books retired since Feb. 18th,
valued at (from which has been
sold \$132.51)..... 937.12
Total number of books in circula-
tion 1,028, valued at. \$31,958 54

Special Notice.

Private Auction Sales will be held at the office of the Superintendent of Sales, Geo. R. Tuttle, 87 Nassau St., New York City, every Saturday afternoon from 1 to 2 o'clock for the benefit of the A. P. A. members who wish to realize quickly on any stamps they wish to sell.
Remittances will be made on Monday fol-

lowing, less 10% commission. Members who wish to sell by this method will please send in any lots, collections or single stamps. Reserved prices may be placed on what is sent, if so desired.

GEO. R. TUTTLE,
Superintendent Sales Dept.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

FLEMINGTON, N. J., Feb. 27, '99.
I have received a copy of Vol. I. No. 10, of Durbin's *Philatelic Monthly* needed to complete our file, from Mr. A. G. Allison, Belleville, Ontario.
H. E. DEATS, Librarian.

Newspaper Clippings.

THE STAMPS COST \$3,249.50.
A MORTGAGE THAT MADE A HEAVY CONTRIBUTION TO THE NATIONAL REVENUE.

WASHINGTON, PA., February 28.—Probably the largest mortgage ever left for record in this county was filed in the recorder's office Monday for \$6,500,000, given by the Philadelphia Gas company to the Maryland Trust company. Attached were war revenue stamps that cost \$3,249.50. Excepting the \$49.50 the stamps were all of the \$50 denomination. The Philadelphia Gas company controls the Allegheny County Light company, Allegheny Heating company, Chartiers Valley Gas company, Philadelphia company and possibly others. The mortgage is recorded in this county to cover the property of the last two named companies.
—Pittsburg Chronicle Telegraph.

Philatelic Press Review.

BY WM. C. STONE.

Internationales Briefmarken Offertenblatt, January, Vol. VIII. Nos. 215, 216.
Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News, March, Vol. XIII. No. 9 (426).
Metropolitan Philatelist, February, Vol. X. No. 25.
New York Philatelist, February, Vol. V. No. 5.
Philatelic West and Camera News, January, Vol. VIII. No. 3.
Post Office, February, Vol. VIII. (95).

The new Canadian law stamp noted by me last week is illustrated in *Mekeel's Weekly* and a list of the full set given. The values are 10, 25, 30, 50 cents, 1 and 5 dollars.

"Iberius" has some very interesting notes on Cuba with some official documents concerning the Puerto Principe surcharges. A half column description is also given of the two dies of the new United States envelopes. C. H. Mekeel announces that he has collected the various articles concerning the Coamo provisionals into a leaflet which will be sent to those who request it. Mr. Mekeel has recently acquired a small stock of these interesting stamps.

The six day auction sale which J. W. Scott has been advertising in the *Metropolitan* turns out to be that of the collection of J. V. Painter of Cleveland. The dates are March 27, 28, 29, and April 3, 4, 5. The collection of Henry Chapman of Philadelphia will be sold March 20 and 21, and includes specimens of the \$1 and \$5 proprietary stamps.

Mr. Bartels gives the following news concerning proprietary issues:

Lanman & Kemp, 3/4c green,	190,000
" 1 1/4c brown,	5,000
" 1 3/4c dark blue,	40,000
Centaur Co., 1 1/4c black,	200,000
Piso Co., 3/4c blue,	320,000
Radway Co., 3/4c blue,	320,000
Branco Bros., 4c black,	50,000

All the dies and plates of obsolete Newfoundland stamps that were printed by the American Bank Note Co. have been destroyed and we shall consequently have no more "re-issues." A couple of documents relating to the matter are given in the *Post Office*.

A large part of the paper is given up to Cuba and Puerto Rico and much information can be gleaned from its pages. It was a most excellent idea to bring together this mass of material and Mr. Morgenthau deserves our thanks for doing it.

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1899

1c green, 14 varieties, 4c brown, 6 varieties, 2c red, 35 " 5c blue, 4 " 3c red on white, Die A, No. 5..... 25c 3c red on white, Die A, No. 13, '94 wmk..... 25c
Set of 61 Varieties..... \$2.50.

1894-95—Hartford

1c blue, 25 varieties, 4c red, 7 varieties, 2c green, 85 " 5c blue, 4 " Set of 118 Varieties..... \$6.00.

1894-95—Holyoke

1c blue, 12 varieties, 4c scarlet, 3 varieties, 2c green, 25 " 5c blue, 4 " Set of 41 Varieties..... \$3.00.

1893—Columbian

1c blue, 7 varieties, 5c chocolate, 8 varieties, 2c maroon, 12 " 10c brown, 3 " Set of 30 Varieties..... \$2.25.

1890

1c blue, 9 varieties, 4c carmine, 6 varieties, 2c green, 44 " 5c blue, 6 " Set of 65 Varieties..... \$4.00.

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Owing to the fact that most of the stamps remaining of these issues were surcharged "Habilitado" in 1898, the unsurcharged stamps are very good. I offer good copies of the following varieties, all unused and fine:

1893 6c orange..... 7½c
1894 ¼m chocolate..... 1c
1894 2m flesh..... 1c
1896 ¼m violet..... 1c
1896 1m lilac brown..... 1c
1896 5c light blue..... 5c
1896 6c lilac..... 6c
1896 20c olive gray..... 17c
1896 40c salmon..... 35c
1897 3c claret brown..... 3c
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1898 3c dark brown, regular issue..... 4c
1898 5c carmine, "..... 5c
1898 2m red and yellow green, (Habilitado).... 5c
1898 2c red and red brown, "..... 5c
1898 3c red and blue, "..... 50c
1898 8c red and rose, "..... 15c

Orders for less than \$1.00 must be accompanied by stamped and addressed envelope for return.

C. H. MEKEEL,

Rooms 604 & 605 Century Bldg., St. Louis, Mo.

From a Special ERA Correspondent.

Brooklyn-New York Letter.

February 25, 1899.

The lecture delivered before the Section on Philately, Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences, by Mr. John N. Luff, on the 24th, was a great success.

A large and appreciative audience listened to Mr. Luff's remarks on "What Philately Teaches," and I wish it were possible for all collectors to have had the opportunity to hear him.

While the lecture was gotten up for prospective collectors, it was equally instructive for those now in the fold. Many points were brought out, that I daresay some of our advanced collectors were ignorant of, such as the engraving of the dies, transfer and machine work.

Through the use of lantern photographs Mr. Luff showed the different varieties of papers used in the manufacture of stamps and envelopes, such as wove, laid, batonne, quadrille carre and perule papers.

The many varieties of watermarks used by several countries in the manufacture of paper for their stamps, were also thrown on the screen.

The younger element were clearly shown, whereby they could increase their store of knowledge, along with their studies at schools, by collecting and studying stamps. Stamps were shown illustrating animals, scenery, ruins, heads of rulers, etc.

It would have done your heart good to have seen the number of school children at this lecture and who took a deep interest in what was said and shown. If this borough is not full of young collectors ere the schools close for the season, it will not be the fault of the Section.

The different committee's work on the Exhibition is progressing very rapidly.

The forms on the Official Catalogue will soon close and would advise those contemplating advertising in same, to send in copy and contract at once. Also those desirous of exhibiting at the Exhibition should send in their application for space for frame at once, to be included in the catalogue.

Saturday, March 18th, will be "Children Day" at the Exhibition and packets of stamps will be distributed free.

The P. O. Department is desirous of calling the attention of the public, that U. S. stamps marked "Cuba" on Cuban mail is not allowable. Also on mail matter leaving Cuba or deliverable on Cuban soil, only the provisional Cuba on U. S. stamps are allowable, excepting those in the Army and Navy Service have the privilege of using U. S. stamps and local rates. The foreign letter rate for Cuba is five (5) cents per half ounce.

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Geo. S. McKearin, Hooick Falls, N. Y.

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INDIANAPOLIS, - - - INDIANA.

The attention of the Department has been called to the fact that the percentage of short paid letters from the United States to foreign countries is larger than any other country.

The Post Office Department in London claims to receive from this country, one short paid in every twenty-five (25), while from any other country the proportion is only one in every one hundred and forty (140).

The Department at Washington believes this to be due to the fact that our local rate is per ounce and the foreign rate per half ounce and that a great many are under the impression the foreign rate is per ounce.

Both Departments have been caused a great deal of annoyance and often the sender, by this deficiency in postage, as often the addressees have refused to accept such mail and it has been returned to sender if possible. In cases of short-paid, double deficiency must be paid by the addressee.

The Department trusts its patrons will be more careful in future.

H. TOELKE.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Cottlow's... Chicago Correspondence.

Monday, February 27th.

Wolsieffer's sale of February 18th was a rousing success, about 100 being present and the bidding was quite spirited.

339 lots brought a total of \$1300.30 and were run off in two hours and twenty minutes, which is a little slower than the average time, as Dan Long is a rapid auctioneer. Mr. Lyons of Brooklyn, New York, who was present at the sale says Long is too swift, much more so than the New York auctioneers and that he lost several lots by being too "Philadelphia." Other out-of-town people at the sale were Mr. W. B. Hale of Williamsville, Mass., Mr. O. Neff, Jr., of Springfield, Ills., Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Mekeel of St. Louis, Mr. Kimball and Mr. Fulton of La Grange, Ills.

The following lots brought the highest prices:

Set of 211 card board proofs,	\$27.50
Bronsfeld & Poole Match 3c, No. 3035, (repaired),	34.50
Chicago Match 3c, No. 3058, slightly torn,	6.80
D. M. Richardson 1c, No. 3150,	6.10
D. S. Barnes 1c, No. 3192, unused,	6.05
M. A. Simmons 1c, No. 3398, wmk., not catalogued,	9.60
\$200 U. S. I. R., repaired,	9.65
\$20 2d Issue,	7.00
\$50 " fine,	8.00
10c Proprietary, 1878, not centered,	6.00
New York 5c, unused, fine,	11.05
1870 12c, grilled, no gum (slight tear)	25.55
1869 24c, unused, o. g., unpr. at S.,	5.90
1871 Nationals, unused, brought 25 to 50% of catalogue.	

1851 5c, very fine,	9.30
Executive 1c, fine,	6.00
Justice 24c, off centre,	6.10
Navy 7c,	5.00

Garfield 5c, entire env., unused, on cream 9 25
1851 5c, strip of 3, two being cut close, 21.00
Victoria 1856 1d, strip of 4, No. 36, fine, 7.05
Hawaii 2c, No. 13, fine but for a small tear, 10.00

Mexico, 1864 2r, No. 19,

There were quite a number of bargains among the foreigners.

The next sale will be held in March.

I am still endeavoring to adjust six more claims against Harry Cohen and hope to have them all settled in a week or ten days. I presume this is the last batch for I have had no new ones in the past week, and after I get rid of these do not intend to attempt to collect any more.

I understand that the young man is trying a new scheme now. An ad of his appeared in Brodstone's *Philatelic West* in the last number, I believe, stating that he was no longer dealing but was collecting still and desired consignments of stamps on approval.

All the comment I have to make is that any dealer who puts stock now after all the advertising we have given Cohn, certainly deserves to lose his stuff, as he likely will; if Cohn's past record goes for anything.

And I am surprised at Brodstone publishing the ad of this fraud and think that Brody deserves a censure for aiding and abetting him in his infamous work. (That last clause is certainly worthy of Charlie Severn's eloquent pen).

But seriously, some of these publishers (I can name at least one other) are not nearly careful enough in their advertising of firms whom they know nothing about and thus sometimes give a tone of substantial merit to a fraud. I had one claim from a publisher who published Cohn's ad and wanted me to collect the bill. I returned it and gave him a gentle little roast in line with the above sentiment.

We have had several claims and complaints against Geo. J. Sidney of 421 E. 34th St., Chicago. I have not attempted as yet to look him up but on the face of the returns the matter seems queer. I would like to hear from anyone interested.

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[Translated from *La Revue Postale*.]

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3. British Guiana 1856 1 cent black on red, used.
4. Hawaii 1851 2 cents blue, used.
5. British Guiana 1850 2 cents, black or rose, unused.
6. Tuscany 1860 3 lire yellow, unused.
7. Moldavia 1858 81 paras black on blue, used.
8. Ceylon 1857 4 pence rose, unused.
9. Moldavia 1858 81 paras black on blue, unused.
10. Ceylon 1857 8 pence brown, unused.
11. Hawaii 1851 5 cents blue, used.
12. Newfoundland 1857 1sh orange, unused.
13. Tuscany 1860 3 lire yellow, used.
14. Hawaii 1851 13 cents blue, used.
15. Austria 1851 Newspaper, Mercury, red, used.
16. Canada 1851 12 pence black, unused.
17. Spain 1854 1 real pale blue, unused.
18. British Guiana 1856 4 cents black on blue, used.
19. Hawaii 1852 13 cents blue, used.
20. Canada 1851 12 pence black, used.
21. Reunion Isls. 1852 15 centimes black on bluish paper, unused.
22. Cape of Good Hope 1861 1 penny blue, error, used.
23. Reunion Isls. 1852 30 centimes black on bluish paper, unused.
24. Cape of Good Hope 1861 4 pence red, error, used.
25. British Guiana 1850 4 cents black on yellow, used.
26. Newfoundland 1860 1 shilling vermilion, unused.
27. Reunion Isls. 1852 15 centimes black on bluish paper, used.
28. British Guiana 1850 8 cents black on green, used.
29. Reunion Isls. 1852 30 centimes black on bluish paper, used.
30. Portugal 1853 100 reis lilac, used.
31. Geneva (Switzerland) 1843 5 and 5 centimes black on yellow-green, unused.
32. Newfoundland 1857 1 shilling orange, used.
33. Switzerland 1850 2½ rappen black on red, unused.
34. New Brunswick 1851 1 sh violet, unused.
35. Spain 1851 2 reales red, unused.
36. Austria 1851 Newspaper, Mercury, red, unused.
37. Brunswick 1852 1 silbergrochen rose, unused.
38. Queensland 1860 2 pence blue, unused.
39. Ceylon 1857 9 pence brown-violet, unused.
40. U. S. 1873 \$5 state, unused.

- 41. Ceylon 1857 9 pence brown-violet, used.
- 42. Great Britain 1878 £1 violet, unused.
- 43. Mauritius 1859 2 pence blue, unused.
- 44. Natal 1857 9 pence blue, used.
- 45. Nova Scotia 1851 1 shilling violet, unused.
- 46. Moldavia 1858 27 paras black on rose, unused.
- 47. Zurich (Switzerland) 1843 4 rappen black, vertical network, unused.
- 48. Newfoundland 1860 1 shilling vermilion, used.
- 49. Uruguay 1857 180 centesimos red (error), unused.
- 50. Alsace-Lorraine 1870 5 centimes green, inverted network, unused.
- 51. Antioquia 1868 10 centavos lilac, unused.
- 52. Zurich (Switzerland) 1843 4 rappen black, horizontal network, unused.
- 53. Austria 1851 Newspaper, Mercury, rose, unused.
- 54. Ceylon 1857 8 pence brown, used.
- 55. Two Sicilies 1860 ½ tornese blue, with coat of arms, unused.
- 56. Spain 1851 2 reales red, used.
- 57. U. S. \$5 state, used.
- 58. British Guiana 1850 4 cents black on yellow, unused.
- 59. Peru 1858 ½ pesos rose, unused.
- 60. Moldavia 1858 27 paras black on rose, used.
- 61. Moldavia 1858 108 paras black on rose, used or unused.
- 62. Geneva (Switzerland) 1843 5 and 5 centimes black on yellow-green, used.
- 63. France 1871 15 centimes bistre on rose (error), unused.
- 64. Ceylon 1857 4 pence rose, used.
- 65. Antioquia 1868 10 centavos lilac, used.
- 66. British Columbia 1861 2½ pence rose, imperforated, used or unused.
- 67. Turks Islands 1873 1 sh violet, unused.
- 68. Nova Scotia 1851 1 sh violet, unused.
- 69. Buenos Ayres 1858 5 pesos yellow, unused.
- 70. Spain 1852 2 reales red, unused.
- 71. Spain Madrid Stamp, 3 cuartos bronze, used.
- 72. Natal 1860 3 pence blue, perforated, used.
- 73. Switzerland 1851 10 rappen orange, black and red, unused.
- 74. South Australia 1887 £20 lilac-rose, unused.
- 75. Bavaria 1870 23 florins 50 gray (telegraph stamp), unused.
- 76. Buenos Ayres 1858 4 pesos red, unused.
- 77. Vancouver Isl. 1865 6 cents rose, unused.
- 78. British Guiana 1850 8 cents black on green, unused.
- 79. Natal 1860 3 pence blue imperf., unused.
- 80. British Guiana 1856 4 cents black on carmine, used.

- 81. New Brunswick 1851 1 shilling violet, used.
- 82. Zurich (Switzerland) 1843 4 rappen black, vertical network, used.
- 83. Afghanistan 1870 1 rupee violet, used.
- 84. West Australia 1855 6 pence bronze, unused.
- 85. Ceylon 1861 8 pence yellow-brown, unused.
- 86. Colombia 1862 2 centavos red, unused.
- 87. Antioquia 1868 2½ centavos blue, unused.
- 88. U. S. State \$10, used or unused.
- 89. British Guiana 1850 12 cents black on blue, used.
- 90. New South Wales 1851 8 pence orange, unused.
- 91. Prussia 1856 2 silbergroschen blue, unused.
- 92. Moldavia 1858 54 paras blue on green, unused.
- 93. St. Vincent 1870 5 sh carmine, used or unused.
- 94. Sierra Leone 1861 6 pence violet, imperf., used or unused.
- 95. Zurich (Switzerland) 1843 4 rappen black, horizontal network, used.
- 96. Buenos Ayres 1858 6 pesos yellow, used.
- 97. Afghanistan 1870 1 rupee violet, unused.
- 98. Labuan 1880 6c on 16 cents blue, unused.
- 99. Mauritius 1859 2 pence blue, used.
- 100. Bergedorf 1861 ½ shilling violet, unused.

—International Philatelist.

The Collectors Club.

351 Fourth Ave., New York.

Thirty-seventh meeting of the Board of Governors, held at the Club House, February 23, 1899.

Vice-President Bruner called the meeting to order at 8.30 P. M. The following Governors being present: Bruner, Calman, Luff, Perrin, Scott, Stebbins and the Secretary.

The minutes of the preceding meeting having been read and approved, the Secretary stated that at the request of Mr. C. P. Krauth, through Mr. Luff, he had issued a two week's visitor's ticket to Dr. Hazzard, of Pittsburg, Pa.

The Committee on Headquarters made a full report and the Governors thereupon Resolved that the Committee be authorized to close for a lease of 3 years, of house 41 E. 19th street, at \$1,800 per year, provided that proper repairs be made as suggested by the Committee, also provided that a bonus of \$1,000 for the first two years and \$500 for the third year be paid by the owner should the lease be cancelled at owner's request.

Amended as follows: In case that the above negotiations fall through then the President is hereby authorized to renew the present lease of 351 Fourth avenue, and the Committee shall proceed to make the alterations necessary to extend the billiard room. Motion, as amended was duly carried.

The Secretary was instructed to call a special meeting as soon as he heard from the Chairman of Committee on Headquarters that the negotiations about house 41 E. 19th street, have been closed.

Adjourned at 9 20 P. M.

J. M. ANDREINI, Secretary.

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Philatelic Press Review.

BY WM. C. STONE.

American Journal of Philately, March, Vol. XII. No. 3.

Australian Philatelist, January, Vol. V. No. 6.

Bric-a-Brac, March, Vol. XXV. No. 3 (243).

Collectionneur de Timbres Poste, January (219).

Illustriertes Briefmarken Journal, February, Vol. XXVI. No. 4.

Deutsche Briefmarken Zeitung, February, Vol. X. No. 2.

Eastern Philatelist, March, Vol. XXII. No. 7 (133).

International Philatelist, February, Vol. IX. No. 3.

Metropolitan Philatelist, March, Vol. X. No. 26.

Mitteldutsche Philatelisten Zeitung, February, Vol. VIII. No. 2.

Nebraska Philatelist, February, Vol. I. No. 1.

Philatelic Bulletin, February, Vol. II. No. 6 (18).

Philatelist, February, Vol. XX. No. 2 (251).

Philatelite Francais, February, (60).

Post, February, Vol. VI. No. 2.

Revista Philatelica do Brazil, January, Vol. IV. No. 1.

Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly, February, Vol. V. No. 115.

Stamps (Rushden), February, Vol. III. No. 2 (26).

Texas Philatelist, February, Vol. IX. No. 6.

Tri-Monthly Collector, February, Vol. I. No. 6.

The *American Journal of Philately* announces that the newspaper stamps were reprinted before being put on sale in order to make up the required number of sets. They may be distinguished from the originals by the colors, and the extreme whiteness of the gum and paper. In the list below the colors of the originals are given first:

\$5 blue—Prussian blue.

\$10 green—gray green.

\$20 gray-violet—cold gray lilac.

\$100 reddish purple—bluish purple.

Since reading what the above paper has to say on the question and noting the arithmetical problem propounded in the

Eastern Philatelist it occurred to me that it would be an easy task to find out from the reports of the post office department how many of each value had been issued.

The report of the Third Assistant Postmaster General for 1895 states that they were first issued February 1 of that year. They were finally withdrawn July 1, 1898. Between those dates the following quantities were issued to post offices:

\$2	425,944
5	162,426
10	96,674
20	60,928
50	16,297
100	41,462

It is quite evident that some of the values must have been reprinted for the total issue is much less than the number of sets put on sale even without making allowance for the number that were used in the regular course of business.

From the *Australian Philatelist* I learn of the demise of the *Australian Stamp News*. It was quite a smart paper during its first series (July 1893—August 1894) but since it started up again in April of last year it has been rather cheap looking and contained but little of interest. The *Australian Philatelist* will fill out its subscription list.

M. Maury has a very interesting article in *Le Collectionneur de Timbres Poste* concerning the postal and telegraph system of Andorra, that minute republic of the Pyrenees, sandwiched in between France and Spain. Letters for foreign countries are prepaid with either French or Spanish stamps according to which country they are sent out through. Domestic letters are carried free and consequently we are spared a set of stamps for this interesting country. Long may it be so. We have troubles enough now.

The *Eastern Philatelist* contains an installment of Mr. Kilbon's list of die and type varieties, which has now reached Italy and bids fair to take several years before it gets through the catalogue. Mr. Baker finishes his admirable article on the Natal stamps and the editor sets forth the cold facts concerning the status of the postage due stamp. A boom number is announced for next month.

The *International Philatelist* gives a list of "Return Letter Stamps" and the

author of the article makes a break the very first thing when it says they are to "pay postage on letters returned to the writer." As a matter of fact they are simply labels signifying that the letter could not be delivered and was returned by the dead letter office or one of its branches. The labels have no claim as stamps any more than the labels which are used in foreign countries for indicating the number etc., of registered letters. However I suppose we shall all hold on to what we have, and save all we run across.

Mr. Bartels in his letter in the *Metropolitan Philatelist* for March 4, says that a collector applied to Lanman & Kemp for a couple of sets of their new stamps and received back his money with the statement that compliance with the law did not permit them to sell them. I think I should be willing to wager a ½-cent stamp that Bartels will be selling us plate numbers, blocks, strips, etc., of the above stamps, all o. g. within three months of the time they are issued for use.

The rush for the periodical sets at New York soon cleaned out the five thousand sets, and Brooklyn, Jersey City, Newark, Paterson and other nearby places were served likewise. Two men cleaned out Bridgeport, Conn.

I noticed recently the fine plate of Bulgarian provisionals which was printed in the *Deutsche Briefmarken Zeitung*. The same plate appears in the current number of the *Mitteldutsche Philatelisten Zeitung* illustrating another article on the same subject by a different author.

One good feature of this paper is the fact that the chronicle and forgery supplements are each paged separately so that they can be bound together at the end of the volume and save turning so many pages to find any item desired. The heading to the forgery supplement needs to be seen to be appreciated.

Another new one! The *Nebraska Philatelist*, published by James A. Kennedy, Hastings, Nebraska. Price 15 cents a year. Four pages containing absolutely nothing of interest to the student of stamps.

Th. Lemaire has reduced the price of *Le Philatelite Francais* from two francs to a franc and a quarter but the contents have not been reduced in proportion, either in

quality or quantity. The continued articles all appear with good installments and the "Echos de Partout" are as interesting as ever. The publishers' Universal Catalogue for 1899 is announced as now ready.

Postal card collectors will be interested in the continued article in *Die Post* dealing with the cards of the Netherlands. Enlarged reproductions of the various types of numerals render the varieties quite plainly.

The *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly* illustrates a so-called stamp for Wei-Hei-Wei. It is said to have been issued last December.

Juan Mencarini of Amoy has issued a descriptive catalogue of the stamps etc., of Hongkong and the work is to be very fully reviewed in the *Fortnightly*. The first installment gives the Chinese characters found on the stamps with their English meaning and the native pronunciation.

Stamps gives a very valuable table of money values in its junior department. The numerous kinds of cents and centavos and pesos are clearly set forth with their equivalent in shillings and pence.

The peso is divided in each case into 100 centavos and the various values of the peso are as follows:

Argentina,	10 pence
Bolivia,	2 shillings 6 "
Chile,	2 "
Colombia,	2 " 8 pence.
Dominican Rep.	3 "
Ecuador,	3 "
Honduras,	3 "
Mexico,	2 " 8 pence.
Nicaragua,	2 " 6 "
Paraguay,	1 " "
Peru,	2 " 8 pence.
Salvador,	2 " 6 "
Uruguay,	2 " 10 "
Venezuela,	1 " 9 "

The unit in Bolivia and Venezuela is called the bolivar instead of peso, in Ecuador the sucre, and in Peru the sol.

Ceylon, Mauritius and the Seychelles use the rupee worth 16 pence as the unit and this is divided into 100 cents.

In Hongkong, Straits Settlements and Sarawak the dollar is worth 2 shillings.

The *Texas Philatelist* is to give up the ghost as the publisher finds it too much of a task to run the whole thing himself nights. He has my sympathy. I've been there.

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Stock Account.

Bal. on hand Feb. 1, '99, \$1525.00

Entertainment Fund.

Bal. on hand Feb. 1, '99, \$125.89

General Fund.

Bal. on hand Feb. 1, '99, \$410.01

Dues paid in February, 9.60

\$419.61

Disbursements.

Stamped Env., Postage, etc., \$15.19

\$404.42

Cash on hand March 1, 1899, \$2055.31

H. G. SMITH, Treasurer.

A CORRECTION.

In our ad in the Mid-Season Number of the ERA the price of the

2c Lavender Xmas

stamp of Canada was given incorrect. It should have been:

5c each; or 30c per 10.

F. N. MASSOTH & CO.
651 Marquette Bldg., CHICAGO, ILL.

I Want to Buy

1895 Issue, Watermarked, Unused

U. S. Periodical Stamps.

I will buy them singly or in complete sets. Send on what you have at your lowest price. I will send cash for all which I buy, the same day as received.

Please take notice that I only want the 1895 issue which were bought before July 1, 1898, and

Do Not Want the \$5.00 Sets which are now on sale.

I also want to buy
Used Barbados 1882, 1sh red brown.
Can use from 5 to 200 copies.

C. F. ROTHFUCHS,
3118 Washington St., BOSTON, MASS.

PLATE NUMBERS WANTED: Bottoms only 220, 228, 229, 239, 388, 427, 428, 429, 430; Tops only 427, 428, 429, 430; Newspaper and Periodical Plate Nos. any position. H. N. McKUSICK, 308 N. 3d St., Stillwater, Minn.

"Going like hot cakes."

Newspaper and Periodical Stamps

I have secured a number of sets and offer them post paid registered at

\$6.50 per Set.

Order Quick or you will get left.

H. W. SPOONER, [5*]
648 Grand Ave., ST. PAUL, MINN.

CANADA--Jubilees.

	UNUS.	USED
	Each.	Per Ten.
1/2c Black.....	\$0.15	\$1.35
5c Blue.....	.07	.65
6c Brown.....	.35	3.25
8c Violet.....	.12	1.05
10c B. Violet.....	.13	1.20
15c Steel Blue.....	.17	1.65
20c Red.....	.22	2.10
50c Blue.....	.52	5.10
\$1.00 Red.....	1.05	10.50

IN SETS.

	UNUS.	USED
	Each.	Per Ten.
1/2c to 5c inclusive.....	\$0.28	\$0.20
1/2c to 15c ".....	.90	.80
1/2c to 50c ".....	1.60	1.15
1/2c to \$1.00 ".....	2.60	1.85
1/2c to \$5.00 ".....	17.00	11.50

PLATE NUMBERS—In pairs and threes. From 10 per cent. to 25 per cent. over face on any except 1/2c, 6c and 8c. Send want list to be priced.

CANADA—Imperial Map Stamp.

	UNUS.	USED
	Each.	Per Ten.
2c Lavender.....	\$0.06	\$0.04
2c Light Blue.....	.05	.02
2c Dark Blue.....	.04	.02
Set of 3 shades.....	.12	.05

CANADA—Envelopes and Cards.

Two Cent Purple Envelope (Obsolete & rare) \$0.50
Ten Cent (1865) Brown Env. (Cat. \$4.00) 1.70

SURCHARGED ENVELOPES.

2c on 3c 1898 issue.....	.10
2c on 3c 1877 issue, No. 6.....	.50
2c on 3c " " No. 7.....	.40

SURCHARGED LETTER CARDS.

2c on 3c Br. Am. Bk. Note Co.....	.10
2c on 3c Am. Bk. Note Co.....	.07

COMBINATION LOT.

25 different unused, entire Envelopes, Postals and Letter Cards, mixed.. 1.00

Cash with order—Express or P. O. Order, par draft or bills. 1c and 2c stamps of Canada or U. S. stamps accepted for small amounts. Postage 3c extra for purchases under \$1.00. Registration 5c extra (when required) for amounts under \$5. Cash refunded if stamps are not found satisfactory. NO APPROVAL BUSINESS.

CHAS. N. ROBERTSON,
P. O. Box 464, OTTAWA, CANADA.
SEND FOR PRICE LIST, POST FREE. *

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Our Boston Letter.

BOSTON, March 7th.

The stamp business here is brisk. There is a good demand for the old issues of United States postage and revenue. Through the courtesy of Mr. Thomas, postmaster of Boston, I am able to state that there were two thousand sets of the newspaper stamps sold during the first week of sale. The sets of plate numbers are quoted here at \$25.00. The general price for a fine set of these stamps, by the trade, is \$6.00, and it looks now as though the fifty thousand sets would be sold inside of thirty days.

In speaking of these stamps the following extracts will be interesting to many. The last number of the *Metropolitan Philatelist* has the following by their Washington correspondent: "Collectors should feel truly grateful to the *Metropolitan* as we firmly believe that the argument set forth by the editor had great weight with the officials who in turn gave it their careful perusal." The *American Journal of Philately* for March, says: "On a previous occasion we have expressed our opinion that this action on the part of the Government was unwise, and we have seen no arguments advanced to alter or modify in any particular the opinion thus expressed."

If re-printing has really been resorted to, no words can be strong enough to condemn the action on the part of the post office authorities, and any outcry by collectors against the action should be directed not against the deluded Government officials but against those dealers who have induced the Postmaster General to adopt the present course." The same paper, on the fly leaf, states, "and the suspicions which we expressed in the article contained in another portion of this number, are confirmed. The set shown to us had originals of the 1, 2, 5, 10, 25, 50c, \$2 and \$50 and reprints of the \$5, \$10, \$20 and \$100 stamps." I can go them one better and state that the 25c stamp is also a reprint, as I have the originals in blocks of 4. The 25c stamp sold with the sets here is a different shade and on different paper. It looks now as though the possessors of the original sets used might have a good thing.

In one of my former letters, in speaking of the plate numbers of the United States surcharged Cuba, I said: "What will the plate number collectors call these plates, U. S. or foreign?" In a decision given last week by the Third Assistant Postmaster-General, these stamps are stated to be foreign postage stamps.

Considerable activity is shown by speculators in trying to buy entire, unused, 3c Canada envelopes. One of them states

"Will Break the Monotony

Anyhow," says little Willie, as his new baby sister put in her appearance into the family. What we want now, is damaged Newspaper stamps, off centered, torn, and no gum copies for perfect, mint sets at \$1.00 per set in our favor. Let us hear from you.

LEWIS ROBIE,

631 West Adams St., CHICAGO, ILL.

"Stamp Talk" is getting there. A Canadian Revenue Catalogue free with each subscription of 25c received this week.

2 1/2c Proprietary Part Rouletted

Pair..... 25c.
Finely centered..... 50c.

Only a few discovered. Send in at once if you wish them.

STAMP Coldwater, Mich.

U. S. Env. 1899 Die A

2c Entire, Unused,
1894 Wmk., each..... 12c
1899 " "..... 10c
Die B, 1899 Wmk., Each..... 4c
The Three, 25 Cents.
POSTAGE EXTRA.

Canada 12 Pence, Laid Paper,
Unused, original gum, with immense margins all around, absolutely perfect, mint state,
\$450.00.

NEW ENGLAND STAMP CO.,
292 Washington St., BOSTON, MASS.

Found! I. R. 525, Right.

To Plate Number Collectors:
Wanted your best bid for this Rarity, and Top of same number: neither are priced in Bartels' Cat., Right has never before been found. Also best bid on 440 and 452 re green T and R. Address,
ROBERT N. STANLEY,
HIGHLAND PARK, CONN.

A Canadian Map Stamp

First Issue, Unused, **FREE**

To anyone who buys one of our 25c packets. A bargain, don't let it escape you.

TUNNEL CITY STAMP CO.,
FORT HURON, MICH.

Stamp Bargains.

CATCH THEM QUICK!

- 1868 1/2c black, 9x13, P. O. state, only \$6.50
- \$1.00 U. S. I. R., 1898, fine copy..... 5c
- 25c " " "..... 5c
- 10c " " "..... 2c
- 10c " " "small I. R., new..... 6c
- 30c 1890, used, fine copy..... 7c
- 30c War, " "..... 15c
- 10 1885 Newspaper, fine copy..... 15c
- 3c green 1st Document Proprietary..... 6c
- 1/2c Proprietary 1898, 2 rare shades, fine..... 7c
- 1/2c orange Document 1898..... 5c
- 15c brown, black surcharge, Hawaii, new 40c
- Reprints, Hawaii, 4 varieties, rare, each..... 35c
- Canada 5c, 6c, 10c, Maple Leaf, fine copies 20c
- Canada Xmas stamps, 2 varieties, P. O. state, pair for 12 cts.: used..... 5c
- 1/2c Canada Jubilee, lightly cancelled..... 25c
- 6d So. African Republic 1895, new..... 17c

Something Pretty:

- A Set of 12 Brussels Labels, only..... 10c
- Cash in advance and stamp for return postage.
- Agents Wanted for Approval Sheets of finely selected stamps only, at 33 1/2% discount. Send deposit or good reference.
- I will exchange stamps or buy at low price small bargain lots.
- WALTER L. BROWN,**
14 Front St., Worcester, Mass.

that he is going to send them to the Postal Department in Canada, and have them surcharged 2c. A canvass of the dealers here showed that the 3c envelope of the last issue is a scarce article among the trade. Mr. E. A. Holton, the well known Boston dealer, was the only one who had a stock of them, and they are quoted at 10 cents each. It is a question which will be the rarer, this envelope with or without the surcharge.

Die A of the new envelope, on old paper, and on white paper with new watermark, is selling here at 10 and 12 cents each. I have also seen Die A on amber paper.

Mr. Nankivell, in his letter to the *American Journal of Philately*, criticises the issue of Tokens of British Central Africa. As these were offered to dealers here in good quantities, in a condition that showed beyond a doubt that they were not postally used, although cancelled, and being offered by a prominent person in London, they are open to criticism.

I note in the ERA the paragraph by "Puritan." He calls collectors who are particular in regard to specimens "condition cranks." And in replying to one of them, he says: "Our well-filled stock books give tangible evidence that postage stamps were designed to perform postal duty and not simply to ornament stamp albums." I am surprised to read such a paragraph from (judging from his writings) a person of discernment, and I can arrive at only one conclusion, that "Puritan" is not a philatelist. I would be willing to wager that he is not even a collector. He may be a stamp speculator or dealer, but neither of the others. He lacks that which goes to make a philatelist, for with them condition is one of the principal things. I would wager that he is not a collector, for with those of the present day condition counts, either in buying or selling. If he is either a stamp speculator or a dealer, he will live to see the error of his ways. If a speculator, condition will be in evidence when he wants to unload. If a dealer, when he gets into the swim, he will find that collections formed on a basis of his stock books are almost daily offered to the trade, and they go a-begging because of condition: Great heavens! is it possible that a man interested in stamps, living in the year 1899, would think that a collector could be too particular in selecting specimens, providing he is willing to pay for it?

S. E. L.

TICKLISH TALK

In the February Stampman. Free.

U. S. Cuba, 1, 2½ verm., 3, 5 and 10c, unused, well centered, perfect..... \$0.45
Same, well centered, but part perf..... .25
Canada 2c Imperial, lavender, unused..... .10

If you want good stamps at 50¢, see me. Ref.

D. W. OSGOOD, Box 502, Pueblo, Colo.

Correspondence.

[The editor wishes it distinctly understood that he does not hold himself responsible for assertions made under this head, nor does he necessarily sanction any ideas or opinions expressed. All are invited to contribute to this department, with the above understanding, and all communications deemed suitable or of interest to our readers will be published.]

PIQUA, O., March 8, '99.

Editor ERA:

I was much amused at the attack of "Puritan" on the condition cranks, in the Mid-Season number. That parting shot he gave the collector who dared return the stamps sent on approval, has a Dewey flavor of utter annihilation.

Now if "stamps are designed to perform postal duty," when they have performed that duty their mission is ended and destruction is their natural end. However, the collector receives them and keeps them to look at after the postal part of their existence is utterly ended.

In the beginning of stamp collecting and in fact even now with young beginners, anything no matter if it is torn or blotted out, when it has the form of a stamp, is accepted. I don't believe that "Puritan" would want us to buy torn or obliterated stamps, but his wrath is raised because some people want stamps a little nicer in appearance than some he has to sell.

Now I think any one will agree that a centered copy looks nicer than one off at the side, just as a photograph looks better in the middle than at the side of its card, and no coin-collector would accept as perfect a coin with one of its mills battered or cut off.

The argument of "intended for postal duty" is nonsensical as stamp collecting takes the stamp entirely out of its sphere and the collector has a right to demand the specimen which will make the best appearance.

Very truly,

A. E. LAYMAN.

REGARDING MUTILATION OF CUBAN PLATE NOS.

WEBSTER GROVES, March 3, '99.

Editor WEEKLY ERA:

Regarding the matter of mutilated Plate Nos. of the 2½c de peso stamps coming from Cuban Post Offices, of which so much complaint is being made, I am convinced that there has been some despicable underhand work done by which some one hopes to profit by enhancing the value of his acquisitions of these stamps.

A friend of mine in Mantanzas writes me that the 2½c stamps on sale there have no plate numbers on whole sheets and that on making inquiry as to the cause of this a clerk told him that a dealer who bought \$6,000.00 worth of stamps at the Havana office was allowed to go over the stock in the vault and pick out what he wanted and after he left it was discovered that he had

Perfect...

We cater to the most fastidious of collectors. If you are a "condition crank" and are willing to pay for your crankiness we can do business with you. And we offer a perfect set of the

Newspaper Stamps

Well centered, perforated, post paid and registered, for

\$6.00.

If you don't want Newspaper stamps, we have most everything in stamps, and will be pleased to quote prices.

COLONIAL STAMP CO.,

345A Washington St.,

Boston, - - - Mass.

torn off and mutilated the plate numbers of the 2½c stamps. The complaint of persons buying sheets of the 5c with the CUPA stamps alone being torn out gives a strong coloring to this story, and if it can be verified the author of such despicable work should be held up to the contempt of the whole collecting fraternity.

W. A. SISSON.

MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING.

HARTFORD, March 7th.

To the Editor of the ERA:

A good many queer stories have been told about the sales of periodical stamps at the Hartford post office. I have reported the progress of the sale for the most part privately to correspondents, and it has been made public, for which I did not particularly care, as I told the truth, but perhaps would have been more explicit had I known how other parties would garble it. The tallest yarn I have seen is that contained in Mr. Stone's Springfield, Mass., letter of March 1 to the ERA where he says: "The entire stock in Hartford (150 sets) is said to have been scooped in by two speculators." The facts are these: On January 26, the Third Assistant Postmaster-General was in Hartford, and gave

Plate Numbers OF THE PERIODICAL STAMPS

Either top, bottom, right or left at \$25.00 per strip of three (twelve denominations). I have them in stock and orders will be filled the day they are received.

Single Sets, perfect, \$6.50.

A. C. TOWNSEND,

1526 O St., Washington, D. C.

Postmaster Furlong instructions to take orders for the sets at \$5, all parties ordering to leave their names and the cash for the sets desired. On Feb. 11, 140 sets had been sold, \$700 having been paid in, the parties leaving the money consummating a sale, and received the goods February 25. When Mr. Camp said, in *Mekeel's Weekly*, that the statement about 140 sets being sold on Feb. 11th here was erroneous, he didn't know what he was talking about. I secured my sets on the date of arrival, tearing them off myself in horizontal strips, all well centered and perforated all around. When the orders were taken, the money was paid in, placed in official envelopes, and when the sets arrived, the latter were substituted for the money as quickly as possible. I arrived when the process was going on, and as my envelope had not been reached, I was allowed to have my sets as stated. Mr. E. E. C. Bassett, Assistant Stamp Clerk, sold 50 sets to 30 different parties from 1 to 7 sets each, while Chief Stamp Clerk Julian H. Gates and Cashier Henry J. Hall handled the rest. The two stamp clerks have separate accounts. From the Chief Clerk's lot no one secured over 20 sets, and I know of one gentleman who bought 10. I had all the facts from the gentleman named and Postmaster Furlong. Now the statement of Mr. Stone's informant appears very fishy, and—decidedly "erroneous."

HENRY A. CHAPMAN.

WINONA, MINN., March 10, 1899.
W. W. JEWETT, Publr.,
Portland, Me.

Dear Sir: Thinking you might be interested in the Periodical sale in the west, I have investigated same to some extent and find there has been a large sale with considerable excitement attending. Minneapolis, St. Paul, Milwaukee and La Crosse were cleaned out almost immediately and collectors are writing to all parts of the country with very poor success. Mr. Edw. S. Stebbins of Minneapolis, kindly attended to the wants of his friends and the sets he selected were very fine.

Lewis Robie was also called upon to help the boys out who did not live in cities where there were first class post offices and he responded in his usual generous style.

A couple of speculators got hold of some hundred sets finely centered and perforated on all sides, and they are selling them quite readily at ten dollars per set.

The largest part of sets on sale at offices I mention were imperfect, either badly centered or with one straight edge.

Trusting this news from the Mississippi valley may be of interest, I remain,

Yours very truly,

H. G. SMITH.

Newspaper Clippings.

WOES OF DR. GABBS.

HOW HE PARTED WITH HIS MONEY AND STAMPS.—HE CLAIMS HE WAS DECEIVED BY W. H. HOLLIS, A PHILATELIC.

Dr. M. F. Gabbs, the dentist, has just passed through an experience which will probably hereafter cause him to confine himself strictly to his profession.

As a result of over-confidence in mankind and a tendency to invest in seeming enterprises outside of his profession, he figures that he has lost about \$6000.

His trouble may be attributed to the fact that he is an enthusiastic philatelist and not long ago could boast of one of the finest collection of stamps in this city.

About eighteen months ago the dentist was approached by a fellow-philatelist named W. H. Hollis and a conference ended in the incorporation of what has since been known as the W. H. Hollis Stamp Company, with a place of business on O'Farrell street.

According to Dr. Gabb's story, confided to a number of his friends, he was persuaded to deliver over to Hollis a collection of stamps valued at about \$2000 and a like sum of money, with which the company began business.

Hollis was installed as manager, at \$50 a month, but shortly afterward it developed that he had gained possession of the controlling stock, and promptly raised his salary to \$75. Then the doctor's troubles really began.

His profession prevented him from devoting the necessary time to the stamp enterprise and in his absence Dr. Gabbs charges that Hollis rapidly accumulated an indebtedness of his own of between \$3000 and \$5000.

Later on it is charged that Hollis, by some peculiar method, called a meeting of the company without due notice of the Doctor and gave as security of his own indebtedness notes of the company, one of which was to secure a debt of \$2000 to Hollis' mother.

It was easy for Gabbs to see his own finish, but he did not realize that it was so close at hand until day before yesterday, when the Sheriff swooped down on the O'Farrell-street store and promptly sold it out to satisfy a judgment quietly secured against the company on the notes issued.

The doctor has reason to believe that the whole affair was a pre-arranged plan to oust him out of the business, for Hollis' mother was on hand and bid in the business at the Sheriff's sale, and has since placed her son in charge of the old stand, which now bears a new name.

It is needless, probably, to state that the dentist believes he has been buccooed, and has employed an attorney to carry the matter into court, but just as the latter was about to proceed Dr. Gabbs concluded to

let the matter pass and stand his losses in silence rather than suffer what he believes would be the humiliation of being discovered in the light of a victim of a bad business venture.—*Evening Post*, San Francisco.

Wanted!

OMAHA PLATES.
2c: 644, 646, 650, 653, 659, 660, 661, 662, 664, 667, 670, 671, 675, 682, 685, 691, 694: will take all you have. Send to Cash by return mail.
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WHOLESALE DEALER IN
* **POSTAGE + STAMPS.** *
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February list just issued, cheapest in the world. Every dealer should have one. Sent gratis and post free to dealers only. [11]

More Snaps.

U. S. Revenue 1898 \$1, per 10.....	\$0.30
" Envelope, unused, die A, 1899 watermark, per 10.....	.35
Omaha, 4c, used, per 10.....	.10
Mixed lot of unused English Colonies, face value \$1.00.....	1.20
Mixed lot U. S. Departments, catalogue at \$3.00.....	1.00
Newfoundland 12c, unused.....	.15
" 24c, ".....	.30
" 1/2, 1, 2, 3c, unused..	.09
Canada Maple Leaf 1/2 to 10c, unused	.45
" Map, the 4 shades, unused..	.16
U. S. Rev. 1 1/2c, 3 shades; 1/2c, 3 shades; 3 1/2c; 1 3/4c; all unused	.24
Postage 2c with all orders.	

Colonial Stamp Co.,
345A Washington St., BOSTON, MASS.

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In answering advertisements please be sure to mention this paper. It is of great importance to us.

United States -- Cuba
Postal Cards
1c de Peso, 2c de Peso, Price Per Set..... 6c
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6 Var., Single and Double, Post Paid ... 25c
A. LOHMEYER,
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U. S. Periodical Stamps.

	Cat. price.	My price
1875 3c, hard paper	\$1.00	\$0.30
1879 2c.....	.35	.10
" 3c.....	.35	.15
" 4c.....	.50	.20
" 6c.....	1.00	.40
" 8c.....	1.00	.40
1885 1c.....	.25	.07
1894 1c, old plate.....	.50	.20
" 2c.....	.50	.20
" 4c.....	1.00	.35
" 12c pink, old plate.....	2.50	.90
" 24c " ".....	5.00	2.00
" 60c " ".....	—	5.00
U. S. 1883 4c green.....	.15	.06
" 1884 1c ultramarine.....	.15	.03
" 1888 3c vermilion.....	.15	.06
" 1864 2c black Wrapper, straw ..	1.00	.18
Columbian Envelopes, 22 var.....	1.00	.15
Canada Jubilee 1/2c.....	.15	.03
" 6c.....	.30	.10
" 1/2 10 50c.....	1.35	.30
" 1/2 10 1.00.....	2.30	.50
Canada Xmas 2c lavender.....	.04	.01
U. S. stamps, envelopes and plates at same discounts.		
All mint state and entire.		
Cash and return postage.		

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1893-97 Regular Issues
(UNSURCHARGED)

Owing to the fact that most of the stamps remaining of these issues were surcharged "Habilitado" in 1898, the unsurcharged stamps are very good. I offer good copies of the following varieties, all unused and fine:

1893 6c orange.....	7 1/2c
1894 1/2m chocolate.....	1c
1894 2m flesh.....	1c
1896 1/2m violet.....	1c
1896 1m lilac brown.....	1c
1896 5c light blue.....	5c
1896 6c lilac.....	6c
1896 20c olive gray.....	17c
1896 40c salmon.....	35c
1897 3c claret brown.....	3c
1897 8c black.....	6 1/2c

Above Set 11 Stamps \$1.25 Post Free

1898 3c dark brown, regular issue.....	4c
1898 5c carmine.....	5c
1898 2m red and yellow green, (Habilitado)....	5c
1898 3c red and red brown.....	5c
1898 3c red and blue.....	50c
1898 5c red and rose.....	15c

Orders for less than \$1.00 must be accompanied by stamped and addressed envelope for return. [11c]

C. H. MEKEEL,
Rooms 604 & 605 Century Bldg., St. Louis, Mo.

1899 Envelopes.

Next week we shall offer complete sets '99 Envelopes at prices that cannot fail to please. Better get our figures before placing orders, as there will be plenty of Envelopes and no need of hurrying. In the meantime we offer

Entire and unused 2c red on white,	
Die A, No. 13, '94 wmk.....	5c
2c Canada Map stamp, 1st issue,	
Lavender, correct shade.....	5c
15c Canada Blue Grey, Scott No. 74,	
unused.....	18c

Postage extra on orders less than 50c.
See our Plate Number ad in last week's ERA. Cheap weren't they?

STERLING STAMP CO.,
BOSTON, MASS.

Please mention ERA when answering ads.

From a Special ERA Correspondent.

Hartford Notes.

The statement going the rounds of the philatelic press that Hartford was given a preference of several days in the distribution of the newspaper remainders is not exactly a fact. The allotment to the Hartford office was received here Saturday morning, February 25, and notices were immediately sent out to subscribers. By noon on Monday the 150 sets had all been taken, going to about fifty different individuals, one set to each except in the case of a few local dealers. As there are now other orders on file, an effort is being made to obtain a further consignment.

Apropos of the Williams & Co. claims a Hartford dealer is out over \$250.00 unless some unexpected developments occur in the case. A writ of replevin has been forwarded through official channels to the United States Consular Agent in Peru, and it is possible the young man constituting the firm may consider it prudent to disgorge.

The Y. M. C. A. Juniors of Hartford, numbering about 150 boys between the ages of 12 and 18, will give an exhibition of coins, stamps, minerals and birds' eggs, in Jewell hall on Friday and Saturday, March 17 and 18, day and evening, and already the loan of some of the choicest collections in the city have been promised. On Friday evening Mr. W. H. Bruce will give an illustrated talk on stamps and on Saturday evening Mr. J. Coolidge Hill will tell something about coins.

Among odds and ends picked up by a local dealer one evening recently in looking over some old papers of a retired merchant were a lot of the 5 and 10-cent "shin-plates," and five of the scarce "encased" postage stamps. But few of those have been seen the last few years, and such as were turned up went into the collection of a well-known New Yorker, whose ads some years ago were prominent in a number of non-philatelic papers.

One of the latest fads here in the use of postage stamps for decorative purposes, is the bordering of hand-painted individual coffees. Two-thirds of the stamp, bright colors only being used, is glazed inside the cup, corner-ways, one corner only lapping over the rim. These points, all different colors, after the cup has been glazed or enameled and burnt, present a very unique and effective trimming.

A magnificent lot of entire United States envelopes, the collection of a former employe of the government envelope works here, is liable to come onto the market in the fall, as the owner is seriously considering the policy of disposing of them by auction.

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WHOLE No. 305.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Washington Notes.

Wednesday, March 15th.

There seems to be a difference of opinion as to whether the newspaper stamps have been reprinted. After reading the various articles I thought I would see if I could find out the exact facts, and you will see that I was able to get the same as I can produce the exact number of all that were reprinted. In other words I will give you the number of originals that were on hand. All that were returned from post offices were destroyed as in most cases they were stuck together and were in such shape that it would have been an endless job to assort them, with the force the Department has, in connection with the other work they have to do. The originals on hand are as follows:

\$5.00	155
\$10.00	11,640
\$20.00	8780
\$50.00	16,245
\$100.00	7,685

You can do your own figuring, and you will see just how many of the dollar values were reprinted. All the other values are originals, as there was a great number on hand.

The correspondent from Boston is mistaken about having or saying that the 25-cent one had been reprinted as there was any quantity of them on tap and they were not reprinted.

You can see by the above list that anybody who has the \$5.00 original has a mighty good stamp from my point of view.

I was speaking with one of the officials at the Post Office Department to-day and he said that as far as they were able to learn that at least 35,000 sets had been disposed of.

It looks to me as if a party who is fortunate enough to get the originals has got a good thing, and it will be money well invested to buy them. I hardly think any one has a kick coming even if he has bought the reprints as they will be worth much more than the price paid for them. It would be impossible to invest \$5.00 in any stamps that would set off a collection as the newspaper stamps will, and I think at the same time it is money well invested.

From what I can learn at the Depart-

ment they are not pleased with the stamps designed for Cuba, and in all probability the Bureau will be called upon to submit new ones.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Our Boston Letter.

BOSTON, March 14th.

A communication received this week from Havana states that the surcharged 2½c de peso on 2c U. S. have all been sold. The last importations received from these were very different shades from those received formerly. This stamp is now found in four distinct shades; the shade that seems to be scarcest is what I should call a rose-pink. Mr. Carpenter of the New England Stamp Co. has discovered an error in the last printing of the 1c de peso on 1c U. S. The error consists of the word "CUPA." It occurs in several sheets, and is evidently caused by an accident to the plate. He also states, from official correspondence, that the Porto Rico stamps are not to be put on sale until the 15th of March. I am waiting anxiously to see these stamps, as I have a great curiosity to see whether they will be surcharged Andreini style, "Puerto Rico," or the name which time and custom has made most familiar to us, which is Porto Rico, and which was used by William Swinton in his books.

B. L. Drew & Co. held their 32nd auction sale last evening. There was a very good attendance, and prices, with few exceptions, were low. A Rhodesia, 1896, 10sh, o. g., fine, sold for \$5.00; Great Britain, 1840, 1d black, letter sheet, "no finer used copy could be produced," sold for \$2.65; Brazil, 1843, 6or, extra fine, sold for \$1.05; unused, entire U. S. envelopes went a-begging; the 1887 issue of these, entire unused, 30c, on different papers, sold from 38 to 75 cts. each; the 90c purple, on different papers, sold from \$1.00 to \$1.50 each. There were a good many bargains secured at the sale.

It is said that Malta has issued four new pictorial stamps: a 4½d, with a representation of a modern Maltese boat; a 5d, which is oblong, has on it a large galley with sails and oars; a 2sh 6d, an allegorical fig-

ure, with a shield bearing the Arms of Malta; the 10sh stamp bears a picture which *Stanley Gibbons' Monthly* says is a curious one, a mixed representation of the escape of St. Paul from shipwreck and the serpent. It is also stated that the New South Wales 6d green of recent issue has been changed to orange, and I do not suppose that one reader out of 10 who may notice this has secured the 6d green.

The *Metropolitan*, a few weeks ago, chronicled some Canada adhesive postage stamps as having been surcharged. A communication received here from the officials at Ottawa states that such stamps are "fakes." It is stated that no stamps were so surcharged officially, and any postmaster so doing would be liable to severe censure; and that any letters mailed with such stamps would be sent to the dead letter office, unless there were other stamps on the cover to pay the postage.

The last number of said paper also contains the following, in speaking of the newspaper stamps: . . . "and were, in fact nothing but a control stamp." . . . What a multitude of sins the makers of catalogues and albums will have to answer for, when they list and provide spaces for what are practically nothing but labels, and make the poor, deluded collector think they are postage stamps.

I am again surprised by reading a paragraph in the last *ERA*, and this time the author uses no *nom de plume*, and his name is Stone. A good many years ago, if I remember rightly, Mr. Stone ably conducted a "Chronicle of New Issues" for a New York philatelic paper, and I understand that he is a philatelist of many years' experience; therefore, what surprises me, in his philatelic review he says: "*Stamps* gives a very valuable table of money values in its junior department," and then follows a list of countries using the peso and its value in shillings and pence. Now, from beginning to end of this table, there is not one correct valuation. For instance, Uruguay peso, equal to 2sh 10d, which would be equal in U. S. money to 70 cts. A peso of Uruguay in U. S. money is \$1.04. A correct list of values would be interesting and possibly a great help to collectors, but a list of this kind is very injurious.

S. E. L.

From a Special ERA Correspondent.

Brooklyn-New York Letter.

BROOKLYN-NEW YORK, March 16.

Ere these notes are published and read by your readers, the great Philatelic Exhibition, given by the Section on Philately of the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences will have been opened for inspection by the public.

The opening will be on Saturday Evening at 8 o'clock and many addresses will be made by prominent National, State and Municipal Officials and Officers of the Institute and Section.

The opening will be attended by the members and invited guests only, after which the Exhibition will be open to the public.

The Exhibition will be open to the public, from Sunday Mar. 19th to Mar. 31st inclusive. The hours are from 10 A. M. to 10 P. M. and on Sundays from 2 P. M. to 6 P. M.

Much publicity has been given the Section on Philately through the hearty support of the philatelic press and has done much to make it a success, which is appreciated by the Section.

Two large frames at the Exhibition will contain the generous gifts of the several Postmaster-Generals throughout the world who have contributed, which will be the foundation of the Institute Collection.

The following countries have contributed to this collection to date: Canada (including Jubilees), Newfoundland (including Cabots), Mexico, Bahamas, Bermudas, Trinidad, Jamaica, British Honduras, Sierra Leone and Australia, including New Zealand except Western Australia.

It is hoped every collector living within reach of New York will attend this grand Exhibition of stamps at some time during the two weeks.

The Exhibition Committee have had very generous support from dealers and collectors throughout and have assured the Section they will make it a financial success as well, although this was not looked for.

The Exhibition was to be given by the Section merely as an appreciation of the recognition of Philately as a science by the Institute.

The Exhibition Committee and the several sub-committees are to be congratulated on the success of their undertaking, which has been no small one I can assure you.

Further lectures will be held under the auspices of the Section before the season closes, of which due notice will be given in these columns.

The annual meeting will take place on Friday, April 24th, at which time five members of the Executive Board will step out of office and their successors elected.

A large attendance is expected at this meeting.

The Official Catalogue of the Exhibition will be a work of art and will be sold at 10 cents each.

Will endeavor to keep your readers posted on the happenings at the Exhibition.

H. TOELKE.

Correspondence.

[The editor wishes it distinctly understood that he does not hold himself responsible for assertions made under this head, nor does he necessarily sanction any ideas or opinions expressed. All are invited to contribute to this department, with the above understanding, and all communications deemed suitable or of interest to our readers will be published.]

To the Editor of the ERA:

In reply to Mr. Layman, and other correspondents of the ERA, I wish space enough to say that

I have no strictures to make upon those collectors who desire perfect stamps and spotless collections.

I do, however, protest when collectors call for perfect stamps and demand 50% discount.

This was the "Passing Ship" I meant to refer to and I regret I did not make it clear and thereby save for higher game the ammunition of some of your scribes.

Fraternally,

PURITAN.

EXCHANGES.

One notice is allowed each subscriber free if sent with his remittance, extra notices will be inserted at the uniform price of 10 cents each insertion. Non-subscribers 15 cents each insertion. Positively cash with notices. All notices must be for exchange and limited to thirty words, exclusive of the address, and must be written on a separate piece of paper. Notices offering articles for sale for cash, or offering to purchase for cash cannot be inserted here as they do not come under this head.

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I want to exchange U. S. and Canada for same, have many good stamps to exchange. An old U. S. postal card for stamps to value of 25 cents. L. H. Smith, Box 693, Bellows Falls, Vermont.

France 49, 15; Hamburg 59, 1; Japan 75, no syl. 4, Lagos CA 2 blue; Mexico 61, 4; Norway 63, 3, and many other good stamps for exchange. Send sheets or lists. F. Noyes, Alice, Texas. (Member A. P. A., I. Ph. V. &c.) [7]

I will give 500 var. Foreign postage stamps (no Revenues or cards) clean and in good condition, for a \$2.00 Omaha in good condition. Catalogue value of above from \$8 to \$10. Edward Kunkel, Fort Washington, Wis.

I have several lots of stamps that I desire to exchange at wholesale prices for stamps listing from fifty cents up. Dealers send Hawaii stamps on approval for exchange. C. F. Richards, 326 West 20th St., New York.

New Idea Exchange will take your M. and M. Rev. and Postage duplicates and give you stamps you require. No damaged or heavily cancelled sent or taken. New Idea Exchange, 381 St. Nicholas Ave., New York City. [6]

I will take your duplicates catalogued at 5 cts. or more, in any quantities, and allow you 50% in exchange on my sheets. E. A. Osborne, Jamaica, N. Y.

Stamp packet, all different, catalogued at over \$1.00, for names of six young collectors each plainly written on separate envelopes and each stamped with a 2c stamp. Quaker Stamp Co., 229 Floyd St., Toledo, O.

All kinds of stamps in exchange for merchandise. Correspondence in English and French. F. J. Laurier, 901 Main St., Worcester, Mass.

Back numbers "Harpers," "Century," "Atlantic," "Cosmopolitan," "Scribners" &c., at 15 cents a pound, in exchange for U. S. stamps not in my collection. D. A. K. Andrus, Rockford, Ill. [5]

A No. 4 Caligraph Typewriter and case, good condition, cost \$100.00, for a collection of stamps, or stamps listing over 25 cents each, from approval sheets. Trash not accepted. James A. Andersen, Loomis, Nebraska. [5]

Pairs, blocks and strips of imperforated U. S. Revenues wanted. Will give good U. S. Postage or Revenues in exchange. Eugene H. Field (C. P. S. No. 464), 7 Public Square, Galesburg, Ill. [5]

Imperforated pairs of United States and Foreign stamps wanted, will give good exchange from approval books for any sent me. J. F. Johnson, 83 Thornton St., Boston, Mass. [901c]

TRADE COLUMN.

Under this head we print all notices not properly belonging to our exchange department, such as business announcements, want and for sale notices, etc., at the uniform low rate of five (5) cents per line. Eight words average a line. All notices will be set in solid 6-point type and no display allowed. Minimum charge 10 cents.

100 different Revenues, 52 cents. 100 unused S. A. Postage, 22 cents. Stamp cat. \$1.00, free. CHARLES KING, 105 East 10th St., New York.

Offers requested. 1st Amer. cat. issued by Scott 1879, 1/4 morr. THOMSON, 54 W. 125th St., N. Y. City.

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Have you seen my approval books? 60% discount. References required. Good stamps wanted in exchange, or for spot cash. E. A. OSBORNE, Jamaica, N. Y. [9]

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Send bank ref. for beginner's sheets at 50%. R. G. ROBERTS, Box 404, Norwalk, Ohio.

I have money to loan on good stamps and stamp collections. H. G. SMITH, (Treas. A. P. A.), Winona, Minn. [411c]

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NEW YORK CITY, March 11th, 1899.

1,036 books of stamps in circulation
according to my report of Mar.
4th, valued at..... \$32,319.05
9 books received since Mar. 4th,
valued at..... 130.86

\$32,449.91

15 books retired since Mar. 4th val-
ued at (from which has been sold
\$157.41) \$958.90

Total number of books in circula-
tion 1,030, valued at..... \$31,481.01

Special Notice.

Private Auction Sales will be held at the
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they wish to sell.

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GEO. R. TUTTLE,
Superintendent Sales Dept.

COLLECTING AGENT'S REPORT.

NORTHAMPTON, MASS., Mar. 16, '99.
W. W. JEWETT.

Dear Sir: The enclosed letter is sent
to you for publication explaining the case
of G. J. Luhn. It may be useful informa-
tion for some of our members.

Yours truly,
J. ARTHUR WAINWRIGHT,
Collecting Agent.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Feb. 27, 1899.
J. ARTHUR WAINWRIGHT, Esq.,
Northampton, Mass.

Dear Sir: We have your favor of the
3rd, enclosing for collection the claim of
N. I. Stockwell vs. G. J. Luhn and V.
Gurdji against the same party, and regret
to return them to you as worthless. Mr.
Luhn was sold out under foreclosure of
mortgage just after his recovery from a
long fit of illness last Fall, and the amount
realized from the sale of his stock just cov-
ered the mortgage, so that there was noth-
ing left for the general creditors. He has
nothing that we can get.

Yours truly,
MORDECAI & GADSDEN.

The Editor's Shears.

CATALOGUE ABSURDITIES.

The talk everywhere is of catalogues and
prices. Let us gather up a little of this

talk and see to what end it leads us. The
whispers wafted in the direction of Cheap-
side, coupled with things that have been
communicated to us by various little birds,
point to anything between admiration and
contempt as the popular verdict on the
new stamp dealers' catalogues. Some
people are praising the undoubted im-
provements in both "Gibbons" and
"Bright;" others are bitterly complaining
that the catalogues are again "rigged" in
the interests of the dealers who publish
them. We should hesitate to endorse this
latter indictment, although we are fully
prepared to believe that Messrs. Stanley
Gibbons and Messrs. Bright & Son have
so arranged their priced catalogues as to
be able to do business at a profit to them-
selves. To expect anything else would be
to ignore the natural tendencies of mere
ordinary mortals. But the astounding
differences in the prices given in the
Gibbons and Bright catalogues!—this is
the topic of the moment, and it is one that
provokes indignation—or laughter. Why,
asks a well-known stamp dealer, should the
shilling Nova Scotia be priced £15 in
"Gibbons" and £20 in "Bright." One
price must be right and the other wrong;
and personally we lean to the opinion that
the true quotation is that given in the "A.
B. C." Catalogue. In the case of glaring
differences of this sort the true test, of
course, is whether the cataloguer giving
the lower quotation can supply a fair copy
at the figure he gives? If Messrs. Stanley
Gibbons can supply decent copies of the
shilling Nova Scotia at £15 to all who
present themselves as customers at that
figure, then £15 is the market price. But
can they?

When prices are all at sixes and sevens,
as they undoubtedly are at the present
moment, there is no room for any further
talk as to these catalogues being accepted
as standard catalogues. They constitute
no sort of standard whatever, and the
sooner the philatelic public learns that they
must be regarded solely as the priced lists
of the dealers who publish them, so much
the better for the philatelic public.

We trust that these few lines on the burn-
ing question of the hour will not be con-
strued into any sort of personal attack on
the catalogues or their publishers for such
a thing is far from our thoughts. We have
attempted merely to interpret for our
readers a little of the "catalogue talk" that
has been going on around us during the
past few weeks. In the near future—
perhaps in the next *Fortnightly*—we
shall return to this subject of catalogues
and prices, a subject at the very roots of
philately and demands the most serious at-
tention from all followers of the hobby.—
Editorial in *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly*

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10c brown.....	.01	.05	.40
15c purple brown.....	.02	.12	.80
40c violet blue.....	.10	.80	
50c slate violet.....	.03	.15	1.35
\$1.00 green.....	.04	.30	3.00
3.00 brown.....	.25	2.25	
5.00 red.....	.35	3.00	
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All unused and well centered.

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1896 1m lilac brown.....	1c
1896 5c light blue.....	5c
1896 6c lilac.....	6c
1896 20c olive gray.....	17c
1896 40c salmon.....	35c
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1897 80c black.....	6 1/2c

Above Set 11 Stamps \$1.25 Post Free

1898 3c dark brown, regular issue.....	4c
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C. H. MEKEEL,

Rooms 604 & 605 Century Bldg., St. Louis, Mo.

of German and United States postal rates, etc., in parallel columns. I should be glad to see similar articles on the rates of other countries.

Il Francobollo publishes a long decree gotten up in regal form by the Captains Regent of San Marino, promulgating a new postal tariff for the republic. The new 2 cent stamp for internal postage is illustrated and is a pleasing change from the tri-mountain series we have had so long.

The stamps of Colombia and the various states have never been over popular but on the contrary have been notoriously absent from the albums of most of the general run of collectors. Perhaps for that very reason I have always been greatly interested in them, and the series of articles by T. W. Hall which were originally read before the London Philatelic Society and are now coming out in the *London Philatelist* have interested me very much. Some sixteen or seventeen years ago I thought I knew all about these stamps and in competition sent an article to an English journal and secured the first prize, a guinea's worth of stamps. Only the first installment ever appeared for the paper suspended!

But to return to Mr. Hall and his article. Some five pages are occupied with the historical introduction and the notes on the various issues down to 1865. A plate containing illustrations of varieties of the Antioquia stamps is inserted here but would seem to have been more in place if held over until that state had been reached. I shall await the other installments with impatience.

To those of my readers who can read Russian, I most cordially recommend *Marka*. It is neatly gotten up, well printed and illustrated, and full of interesting information. The current number contains a long article on Abyssinia.

The editor of the *Montreal Philatelist* has discovered some minor varieties in the maple leaf and numeral issues of Canada and illustrates them by means of enlarged cuts of the frames. I wonder if this is another British Guiana find?

The *Philatelic Record* contains another installment of the article on The "Stamps of Persia" by C. Forbes. The first two sets are dealt with in a most exhaustive manner and the series of papers will clear up many doubtful points. I do not know how large a circulation the *Record* has, but it ought to be in every true collector's library. I would not part with my complete file for a good deal if I were unable to replace it.

Upon receiving my copy of the *Revue Philateliqne Francaise* the first thing that struck my eye was the peculiar yellow green hue of the 5 centime stamp which prepaid

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it. Upon opening the journal I find that the stamp has been changed to that hue and that it is also said that the 10 cent has appeared in red. The latter statement however is given under reserve.

One of the writers in this paper has been doing some statistical work with M. Maury's little catalogue of the issues of 1898, and he finds that there were issued during the year some 750 stamps distributed as follows:

Europe,	49
Africa,	271
Asia,	117
America,	276
Oceania,	37
Total	750

Some of the largest issuers are given in a table by themselves:

Portugal and colonies,	251
Great Britain and colonies,	164
Guatemala,	31
Nicaragua,	29
Salvador,	20
Haiti,	24

To purchase all these 750 stamps at their nominal value would require the expenditure of some \$160.

A list of some fifteen different stamps is given whose face value is five shillings or over. British East Africa leads in this respect with its 50 rupee stamp.

J. B. Moens commences an article in this number on the "Stamps of Thurn & Taxis" but whether it is simply a reprint of his former work or not I cannot say as I have not the book at hand to make a comparison. It will be sure to be a valuable work.

A full list of the Hongkong stamps as listed in the work by Juan Mencarini is given in the *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly*. All imperforates, inverts, and fiscal postals are noted and the list will be useful to those who do not own the book itself.

I have received a circular announcing the intention of R. W. Tucker to issue a new paper called the *Stamp Exchange* with a circulation of 10,000 copies for the first number. Price 20 cents per year, Box 3276, Boston.

Crawford Capen's *Stamps* contains two most excellent articles in its second issue. The first one is devoted to advice concerning the use of a blank album and is illustrated by a page from the album of Mr. O. C. Drew of New York showing his arrangement of the 1898 Haitian stamps. It presents a most handsome appearance and I have heard of several collectors who propose to arrange their own collection on the same plan.

The other article explains the various methods of perforation and illustrates them by means of half tones of the stamps themselves, or fractions of them, on a black background which shows to excellent advantage. This method of illustration is

far superior to the cuts generally used to illustrate the different methods.

"Glimpses of Richmond, Va.," while it is not a philatelic article is quite appropriate for the *Virginia Philatelist* in view of the approaching convention of the Southern Philatelic Association. It is illustrated with some fine views of the State Capitol, City Hall, Washington Monument and State Library.

The article on Japan deals with the 1875 issues and is as full and painstaking as the chapters which have gone before. Color varieties are enumerated in smaller type than the regular issues. The cuts are not very clear and it is to be regretted that the half tone process was not resorted to.

Part seven of Westoby's "Adhesive Postage Stamps of Europe" is at hand and Iceland, Ionian Islands, Italy, Lubeck and Luxemburg. A title page and preface are provided for the first volume which ends with the Ionian Islands. To those of my readers who have never seen this work I will say that while intended as an elementary work it is well worth the perusal of all. The illustrations are simply superb. The cost is but 1 shilling per part and the work can be secured through any importer. I get my own copy through G. E. Stechert, the well known New York importer.

A recent number of the London *Graphic* contained illustrations of the four new stamps for Malta. They are of the Waterlow class and very handsome. The designs are all different and are printed in one color I believe. The values are 4½, 5 pence, 2½, 10 shillings. The last stamp represents St. Paul's shipwreck.

About Reprints.

TRANSLATED FROM THE GERMAN OF
HERR C. LINDENBERG, M. L. P. S.,
BY HARRY HILCKES.

There are still many collectors who have a great objection to unused stamps, owing to the prevalence of Reprints. Every unused stamp is looked at distrustfully, since it *might* be a Reprint or—worse. There are not a few collectors who, judging prematurely, pronounce a rare, unused stamp to be a Reprint, to their own loss and disadvantage.

It would lead too far were I to attempt to point out the mistaken idea some collectors have in considering any postmark a kind of guarantee of authenticity. Next to the so-called "postmarks to order," *i. e.*, those postmarks which are applied to stamps to please some collector or dealer, and other abuses of the obliterations of stamps, I consider that forgeries of postmarks play an even more important "role" in Philately than the fakes of postage stamps. I will

even maintain that *unused forgeries* are very scarce, the forgery monger having more or less ground to fear the penal code relating to such misdemeanour. Therefore I contend that an unused stamp bears in itself a guarantee of genuineness which should not be underrated.

With Reprints, however, it is different, as they mostly exist in the unused state only, and are difficult to distinguish from the Originals, as far as the medium collector is concerned. The fear to obtain a Reprint instead of an original, when buying unused stamps, is justified to a certain extent, although in many cases it is very exaggerated. There are far less Reprints in circulation than is generally supposed, and most of these are more easily recognisable than many of the beginners would believe. There is always some mistake in the manufacture, really very few reprints being made sufficiently well to almost defy detection.

It is, however, not without reason, that some fear, that with the spread of Philately, the number of reprints will increase. The continual demand for old issues, the interest which some Royalty evinced in the science of Philately, has mostly been the reason of these reprints; the future will teach us that these factors will always play an important part; but it is all the more imperative, that everything which has hitherto been reprinted, is "nailed to the wall" and a watchful eye be kept on all those yet to appear.

Let me at first define the term Reprint, a point on which even old collectors do not always agree. A REPRINT means the manufacture of obsolete stamps, which however, *might* still be admitted for postage; they are printed from the ORIGINAL DIES or PLATES as used at the time when the stamps were issued to the public by the Post Office. [Equal to Original dies are of course the Stereotypes, Galvanos or Reports (used in the lithographic process) taken from them.] It differs therefore from the 'counterfeit' in so far that the former is *always* from the *original* die, whereas the latter is either printed from altered plates or from new plates altogether; whether officially or not has little to do with it, as the reprinting might be done from the real plates without the sanction of the Government; or by the authorities themselves from manufactured plates as the so-called Reprints of Alsace-Lorraine stamps testify.

There are two ways by which Reprints are produced, either they are made by the Government, or they are done privately by those who bought the dies from the authorities. Of course, plates, dies, etc., of stamps, which are still admitted for postage, are never sold to private parties.

In the early days, stamps were only reprinted by the State; however they have changed this practice, and to-day most of the Reprints made are done by private people who acquired the plates from the authorities, and with them the right to print

as many stamps as they liked, and in as many colours as they think fit. It is evident that the latter method is far more dangerous to the interest of Philately than the former. As long as the Government had the manufacture in their own hands the printing was kept within certain bounds; either the Reprints were done in response to orders from some dealers, or they were purely made for official purposes; in both cases, a limited quantity only was produced. Quite a different thing is it, however, once the plates have passed into private hands; then Reprints are produced in such quantities as to swamp the markets, disgusting the collectors and rendering the country in question almost obnoxious in the eyes of the latter; they are sold at such low prices that it is scarcely worth while to collect them.

Another way is to produce them in limited quantities only, closely imitating the original state, and palming them off as original, on the far too confiding collector. This lasts till one day the plates are worn down to such a pitch as to render them useless, which happens, as a rule, much sooner than would be the case if left in the hands of the authorities, owing to careless treatment. A good illustration of this is afforded in the case of the stamps of Bergedorf, Hamburg and Heligoland.

Reverting now to the question of the value of Reprints, as such, I fancy I hear already the majority of my readers condemning them, although perhaps not going so far as a writer in the *Illustrirte Briefmarken Zeitung*, of 1888, who considered them more dangerous than forgeries. The author admits he is only a young collector, but even old and experienced collectors are known to have pronounced against the very existence of Reprints. I would scarcely go so far. Of course there is an enormous difference between an original and a reprint, but I must openly admit that where I find it impossible to obtain an Original, I take a Reprint to fill its place, rather than having nothing at all, provided I am fully aware of the character of my substitute. I justify this with the fact that my *Reprint* was struck from the same plate as the original, and therefore resembles the latter as near as possible. It is by no means my intention to advocate the manufacture of Reprints in general, but though declaring above the difference between Reprint and Original to be enormous, I can still find some kind of relation, a factor which is entirely absent when drawing a comparison between an Original and a facsimile (forgery). A forgery, if once known, has no right of existence, whereas a Reprint is in my opinion a fit substitute for the real stamp; it may be openly known in its true character; nobody need have any doubt about it.

It is a fact that most Reprints owe their existence to dame Philately only, the State itself having very little interest in the manufacture of their stamps, and cases in

which Reprints were made for official purposes only are very few and far between. The earliest Reprints, therefore, were made in the beginning of the time when stamp collecting came more to the fore. It was done then to satisfy the demand for old issues; they were even sold at face value. It is strange, but true, that many Government officials up to this day fail to perceive any difference between an Original and a Reprint. I am even convinced that many Post Office authorities have so far forgotten the fact that part of their stamps were printed after they were withdrawn from sale, that they themselves consider them part and parcel of the official remainders.

Of course, we collectors had our eyes wide open, and soon found such small differences, which were entirely overlooked by the authorities, as to enable us to recognise the intruders at once in their true characters. Some Governments have even profited by our alertness, and it is almost disquieting how some of them have improved on their Reprints, as, for instance, Austria.

I maintain that the Reprint is a good substitute in cases where an Original is unobtainable; but it is to be a substitute, not a representative of the *real* stamp; it is wrong, therefore, to entirely condemn it altogether. It should be the endeavour of every collector to replace any Reprint by the proper stamp should an opportunity occur, but in cases where an original is beyond his means a reprint is far better than a facsimile or even an empty space. Of special importance are Reprints to those who collect unused stamps only; to them they are simply indispensable. I admit it is very expensive to replace these gradually by Originals, but if the collection is to be of philatelic value it is imperative that this should be done.

Collectors of special countries are likewise bound to pay some attention to the Reprints of those stamps of which they make a speciality. It appears to me necessary that a specialist should know everything referring to them, and that his collection should represent all postal issues, whether Reprint or Original.

To remind the *advanced* collector that there is such a thing as Reprints seems to me to carry coals to Glasgow. Certainly no class of collector knows the value of a Reprint better than he!

The vital point in the Reprint question is simply the facility of recognising them as such. It is only through the inability of the majority of collectors to distinguish between the Reprint and the Original that so many have pronounced against the former. Once recognised it is a harmless object. But how to recognize it? With the exception of the Australian Authorities who surcharge all Reprints as such, no Government has ever been so candid. There is only one way and that is to describe those marks by which they can be easily distinguished from the Originals

even risking that these disclosures might be used for future manufacture.

GENERAL SIGNS ARE THE FOLLOWING:

I. The *Paper* differs in most cases from the original, it is often thinner and of a lighter tint, and if white of a slightly bluish tone; in some cases the thickness of the paper forms the only perceptible difference (early issues of Baden and France).

II. The *Gum* is in almost all instances a sure test. It is either conspicuous by its entire absence, or, if any, of such a light colour as to at once betray its modern origin. Even the condition of the gum alters in the course of years, it becomes brittle and to a certain extent decayed.

III. The *Colour* is brighter and in most cases of a much lighter hue than in the Originals; there are really very few Reprints which could not be recognised at once by this difference of colour on comparison with an Original.

IV. If the Original shows a *Watermark*, it is generally missing in the Reprint.

V. *Silkthreads* have been left out on purely economical grounds, or used in the wrong colour (Wurtemberg, II. issue).

VI. A very important factor in detecting Reprints is the *perforation* gauge, as it enables even a beginner to determine by its aid whether the specimen is a Reprint or an Original without necessitating a comparison. Unfortunately many of the earlier stamps which were reprinted are in the imperforate state only.

"Entire Envelopes" differ chiefly in the shape, the length of the gum and the tress on the flap. There are sometimes, very minute but sure differences which are known to a few only, and many collectors and dealers do not care to communicate their special knowledge for the benefit of the masses.

In conclusion, let me repeat the essential points in connection with Reprints in a few words:—

1. A Reprint must emanate from the Original die.
2. The number of Reprints is far less than generally known.
3. A Reprint is of undoubted Philatelic value as it is the nearest substitute for the original.
4. A Reprint is only dangerous if not known as such, therefore a close study of the same is very desirable.
5. A Reprint can always be distinguished from the Originals by either the paper, gum, colour, watermark, silkthread or perforation.—*Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly*.

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There is only one remedy, namely, to buy new unused or cancelled-to-order stamps only when offered at about the bare cost of manufacture, which we all know is a trifle compared with their face value. The policy is radical I admit, as it would shut out all unused or cancelled-to-order new issues hereafter unless sold far under face, but I believe it would be salutary and personally I have been adhering to it for several years, buying such issues only when found with other stamps in lump lots, and at reduced prices.

A year or two of united abstinence on the part of both dealers and collectors would in all probability do away with this disturbing influence in philately.

H. A. SMEDBERG.

From a Special ERA Correspondent.

Idiosyncracies.

Can a man sell what he never had? Yes. "On Feb. 11, 140 sets had been sold," of the newspaper stamps at Hartford post office.—H. A. CHAPMAN.

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Weekly Letter from the Hub.

Trade Sales of Newspaper Stamps Reported
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of the Boston Society.

[From a Regular ERA Correspondent.]

BOSTON, March 22nd.

The stamp business here at present is better than it has been for a long time. The general prosperity of the country, which has done much to improve other trades, is now being felt in the stamp business.

The error on Cuban stamps, credited to Mr. Carpenter last week, should have read 1c stamp instead of 2c. A new importation of them received yesterday also shows the same error. It is said to have been caused by accident in cutting out the fraction from the old plate. It occurs on the ninety-ninth stamp on the sheet.

A writer of London notes, in *Meeke's Weekly*, under the *nom de plume* of "Ignotus" says: "One of the scarcest stamps which exists in the United States is the 5-cent brown, grilled all over. How many copies of this stamp have ever been seen—undoubted copies? I doubt whether the number exceeds three." Now, a little inquiry would have secured the reliable information that seven copies of said stamp are known to be in the possession of collectors, and probably several more.

Last evening occurred the regular monthly meeting of the Boston Philatelic Society. An animated discussion was held on the question of official organ, and a committee was authorized to make a contract with the ERA as official organ.

The sale here for the Newspaper stamps is very active, many of the dealers reporting large sales from mail orders. There are only a few hundred sets left on hand at the post office, and I expect to see the set quoted at from \$7.50 to \$10.00 most any day.

Considerable has been written by philatelic scribes, and lots of crowing has been done about what the Government intended

to do with Newspaper stamps, etc. It seems when one gets down to the facts of the case that the New England writers and dealers were correct in their statements, and that the Government has not done what it agreed to do.

S. E. L.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Washington Notes.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 22nd.

At last the long looked for Porto Rico stamps have been received by the dealers of this city, all by the same mail. The plate numbers received are as follows:

1 cent: Nos. 770, 772 and 773.

2 cent: Nos. 782, 783 and 785.

5 cent: Nos. 390 and 391.

10 cent: Nos. 302, 303 and 306.

The stamps received are in better condition as to perforation than the stamps received from Cuba. The 10c is of a very light shade, and as ugly a stamp as could possibly be made.

In examining a sheet of the 2c Cuba, which I recently received, I find the word "CUPA" on the bottom row next to the plate number on the right side. I wonder who will be the party to pinch all of those out, as was done in the 5c "CUPA" error.

A deal of some magnitude was consummated in this city Monday. Mr. H. F. Colman having bought the stock and business from Mr. A. C. Townsend, who has been employed in the Army since last April. The business has been conducted by Mr. Colman for the past two years, and he is therefore not entirely new to most of the customers. In making this purchase Mr. Colman has a very complete line of U. S. stamps; as to proofs and essays he probably has the finest line in the country, as he has been very much interested in the same for some years.

All the dealers in this city state that business is splendid, both local and mail orders are many times larger than they were a year ago, and it looks very much as if stamp business will soon get back to where it was in 1896. J. M. Bartels & Co. state that their Envelope Catalogue will be completed and ready for delivery in a very few days.

Death of August F. De Jonge.

Old Resident of Staten Island and President
of Philatelic Society Expires
from Lung Trouble.

August F. De Jonge, an old and prominent resident of Stapleton, S. I., died at his home, No. 65 Beach street, Tuesday morning, sixty-seven years old. He had been affected with lung trouble for two years, but was confined to his home only a few weeks. Mr. De Jonge had been a resident of Staten Island for forty years and was active in public affairs and in German social circles.

He was president of the Staten Island Philatelic Society and had a large and valuable collection of stamps. He was formerly engaged in the oil brokerage business in Manhattan, but retired from active business five years ago. A widow, one daughter and five sons survive him.—*N. Y. Herald*, March 22.

Philatelic Press Review.

By WM. C. STONE.

- Announce Philatelique*, February, Vol. V. (48).
- Antwerpia et Scaldis Philatelique*, Vol. II. (18).
- Collectionneur de Timbres Poste*, February, (220).
- Herald Exchange*, Vol. VI. No. 1 (31).
- Illustriertes Briefmarken Journal*, Vol. XXVI.
- Lone Star State Philatelist*, February, Vol. VII. No. 7 (107).
- Melita Philatelic Chronicle*, Vol. II. No. 3.
- Metropolitan Philatelist*, Vol. X. No. 28.
- New York Philatelist*, Vol. V. No. 6.
- Philatelic Advocate*, Vol. VI. No. 3(31).
- Philatelic Monthly*, Vol. XXV. No. 3 (291).
- Stamp Reporter*, February, Vol. II. No. 6.
- Stamp Talk*, February, Vol. I. No. 4.
- Timbre Poste*, Vol. XXXVII. (435).
- Tri-Monthly Collector*, Vol. I. No. 8.

The death of President Faure of France has brought forth the inevitable deluge of souvenir cards and envelopes, judging from an advertisement in *L'Annuaire Philatelic*. While these things are not official

issues I suppose they will be collected just the same by many.

Antwerpia etc. is a new arrival on my desk, but whether the consolidation of the two papers mentioned in the title, is of very recent date I cannot say. The *Antwerpia* part of it does not deal with philatelic subjects, but the last half of the magazine is full of quite readable matter, nearly two pages being given up to the English correspondence, which is, strange to say, printed in English. I notice that the agent for the United States is the notorious P. Heinsburger.

E. S. Auscher has an article in *Le Collectionneur de Timbres Poste* explaining the postal obliterations which have sometimes been found on "Dimension" stamps of France. As near as I can make out they were used to pay a tax (Fiscal?) on what are called "Bulletins de depot de changements," possibly something in the nature of our registered letter receipts.

The final installment of extracts from Postmaster General Reagan's annual reports to the Confederate government is given in the last issue of the *Lone Star State Philatelist*. From the sixth and last report is learned the fact that from July 1, 1863, to June 30, 1864, the following stamps were sent out to postmasters:

2-cent stamps,	869,200
5 " "	3,626,600
10 " "	33,450,400
20 " "	1,833,390

Our Maltese contemporary presents quite a plump number this month, and naturally gives full descriptions and illustrations of the new stamps issued for the local office. They were first used on February 4. The 4½ penny for registered letters represents a Gozo boat under full sail, the 5 pence an ancient galley of the Knights of Malta, the two and sixpence an emblematic statue of Malta, and the 10 shilling the scene of St. Paul's shipwreck. The two higher values are of the size of the current 5 shilling stamp, they are also water-marked CC and crown, while the other two values are CA and crown.

The *Philatelic Monthly* says that the state of Parana, Brazil, is to have a postal system and issue stamps for internal mail matter. Six values are reported to have been issued. It was announced some time since that the state of Rio Grande do Sul was to issue stamps but nothing has since been heard of the project that I am aware of. A clause in the national constitution permits the various states to issue postage and revenue stamps and quite a number of them have done so as regards fiscals.

Stamp Talk has a two-page article on the Falkland Island stamps, which, while

it does not give any facts that one could not learn from the catalogue, may call the attention of collectors to a country which it will be well to complete while the stamps can be obtained at a reasonable price. The number issued cannot have been very great, for the population only amounts to some two thousand people. Gibbons' last catalogue prices no stamp higher than 30 shillings, while by taking a mixed used and unused set the entire twenty-one stamps can be bought for a trifle less than 60 shillings without making any allowances for discounts which could possibly be had. Better fill up quick.

Aside from its postal and fiscal chronicles *Le Timbre Poste* contains nothing but an installment of the article on the Netherlands stamps in which the issues of 1868-9 are treated with great detail. The article is profusely illustrated and will undoubtedly arouse interest in what is now an unfashionable country.

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One notice is allowed each subscriber free if sent with his remittance, extra notices will be inserted at the uniform price of 10 cents each insertion. Non-subscribers 15 cents each insertion. Positively cash with notice. All notices must be for exchange and limited to thirty words, exclusive of the address, and must be written on a separate piece of paper. Notices offering articles for sale for cash, or offering to purchase for cash cannot be inserted here as they do not come under this head.

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90c Justice and many good stamps to exchange for those I need in my collection of 8,000, or for Flute, Piccolo or Bb Cornet. J. M. Hubbard, Rochester, N. H. [8]

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France 49, 15; Hamburg 59, 1; Japan 75, no syl. 4; Lagos CA blue; Mexico 61, 4; Norway 69, 3; and many other good stamps for exchange. Send sheets or lists. F. Noyes, Alice, Texas. (Member A. P. A., I. Ph. V. &c.) [7]

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BERLIN, March 19.—The *Reichsanzeiger* today warns the public against two postal stamp swindlers. The paper says that warrants have been issued for the arrest of the men, who are known respectively as George von Hagen and George von Dubraka.

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They have sold bogus postal stamps of all lands by the thousands, and after defrauding a number of merchants in Berlin have gone from here. It is believed they have gone to America under assumed names.—*Chicago Tribune*, March 20.

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NEW YORK CITY, March 18th, 1899.

1,030 books of stamps in circulation according to my report of Mar. 11th, valued at..... \$31,481 01
16 books received since Mar. 11th, valued at..... 1,072 85

\$32,553 86

26 books retired since Mar. 11th valued at (from which has been sold \$229.49) \$948.12

Total number of books in circulation 1,020, valued at..... \$31,605 74

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In the death of President Aug. De Jonge of the Staten Island Philatelic Society this week, Philately loses a well known veteran and steadfast supporter. The ERA extends condolence to the fraternity and the bereaved family.

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HARTFORD, CONN., March 22, 1899.

Editor ERA:

The writer seldom blossoms out in print, but such an evident injustice has been done by the Post Office authorities in Boston that he feels constrained to write this letter.

A lady collector, resident of this city, was away from home at the time of the distribution of the Periodical sets.

Desiring a set she sent to the Boston Post Office ordering same and remitting the amount asked by the Government—\$5.00—expecting as anyone would an average set as to perforation, centering and so forth.

Yesterday she received the set and every single stamp of the set was perforated on only three sides, a fact which certainly shows evidence of manipulation in the Boston Post Office.

If two, three or even four of the stamps were imperfect, one would not be much disappointed, but for the entire set without one exception to be so selected seems to us here a rank injustice.

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The 293rd regular meeting was called to order at 8.15 P. M. March 22nd, '99, with Mr. C. E. Severn, President, in the chair. Present: Messrs. C. E. Severn, Schlieckert, Massoth, Lefever, Smack, Oesch, Michael, Wolsieffer, Cottlow, Trask, Pierce, and Doncyson.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read

Dr. Cottlow made a full report on the Cohen case.

Motion prevailed that all papers pertaining to settled claims against Harry Cohen be turned over to Fraud Committee. Motion prevailed that a vote of thanks be given Dr. Cottlow for the interest taken in the Cohen case.

Fraud Committee reported progress. Committee on Amendments reported progress.

Librarian Smack reported that negotiations were under way with the Chicago public library, he having received a communication from Librarian Hild asking for a list of our books, etc. Motion prevailed that Mr. Smack be given power to make final arrangements, if possible, with Mr. Hild.

Librarian Smack read a letter from Mr. E. B. Sterling (Honorary member No. 27) in which he offered a number of contributions to our library. Motion prevailed that Mr. Smack be instructed to thank Mr. Sterling for his kindness, and to accept donations offered.

Messrs. Schlieckert's and Doncyson's names were withdrawn from Committee on Room at their request, and Messrs. Wolsieffer and Pierce were appointed in their place. Committee as now is Messrs. J. A. Pierce, P. M. Wolsieffer and F. N. Massoth

Motion prevailed that a vote of thanks be given Mr. Michaels for exhibiting his collection at last meeting.

The Governing Board instructed the Treasurer to write all members in arrears for dues to January 1st, 1899, that unless they pay before April 6th, 1899, we will be compelled to drop them from the Society.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9.40 P. M.

S. T. S. DONCYSON, Sec'y.

The 294th regular meeting was called to order at 8.15 P. M., March 16th, 1899, with Mr. C. E. Severn, President, in the chair. Present: Messrs. C. E. Severn, Schlieckert, Massoth, Bradt, Michaels, Smack, Oesch, Trask and Doncyson.

Visitor present: Mr. D. Lewis. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

Mr. P. M. Wolsieffer, not being present, no report was made by either the Fraud or Amendment Committees.

Librarian Smack reported that he had received from Mr. E. B. Sterling, 31 items, consisting of Postage and Revenue catalogues from 1877 to 1888, Reference Lists of Old Stamped Paper, Tin Foil and Tobacco Wrappers and Envelopes, Photographs and a number of other very interesting publications, schedule of which has been filed with Society's archives.

A motion prevailed that a vote of thanks be given Mr. Sterling, and the Librarian was instructed to write the gentleman to that effect.

Librarian Smack reported that the negotiations with Librarian Hild of the Chicago public library had been perfected, inasmuch as Mr. Hild had offered to bind all complete volumes, and incorporate our entire library in the reference room of the Chicago public library.

A motion prevailed that the report be accepted and Mr. Smack be empowered to make the transfer.

Motion prevailed that a committee be appointed to look over our library before it is transferred to the Chicago public library, and ascertain if there is anything to be reserved.

Committee: Messrs. S. B. Bradt, Wolsieffer, Massoth, Oesch and Smack.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9.30 P. M., after which the usual philatelic discussion was held.

Next meeting April 6th, 1899. Are your dues paid?

S. T. S. DONCYSON, Sec'y.

Idiosyncracies.

Do all collectors in this country collect the U. S. Columbian and Omaha stamps? No. A rule to shut out all new, unused, or cancelled-to-order stamps is to pay about the bare cost of manufacture which is a trifle compared with their face value. "I have been adhering to it for several years." —H. A. SMEDBERG.

Would a Canadian official of the Postal Department buy stamps for speculation? No. "It is unjust to accuse officials of the Post Office Department, who are courteous and obliging gentlemen, of using their official knowledge of the interior workings of the Department to speculate for their personal gain."—F. W. WURTELE in *Mekeel's Weekly*.

Should we attach any importance to the reprints of U. S. stamps? As most of them are catalogued considerable higher than the regular issue, should we feel willing to pay the prices for these stamps? Both of the above questions are answered by a decided NO. In speaking of the re-printing of U. S. stamps, we quote the following: "This should be a matter of little importance, but there are always some who would like to make a mountain out of a mole-hill. The fact that one printing was made a few months later than another, . . . should make no difference to any ordinary collector of stamps."—J. M. BARTELS in *Metropolitan Philatelist*.

A. SMITH.

.. WHOLESALE ..

Puerto Rico

	Per 10.	Per 100.
6c orange 1891, unused.....	\$0.35	..
6c violet 1896, ".....	.30	..
1c claret 1896, ".....	.10	..
3c blue 1896, used.....	.08	.50
3c brown 1898-99, used.....	.08	.40
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Newfoundland

1c green 1887, used.....	.10	.80
3c slate 1890, ".....	.07	.55
3c lilac gray 1890, used.....	.00	1.60
1c Cabot, unused.....	.38	3.25
2c " ".....	.35	3.25

GEO. S. MCKEARIN, Hoosick Falls, N. Y.

Corea.

We have received the following information from a correspondent in Japan, who promises us copies of the Decrees and Notices relative to the stamps which we chronicled, with considerable reserve, in November, 1895. We are sorry that there is no hope of finding any of the stamps which were not used upon the letters of several hundred years ago, when the system appears to have been a primitive one, but eminently satisfactory to the postal officials; but it seems likely that the stamps which may have been issued in 1895 are at least as worthy of collection as those that were not issued in 1885!

"For many years Corea has, I believe, had a kind of postal system, under which anyone wishing to send a letter took it to an office and paid a certain sum. Such a system was in force here for several hundred years, probably, before the present postal system was introduced. The letters used to be kept until a sufficient number had accumulated, and then a special messenger would be sent with them. Often, however, they were never sent off at all. The people who received the money would simply pocket it and destroy the letters. This happened very often in Corea, where bribery and corruption is worse even than in China. To stop this the Corean Government attempted, in 1885, to introduce the use of stamps, and actually had a series prepared either in England or America. Unfortunately, however, for the success of the plan, they bore the Chinese characters meaning 'Great Corea.' Seeing this the Chinese representative in Seoul at once sent in a strong remonstrance, saying that Corea was tributary to China and that country would certainly not allow such stamps to be used by any of her dependencies. So effectual was this remonstrance that the stamps were withdrawn at once. It is said, however, that the King did not wish to give the real reason for the withdrawal, but when he found that the Government had to pay—

"(1) For making the stamps,
 "(2) Salaries to those who sold them at the various offices,
 "(3) Salaries to those who obliterated them,
 he was quite disgusted, and said, 'Why, it is pay, pay, pay all the time. The old plan is the best. We will not have any stamps.' However this may be, the stamps were withdrawn, and the old and extremely unsatisfactory system continued.

"When, however, the Japanese went to war with China they did so with the object of putting an end to the Chinese supremacy in Corea and freeing the peninsula from Chinese conservative influences. Naturally, therefore, one of the first things they did was to induce the Corean Government to reform their postal system, and issue proper stamps. The present series was, I believe, printed at the Japanese Government Printing Office in Tokio. They were issued, if I remember right, in 1895, and have been regularly used ever since on all letters sent from one part of Corea to another. I heard that at a meeting held in Washington last autumn Corea was admitted as a member of the Postal Union; but so far this does not seem to have gone into effect, and the Corean stamps are, I believe, still used only on inland letters."

Since writing the above we have received copies of the following circulars, issued by the United States Consulate:—

"(Copy.)

"KOREAN POSTAGE STAMPS.
 "In 1884 a Post Office was opened in Seoul, the capital of Corea. Postage stamps were issued, but before a single mail had been sent out or received a Revolution occurred, in which the new Post Office was looted and destroyed.

"The supply of stamps in the office was taken, and some natives used them as wall paper. Formerly foreigners could buy these, but the supply seems now to be exhausted.

"The large Government supply was bought up in bulk by a German firm, and must now be on the market.

"No Korean stamps are to be had here now. None were ever genuinely cancelled.

"Japanese and Chinese stamps are used entirely for foreign mails.

"It will be seen, therefore, that it is impossible for this Legation to supply the continual requests of collectors for Korean stamps.

"(Signed) H. N. ALLEN,
 "Charge d'Affaires.

"U. S. Legation, Seoul, Korea,
 "Jan. 2nd, 1894."

"(Copy.)

"NEW KOREAN POSTAGE STAMPS.
 "A Korean Domestic Postal System was started in 1895 by the Korean Government, with the intention of extending it to include foreign mail at some future time.

"The stamps used at present were printed in America."

"They are of four denominations—
 5 Poon equal 1 cent, Green.
 10 " " 2 " Blue.
 25 " " 5 " Brown.
 50 " " 10 " Purple.

"At present there are no printed covers, postal cards, or other stamped postal paper.

"The stamps are all alike except (*sic*) in colour and denomination.

"The characters at the top are ancient Chinese, and mean Chosen (Korea) Postage Stamp. Those at the bottom are Korean, and have the same meaning as the row at the top.

"The characters at the right are Korean, and give the denomination, which is translated into English just below the centre.

"Those on the left are in Chinese, and mean the same as those on the right.

"The plum-blossom ornaments each corner. This is the Royal flower of the present Ye dynasty, which has been in existence for 505 years.

"The national emblem in the centre is the ancient Chinese representation of the male and female elements of nature, or the completed whole.

"The four characters at the corners of the centre piece are taken from the 'original alphabet of all language,' and represent the four spirits that stand at the corners of the earth and support it on their shoulders.

"(Signed) H. N. ALLEN,
 "Vice and Deputy-Consul General.

"U. S. Consulate General,
 "Seoul, Korea, 1896."

Messrs. Healy & Co. send us a series of forgeries, both of the 1885 and 1895 sets, which they tell us have been offered them in large quantities. The originals of these are rather poor lithographs, but the forgeries are very inferior. We do not propose to assist the manufacturers by explaining how their wares may be improved; we think it sufficient at present to warn our readers that these imitations exist.—
Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal.

*Our correspondent adds that the name of Andrew B. Graham, Washington, D. C., U. S. A." is in the margins of the sheets.

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 The best 50¢ approval books in the market. References.
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Puerto Rico on U. S.

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The Set of FEAR (1, 2, 5 and 10c):
 Firsts—Picked copies, mint state..... 35c
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Puerto Rico—	1st.	2nd.
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3c orange 1891, "02	.01
5c yellow green 1891, unused.....	.06	.05
6c orange 1891, unused.....	.08	.05
20c rose 1894, used.....	.05	.02
40c red violet, 1894, telg. cancellation...	.03	
1c claret 1896, unused .....	.02	.01
6c violet 1896 " .....	.06	.04

Habilitado 1898 y 99.

12m lilac brown, red surcharge, unused..	.02	—
2m yellow green, " .....	.05	.03
4m blue green, " .....	.05	.03
1c claret, "03	.03
2c red brown, "06	.05
3c claret brown, "08	—
4c brown, "20	.15
5c yellow green, "15	—

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3c de peso: Nos. 447, 448, 449, 450; T's and B's, 20c each.
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From Our Regular Correspondent.

Cottlow's... Chicago Correspondence.

Mr. Spooner, an old-timer of Minneapolis, was in town last week.

Wolsieffer's next sale will be held April 8th at the usual place.

Dealers report business keeping up very nicely, but the advent of marbles and tops will serve to diminish the ardour of the "kids."

Speaking of handwriting; whenever an error appears in the wording of any of my notes, I do not blame it on the printer or proof-reader, but on myself, for my chirography is well known to be scrawly. In fact former President of the C. P. S., Walter McDonald, used to say that "when Doc wants to, he can write so you can't read it; and he usually wants to."

All this may account for a wrong name in my speaking of a fraud in my last notes in Number 303 of the ERA. The name is Geo. J. Silvey of 421 E. 34th St., not Sidney as printed.

And right here in referring to illegible penmanship, I received a postal last week and were it not for one thing, I would believe that the Klu-Klux were after me again. I can hardly read a word of it. I showed it to P. M. who replied, "I pass," and I don't know what it all means. The one point that sets me at ease in the matter is an impression of a rubber stamp down in one corner, reading: "L. Brodstone, Superior, Neb."

Ah, why don't you get a type-writer, Brody.

Quite a number of sets of the Newspaper stamps have been obtained by the Chicago collectors, but I understand that many were purchased away from home.

For the first week of their sale, it was comparatively easy to buy any number of sets at the Post Office, but after that (until about a week ago), red tape prevailed to such an extent, that collectors became disgusted with the proceedings and sent to Washington and other cities for their stamps.

As to the condition, our boys had to take what they could get "sight unseen" and usually from one to five of the stamps in each set were not A1, generally being imperforated at one side or end. Perfect sets are held at from eight to ten dollars. I cannot learn that many purchased a number of sets for the purpose of speculation.

Rubber Stamps

Rubber Necks.

While you are rubbering through these columns for something good, DON'T MISS THIS! A two-line Rubber Stamp, any wording, not over 3 inches long. Post Free, 15c. Stamps and supplies of all kinds. Agents wanted. D. L. BALLENTINE, 650 Military St., PORT HURON, MICH.

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"You can fool all people some times; You can fool some people all times; But you can't fool all people all times."

That's what some people thought who bought at the Boston Post Office Periodical Stamps at \$5.00 per Set. After finding out that the \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50 and \$100 stamps were not originals but reprints. One collector bought 3 sets for \$15. He selected the best set for his collection, sold one set for \$4, and before telling you what he done with the third set I would like to say to you that this advertisement will be remembered by the great bargains it contains and of the many stamps which will interest you, and at prices that ought to make you their owner. All in good condition.

UNUSED STAMPS.

Table with 4 columns: No., Description, 58th Catalog Price, My Price. Includes items like Br. Bechuanaland, Grenada, Hayti, Madagascar, Nova Scotia, St. Lucia, St. Vincent, Soruth, Surinam, Hawaii, Cape Verde, Ceylon, Costa Rica, Cuba, Japan, Mexico, Nevis, Newfoundland, Peru, Salvador, Tolima, Tonga.

Noe. at left refer to 58th catalogue. All have original gum excepting those marked (no) which means that they were issued without gum or gum washed off when removed from collections. All are genuine originals.

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If you wish a set of all choice selected copies and perforated at four sides I can furnish them At \$7.00 Per Set.

It includes the 1, 2, 5, 10, 25, 50c and \$3 originals, and reprints of the \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50 and \$100 stamps as sold by the U. S. Government at the Boston Post Office. Reprints should be sold as such and not offered to collectors without letting them know what they are buying.

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WHOLE No. 307.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Our Boston Letter.

BOSTON, March 28th.

The U. S. stamps surcharged Porto Rico were received here last week. The surcharge consists of the name Porto Rico, without any period, printed diagonally on the stamp. I have discovered two errors, caused by imperfections in the type; on the 1c stamp it makes it "Porto Ricu;" on the 2c stamp it reads "Portu Rico;" this error on the 2c stamp makes a perfect "u." These errors are quoted here at 25 cents each. The larger portion of these stamps received here were wretchedly off center.

The denominations are 1, 2, 5 and 10c, and the surcharge is probably the most artistic of any surcharge that has ever been used. As there does not seem to be much interest taken in the plate numbers of foreign stamps, I will not mention them. And as the vandals have returned home from Cuba, I suppose that Porto Rico plate numbers will not be very scarce.

While speaking of plate numbers of these stamps, I have it from the largest dealer of plate numbers in this country that the collectors of plate numbers in general do not care for the plates of the surcharged U. S. stamps; and as this dealer has probably sold more plate numbers than all the other dealers combined, one would naturally suppose that his judgment is correct.

I was going to say that Boston seems to be the "Mecca" of the stamp fraternity. I asked my amenuensis the definition of this word, and the reply was, "A fertile spot in a desert." I will let it go at that, and will say that Mr. Dunkhorst, the well-known Washington dealer, is in Boston today.

The inside information that certain philatelic scribes could obtain does not seem to materialize, when it comes to stating when and how many of the Newspaper stamps were re-printed. Recent events have demonstrated that the inside information was all *rot*. In fact, the information was not worth the paper upon which it was written. General Merritt states

that the Department cannot particularly state when or how many of the Newspaper stamps were re-printed, but he says that they were printed from the original plates, and in the same manufactory.

The list printed of "The One Hundred Best Stamps" quotes as the seventy-ninth number Natal, 1860, 3d blue, imperforate, unused; I have been shown an unsevered pair of these stamps today, and the price asked for them is \$100.

The March number of the *Post Office*, in "Notes and Comments" on issues of stamps, and also in the heading of an article, Porto Rico is spelled thus: "Puerto Rico;" and in speaking of the U. S. Provisionals states: "We look for these stamps with particular interest, as the spelling of the name of our new possession will then be definitely settled." I expect that the next number of the *Post Office* will make the correction in its spelling.

The Malta stamps of new designs and of the following denominations, 4½, 5d, 2sh 6d, and 10sh, were received here yesterday. They are a decided change and quite a novelty.

It is with feelings of extreme regret that I notice that August F. De Jonge has passed over to the silent majority. Although never having had the pleasure of meeting Mr. De Jonge, I have corresponded with him considerably in the years gone by.

I have been shown something that is unique in the way of U. S. stamps, an unsevered, used pair of the 5c 1847, on a piece of the original cover, postmarked "Baltimore, Md., Jun. 18," and the unique part consists of surcharge of the numeral 5 in red on each stamp. This has been contributed by one of the members of the Boston Philatelic Society, for their auction sale, to be held at the next monthly meeting. I may also state that they hold a monthly auction sale of desirable stamps, and a list of the lots can be obtained on application to the auctioneer manager, care of Box 16, Roxbury, Mass.

S. E. L.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Washington Notes.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 30th.

There has been a great demand for Newspaper stamps in this city in the last two weeks. One of the leading firms in Europe cabled for 500 sets last Wednesday and since then have ordered 200 sets more by cable, so you see by this that there is going to be a great demand for them abroad.

I think I will be able to give the readers of the ERA some more information that the other stamp papers will not have until they read this paper. I was at the Post Office Department today and I learn on the best of authority that they intend to surcharge the 8c stamp Porto Rico, also issue a new set of Due stamps for the same country or surcharge our Dues Porto Rico. The Director of Posts has asked for this and the department is disposed to grant his request. While the order has not actually been promulgated, there is no doubt but what it will be.

Stamp business is reported as excellent by all the dealers in this city and they are burning their midnight oil in order to be able to keep up with their correspondence. Mr. H. F. Dunkhorst of this city, has taken another trip north on stamp business, and it is safe to say that he had some good things to take with him on his trip as usual. He is not an extensive advertiser, but I doubt if there are many dealers in the country that do a much larger business than he does, taking it all and all.

I understand that one can obtain the 2½c Cuban stamp at Havana still, but no plate numbers. A friend of mine was offered some plate numbers there at \$2.50 each which is not a bad price for them, and it looks very much as if it would pay any one much better to buy them in the States rather than to purchase there, as the price would not be more than one-third as much.

STAMP HUNTING and a year's subscription to the WEEKLY ERA only 90 cents.

Philatelic Thoughts of a Philatelic Fellow.

[With Apologies to the Chicago Philosopher for Trespassing on his Preserves.]

Half a stamp is not better than no stamp at all, unless it happens to be a split provisional.

Better to have collected and stopped, than never to have collected at all.

A stamp collector is very frequently not a philatelist, but, in ninety-nine cases out of a hundred, a philatelist has, some time in his career, been a stamp collector.

An adhesive is not necessarily bad, when described as "N. G."

A philatelic politician generally makes a bad philatelist.

A postage stamp, according to the latest authorities, is whatever a collector chooses to stick in his album.

The existence of a watermark is not a guarantee of the genuineness of a stamp, in every case.

Twice two makes five, when the relative value of two pairs and five single specimens is considered.

The day will come when the cut square envelope will occupy the same position that the cut round now holds.

The earnest philatelic student is not in need of philatelic poetry and fiction to keep his interest in the hobby from flagging.

It is an easy matter to mount a stamp in an album, but quite another to get it out again, in nine cases out of ten.

A government that issues stamps for collectors should be prepared for a boycott, although it generally doesn't get it.

There are three kinds of stamp journals, philatelic, semi-philatelic and non-philatelic, and the most numerous of these is — ?

Dishonesty is the mother of invention, when the methods of the philatelic crook are concerned.

A minor variety is a deviation from the ordinary make-up of a stamp invisible to the uninitiated eye.

The wise man, in doubt about subscribing to a good philatelic paper, will do well to remember Anthony Hope's definition of economy, "Economy is doing without something you do want, in case you should, some day, want something which you probably won't want."

From reports from over the waters it is evident that there is to be an approachment between catalogue valuations and selling prices.

It's a wise philatelist who knows when to stop buying.

The belief in the reliability of auction sales in establishing market values is fast becoming obsolete.

Seebecks are no longer issued, but their successors, the gumpaps from all parts of the world, are with us to stay apparently, and the worst of it is many collectors seem to like them.

Future generations of philatelists will rise and call blessed the memory of the man who invents a perfect check system against substitution.

Catalogue makers, like other mortals, are human, a fact not always considered by their critics.

A cancellation is no more a proof of a specimen's being authentic than the absence of one is of its being a reprint.

The collectibility of a series of stamps is not determined by their status, but by the popularity, among collectors, of the government issuing them.

VERITAS.

EXCHANGES.

One notice is allowed each subscriber free if sent with his remittance, extra notices will be inserted at the uniform price of 10 cents each insertion. Non-subscribers 15 cents each insertion. Positively cash with notice. All notices must be for exchange and limited to thirty words, exclusive of the address, and must be written on a separate piece of paper. Notices offering articles for sale for cash, or offering to purchase for cash cannot be inserted here as they do not come under this head.

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U. S. Plate Numbers wanted in exchange for old U. S. Postage and Document Revenues or Foreign Postage Stamps at even exchange. Bais, Bartel's and Scott's catalogues. E. A. Kelly, 713 La Salle St., Ottawa, Ills. [9]

Block of 8,900 carmine, Continental print, unused, mint state, with margins, cat. \$12.50 each, will exchange for unused late issues of foreign not in my collection. F. J. Stillman, 3430 P St., N. W., Washington, D. C.

Fine Seal Skin Caps, new, any size, to exchange for good stamps; also some fine Russian Locals to exchange for other stamps. Let me hear from you. R. B. Geoghegan, Hatter, 1044 4th Ave., Louisville, Ky.

I will exchange 3 stamps cataloguing \$1.00 or over for each 5c 47 used sent me in good condition. Also 2 stamps cataloguing 75c for each 50c Columbian used. My stamps are in good condition. Oscar Stearnson, 101 W. 2nd St., Los Angeles, Calif.

We want a few copies 15c to \$5.00, '93 to '95 issue, used, in exchange for stamps you want. Also any other duplicates we will exchange for stamps from our approval sheets and will not rob you. Sterling Stamp Boston, Mass.

Wanted: Correspondents in Canada, Newfoundland, B. N. A., and other countries; will exchange U. S. stamps for stamps of such countries on approval or in quantities. Also wanted to exchange U. S. for U. S. Frank D. Butler, Box 147, Portsmouth, N. H. [9]

I wish to exchange the following stamps: 12c Mexico 1895, Gibraltar 19c unused 1889, U. S. 3c vermilion '87, Turks Island 1/2p and 2 1/2p, American Fusée Co. 1c black, U. S. 18c unperf. 3c red, and U. S. envelopes. Carrington Beeman, Fairfield, Conn.

I have 58th No. 1416, 90c carmine on white, entire and unused, to trade for U. S. or foreign stamps of my selection. Write first. F. E. Ellis, 312 N. 14th St., St. Louis, Mo. [10]

90c Justice and many good stamps to exchange for those I need in my collection of 8,000, or for Flute, Piccolo or Bb Cornet. J. M. Hubbard, Rochester, N. H. [8]

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Omaha's wanted! Five good Foreign stamps for every stamp above the 2c one sent me. Clarence M. Tyler, Drawer C, Hartford, Conn. [8]

Something new! Gentlemen's drawers supporters (can be readily sold to the trade), will exchange them for stamps, also one good stamp catalogue. Answers must contain stamp for reply and samples. E. W. Snow, 14 Carlton St., Somerville, Mass. [8]

Pairs, blocks and strips of imperforated U. S. Revenues wanted; will give good U. S. Postage or Revenues in exchange. Eugene H. Field (C. P. S. No. 464), 7 Public Square, Galesburg, Ill. [8]

France 49, 15; Hamburg 59, 1; Japan 75, no syl. 4, Lagos CA 2 blue; Mexico 61, 4; Norway 63, 3, and many other good stamps for exchange. Send sheets or lists. F. Noyes, Alice, Texas. (Member A. P. A., I. Ph. V. &c.) [7]

Imperforate pairs of United States and Foreign stamps wanted, will give good exchange from approval books for any sent me. J. F. Johnson, 83 Thornton St., Boston, Mass. [90fc]

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How much am I offered in cash for the following collection: 2000 Foreign catalogue \$160.00, 175 United States catalogue \$76.22 and 75 Revenues, per cent., catalogue \$8.50. W. L. GATES, Box 34, Teaticket, Mass.

British Colonials, all different: 25 for 12c, 50 for 30c 75 for 65c, 100 for \$1.00; 10 unused, catalogue price 40c, for 20c. C. D. MECUTCHEN, Brentwood, George County, Md.

To all persons with good reference that will send for stamps on approval at 50% discount, agreeing to buy 10 cts. worth net, I will send an unused Cuban stamp cata. 15c. J. C. Sawin, 40 May St., Worcester, Mass.

I want any of the dollar values of the U. S. Revenues of the '98 issue; also mixtures of foreign stamps for cash. What can you offer me? My notice in this column in the "Annual" still holds good. OSCAR STENNERSON, 101 W. 2nd St., Los Angeles, Cal.

'99 3c red, Die A on white, 18 cents each while they last. First come first served. C. S. STILES, Harriman, Tenn.

Want January copy "Eastern Phil." Am interested in U. S. only; want books on subject, old issues, Proofs, Departments, oddities, minor varieties &c. GEORGE N. THOMAS, 1100 Chestnut Ave., Trenton, N. J. [8]

For Sale: Plate Number collection, I.R.'s, Omahas and Cuban surcharge Plates practically complete, also large number of current issue, no duplicates in the lot. Catalogue value \$128.50. First satisfactory offer gets the collection. C. S. STILES, Harriman, Tenn.

Wanted, following Omaha Plates, one to a dozen each: 610, 615, 616, 619, 621, 625, 630, 632, 639, 642, 644, 646, 650, 651, 653, 655, 664, 672, 674, 677, 685, 636, 713, 714, 715, 716; state price wanted and number. A. P. CHANDLER, Fargo, N. Dak. [c]

Have you seen my approval books? 60% discount. References required. Good stamps wanted in exchange, or for spot cash. E. A. OBORNE, Jamaica, N. Y. [9]

I have money to loan on good stamps and stamp collections. H. G. SMITH, (Treas. A. P. A.), Winona, Minn. [4fc]

I wish to buy a number of good stamp collections especially Match and Medicine. H. G. SMITH, (Treas. A. P. A.), Winona, Minn. [4fc]

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JOIN THE International Philatelic Rarities Club. Write to the President, [1em*] Mr. HENRI FIACRE, Munich, Bavaria.

At Sires and Sevens!

I need a few fine, lightly cancelled copies of the U. S. 6c and 7c of 1870-1879, in various prints and shades. Send me a few on approval.

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ENDING APRIL 1st, 1899.

Change of Addresses.

1171. CHASE, ALBERT E., from 182-B Newbury St., Portland, Me., to Brunswick, Me.

983. ZAHN, J. E., from 829 to 633 Seventh St., Denver, Colo.

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REPORT OF BOARD OF VICE-PRESIDENTS.

BOSTON, MASS., March 24, 1899.

At a meeting of the Vice-Presidents held today, the members all being present, the report was received from the Superintendent of Sales, and it was voted that in view of complaints of members, that their books were not retired quickly enough, that the Superintendent of Sales be ordered to impose fines upon every member keeping a circuit over three days, as prescribed by the By-Laws. Other cases were considered and carried forward.

E. M. CARPENTER,
Secretary, Board of Vice-Presidents,
American Philatelic Association.

REPORT OF THE SALES DEPARTMENT.

GEORGE R. TUTTLE, Superintendent,
87 Nassau St.

NEW YORK CITY, March 25th, 1899.

1,020 books of stamps in circulation according to my report of Mar. 18th, valued at..... \$31,605.74
29 books received since Mar. 18th, valued at..... 611.12

Total number of books in circulation 1,049, valued at..... \$32,216.86

Special Notice.

Private Auction Sales will be held at the office of the Superintendent of Sales, Geo. R. Tuttle, 87 Nassau St., New York City, every Saturday afternoon from 1 to 2 o'clock for the benefit of the A. P. A. members who wish to realize quickly on any stamps they wish to sell.

Remittances will be made on Monday following, less 10% commission. Members who wish to sell by this method will please send in any lots, collections or single stamps.

Reserved prices may be placed on what is sent, if so desired.

GEO. R. TUTTLE,
Superintendent Sales Dept.

The Editor's Shears.

MR. DOOLEY ON THE PERIODICALS.

"What is these Periodicals, I dinnaw?" demanded, Mr. Hennessey as he rested his elbows on the bar and gazed inquiringly at Mr. Dooley.

Mr. Dooley carefully wiped off the bar before he responded, "Which periodicals?"

"Why, the childer has all got stamps on the brain and I don't hear nothing at the house byant but periodicals."

"Well, I seen all about 'em in the papers and I'll put ye on. Ye see it's like this: The govermint is hard prised for money and the tariff don't be workin' overtime like me frind Gage. Gage he says, 'You watch me spind the stuff in the threasury,' and he did spind it and more too. So the gover'mint looks around for a sof mark and spots these here stamp collectors. They are easy. So the gover'mint is slick and to work up intr'ist in the game gives out they will seize all the pariodical stamps the collectors has. So they try it on in N'York and the collectors fight like — and they beat the gover'mint. But the gover'mint didn't care. All they wanted was the advertisemint. See? Well thin they said 'We wont use pariodicals anny more,' and they gathered up all they could find in the postoffs' and let it get out that they would burn 'em all. Then the suckers commenced to bite and dey raised a great hullabaloo, so the gover'mint they said 'maybe we will sell a few sets after awhile.' Whin they had the sof marks all sized up they said 'We'll save out 50,000 slets and desthroy the rist. That seemed to please the stamp crowd but they couldn't agree on a pice. Some wanted 'em sold at face value, some at \$10.00 a set and some at \$5.00. The gover'mint they didn't say a word but they kep' on sizing up the crowd and they decided that 50,000 sets at \$5.00 a set was good enough for Uncle Sam, so they printed enough new to make up the full number and that do be what the childer talk about."

"But," said Mr. Hennessey, "what is the pariodicals and what do they be good for?"

"God knows, I dinnaw!" said Mr. Dooley.—*Stampman.*

There appears to be much speculating in Holland with the new 1 Gulden stamp, with the head of the young Queen. These stamps were from the first but sparsely distributed among the post offices of the country, for the postal authorities wished to dispose first of the stock of the old stamps still on hand before generally distributing the new. In consequence of this policy there is a certain scarcity of the new stamp. This led some speculating collectors and dealers to form a syndicate and to try to buy up all the so-called Coronation Gulden stamps available at the present moment. Circulars were prepared and mailed to all of the 1400 odd post-offices of the little kingdom, when orders were given by the authorities to entirely ignore such requests and to inform no private individual of the stock on hand of these stamps in any office. This official circular was understood by some to mean that the stamps had been retired and rumors to that effect were freely floating around last month. It is not so, however. The new Gulden stamp is not withdrawn. It is sold with the others, wherever a stock is on hand, but is given only to such customers, that ask for it; while a simple request for a Gulden stamp will be met with the old kind.—*Philatelic Monthly and World.*

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Owing to the fact that most of the stamps remaining
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 the unsurcharged stamps are very good. I offer good
 copies of the following varieties, all unused and fine:

1893 6c orange.....	7 1/2c
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1894 2m flesh.....	1c
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1896 1m lilac brown.....	1c
1896 5c light blue.....	5c
1896 6c lilac.....	6c
1896 20c olive gray.....	17c
1896 40c salmon.....	35c
1897 3c claret brown ..	3c
1897 80c black.....	62 1/2c

Above Set 11 Stamps \$1.25 Post Free

1898 3c dark brown, regular issue.....	4c
1898 5c carmine.....	5c
1898 2m red and yellow green, (Habilitado)....	5c
1898 2c red and red brown, ..	5c
1898 3c red and blue, ..	50c
1898 8c red and rose, ..	15c

Orders for less than \$1.00 must be accompanied by
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Philatelic Press Review.

By WM. C. STONE.

- All Around Philatelist*, Vol. I. No. 1.
- Ewen's Weekly Circular*, (67).
- Madrid Filatelico*, Vol. III. (27).
- Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News*, Vol. XIII. Nos. 12, 13 (429, 430).
- Metropolitan Philatelist*, Vol. X. No. 29.
- Philatelic Bulletin*, Vol. II. No. 7 (19).
- Philatelic Chronicle*, February, Vol. VIII. No. 5.
- Perforator*, Vol. III. No. 1.
- Post Office*, Vol. VIII. (96).
- Revista de la Sociedad Filatelica Argentina*, December, Vol. IV. No. 12 (50).
- Revue Postale*, February, Vol. II. No. 2.
- Stampman*, April, Vol. IV. No. 4 (20).
- Tri-Monthly Collector*, Vol. I. No. 9.

Another new paper! It is Joseph P. Plourd of 186 Paris St., East Boston, Mass., who is responsible for this latest addition to our literature. The *All Around Philatelist* contains sixteen pages and has a very neat cover printed in red. The contents are well selected and consist for the most part of short notes classified under several heads. There is about a page of notes on U. S. revenues and the same on Canadian, and a very full chronicle.

New York and Canadian notes and a press review with an article on San Marino by "F. P." make up the rest of the contents. While the get up of the magazine is somewhat amateurish, on the whole it is rather promising.

According to *Madrid Filatelico* a set of nineteen values of adhesives has been issued for Fernando Poo together with eight postal cards, all being of the same type as the issues for Cuba etc., of 1898-99. And besides this sixteen values of the 1898-99 issue of the Philippines have been surcharged diagonally in three lines, "1898 RESELLADO 1899," with C. in the upper left corner and T. in lower right corner. Probably these are for use in the Caroline and Ladronne islands. Where shall we put them in our albums? They certainly don't belong in the Philippines for U. S. stamps are the fashion there. And if they are for the Carolines and Ladrones what should we do if Germany should buy the first group? Probably our anti expansionists will tell us that this is one of the evils of imperialism.

The special number of *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News* for March 23 was devoted to booming the Brooklyn Institute and the newly formed Section of Philately. Several illustrations are given of the buildings and a complete history of the new Section. The remainder of the paper is filled with miscellaneous articles, one of the most in-

\$18,793.00

is the face value of unused U. S. postage stamps which the U. S. Government sent a young man in Illinois for \$5.00. These stamps came into our possession, and the April number of *Stamp Talk* will tell you the truth about it, in an article "Stamp Hunting" continued, to be followed in May by "How Osgood did the Midway" in rare and eloquent language. Now is the time to subscribe, 25 cents a year. Stamps cataloging 50c Free with every subscription received during April.

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On receipt of orders I shall put up some special Bargain Lots for sale at one-quarter catalogue price and under, consisting only of stamps in fine condition, common or scarce as desired. The lots will be sent on approval on receipt of satisfactory reference or deposit and are especially recommended to those who buy at auction and do some exchanging and to dealers. Mention what priced stamps are desired.

H. A. SMEDBERG, [16]
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- Moldavia 27 parrs.
 - Roumania error.
 - Ceylon number 5, 4d rose, used.
 - " 32, 8d yellow brown, unused.
 - Two Sicilies No. 15, 1/2T, used.
 - Trinidad, badly lithographed.
 - Canada 6d, unused.
 - New Brunswick, Newfoundland and Nova Scotia shillings.
 - Marion, Virginia, on large piece of cover.

Stamps Will be Exhibited at

- MONTREAL, CAN.**—Queens Hotel, Tuesday, April 4, 2 to 8 P. M.
 - PORTLAND, ME.**—Freble House, Wed., Apr. 5, 4 to 6 & 7.30 to 11 P. M.
 - WORCESTER, MASS.**—Collectors Club (Y. M. C. A.), Monday, April 11, 10 A. M. to 11 P. M.
 - NEW YORK**—Office of J. C. Morgenthau & Co., 87 Nassau St., Tuesday, April 11. Collectors Club, (members only), Tuesday, April 11, 7.30 to 11 P. M.
 - PHILADELPHIA**—Office of Bogert & Durbin, 722 Chestnut St., Wednesday, April 12.
 - CONTINENTAL HOTEL, Wed., April 12, 7.30 to 10 P. M.**
 - PROVIDENCE, R. I.**—Narragansett Hotel, Friday, Apr. 14, 7.30 to 10 P. M. At all other times at our office.
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THE CASH IS READY!

I Want to Buy Stamp COLLECTIONS!!!

DO YOU Want to Sell YOURS?
 If so, write me AT ONCE. [16]

C. A. STEGMANN,
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teresting of which, to my mind, is that in which a number of prominent philatelists try to answer the question "Why do you collect stamps?" G. A. Camp also gives a very entertaining account of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. From the advertising pages of the subsequent number I see that the Piso Company's new private proprietary is on the market.

From the *Metropolitan Philatelist* I learn with deep regret of the death of August Dejonge of Staten Island. My acquaintance with him began in 1888 at the Boston convention of the American Philatelic Association, and while I saw him at but infrequent intervals I had grown to love and honor him. My last talk with him was at the banquet given the members of the association last summer and I noted how changed he was. Scarcely a shadow of his former self. And I thought then that it could not be long before he would be called from us to his eternal home. And now he is gone, but his memory will always be with us, and we will remember him as the Grand Old Man of Philately.

Miss Swift has a good article in the *Philatelic Bulletin* entitled "What are Collectable Shades?" The question is one which interests us all, but I am afraid many of us will go on as we have done, deciding that those shades which we can get hold of for our own collection, are the *only* collectable ones.

W. S. Webb always has some interesting English notes in his corner of the *Philatelic Chronicle*. This month he reports the discovery of some envelopes of size C which bear dates some two years earlier than that usually assigned to it. A two-page form with a penny stamp embossed on each half and bearing date 8-11-66 is also reported. It was evidently used to collect certain items of information from the clergy, as one half is addressed "To the Minister of ——" and the other "To the Lord Bishop of ——" From the imprint I should judge that some 12,600 of these were printed.

Numerous methods of arranging a stamp collection are elucidated in the current number of the *Perforator* but like most sensible philatelists the writer shows his preference for a blank album. Miss Swift talks entertainingly about "Woman in Philately" and thinks that her influence is increasing. Let us hope so, for if the women take hold of matching colors of stamps we can rest assured we shall know something about what we are talking of, when we call a stamp lilac, violet, mauve, purple etc., etc. Who of us can correctly place those colors? I for one acknowledge that I cannot.

The *New York Evening Post* recently contained an interesting article on the "Beginnings of Our Post Office" and the *Post Office* has reprinted the article. Some statistics concerning the New York office which were prepared for the Chamber of Commerce by Postmaster Van Cott are also given.

They are always up to something new down in South American Yankeeland and the latest is a lot of letter cards (or envelope letters) for New Year's congratulations. From a rapid perusal of the article in the *Revista* I learn that there are some eight designs which are printed in various colors and shades. Cupid plays the principal role in the vignettes which adorn the cards, which by the way come in two knives or forms.

Forty-eight pages of text, a two-page plate, an advertising sheet of eight pages (three and a half of this is occupied with society reports) and a cover is the sum and substance of *La Revue Postale*. Subscribers will certainly get their five francs worth if this is kept up during the year. Two articles are of especial interest. The first is the commencement of an exhaustive history of fiscal stamps, while the second is an illustrated account of the Universal Postal Union. A picture is given of the building where the Union was formed in 1874 and portraits of the first Director, Colonel Borel, and the present one, Edmond Hoehn.

In a recent advertisement D. W. Osgood advised collectors to wait for the April *Stampman* saying it would be "very gaudy." Well so it is. From being a yellow journal it has suddenly become a magenta one. What next? The contents are as spicy as usual and I advise all my readers to send for a copy before they fade.

Mr. Dodge says in the last issue of the *Tri Monthly Collector* that when his printing facilities are improved he may issue his paper four times a month. That would of course carry with it a change of name. So soon?

I recently ran across a copy of the October number of a paper called *The Lost Cause* which is devoted to the preservation of facts etc., concerning the late Confederacy. In it is an article by S. M. Craiger, of Washington, describing and giving an historical account of the postal issues of the Confederacy. It is illustrated with excellent half tones, and in addition to those of the stamps, presents the likeness of John H. Reagan, Postmaster General of the C. S. A. The article is well worth preserving for our scrap books. The address of the paper was 328 W. Green St., Louisville, Kentucky. Seventy-five cents per year or ten cents per copy.

Correspondence.

[The editor wishes it distinctly understood that he does not hold himself responsible for assertions made under this head, nor does he necessarily sanction any ideas or opinions expressed. All are invited to contribute to this department, with the above understanding, and all communications deemed suitable or of interest to our readers will be published.]

NORTHAMPTON, MASS., Mar. 27, 1899.
MY DEAR JEWETT:

I am led to give the catalogue prices of some postal cards by a letter just received from Bright & Son, England. I sent them the full catalogue price as shown by their last A. B. C. Catalogue for the following postal cards:

Japan 1876-7 1 sen carmine reply, 5 sen green and 6 sen vermilion, 1898 4 sen brown and 4 sen brown reply. Bright & Son's letter reads as follows:

"Dear Sir: We thank you for your order duly to hand but regret that the Post cards you require are not in stock so return stamps to balance your remittance. We tried to procure (them) for you, but with no success. Yours faithfully,
"BRIGHT & SON."

The prices of these postal cards are given as follows by the cataloguers:

	Bright & Son	Stanley Gibbons	Scott & Co
1876-7 1 sen carmine, 4d,	4d,	4d,	\$0.08
5 " green, 6d,	2s 6d,	5.00	
6 " vermilion, 10d,	2s 6d,	5.00	
1898 4 sen brown, 4d,			
4 " " reply, 8d,			

My object was to get the 5 sn. green and 6 sn. vermilion. How many dealers have those cards in stock even at Scott's prices and how many are willing to sell at Stanley Gibbons' prices.

Yours truly,
J. ARTHUR WAINWRIGHT.

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NEW YORK, March 28th, 1899.

Editor ERA:

I think I am slightly mis-represented under the heading "Idiosyncracies" in your issue of March 25th, and will ask a little space to say that I am not, and have not been for several years, a collector, and further, that an ungarbled statement of my views may be had by reading my article on last page of your issue of March 18th to which Mr. Smith refers in his paragraph.

Yours truly,
H. A. SMEDBERG.

TEATICKET, MASS., March 29, 1899.
Editor ERA.

Dear Sir: I see in the *American Journal of Philately* we are to have a new catalogue next fall. I would like to make a suggestion. That is that the makers prepare a color chart and bind it in their catalogue (even if it makes the catalogue cost \$1.00), and when they list a stamp give the number of color as well as the type of the stamp. If you will look at the colors given the Newspaper and Periodicals in the

57th Catalogue and in March number of the *American Journal of Philately* you will see the need. Now a word in regard to the Newspaper and Periodical stamps, we see none of the values below \$2.00 were reprinted, also that white gum is a sure test. On one of the sets I have the gum is as white on the 10 and 25c as on the \$5.00. Perhaps the gum was supplied to some of those which were stuck together. Oh! I forgot they were all burned up! Then I have a \$20 with the gum as brown as you please, but it's that cold gray-violet which must make it a reprint. What is the poor fellow who lives way out in the country going to do about it if he has only his own stamps and no one's else to compare with, provided they have the originals? I would like to ask your correspondent through these columns when the new long geared watermark which we find on the 2c at the present time was adopted.

Yours truly,
WALTER L. GATES.

The Best Way to Collect.

I am of the opinion that if collectors would fix a limit price above which they would refuse to go when buying stamps, much good would be accomplished. This is already done to a considerable extent, and if the price and not the country were made the limit the forcing up of certain stamps would be to an enormous extent avoided.

What is needed in philately is a cheapening of high-priced stamps. It should be possible to fill out sets and even countries at prices within the reach of the majority of collectors, as the mainstay of collecting is the ability to accomplish completeness, not in a few isolated cases but in many. The great increase of varieties is a discouragement to collecting and can be offset only by a cheapening in prices, making the acquiring of the multitudinous number of stamps now necessary for a satisfactory collection possible at some reasonable figure.

Collectors should fix some very low limit as their maximum price for any stamp they will buy, such a limit, however, as will enable them to buy freely for their collection under that limit, and specializing should be avoided. Prices would then advance in an orderly and systematic manner depending upon the gradually increasing scarcity of low-priced stamps, and those stamps that have taken too high a place in the procession, the high-priced stamps, would come down to a reasonable valuation within the reach of many. It is undoubtedly possible for collectors to accomplish this result if they will act in concert.

Stamp collecting is an educational amusement and should be encouraged, but I doubt whether it is really worth what is spent on it, and where dollars are now required pennies should suffice.

H. A. SMEDBERG.

The Collectors Club.

351 Fourth Ave., New York.

38th meeting of the Governors held at the Club House March 13, 1899.

Called to order by President Thorne at 8.15 P. M., the following Governors being present: Messrs. Bruner, Scott, Stebbins, Perrin and Luff.

In the absence of the Secretary, Mr. Luff was appointed Secretary *pro tem*. The reading of the minutes was dispensed with.

The Treasurer's report was received, showing a balance of \$498.11 cash in hand.

The Secretary *pro tem* read several letters and the report of Chairman of House Committee was received.

Special committee on alterations of billiard room reported they had carried out the Governor's instructions. Mr. Scott presented estimates of cost of laying a new floor in the billiard room, and upon motion, duly seconded and carried, he was empowered to have a new floor laid at an expense of \$40, and to have the room papered and painted.

Upon motion the President appointed Messrs. Bruner and Stebbins a committee to look for and purchase a billiard table.

The Chairman of House Committee was authorized to buy two new pool balls to replace damaged ones.

Adjourned at 9 05 P. M.

JOHN N. LUFF,
Secretary *pro tem*.

The Editor's Sbears.

A WARNING.

18 MONTHS FOR A BOGUS CHECK.

Clarence Hill of Hudson, upon his plea of guilty to an indictment charging him with using the mails in pursuance of a scheme to defraud, was sentenced to the Massachusetts reformatory for 18 months. He is only 17 years of age, and sent orders to different stamp agents for rare stamps, and in payment for them returned bogus checks.

The above is a clipping from the *Boston Herald* of March 23, 1899.

The island of Crete is likely to afford much interesting study to the philatelist in the near future. The native authorities in various places have had recourse to varied schemes, in order to get their letters mailed. The safest plan was adopted in the larger cities, Candia, Sitia and Retymno. There the kind offices of the foreign Consuls were called into service and the postage stamps of the Austrian, British and French Levant can be found with postal cancellations from these places. At Heracleion, however, several provisionals were issued, it is claimed, by the British. The first was a mere handstamp applied on the envelope bearing the following inscription in Greek characters, each line separated from the next one by a plain stroke: Prosoipinon-Tachydrom-Herakleion-Parales 20 (meaning: Provisional-Mail-Heracleion); these letters are white on a purple background. This handstamp was used officially only from November 25th to December 3d, and replaced by the

second provisional type, of which there are two values. The first stamp is reported to have been made aboard of the British man-of-war stationed at Heracleion, while the two other stamps were made in Athens and look very much like Greek Postage Due stamps. Within a circle is the value in Parales, the figure being rather large. The circular band around contains the words "PROSOPINON TACHYDROMEION HERAKLEION" (Provisional Mail service Heracleion). These stamps are perforated and the 10 Parales is blue, the 20 green. Mons. Maury says that these provisionals will be used until the new set ordered in London will arrive.—*Phil. Monthly and World*.

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From a Special ERA Correspondent.

New York Notes.

Two weeks ago Periodicals were all the talk in the street but now it is the Brooklyn Exhibition, which is a great success as already shown by the increasing "small boy trade." School don't keep over the river this week and youthful enthusiasts are fairly overrunning the down-town dealers.

But the small boy is not all of the "push", here, so to speak. In a prominent dealers' office last week, I noticed a very elderly gentleman accompanied by a lady, evidently his wife, examining stamps, and

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making purchases with the air of philatelists who knew what they were about. Verily all ages and pursuits seem ensnared by the pleasing wiles of "Dame Philately."

The Periodical set is selling closer to the \$5.00 figure this week and some of the old-timers are now figuring how long the speculators who got 100 sets and upwards will hold out before they get "cold feet" and unload. We look for their finish early this summer, when the collector who waits may get them at a better bargain than the government job lot arrangement sold them out at.

The most attractive window of any stamp dealer here is that of the Columbian Stamp Co. in East 23rd St. It is partially covered by a stairway to the floor above, however, a nicer showing in the amount of space cannot be found. Unlike any other dealers' outside show Mr. Knudson has put in some nice things in old issues both on and off covers, tastefully combined, with considerable of the shining trash now so popular, so that many of the numerous passers-by who are not at all initiated in the pleasures and mysteries of Philately pause and probably imbibe a taste for more knowledge. There are enterprising dealers within a block of Mr. Knudson on each side, but through this alluring outside exhibit he no doubt gets his share of trade.

The opening of the six-night sale of the J. V. Painter collection, catalogued by J. W. Scott Co., March 27th, brought out a splendid attendance and very fair prices were realized. I noticed some old-timers who had not attended a sale before this season in the comfortable auction room at the Collectors Club, where nearly all stamp sales in the city are now held. The astonishing feature of this great sale was the meagre prices brought by U. S. stamps in fine condition, against the keen competition and high prices on foreign and even damaged colonials. Patriotism has been sadly sacrificed to philatelic judgment, as there is a growing feeling among professionals that the whole line of U. S. regular issues have not only been long over-priced but are going to be greatly injured in the immediate future by the action of the Post Office authorities in re-printing Periodicals to sell collectors and jobbing them off at a fraction of face value. Here are some of the prices to back the foregoing assertion which I can state safely are bona fide—I purchased part of them myself:

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Boston's Stamp Business Brisk.

A Few Plain Statements Regarding Auctions
—Some Prices from Drew's Last
Sale—Advice on Collecting.

[From a Regular ERA Correspondent.]

BOSTON, April 4th.

Stamp business is reported from all quarters to be on the increase. Last week we had a two-night's auction sale of a miscellaneous lot of stamps and a large variety of stamped envelopes. In one of my letters, quite a while ago, I had something to say about stamped envelopes. Some dealers who handled this line of goods tried to impress the collectors that entire envelopes were a good thing. The facts of the case are that only a small portion of collectors collect entire envelopes. Every few years some one tries to boom them, but after a few months they drop back to their old place again. At the sale the other evening the sale of envelopes might be termed a slaughter. Most of the auction sales are tending that way anyway.

Auction sales of today and those of a few years ago are vastly different. The average auction sale now can be compared to putting second-hand furniture into an auction room; and most of the furniture will compare favorably to the truck that is now offered at auctions. The only real good that an auction seems to do is that if a collector has lots of stamps that he wishes to dispose of in a hurry, and they are so undesirable that the average dealer will not buy them, they will bring a price at a sale. Once in a while a "mark" runs up against an auction where he pays more for stamps than dealers ask; but in most cases an auction sale is detrimental to the stamp business.

The following are a few of the prices realized at B. L. Drew & Co.'s last week's auction sale:

Newspaper 1865 5c blue border, unused, \$8.60; Executive 1c superb, pen cancelled, \$3.00; same 10c used, very fine, \$4.75; Justice 30c, perfectly centered, used, \$6.25; Post Obitum, 80c; 1c State, superb, o. g., \$1.70; 30c State, simply perfect, o. g., \$3.38; same, 90c used, fine, \$6.13; set State complete, used and unused, list \$62.75, sold for \$20.00; \$1 Proprietary, unused, superb, \$53.50. Current issues of foreign brought a good price, in many cases the sets could be bought for less money of the

trade. Bahama 1£, unused, \$3.75; Barbados 1882 5sh, \$3.00; Great Britain 1d black, pair, 75c; Rhodesia 5sh unused, \$2.50; Uruguay 1859 1 peso, \$1.40, and 1 peso 1897 sold for \$1.55; the former obsolete, the other current. A sample of auction prices, against market values.

About the most peculiar thing that I have read lately is an article in the last issue of the ERA headed, "The Best Way to Collect." Evidently this is a misnomer. The writer says: "I am of the opinion that if collectors would fix a limit price above which they would refuse to go when buying stamps, much good would be accomplished." Now, this may be one man's opinion, but it is not practical, because collectors have different tastes, and some would fix one limit, and some another. The writer says: "What is needed in Philately is a cheapening of high-priced stamps." The so-called high-priced stamps are cheaper today than they have been for years. It is such articles as this that causes the average collector to feel weary when he reads them. I wonder why the writer of the article did not say something like this: The best way to collect is to suit one's own individual taste; you are the one who is collecting the stamps, and you do not give a rap for the other fellow. If you have decided that life is too short, and your wealth too small, to form a general collection on the basis of the Standard Catalogue, you can simplify it considerably by leaving out a great many varieties which should only be listed for the specialist; and if you should restrict yourself to design, color, and denomination, it would be very easy. If you have made up your mind that the very high values of stamps are unnecessary for postal duty you can also drop those out. To accomplish this it will be necessary not to be tied down to an album with printed spaces. Stamps, with very few exceptions, can be bought today at a very reasonable price. Although one dealer may charge a high price, perhaps the next one is more reasonable. By reading a few of the up-to-date stamp papers, one can easily ascertain what is a reasonable price for certain stamps. Stamp collecting is intended to be an interesting amusement. To a certain extent, it is an educational pastime. It is something that should be encouraged and like everything else, if kept within reasonable bounds, it is a hobby that is really worth what is spent on it.

S. E. L.

More Postal Issues for Cuba.

Special Delivery Stamps and Stamped Envelopes to be Supplied—Porto Rico's Postal System to be Improved.

[From a Regular ERA Correspondent.]

It seems as if Cuba intends to have a goodly supply of stamps also envelopes. Special Delivery stamps will be the next innovation in Cuba. In accordance with the recommendation of Director of Posts Rathbone, the Post Office Department will send in a few days 10,000 Special Delivery stamps, surcharged in red, the words "Cuba Ten Centavo de Pesos." It is believed that a special delivery service in Cuba will be of great benefit, and as soon as the stamps are received a system will be inaugurated in Havana, and if successful there it will be extended to the principal cities throughout the island.

Cuba is also going to have envelopes of special designs with the head of Columbus, of the two and five centavos, both size No. 5.

First Assistant Post Master General Perry Heath sailed on the 4th inst. from New York for Porto Rico, where he will canvass thoroughly the condition of postal affairs of the island. His trip is similar to that of Post Master General to Cuba. Mr. Heath will confer with William H. Elliott, the Director of Posts for Porto Rico, and outline an administrative policy and place the service there on an independent basis. A money order service will be established and other improvements made.

I notice that the Boston scribe is somewhat agitated over the list furnished by the Washington correspondents of the number of Newspaper stamps reprinted. The letter he received from General Merritt signified nothing, as he did not care to give the information, but if the gentleman from Boston is anxious to make money he can bet all he has got, and get \$20 to \$1, that the information was exactly correct as shown by the records of the Post Office Department. I think he will find upon an investigation that he has been writing "Rot" instead of the Washington scribe.

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Written for the ERA.

Stamps of the Southern Confederacy.

A PLEA FOR THEIR JUST RECOGNITION.

NOTE.—Owing to a recent conversation among several collectors and visitors in this City, I write the following lines regarding the out-look and desirability of Confederate Postage Stamps. I hope it will interest no few readers. I also will say that one of the gentlemen present, discovered some months ago, quite a distinct type of the TEN cent Confederate stamp. He has decided not to mention this new type to the cataloguers, in hope that it will never be known, as it is the belief here that a too much minor-variety racket is now greatly injuring the best interests of Philately.

One would hardly believe the enthusiasm that greeted President McKinley and party while on a tour among a people that were first in the organization of the Southern Confederacy. Here the old under a wave of patriotic feeling forgot the past; here the young was infused with the greatest liberal idea of United States nationalism, and the sentimental differences of 1861 erased. By the words of the President, by the grateful greetings offered to a United States Major General, late of the Confederate cause, this union of sentiment, this union of Blue and Grey was made complete. No longer the father of the Southern son recalls incidents of seeming injustice of the sixties, he now thinks of the visit, happenings and utterances of a champion of Republicism, while in his sun-kissed home in 1898, and leaves the few embers of Civil War memories to soon disappear.

Now, I desire to mention to all thinking fellow Philatelists that Confederate stamps for this reason, obliteration of sentimental sectionism, should get a better recognition. If any collector did for reasons stated, refuse the issues of the Confederate Government let him begin their collecting now. We of the South do not think that Confederate stamps are properly valued or properly collected. Did you ever think what effect the removal of sectionalism would have on these stamps? And that the future issues of the United States stamps will probably bear the faces of the great Americans of our day, viz.: Admiral George Dewey, the Democratic hero of Manila, President McKinley, the War President of 1898 and 1899, "Joe Wheeler," a General of the Confederate States, also Major General of the United States forces in Cuba, the spirit of victory of the Santiago campaign. We fathers of the coming generations know the value of these heroes, and it will be with pride that we can cite in answer to juvenile inquiry that the man on this stamp was a gallant Confederate General, who after we were one again, fought as a Major General in the United States Army of invasion, and to his exertions many credit the capture of Santiago. No country like ours honors

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1893	\$1.00 very lightly canc'd, well centered	1.90
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its past heroes in this way and by so doing infuse the young to inquire into the character of its great men of the past. Dear reader, Confederate stamps should be the "Prodigal Son" of the United States specialist. The greater number of dealers, because they have not got them in stock, will do their best to declaim them. Confederate stamps are the "new old stamps" that should receive better attention. If the catalogues of the present time have to reflect to collectors of the world the value of Confederate stamps, and they are valued too high it should be remedied at once, and I believe if the Philatelists of the South were to act, and show a comparison of prices on these stamps it would remedy this great evil. It is admitted that there are several Confederate stamps that are considerably under-valued. We all know that these stamps can never be re-issued, that sets of

them will never be offered below face value, and no speculative interest can be lain at their door. If any stamps are of safe value *used original* Confederate stamps are, and every collector who has them knows that they are among his best.

May I ask you this question: Are not the local issues of the cities of the Confederacy just as valuable, just as honest, just as attractive as the local issues of the cities of 1847? "Necessity" was the mother that gave birth to all of these provisional issues. The time is not far distant when these stamps will be better liked, the now increasing demand will double itself. Confederate stamps are bound to be better liked, and will be received with a greater feeling of cordiality in the future. To obtain these stamps they have to be found in old correspondence, and no one wants that which is easy to gain.

A SOUTHERN CORRESPONDENT.

Brooklyn's Grand Stamp Exhibit.

First Philatelic Exhibition of the Section on Philately of the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences—Complete Official List of Awards.

BROOKLYN-NEW YORK, March 27.

The first week of the Philatelic Exhibition has passed and everything went off quietly, with the exception of Children's Day (Saturday) when they made noise enough to raise the dead. Naturally boys will make themselves heard when they are pleased and this was no exception to the rule.

Thousands of children attended on that day and each was presented with four or five packets of stamps, donated by the leading dealers for the occasion.

The enthusiasm shown by these children when given the stamps and their astonishment when viewing the many exhibits, would have done your heart good to have seen.

At the request of Prof. Hooper, the Exhibition will be extended one day and will close on Saturday evening, April 1st, at 6 o'clock, and will be another Children's Day.

At the request of the Chairman of the Exhibition Committee, my notes for last week were withheld for the present, as they contained the list of awards for meritorious exhibits and in some instances it was not an easy task for the judges to render a decision at once. As your correspondent was not aware of this fact, the list was sent for publication in the ERA.

I am told they again met and finally decided the various awards as given in my list. In all cases where more than one

exhibit received an award in any group, the exhibits were judged of equal merit.

[At the end of these notes we give in full the list of exhibits and awards as supplied us in printed form by Mr. Carberry, Secretary of the Exhibition Committee.—Ed.]

The most complicated case was that of Division I. Group A.

The exhibitors were Messrs. John D. Carberry, Chas. R. Braine, Jr., P. E. Nostrand and Frank D. Moffatt.

Mr. Braine exhibited postage complete to date including the rare and beautiful 3c scarlet and departments complete with all the high values States, while Mr. Carberry exhibited postage complete with the exception of the 3c scarlet, but had also a complete set of 1869 re-issue in superb state and departments nearly complete, also a beautiful set of newspaper and periodicals, first issue on hard thin paper, complete. Mr. Nostrand showed a very fine exhibit, which included varieties and shades and Mr. Moffatt's is certainly a creditable one.

According to the judges' decision, the race was between Mr. Carberry and Mr. Braine, with Mr. Nostrand third and Mr. Moffatt fourth.

It was finally decided to award Mr. Braine the first prize (a bronze medal), and Mr. Carberry second (Krassa's Ne Plus Ultra sunk mount Album).

The Exhibition Committee received the report of the judges on awards, which was accepted and, by vote they were thanked for their painstaking labors in deciding the awards.

BROOKLYN-NEW YORK, March 31.

As the Exhibition is nearing its close, there is very little left to write about at present.

The interest is still kept up by the public, as hundreds visit the place daily.

It is honestly believed that this Exhibition will be the means of starting many former collectors to join the ranks again and to gain new recruits.

A conservative estimate has been given of the size and value of the Exhibition. The floor space of the room in which the Exhibition is being held, is about 50x70 ft. and the wall space actually covered by the frames is estimated at 525 square feet.

The total number of stamps exhibited is 13,379 with a valuation of nearly \$150,000.00.

To give a list of the many stamps exhibited, would be to give about one-third of Scott's Catalogue.

Mr. J. W. George exhibited a superb collection of Medicine, Match, Perfumery and Playing Card stamps and mostly unused, for which he was awarded a Gold Medal.

United States stamps were complete to the stamp, by Messrs. Carberry, Braine, Moffatt and Nostrand, and our new colonial possessions by Messrs. Wells, Carberry, Nostrand, Braine, Luff and Robinson. They included Hawaiian, Porto Rico, Cuba and Philippine Islands complete.

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British North America certainly did her share in the exhibit of Mr. Edgar Nelton, who was awarded a bronze medal. Pairs, blocks, strips and cut provisionals of early issues were in plenty and such perfect copies too. The different countries of Europe were exhibited complete by Messrs. Jos. Holland, Carberry, Robinson, A. Holland, Wells, Nostrand, Dr. Hyatt and Miss E. Nostrand also Master Thunig.

Asia, Africa and Oceania were well represented by Messrs. Moffatt, Robinson, Talbot, Drew and Nostrand. British West Indies were finely exhibited by Mr. G. W. Ring for which he was awarded a bronze medal.

South and Central America were exhibited by Mrs. F. A. Hoyt, Miss E. Nostrand, Dr. Hyatt and R. R. Bogert.

Confederate States by Mr. J. S. Rich also U. S. Telegraphs complete. Messrs. Krassa, Morgenthau and Harvey gave fine exhibits of card board and India paper Proofs of U. S. stamps.

Mr. A. Holland had a frame of reconstructed plates of Great Britain one penny black, one penny red and two pence blue, and Mr. Jos. Holland reconstructed plates of early Switzerland.

Mr. Clarence H. Eagle exhibited a fine array of U. S. Revenues in pairs, blocks and strips. Mr. Geo. J. Carter had a beautiful frame of the most beautiful stamps of the World, while your humble servant had a large frame containing the United States shield made from American stamps, which broke the monotony of the many exhibits, so to speak.

Have been told that the Section has quite a few applications for membership through the medium of the Exhibition.

The American Philatelic Exchange has been well taken care of at the Exhibition and gained several new members.

H. TOELKE.

THE AWARDS.

174 MONTAGUE STREET,
BROOKLYN, N. Y., March 25, 1899.

The Exhibition Committee take pleasure in announcing that the judges have made the following awards at the First Philatelic Exhibition, now being held, under the auspices of the Section on Philately of the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences:

CLASS I. DIVISION I.

GROUP A.

Bronze Medal.

Charles R. Braine, Jr., for Stamps of the United States

A. Krassa's "Ne Plus Ultra Album;" *sunk mounts.*

John D. Carberry, for Stamps of the United States.

Scott Stamp and Coin Co.'s 1899 National Album; *full morocco.*

P. Elbert Nostrand, for Stamps of the United States.

Frank D. Moffat, One and Two Cent

Justice Department, unused (donated by George R. Tuttle), for second best exhibit.

GROUP B.

Bronze Medal.

Clarence H. Eagle, for United States Revenue Stamps.

Honorable Mention.

Alexander Holland, for Private Proprietary Stamps.

Joseph S. Rich, for Telegraph Stamps.

GROUP C.

Bronze Medal.

David S. Wells, for Stamps of the United States Colonies.

Honorable Mention.

John N. Luff, for Stamps of Hawaiian Islands.

GROUP D.

Bronze Medal.

George W. Ring, for Stamps of the British Colonies in Western Hemisphere.

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Charles R. Braine, Jr., for Stamps of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia.

CLASS I. DIVISION II.

GROUP A.

Bronze Medal.

Dr. Thaddeus P. Hyatt, for Stamps of Scandinavia.

One J. W. Scott's Best Blank Album.

P. Elbert Nostrand, for Stamps of Turkey.

Honorable Mention.

David S. Wells, for Stamps of European Countries.

Honorable Mention.

P. F. Bruner, for plated Stamps of Switzerland.

GROUP B.

Bronze Medal.

Joseph Holland, for Stamps of Sarawak and Siam.

One A. Krassa's sterling silver "Ne Plus Ultra Stamp Cleanser and Hinge Remover."

Oliver C. Drew, for Stamps of British Colonies in Asia and Africa.

CLASS II. DEALERS.

Bronze Medal.

Edgar Nelton, for Stamps of British North America.

Honorable Mention.

A. Krassa, for display of United States Proofs.

Scott Stamp & Coin Co., Ltd.

CLASS III. DIVISION I.

Bronze Medal.

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Bronze Medal.

Miss Elizabeth Nostrand.

For most meritorious exhibit shown, H. A. Talbot, one subscription to Scott Stamp and Coin Co.'s Catalogue for Advanced Collectors.

For most tastefully arranged exhibit by a boy under fifteen, L. A. Thuning, set of United States Revenues, donated by Geo. J. Carter.

For most meritorious exhibit shown by a Member of the Section on Philately, Alex. Holland, one bronze medal.

For exhibit showing most scientific arrangement, J. W. George, for Private Proprietary Stamps, *One Gold Medal*, donated by Nassau Stamp Co.

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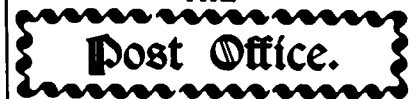
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NEW YORK CITY, April 1st, 1899.
1,049 books of stamps in circulation
according to my report of Mar.
25th, valued at..... \$32,216 86
21 books received since Mar. 25th,
valued at..... 333 02
Total number of books in circula-
tion 1,070, valued at..... \$32,549.88

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The Editor's Spears.

CHASING THE DOLLAR.

It's really amusing to watch the antics of some publishers when the vision of a dollar looms up on the gray horizon of their hopes, and the capers they cut and the inducements they offer for that "Mister William" when they think the other fellows can't see them.

Several letters from publishers recently sent us by a well-known dealer, who wanted our "very lowest net page ad rates," afforded us an insight into the methods of some of our contemporaries.

We didn't get this dealer's ad; but we

brought forth a bundle of letters from our friends Williams & Co., sat our frail self upon them, ejected the office cat—for we wanted solitude—and began to think a few lines of thunk. . . .

We arrived at the conclusion that a dollar was a mighty big thing; bigger, in fact, than principle and truth to some people; and we forthwith borrowed a dollar from a credulous friend, just to fondle it—for an indefinite time.

And now we are tempted to offer a suggestion to our dealer friends: Don't pay any attention to the scale of ad rates, but send the publisher a dollar, and tell him to "run you in" for a full page ad—best position—and to give you a "puff."

You'll see it in his next issue. You will—that's right—but don't ask the publisher how many others ever see his paper—how many *paid up* subscribers he has; he doesn't care to discuss that point any more than our friend Bach cares to talk of British Guiana stamps.

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Catalogue from the Scott Stamp & Coin Co., Limited, of their 147th sale, comprising the collection of Mr. Albert R. Gallatin and others, to be sold at the New York Collectors Club on Wednesday and Thursday evenings, April 26th and 27th. It lists 1171 lots.

Catalogue of New England Stamp Co.'s auction sale, to occur at the "Boston Stamp Bourse," Elks' Hall, Hayward Place, Boston, Monday evening, April 25th, and comprising 668 lots of extra fine stamps.

An 8-page and cover price list from Mr. Eli S. Moyer, of Napierville, Ill.

A copy of D. L. Deitrick's 20-page and cover catalogue of old paper money and Confederate stamps. Price 10 cents per copy.

We quote Mr. J. M. Bartels as follows: "It has been definitely decided that the recent 4 and 5c envelopes will be changed with as little delay as possible. The department is dissatisfied with the busts in both instances. Various old dies have been overhauled, including the Reay and Plimpton 6c, but there is one on hand which seems to be superior to any of them. It was made a few years ago but was never used. This one was kindly shown me a few days ago at the department and made a very pleasing appearance. The head was considerably larger than the present one but not at all clumsy. The only suggestion that could be made was a slight improvement in the bottom part of the bust, which would look better if slightly more rounded, and this change will probably be made. It is not impossible that the head of Grant formerly used will be inserted in the new frame, to take the place of the recent monstrosity."

From a Special ERA Correspondent.

New York Notes.

The fourth session of the Painter Sale opened auspiciously at the Collectors Club, Monday evening, April 3rd, and at once gave evidence of a strongly rising bull market as they say in Wall street. Mauritius and some fine British Colonials bringing above catalogue, and even poor old decrepit, despised Mexico coming in for good prices. Remainders and the very questionable deals of a once prominent western house in this country being evidently forgotten, judging by the prices realized. Sydney views elicited very spirited bidding and some fine specimens brought above any catalogue figures yet made.

Good old issues seem to be again in demand here all around.

The Periodical "chromos" have started downward even sooner than I anticipated and were offered at \$5.00 freely the past week and in one case I know of dropped 10% below that price. \$5.40 for fine sets has been the figure for almost two weeks, but they have grown heavy at anything above \$5.00 now.

The collector who did not sink a V in this despicable piece of Government trickery may yet have cause to rejoice and gather them in for about as many "cents" if he has sense enough to remember that "all things come to those who wait."

Newfoundland Cabots, Canada Jubilees, and some other "made to sell collectors" sets are coming out and finding slow sale at face, like the Columbian issue of 1893, which like the poor are always with us. If you want to lose the interest on your money buy new issues and put them away with their "original gum" for about 3 or 4 years, at the end of which time they will stick on your hands even without gum.

Glad now I was only foolish enough to buy about one full set of all this line for my collection. "All things change in time" and the new issue instead of going up as they used to a few years ago is now pretty certain to go down.

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Nearly Cooped "His Whiskers."

Stamp Talk for April will contain an article by us, entitled "Stamp Hunting Continued," giving a truthful account of how the U. S. Marshal and ten Post Office Inspectors nabbed us in Kansas City for unlawfully and wrongfully taking away from an Illinois Post Office (which we did not do) unused U. S. postage stamps to the face value of over \$18,000. Now is the time to subscribe to this paper. Good M. and M. or Foreign stamps to the catalogue value of 50c free with each 25c yearly subscription received at this office during April, and to every 5th subscriber goes our book "Stamp Hunting" Free. Get in line.

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WEST HAVERSTRAW, N. Y.

The Turkish Postal Service.

On account of Emperor William's trip to the Holy Land a German post office has been established at Jaffa, which it is understood, will remain there permanently. At the present time the same stamps are used there as in the German post office of Constantinople, the German stamps of the current issue with the surcharge in piastres and paras. It is curious enough that Turkey should permit such a large number of foreign post offices in her own territory, but this custom has become prevalent on account of the entire irresponsibility of the Turkish mails and the carelessness of Turkish Post-officials. All the large cities of the Orient have foreign post offices and even the native merchant employs them in preference to his country's mail service. A short description of my experience in Syria may explain matters more fully: "The European mail arrives in Jerusalem two or three times a week; this fact is announced by criers and great commotion can be noticed among the population. Whoever expects letters hurries upon the open square in front of the Turkish post office. After waiting for a long while patiently the window opens and the dignified old postmaster reads aloud the addresses of the letters that have arrived. Whenever anybody cries out 'here' the postmaster throws the letter with unerring aim over the heads of the crowd in the direction of where the 'here' was heard. The receiver of the letter, postal card or newspaper is supposed to catch his mail on the fly. The novice at first crumples his mail in the catching, but soon he learns and gets used to this method of delivery. Letter carriers are unknown in Turkey with but a few exceptions. When nobody is there to receive arriving letters they are placed in a glass case in front of the post office where they may be called for at certain hours. And even for this service the people must be thankful for it is better than none at all!

"While I was in Syria I often had to use the Turkish mails. Once I asked for letters I expected and was told to pick it out from a clothes basket full of letters standing in one corner, and that, after I had been waiting an hour for the postmaster to put in an appearance. At Bethlehem I entered the Turkish post office to buy some postals and asked for them. 'But, shining light of the West,' the postal effendi, a venerable white-bearded Turk replied: 'Why doest thou use postal cards for thy correspondence? Do write letters. You can tell more, and everybody cannot read what you say as upon an open post card.' 'I have but little to write,' I said, 'and cards will do me very well.' 'But, my beautiful turtle dove, you are not one of those poor people, who are compelled to write on postal cards for their cheapness. Will you not rather write nice letters?' When I insisted energetically upon being given

postals the postmaster said meekly: 'much respect stranger, I would like to sell you postals, but I cannot do so!' 'And why not?' 'Because I have none; I'm all out of them. If you would have them you will have to go to Jerusalem they may have some left there!' Since I did not care to take a day's ride for the sake of a few postals I bought stamps, of course, and wrote letters, receiving into the bargain the blessings of the effendi, who wished me a happy voyage through Syria. Syria has but a few post offices and the interior is reduced to a unique service, that of ambulant postmen. A traveling official passes over a given road every fortnight or so making regular stops at certain appointed places. He has all the letters for the district in a large sheet tied by the four corners. Arriving at one of his stations he simply spreads out his cloth, lays his letters face up and begins to read the addresses of the letters for the district. These people, mostly Arabs, can seldom read and pay the postman a small amount for his trouble in reading their letters to them. Often they also have him write the reply for a similar consideration. These postal clerks although engaged by the Turkish government seldom receive their wages and depend almost entirely upon their side-earnings of this character. Moreover they forward messages from town to town at the same rates as the government, that is they collect fees for forwarding letters but do not prepay postage or turn in a penny. I received a message in the interior of Syria which necessitated my telegraphing home.

At the post office where I entered the telegram, (in Damascus, the sender of the telegraphic message is required to enter the telegram, the number of words and the amount to be paid for it into a book laying on the counter so as to prevent the officials from defrauding the government) the clerk in charge begged me not to enter the dispatch. When I replied that I would have to enter it, as this was the only way I could rely on having the message forwarded the clerk entreated me in the most plaintive terms: 'Oh, my good sir, I have five hungry children and for more than six months the government has not paid me a cent of my salary. Do take pity on me and don't enter that amount. Your message will arrive promptly anyway.' I did as he begged me and had a reply inside of seven hours, the quickest service I ever had in Turkey. Friends in Syria tell me that telegrams between cities sometimes take five days or a week. When in the Orient one soon learns to be patient with the mails. When stormy weather prevails at Jaffa it is impossible to land the mail or passengers and the steamer continues on the way to Beirut. Then the mail is either returned with the next steamer down the coast from Beirut, or it is forwarded overland, which takes much longer as a rule. When I once asked for my mail in Damascus the postmaster told me with an injured air: "Why,

my dear sir, you've only had letters here last week! And here you are asking again?"

"Matters are best illustrated, however, by the condition of things at Jerusalem. There is quite a large transient population there; tourist and pilgrims come there during the entire year, yet, outside of the boxes within the Turkish and Austrian post office there is not one single letter-box in the entire city!"—*Philatelic Monthly*.

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The Editor's Bears.

At Rosario, Argentine Republic, a nest of counterfeiters was discovered, where the manufacture of one peso stamps of the current issue was carried on wholesale. Among the people implicated and arrested were a postal clerk, a hotel proprietor and seven other people. Only a few of the counterfeit stamps were found so far, but it is known that thousands of specimens have been disposed of by the gang. The postal clerk arrested had access to the original plates, and has appropriated watermarked paper, which had been rejected for small blemishes. The plates have been returned to their vault but it is known that a large number of impressions must have been made.—*Philatelic Monthly*.

Splendid counterfeits are now being circulated from Turin, Italy, of the first set of Hungarian postage stamps, the lithographed series, which are rather scarce and high-priced. They come as follows: The 2kr in two shades, yellow and orange, 3kr blue-green, 10kr milky-blue, 15kr yellow-brown and 25kr violet. The counterfeits are also lithographed and the design shows absolutely no deviation from the originals. The only way to tell them is by comparing the paper, which is much rougher in the originals. The perforation is a little too large, being 9½, while the originals are perforated 10 or 10½. A remarkable peculiarity of the counterfeit stamps is that they are cancelled, but the back shows the untouched original gum.—*Philatelic Monthly and World*.

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Around-the-World Letters.

BROOKLYN, N. Y., March 31, 1899.

Editor ERA:

Dear Sir: I read, with interest, the letter of date Feb. 8, 1899, published in the ERA last month, telling how a letter sent from Richmond, Ills., had traveled round the world in 113 days.

I have in my possession several letters which made the trip in much less time. The best time on record, as far as I know, being 72 days, 21 hours, held by one of my letters mailed June 12, 1889, at noon, and delivered August 24, 1889, at 9 a. m.

I subsequently tried to beat this record, but owing to the fact that my correspondent in Yokohama had severed his business connections there and removed to Spokane, Washington, my letter followed him there and the object I had in view was defeated.

By careful calculation, I estimate that the trip around the world can now be made in 66 days, for my letters have gone by regular scheduled conveyances and the postmarks show that it consumes only 49 days to reach Yokohama from New York, via London.

The "Empress of India" sailed from Yokohama in April, 1891, and reached San Francisco in 10 days, 14 hours, 34 minutes, the distance being 4,750 nautical miles. This time has since been beaten, I believe. The American continent can be crossed in 3½ days without much effort. Therefore the "round the world trip" ought to be made in 63 days without a stop, or in 66 days by mail conveyances.

I would like to prove this, by actual travel, for any doubting Thomas, who will pay my way for me.

The enclosed clipping from the *N. Y. Sun* of December 3, 1889, published the history of my letters while Nellie Bly and Elizabeth Bisland were trying to make a new record.

Yours truly,

WM. L. RICHARD.

A. P. A. 1406.

[Mr. Richard sends us the appended interesting newspaper clipping on this same subject.—Ed.]

AROUND THE WORLD PROMPTLY.
THE REGULAR TIME IS SEVENTY-THREE DAYS, AND NO FUSS OR SENSATION ABOUT IT.

About eight years ago a curious reader of Jules Verne's famous book attempted to verify the Frenchman's estimate of the time required to go around the world by sending a letter addressed to himself in this wise: "Around the world and return." His name was Folsom and his letter came back to him in eighty-four days. He wrote a paragraph about the experiment, which was published in *Golden Days* in 1881. It ended with the challenge: "Beat it if you can."

A good many people tried to beat it, and the mails became so burdened with this class of matter that the Post Office author-

ities declined to assist in the trials. The result was that a man who addressed a letter to himself in Folsom's style, found it on his desk again the next day, or as soon thereafter as the letter carriers could bring it from the central office. Early in 1885 a young man named William L. Richard, now an employee of the Standard Oil Company in this city, took a hand in the matter. At half past five of Jan. 27, he dropped two letters in the office addressed as below:

.....
WILLIAM L. RICHARD,
Care of R. C. Tilford,
With Walsh, Hall & Co.,
Yokohama,
Japan.
.....

At the same time another letter was mailed to Mr. R. C. Tilford at Yokohama, asking him to cross out the Yokohama address, mark the envelopes "Not here," and forward them, care of J. B. Tilford, 44 Broadway, New York. The first letter was mailed to catch the Liverpool steamer, and the second to go via San Francisco. The second letter reached San Francisco on Feb. 3, Yokohama on the 27th, and left by a French packet on the 28th. It arrived in New York on the 22d of April, having made the circuit of the globe in eighty-four days.

The first letter was not so fortunate. It was sent without explanation of any kind to anybody on the way. It reached London on Feb. 7, and left on the 9th. On April 16 it arrived at Yokohama and left again on the 17th, returning to New York May 12, having been gone 104 days.

Since then transportation lines have changed and improved their schedules, and last June Mr. Richard determined to try again. He consulted Bullinger's Guide

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" 30c.....	.60	.25
1869 1c.....	.75	.35
" 6c.....	.75	.35
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and saw that a regular service around the world was in operation that consumed exactly seventy-three days in travel. Accordingly he mailed a letter addressed like the one first noted above, but marked "via England and Brindisi." This letter was stamped at 12 noon in the New York office. It arrived in London June 20 and at Yokohama on July 31, one day ahead of time. It left on Aug. 2 by regular mail boat, and was delivered in New York on Aug. 24, seventy-three days after its departure. It had taken its chances with all kinds of storms and other things that delay travel, and by regular scheduled conveyances had made its long journey on time, and without any fuss except a deal of pounding by Postmasters in various countries.—*New York Sun*, Dec. 3, 1889.

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1c claret, red surcharge, unused.....	.05	.03	8c rose, violet surcharge, unused12	.10
2c red brown, red surcharge, unused.....	.06	.05	20c olive gray, red surcharge, unused.....	.30	.25
3c claret brown, red surcharge, unused ..	.08	—	40c salmon, red surcharge, unused.....	.45	.38
4c brown, red surcharge, unused20	.15	80c black, red surcharge, unused	1.25	—

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A Straight Tip.

My correspondent in his letter, which I received today, states that "beginning of next year ordinary Russian stamps will come to be used in Finland and no more Finnish ones."

Is that worth anything to you?

Look over my advertisement in next two columns.

C. F. ROTHFUCHS,

3118 Washington St., BOSTON, MASS.

New England Philatelic Association.

BOSTON, MASS., April 3, 1899.

To the Members of the N. E. P. A.:

At the special meeting, held April 1, the various offices vacated by Mr. Chas. E. Shaw were filled as follows: Exchange Manager, Mr. Geo. M. Frame; Treasurer, Mr. Clifford S. Drake; Secretary, the undersigned.

It was the opinion of those present that a re-organization of the Society is desirable, and that there should be more frequent meetings.

Your Secretary believes that, with loyal support, the Society can continue in a flourishing condition. Let us, therefore, take hold with renewed vigor and place it on a level with the best.

The Exchange Department will be ably conducted, and an Official Journal is soon to be selected by the Trustees.

Other plans, advantageous to the Association, are maturing and will be announced later. I earnestly ask all members to remain with us.

Very respectfully,

LEVI A. JUDKINS, Secretary,
Care U. S. Weather Bureau Office,
Boston, Mass.

Please mention the ERA when writing advertisers.

DO YOU KNOW THAT WE ARE GIVING AWAY many good stamps? If you don't, write for our descriptive circular which tells all about it. MICHIGAN STAMP COMPANY, 176 Selden Ave., [cows] DETROIT, MICH.

BARGAINS! A \$6.25 Stamp for 25 Cents.

One of the stamps offered for 25c in this advertisement is priced in Stanley Gibbons' Catalogue at 25 shillings (equal to \$6.25) and in the 58th Edition Standard Catalogue at \$5.00.

The following stamps are offered at the lowest prices quoted in advertisements in this issue. To make good my statement I will reduce my prices to the lowest figures given in this issue, should any stamps be offered below my price. All stamps are in good condition and guaranteed genuine originals. If any stamp should not be entirely satisfactory it can be returned within one day after received and money will be promptly refunded; also if your order should reach me too late. None of the stamps are sent on approval. Only one of a kind is offered to each purchaser.

No.	UNUSED STAMPS.	Price.	No.	USED STAMPS.	58th Catalogue Price.	My Price.
9	Angola 1876 300r chocolate.	\$.12	15	Angola 1881 50r blue.	\$.10	\$.05
79	Antioquia 1890 50c violet-brown.	.12	123	Argentina 1892 1p carmine.	.25	.12
85	Baden 1864 30kr orange.	.12	89	Austria 1890 2gd carmine.	.20	.08
24	Barbados 1874 3p violet.	2.25	94	" 1896 1gd pale lilac.	.10	.05
54	Bolivia 1871 5p blue.	.35	95	" 1896 2gd gray-green.	.25	.10
251	Brazil 1889 20r yellow, unpaid.	.12	93	Barbados 1878 1p blue.	.15	.07
34	British Bechuanaland 1892 2p bistre.	.25	51	Bolivia 1894 50c violet-brown.	.30	.10
39	" 1894 1sh green.	.70	59	" 1894 100c rose.	.25	.10
40	" 1894 1p red.	.08	57	Brazil 1876 10r vermilion.	1.00	.40
39	British Honduras 10c on 4p violet.	.12	75	" 1897 500r blue and black.	.10	.05
23	" 6c on 20c violet.	.08	188	" 1897 1000r green and violet.	.20	.08
42	" 6c on 10c violet.	.10	30	" 1897 2000r slate and violet.	.50	.20
34	" 1891 24c yellow and blue.	.30	191	British Guiana 1890 1c on \$1.	.08	.05
152	Canada 1875 3c vermilion, reg.	.25	153	" 1890 1c on \$2.	.12	.06
9	Cape Verde 1877 300r chocolate.	.15	154	" 1890 1c on \$3.	.18	.07
93	Ceylon 1884 4c rose.	.07	155	Bulgaria 1870 1f.	.50	.25
12	China 1885 5c greenish yellow.	.35	5	" 1888 1 lev. black and red.	.25	.12
6	Costa Rica 1863 1p orange.	.65	27	Canada officially sealed, 56th cat.	2.50	.50
20	" 1883 40c blue.	.15	53	Cape of Good Hope 1892 2 1/2 p.	.50	.15
232	" 1892 5c red-purple, official.	.07	89	Brazil 1897 700r mauve and black.	.35	.17
233	" 1892 10c green, official.	.15	24	Dominica 1890 1sh lake CA.	50.00	15.00
234	" 1892 20c red, official.	.25	48	Hawaii 1883 30c red.	4.00	2.00
23	Dominica 1890 6p orange CA.	3.00	49	" 1883 1 \$1-rose-red.	5.00	2.50
14	Ecuador 1879 1sh lake CA.	15.00	12	St. Christopher 1882 4p blue.	3.50	1.75
21	" 1891 80c gray.	.60	41	St. Vincent 1885 1sh orange-verm.	6.00	3.00
13	Germany 1871 30kr blue.	.05	20	Sierra Leone 1876 1sh blue-green.	none	5.00
12	" 1872 2kr orange.	.50	209	Western Australia 1p bistre.	25.00	7.50
26	" 1872 18kr stone.	.06	85	U. S. New York 1843 3c blue.	17.50	25.00
28	" 1874 9kr brown.	.06	121	" Due 1879 30c brown.	1.00	.45
20	Gold Coast 1891 2sh brown.	.55	124	" 1879 30c brown.	2.50	1.00
23	Grenada 1883 6p mauve.	.35	200	" 1889 30c red-brown.	1.00	.45
24	" 1883 8p bistre.	.90	1227	" 1891 30c bright claret.	1.25	.45
7	Hawaii 1853 5c blue.	3.00	1228	" 1891 30c bright claret.	2.00	.60
45	" 1886 10c vermilion.	.25	1231	" 1894 30c light claret.	none	1.00
46	" 1886 12c mauve.	.60	1244	" 1894 50c deep claret.	1.50	.50
53	" 1893 1c violet, prov.	.12	2383	Brown & Co. 1858 4c black.	10.00	4.75
54	" 1893 1c blue, prov.	.10	2658	Washington 1852 1c violet.	15.00	5.00
36	Hayti 1890 2c on 3c blue.	.05	2659	Baltimore 1852 1c red.	25.00	15.00
53	" 1892 2c on 3c slate.	.08		UNITED STATES—Unused.		
59	" 1898 2c on 30c brown.	.10	41	1851 3c red o. g.	2.50	.50
60	" 1898 2c on 20c orange.	.05	41	1851 3c, unsevered pair.	none	2.00
21	Liberia 1881 3c black.	.06	82	1861 10c dark green.	none	45.00
20	Madagascar 1886 1p red.	1.00	105	1866 3c scarlet, pen cancellation.	100.00	45.00
26	Madeira 1876 5r rose.	.10	148	1861 3c re-issue, not centered.	25.00	10.00
114	Mexico 1879 12c blue.	50.00	168	1869 24c green and purple.	20.00	7.50
92	Nevis 1870 2 1/2p brown CC.	6.00	177	1869 15c re-issue.	12.50	6.00
34	" 1884 1sh violet CA.	9.00	181	1869 1c re-issue.	2.50	1.00
10	New Brunswick 1860 10c vermilion.	.12	193	1870 1c ultramarine o. g.	3.50	1.50
27	Newfoundland 1866 5c brown.	4.25	193	1870 1c not centered, no gum.	3.50	.50
41	" 1867 5c black.	3.00	195	1870 3c green o. g.	2.50	1.00
156	Peru 1895 20c orange.	.25	195	1870 3c o. g., not centered.	2.50	.35
22	St. Christopher 1870 6p green.	1.20	197	1870 7c vermilion o. g.	8.00	4.00
23	" 1890 6p olive-brown.	10.75	272	1879 30c black, centered.	2.00	1.00
22	" 1890 1sh lilac.	4.25	272	1879 30c, not centered, no gum.	2.00	.60
45	St. Lucia 1883 1sh orange.	22.50	290	1882 3c gray-brown o. g.	.50	.20
41	St. Vincent 1883 1sh orange-vermilion.	3.00	296	1882 6c red o. g.	1.50	.50
53	" 1883 5sh carmine-lake.	1.45	297	1882 10c brown o. g.	.50	.25
61	" 1891 5p on 6p carmine.	.15	298	1882 10c yellow-brown o. g.	.50	.25
70	Salvador 1892 1c on 5c gray.	.05	299	1882 10c black-brown o. g.	5.00	2.50
73	" 1892 1c on 20c orange.	.05	310	1888 90c purple o. g.	2.50	1.25
74	" 1892 1c on 25c maroon.	.05	626	Treasury 1c yellow-brown.	3.50	1.25
59	" 1893 1c on 3c brown.	.05	626	" 1c, not centered.	3.50	.75
148	So. Af. Republic 1895 1/2p on 1sh green.	.05	668	Interior loc, well centered o. g.	1.50	.40
13	South 1890 12c green.	.25	668	" 1c, well centered o. g.	3.00	1.25
2	Surinam 1873 3c green.	1.00	668	War 12c o. g.	.25	.10
2	" 1873 3c not centered.	.25	698	" 1c, perf. three sides.	.25	.05
15	" 1873 3c green.	.25		U. S. ENVELOPES—Unused, very fine.		
15	" 1892 2 1/2c black and orange.	.25	1888	1893 5c slate-brown, price..... \$18.00		
68	Tolima 1887 5c brown.	.25		Have you got it? If not, why not?		
68a	" 1887 5c, 10c brown, pair.	2.50		I have everything advertised on this page for sale.		
24	Tonga 1893 5p on 4p orange-yellow.	.25		I do not advertise stamps for sale, if not in stock.		
28b	" 1894 1/2p on 1sh brown, surcharge.	1.25		CUBA ON U. S.		
30	" 1894 2 1/2p on 8p purple.	.12		1c de peso on 1c green..... .03 .02		
32	" 1894 1/2p on 4p red-brown.	.05		2c de peso on 2c deep carmine..... . . . . . .04		
32a	" 1894 "surcharge".	.75		2 1/2c de peso on 2c deep carmine..... .15 .08		
115	Trinidad 1894 5sh lake.	1.68		2 1/2c de peso on 2c carmine-vermilion..... .10 .05		
151	" 1885 1/2p black, unpaid.	.45		3c de peso on 3c purple..... .06 .04		
45	Uruguay 10c on 8c green.	.45		5c de peso on 5c blue..... . . . . . .10 .06		
3	Venezuela 1858 1/2r orange.	.25		10c de peso on 10c brown..... . . . . . .20 .12		
15	" 1861 1c gray-brown.	.25		Complete set 17 varieties..... . . . . . .60 .35		
517	Victoria 1891 1/2p carmine and blue.	.07				

Bargains for Dealers, 1 Lot for \$1.00, or 11 Lots for \$10.00:

Lot.	UNUSED STAMPS.	Catalogue Price Per Lot.	U. S. ENVELOPES—Unused, Cnt Squares.
1-15	No. 93 Ceylon, 4c rose.	\$5.20	25-17 No. 1307, 1870 2c on orange..... \$6.80
2-35	No. 11 Ecuador 1p rose.	3.50	31-4 No. 1463, 1880 2c on cream..... 10.00
3-20	No. 21 Ecuador 80c gray.	5.00	34-18 No. 1494, 1883 4c on white..... 5.40
4-20	sets Ecuador 1881-87, 7 var.	3.40	35-7 No. 1504, 1882 2c on fawn..... 7.00
5-75	No. 55 Hawaii 1c green.	3.00	39-3 each Nos. 1563-64-69-70..... 3.00
6-12	No. 54 Hawaii 1c blue.	2.40	40-34 No. 1801, 1873 3c P. O..... 3.40
7-12	No. 26 Madeira 5r black.	3.00	41-50 No. 1804, 1874 3c P. O..... 5.00
8-20	No. 39 Tonga 1894 1/2p on 4d.	2.20	42-20 No. 1805, 1874 6c P. O..... 5.00
9-22	No. 511 Victoria 1891 1/2d.	3.00	43-200 No. 1810, black on white..... 10.00
			45-50 No. 1813, blue on blue..... 10.00

Nos. at left refer to 58th Catalogue. Postage extra on orders under 50 cents. Unused stamps not accepted in payment. Remittances should be made by bills or P. O. Money Order.

C. F. ROTHFUCHS, 3118 Washington St., BOSTON, MASS.

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WHOLE No. 309.

New vs. Old Issues Expounded.

Regarding the New U. S. Envelopes—The Catalogue Question—Our Boston Scribe Wants Definite Information.

[From a Regular ERA Correspondent.]
BOSTON, April 11th.

The engraver here, who makes the dies for the U. S. envelopes, has made and forwarded two dies for envelopes for Cuba. The designs represent the head of Columbus. It is said that a design was suggested to the powers that be representing Isabella and Columbus, but it was objected to, on the grounds that Isabella would be a little too Spanish. The engraver is also at work on new dies for the 4 and 5c U. S. envelopes. He also made die A and B of the 2c envelope, and is surprised that die A was used; and that the dies of the now current 4 and 5c were what he terms unfinished dies, but they were used owing to the great rush to get out the new envelopes.

I have been shown, by the Colonial Stamp Co., the new issue of stamps for Virgin Islands. Although they are not what would be termed pretty, they are certainly unique, and the colors are out of the ordinary run of stamps. This issue ought to be a great seller for the trade, and increase the demands for the old issues of Virgin Islands.

I notice that "Philatelic Rambler," in the last number of the ERA, is rather hard on new issues. There is always a tendency with some people to cry down what they do not have, and *vice versa*; and I know of no new issue of stamps that will slump in prices as a great many of the old issues have within the last few years. About three years ago, I sold to a dealer now located in New York three copies of the New Brunswick 6 pence, for about \$66.00. The market value of said three stamps today is high at \$40.00. I can give several more examples of where old issues have not only wiped out the interest, but made inroads on the capital invested. There are many things to be considered in the buying of old and new issues; new issues can usually be bought at a slight advance over their face value; and it stands to reason that in time they become old issues, and in most cases, advance in price. With old issues,

the price, especially in the last few years, has been advanced to the top notch; and as "Rambler" has mentioned the Columbian issue, I will go back to 1893. Two collectors, investing an equal amount of money from that time up to the present day, one in old issues, the other in new issues as they came out, and which one do you suppose would realize the most money on a complete sale today? Now, if "Philatelic Rambler" can pick out old issues to the amount of \$200.00 to be spent by the collector each year for the last six years, which will amount to twelve hundred dollars, I will on paper invest the same amount in the same time, in new issues; and in the market today, the new issue man's investment will pay a higher rate of interest than the other. As an old writer said, "there are a good many holes in a skimmer, and one not accustomed to the article cannot see them all at once."

"Great minds sometimes run in the same channel." In one of my former letters to the ERA, I advised the making of a catalogue for the general collector, and one for the specialist. The editor of Stanley Gibbons, in speaking of Whitfield, King & Co.'s new catalogue says: "The general idea of the catalogue is one of which we fully approve; one of the great wants of the present day is a catalogue for the general collector, who does not desire to take all the numerous minor varieties which form the study of the specialist, and who, naturally, is quite unable to make his own selection from the comprehensive lists that are published now, and we congratulate Messrs. Whitfield, King & Co. upon having made the first attempt to supply this want." I have no doubt but that in the course of time a similar catalogue will be issued in this country, for it is quite evident that it is needed.

I see that one of the Washington scribes seems to have a propensity to gamble, as he wants to bet me \$20 to \$1 that the information in regard to Newspaper stamps was correct. Up to date, I have not read or heard of any information. All the Washington correspondents have evaded the question, and even the high officials do not care to give the information. None of us asked to know how many remainders there were on hand; that was not the ques-

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Governmental Favor to Red Cross.

Cuba and Philippine Red Cross Mail to go at Domestic Rates—New Envelope Designs Approved—Other Washington News.

[From a Regular ERA Correspondent.]

The surcharged Special Delivery stamps for Cuba were sent Monday.

By order of the Second Assistant Post Master General the Red Cross Society was today granted the privilege of sending letters from Cuba and the Philippines at domestic rates. The order is the result of a cabinet discussion of a request made by representatives of the Red Cross Society that this provision was made. The order is as follows:

"It is hereby ordered that on and after this date letters emanating from the American National Red Cross addressed to persons connected with the hospital service of that Society in Cuba and the Philippine Islands, and bearing on the face of the envelope the printed words, 'Red Cross Hospital Service' (not excluding other printing which the Society may desire to have appear), shall be transmissible in the mails at the domestic rate of postage.

"Letters from the Red Cross hospital service in Cuba and the Philippines bearing the words above indicated, and addressed to the Red Cross Society of the United States, or to officers thereof, shall also be entitled to transmission at the United States domestic rate."

The Post Office Department will move its location about July 1st to the new City Post Office Building, where the second, third, fourth and most of the fifth floors have been allotted for that purpose.

The Post Office Department have approved the design for the new Cuban Envelopes and they will be the same color of our present issue 2 and 5c envelopes. The design is the head of Columbus, and they will be very pretty envelopes, and I think they will be popular with collectors.

The designs for the new Cuban stamps have not been approved yet, the Department returned the ones submitted by the Bureau of Engraving and made some suggestions, but as yet they have not been returned corrected.

NEW VS. OLD ISSUES EXPOUNDED

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tion. Some of the Washington notes are worth reading today; under the date of Feb. 2, is written: "It will not be possible to obtain these stamps, however, for some little time. The reason for withholding their sale is to enable the Treasury Department to recall the \$5 surcharged for revenue purposes. As soon as these revenues are all in and matters have so shaped themselves that no harm will result to the revenue bureau, the Periodicals will be placed on sale." Under the date of Feb. 9, is printed: "Only one new feature has developed in the Periodical question, and that is the perplexity of the Department in altering the \$5.00 stamp so that it will be impossible to surcharge it for use as a revenue, and yet leave its beauty untouched. So far the question is undecided, but it may be safely stated that when the Periodicals are issued the \$5.00 will not be in its original state." Feb. 11th: "Enough of the Newspaper and Periodical stamps lately in use by postmasters to make up 50,000 complete sets have been reserved by the Department for sale." Feb. 14: "There will be a delay of several days in placing the Newspaper and Periodical stamps on sale as the department has been unable to finish counting and assorting the stamps." We poor, deluded collectors, after reading all this valuable information which originated in Washington, supposed we were going to get a set of Periodical stamps lately in use by postmasters. Recent events have proven different. What we would like to know is, when these stamps that the Government is now selling were made, and how many of them?

S. E. L.

The Editor's Shears.

A STAMP DEALER vs. U. S. P. O. D.

When the United States Postoffice Department announced the sale of the Newspaper stamps everybody was convinced that the government would not sell anything but the genuine article. When it was discovered that this had not been the case a good many collectors made the best of a bad job by persuading themselves that after all the reprints might be "just as good."—A large European firm had ordered by telegraph a great many sets which were advertised before the facts were known as "warranted originals." If collectors after finding out the truth about these stamps should ask this firm to refund the money we have no doubt that such request would be promptly complied with, but we have our serious doubts if the Post Office Department would refund the stamp dealer! Pretty bad job after all.—*Philatelic Facts and Fallacies.*

Madrid Filatelico announces an entirely new set of postage stamps for the little island of Fernando-Po. This new set is of the colonial type adopted in Spain last year and comprises twenty denominations from 1 mil de peso up to 2 pesos. The colors are the same as those of the late Cuba, Porto Rico and Philippine sets. Even our esteemed Spanish contemporary cries out in horror that such values as the 40 and 80 centavos, the 1 and 2 pesos and the 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 mil de pesos should have been created for Fernando-Po, since the postal tariff of that island precludes even the possibility of these stamps ever being used postally and considering moreover the small number of inhabitants, about 25,000, there being scarcely one hundred whites among that number. Since the issue is but small, numerous surcharges of the useless values may be confidently looked for in a short time.—*Philatelic Monthly.*

EXCHANGES.

One notice is allowed each subscriber free if sent with his remittance, extra notices will be inserted at the uniform price of 10 cents each insertion. Non-subscribers 15 cents each insertion. Positively cash with notice. All notices must be for exchange and limited to thirty words, exclusive of the address, and must be written on a separate piece of paper. Notices offering articles for sale for cash, or offering to purchase for cash cannot be inserted here as they do not come under this head.

Three Consecutive Insertions of Same Exchange Notice, 25 Cents.

To trade, about 28 Plate Nos. for a \$2.00 Omaha or beat offer. Eugene Christine, Holmesburg, Pa.

N. and P. Bottom Plate Nos. of 1, 5, 25, 50c and \$5 and \$50, 4 stamps each, to exchange for same denominations in Tops; also U. S. Coins for Omaha Top Plates. Address, J. B. Holmes, 501 E. Grove St., Bloomington, Ill. [11]

Fine Magic Lantern used for exhibitions and lectures, with numerous colored slides, 10 ft. screen, gas manufacturing apparatus, holder and pressboards, cost complete about \$200, to exchange for U. S. stamps. Francis K. Delp, 457 Regent Ave., West Phila., Pa.

Wanted: Correspondents in Canada, Newfoundland and other countries; will exchange U. S. stamps for such countries'. Would like Canada's stamps of all kind. A. W. Clough, Beach Bluff, Mass.

U. S. Envelopes. I have 30 entire, unused, 1c on orange, Reay issue, F. L., to exchange for other varieties entire, used or unused, Ne-bitt, Reay or Plimpton. S. M. Cutler, Custom House, Louisville, Ky. [11]

Indian Arrow Heads to exchange for U. S. and B. N. A. stamps listing 10 cents and over, at the rate of 10 cents each against catalogue value. Clifton B. Gates, 205 Lake View Ave., Jamestown, N. Y.

3 stamps, each cat. not less than 2c, for every Omaha stamp above 2c sent me. G. C. Andrews, 31 City Bank Bldg., Buffalo, N. Y. [9]

Wuertemberg Nos. 8, 28, 69, British Colonies and other foreign stamps all in fine condition to exchange on basis \$20 to \$25 of above for \$15.00 in U. S. Send for lists. R. S. Coon, B. & A. R. K., Boston, Mass. [9]

Wanted to exchange, a \$2 Kodak loaded for 48 pictures, for stamps. Camera cost \$32.00, will trade for \$10.00 worth of stamps. C. S. Mason, 713 Superior St., Toledo, Ohio. [10]

I will take your Document Revenue duplicates and give good exchange. Full particulars on receipt of your address. C. B. Merrill, 130 West 14th St., New York City. [10]

Good stamps from approval sheets for any standard Law books in good condition. James Anderzen, Loomis, Nebraska. [10]

U. S. Plate Numbers wanted in exchange for old U. S. Postage and Document Revenues or Foreign Postage Stamps at even exchange. Basis, Bartel's and Scott's catalogues. E. A. Kelly, 713 La Salle St., Ottawa, Ills. [9]

Wanted: Correspondents in Canada, Newfoundland, B. N. A., and other countries; will exchange U. S. stamps for stamps of such countries on approval or in quantities. Also wanted to exchange U. S. for U. S. Frank D. Butler, Box 147, Portsmouth, N. H. [9]

New Idea Exchange will take your M. and M. Rev. and Postage duplicates and give you stamps you require. No damaged or heavily cancelled sent or taken. New Idea Exchange, 381 St. Nicholas Ave., New York City. [10]

Imperforate pairs of United States and Foreign stamps wanted, will give good exchange from approval books for any sent me. J. F. Johnson, 83 Thornton St., Boston, Mass. [901c]

I have 58th No. 1416, 90c carmine on white, entire and unused, to trade for U. S. or foreign stamps of my selection. Write first. F. E. Ellis, 312 N. 14th St., St. Louis, Mo. [10]

TRADE COLUMN.

Under this head we print all notices not properly belonging to our exchange department, such as business announcements, want and for sale notices, etc., etc., at the uniform low rate of five (5) cents per line. Eight words average a line. All notices will be set in solid 6-point type and no display allowed. Minimum charge 10 cents.

125 foreign stamps all different, catalogued over \$2.50, for 30 cts. post free. J. C. SAWIN, 40 May St., Worcester, Mass.

Something new for dealers and traders. Ready-made approval sheets. Sheets contain 25 stamps, no damaged or common Continentals. Sheets cat. 30c, 6 cts.; sheets cat. 50c, 13c; sheets cat. 75c, 20c; sheets cat. \$1, 30c; post. extra. H. Burkola, Sta. H., Cincinnati, O.

\$10 per 100 paid for names and addresses of stamp and coin collectors. Send 10c silver for blank book and instructions. C. A. Burbank, Box 58, Danville, Que., Can.

While they last will send by registered mail 7 white and 8 buff Die A 2c Envelopes, No. 5, unused, for a dollar bill. R. J. Hummel, Baton Rouge, La. [10]

A Snap: 30 picked varieties Canada, Newfoundland and Br. Colonies, including 1882 1/2c; Maple Leaf 1/2, 1, 2 and 3c; Numeral 1/2, 1, 2, and 3c; Jubilee 1 and 3c; Registration &c. I will give also with this package one of the surcharged Canadian Envelopes or Letter Cards 2c on 3c unused, also an unused Imperial Map Stamp Lavender shade, and will mail the above package in either the new 2c Canadian Envelope, or the obsolete 1c blue with 1882 1/2c stamps attached, and to each purchaser of above package I will give free an English stamp catalogued 15c. All the above post paid only 27c. Only fifty of above packages for sale. Don't let this offer slip. I also offer 8 var. P. E. Island unused, only 75c; five copies Nova Scotia too used, only 70c; five copies 3c, only 70c; five copy New Brunswick 3d on part cover, only \$1.60; Canada Jubilee Set 1/2 to 50c, only \$1.40; Jubilee 8c at 12c, 10c at 12c, 5c at 6c; Canada 1882-90 1/2c sheet 10c, only 90c; Maple Leaf issue used 1c, per 100 2cc; 3c, per 100 15c; Numeral issue, per 100 assorted, 10c; 5 var. P. E. Island coins, 15c. Orders under fifty cents postage extra. U. S. 1 and 2c stamps accepted for small amounts. Address, R. F. MADDIGAN, Box 298, Charlottetown, P. E. Island.

Perky little "Stamp Talk" has swallowed the 'International Philatelist.' You ought to see it now! "STAMP TALK," Kansas City, Mo.

3 1/2d olive Cape Good Hope, cat. 50c, for 10c. 5 var. Gold Coast, 12c. 5 var. Persia, 15c. 6 var. Sierra Leone, 20c. 5 var. Trinidad, 10c. 12a India, 3c. Postage extra. COLONIAL STAMP CO., 399 Spadina Ave., Toronto, Canada.

Want Jan. "Eastern Phil." Am interested in U. S. only; want books on subject, old issues, Proofs, Depts., oddities, minor var. G. N. Thomas, 1100 Chestnut Av., Trenton, N. J. [10]

I have money to loan on good stamps and stamp collections. H. G. SMITH, (Treas. A. P. A.), Winona, Minn. [41c]

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Williams & Co.

The following letters regarding the above firm are published, as they may aid some of our readers by throwing new light on the subject:

UNITED STATES LEGATION,
LIMA, PERU, March 17, 1899.

MR. ———, Esq.
My dear Sir: Your esteemed favor of Feb'y 18th last has reached this Legation. One C. A. Casnough, who represented this swindling stamp concern of Williams & Co. suddenly left this city about the 25th of last December. * * *

Respectfully,
RICHARD R. NEILL,
U. S. Secretary of Legation.

The following is the text of a letter to an ERA reader from a correspondent in Lima:
LIMA, PERU, March 20, 1899.

MY DEAR SIR:
I am in receipt of your favor Feb 5th, but am very sorry to be unable to assist you in recovering your stamps or their value of Williams & Co. This firm has always been a fraud, and I myself have warned, months ago, people to have noth-

ing to do with them. To be clearer, I beg to tell you that the head-man of this so-called firm was a man by the name Casnough, who appeared here in Lima about a year ago and made friends with some of the Cable-Comp. boys. He ran away from Lima about December last, and I hear that he robbed people abroad for more than \$6000 worth of stamps. The affair has been taken up by the American, English and German Ministers here in Lima, and all the registered letters, which were found after December last, have been returned to the respective general post offices, for them to hand them back to the senders of same. So I think the best you can do, is to ask in your general post office at Washington or New York and find out whether your letters are among those returned. If they are not, I am afraid you will never see a single cent of your remittances.

I am really very sorry that I cannot help you in this affair, but shall be glad to offer to you my services in any other matter in Lima.

Yours truly,

CHICAGO, April 12, '99.

Editor ERA,

Portland, Me.

I read many complaints about Williams & Co., Peru, but maybe they are not as guilty as it looks. Let me tell you the queer thing that happened to me.

On October 27th, 1898, I sent two one dollar bills in a registered letter to Williams & Co. and ordered some stamps, but did not receive an answer, so I sent on January 12, 1899, another letter (registered, Return Receipt demanded) asking for explanation why I did not receive the stamps.

This second letter was sent back April 10th, 1899. It was unopened, but only Chicago and New York postmarks on, was sent back in a plain white envelope, without any explanation, postage prepaid by a 2-cent stamp and mailed in New York. So this letter had never reached its destination. Now! Who got hold of this letter? Who paid the 2-cent postage? Did the first letter reach its destination? Or did the fellow who got hold of the second letter embezzle the first? If he did it with my letter could he not do this with some other letters addressed to the same party?

I have seen the Superintendent of the Registered Letter Department, but he could not explain this either. He will now investigate this matter and trace the first letter. Would it not be advisable for the other collectors who did not come out all right with their dealings with Williams & Co. to have their letters traced in the same way.

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- Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly*, March, Vol. V. (117).
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- Stamps (N. Y.)*, March, Vol. III. No. 3.
- Stamps (Rushden)*, March, Vol. III. No. 3 (27).
- Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal*, March, Vol. IX. (105).
- Timbre Poste*, Vol. XXXVII. (436).
- Transvaal Collectors' Quarterly*, Prospectus.
- Virginia Philatelist*, Vol. II. No. 8.

The *American Journal of Philately* omits the usual installment of the "Catalogue for Advanced Collectors" in order to allow more time for careful examination of the Confederate provisionals which are next in order. I look for something pretty fine, for this is a subject which interests us all even if we haven't many of the stamps themselves. Mr. Nankivell gives lots of English news and one item in particular will be of interest to all. On the 17th of last month he read a paper before the London Society in which he proposed that the Society undertake the work of getting out a catalogue for collectors which shall be a "standard" in fact as well as in name. While it should include every variety, only

Brother Hussman

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the normal issues should be in large type, varieties being in smaller type. As the catalogue would not be priced, it would be in no sense antagonistic to the dealers. I shall await with interest the decision of the Society.

A couple of letters bearing upon the authenticity of the surcharged Iceland stamps are also given, and as one is signed by the British, French, German and Swedish consuls, and the other by two of the Icelandic officials, and both state very plainly that the stamps are not fakes as claimed. Too bad for Iceland to break her record. Let us hope it will be many a year before the supply runs short again.

A second installment is given in the *London Philatelist* of the "Notes on the Stamps of Colombia." Mr. Hall states that in April, 1889, an official decree was issued declaring that all stamps not bearing the inscription "Republica de Colombia" were obsolete and should be returned to the treasury and sold to Dr. Michelsen, who had agreed to purchase them at certain rates per 1000. Many important facts were gleaned from the stock secured in this manner, and the authenticity of some varieties was positively established. No money order system existing, specie had to be sent by mail, and as the rate was 80c per kilo, the high values of 5 and 10 pesos were rendered necessary. They were pasted in a special book by the postal officials and cancelled with either a die or pen. In spite of the order to destroy these books several were saved and the stamps sold to dealers and collectors. All the stamps issued from 1858 to 1868 were printed by D. Ayala of Bogota and the clichés destroyed at the end of each year. Later the stamps were printed by the same firm and also D. Paredes. "They not only divided the work but each had to deliver equal quantities of every value. For every value therefore two plates varying slightly were made which explains the number and variety of the types of the paper and the shades." An illustration is given in the same paper of the medal to be awarded at the Manchester exposition.

I regret having somehow missed seeing the January and February numbers of the *Philatelic Journal of Great Britain* for they contained the first chapters of an exhaustive article on Serbia by Geo. B. Duerst. The March number contains an account of the second printing of the 1 and 2 pairs of the first issue, and of the issue of July, 1866. A very fine list of all the minor varieties is given together with a diagram of the plate of the first issue with descriptions of the types, which will be of help to those who desire to plate the stamps.

Another article in this number is of great value to literary philatelists at least. It consists of an index of the more important articles that have appeared in some 37 of the magazines of 1898. The list includes

both English and foreign papers, and while it is not complete, is of very great importance. I trust it will be possible to find a place for it in the columns of the ERA, for I am sure Mr. Jewett's subscribers would appreciate it. One of these days we shall have a similar index to the leading magazines of the past. May the day be near.

The *Revista de la Sociedad Filatelica Argentina* contains more illustrations of the view postal cards, with several other less interesting articles. Pages 17 to 20 of the fiscal catalogue accompany the number, and bring to a close the list of documentary stamps and commence the enumeration of those for bills of exchange. This catalogue will be of great value when completed, and I wish it could appear more rapidly. The magazine has put on a gray coat in honor of its having reached volume five.

La Revista Postal is not up to the standard this month. About the only thing of interest in the number is the information concerning the "patentes de commercio" stamps of the Argentine. They number sixteen values ranging from 1 to 100 pesos and are all printed in black.

The concluding article of the review of Mencarini's catalogue of Hongkong stamps is given in the current *Fortnightly*. I hope to have a copy of the book before me ere long and will give the ERA readers the benefit of it when it arrives. At the low price at which it is offered it should be in all our libraries.

The *International Philatelist* during its lifetime has swallowed up four other papers, and now, according to *Stamp Talk*, is to be swallowed in turn by the latter. I trust Brother Brown will retain the handy little form his paper now appears in and only enlarge by adding more pages.

The plate of minor varieties in *Stamps* (N. Y.) this month is of considerable interest, as it shows several pairs or blocks from various countries in which different varieties are found *se tenant* as the French say. One pair shows the 5 and 10 cent Tolima unsevered. The frontispiece is a half tone plate composed mostly of novelties.

Stamps (Rushden) wastes two pages and a half of its valuable space in ventilating a dispute between a Canadian and English dealer. It would have been far better to have put in the part of the revenue chronicle which Mr. Pearce says will have to go over a month on account of lack of space. There are installments of the articles on the English post cards and the fiscals of Japan. Another page is given

up to a list of stamps worth more than catalogue.

Bamra is the subject of Major Evans' article in the *Monthly Journal* this month, and the minor varieties will satisfy any true specialist with their abundance. Diagrams of the various settings are given with several illustrations.

M. Moens' article in *Le Timbre Poste* on the various jubilee emissions is drawing to a close, having reached the issues of 1897. Belgium, Italy, Labuan, Guatemala, Salvador, Canada, New South Wales and the Leeward Islands are all treated of at length and an illustration is given of a decidedly racy modification of the Canadian jubilee stamps. It needs to be seen to be appreciated.

If there is any collector who knows anything about Transvaals his name is Edward J. Nankivell and the fact that he is going to publish a *Transvaal Collectors' Quarterly* should result in a good substantial subscription list. Mine goes in for one.

Spain, 1876 Issue.

The *London Philatelist* for January contains a very interesting paper, by Mr. M. P. Castle, upon the subject of certain varieties of type which are found among the stamps of this issue; and as there seems to be some uncertainty as to the reasons for the existence of these varieties, we give a brief summary of the facts stated in the paper, together with a few suggestions in reference to the points in question.

The fact that there are two types of the 1 peseta has long been recognized; indeed, the differences in the form of the numerals, and in the word indicating the value, are too distinct to escape notice, and the variation was put down to that vague, but philatelically useful, process, "a retouch." A more recent authority seems to have perceived that there were other differences also, and in other values, for he stated that the plates had been "worked up," regardless of the facts that "working up" plates that have once been hardened is not an easy thing to do, and that where a variety of type exists in entire sheets it must be due to "retouching" of the original die, which is probably impossible.

Mr. Castle, starting with the two types of the 1 peseta, found, on examining the other values, that there were two types of most of them also; that these two types varied in other respects besides the figures and words denoting the value, but that apart from those figures and words there was not a distinct type for each value; and that, if we term the two types Die I. and Die II., there was a complete set of plates

(except the 10 pesetas value) of Die I., and a partial set (including the only plate of the 10 pesetas) of Die II. He also found that, in the case of some of the values, there are minor varieties, *i. e.*, that certain stamps on the sheets show additional lines which are not common to all impressions of that type (or die), and which must therefore be due to engraving upon the plates themselves. These minor varieties may be considered separately; the more important question is, Why were there two types, and only two types—not one for each value?

The method of production of *taille-douce* engraved plates is pretty well understood by philatelists, but as some of the expressions in Mr. Castle's paper would seem to imply that the stamps were printed from "cylinders," it may be well to give a few words of explanation. The original die consists of a flat piece of steel, upon which the design is engraved as it should appear upon the plate from which the stamps are printed. If there are to be several values of the same design, one value may be engraved upon this die (which then becomes the original die of that value), or the value portion may be left blank. When the engraving is completed the die is hardened, and after that no alterations can be made; it may be possible to soften the die again for the purpose of retouching, but it would probably be simpler to make a transfer from it (by the process about to be described) to a fresh piece of soft steel, and make the retouches upon that. From the hardened die an impression is taken upon a small roller of soft steel, which roller, if the original die had a value engraved upon it, may be hardened and used for producing, in its turn, a plate for that value; or before it is hardened, the value may be erased from it, and it can then be hardened and used for producing blank dies on which the various values can be engraved. In such a case at least two roller impressions would be taken from the original die, one (or more) for producing the plate of the value engraved on the die, and another (or others) for producing the blank dies for the other values. In this particular instance we are told that the original die had no value engraved; it is probable, therefore, that only one roller impression was ever taken from it, as one roller could easily produce the eight dies on which the eight values that exist in Die I. were engraved—as one roller produced the 240 impressions upon the plates of the early stamps of Great Britain.

These eight dies, then, must have been produced before any alteration was made in the original type, as they must have been identical until the values were engraved upon them. While they were still soft a value would have been engraved upon each, and they would thus become the original dies of the various values. Having then been hardened in their turn, a roller impression would be taken from each, and by means of those rollers the

plate of each value would be produced. The question arises, When, how, and for what reason can such alterations have been made as formed the second type, or Die II.?

We have first the original die, with the value portion blank. It would only be necessary probably to take one roller impression from this, as we showed above; there was therefore no wear and tear to injure that die. We have secondly the original dies for the various values; from each of these again it is probable that only one roller impression was taken, so that there was no wear and tear there to necessitate fresh dies; as many plates as could be wanted might have been produced from those dies. It would seem therefore that the reason for engraving Die II. can only have been the fact that Die I. was discovered, when printing commenced, to be not entirely satisfactory.

The plates for the lower values would naturally be made first, and thus printing from some of them might have taken place before the plate of the 10 pesetas was begun. It would then be quite easy to take another roller impression from the original die, touch it up and remove any lines that required removing before it was hardened, and then to produce from it, after hardening, a die of soft steel upon which all the characteristics of Die II. could be engraved, and which would then produce the original die for the 10 pesetas plate, and afterwards those for the second plates of the values which exist in both types. This solution of the problem of the two dies, or types, is also suggested by a paragraph in Mr. Castle's paper, in which he says, "The general appearance of Plate II." (Die II. as we have termed it), "notably on the thin paper, is sharper, brighter, and of superior finish, so much so that I was at first inclined to think that they were London printings as distinguished from Spanish." This seems clearly to indicate that there was some improvement in the plates employed, and examination showed that this improvement consisted, in part at least, in the construction of improved dies.

The question of "retouching" is quite a different one, and the term "retouch," as employed by Mr. Castle, covers two different classes of the varieties thus produced. He says, "By the expression 'retouch' I mean some variation that is not common to all the stamps on the sheet, irrespective of the time at which such alteration was effected." When a plate is first made, before it has been hardened, "retouching," or, as we should rather term it, "touching up," can be effected without any difficulty, and no doubt it is commonly done, the work consisting in deepening or clearing some of the lines. It may of course go further, and then we shall find certain variations always occurring in the same position on every sheet printed from that plate. If, on the other hand, we compare together two sheets (or corresponding portions of sheets) which were

evidently printed from the same plate, and we find certain variations upon one which do not exist upon the other, then we must conclude that, after the plate was hardened and put to press, some repairs, or "retouching" in the true sense of the word, became necessary, and produced the variations noted.

As far as we can gather from his paper, Mr. Castle has only found certain proof of "retouching" of the latter kind upon the 5c., Die I. He examined an entire sheet of this value filed by the printers, Messrs. Bradbury, Wilkinson & Co., and could find upon it no trace of the variations which he had discovered in portions of sheets of the stamps as issued. It is possible that the sheet in question was a proof impression, taken before the plate was hardened, and that the "retouching" was what we have termed "touching up;" but, in spite of the statement of the printers, "that it is quite impossible to retouch a hardened steel plate," we know that such a thing has been done. It was done in the case of one of the plates furnished by Messrs. Perkins, Bacon & Co. to the Government of New South Wales, and we were personally informed by the same firm that slight retouching and deepening of the lines, after wear, had been done to plates of the British stamps printed by them; therefore, either the plates are not so hard that they cannot be cut, or they become less hard (in parts perhaps) during use, or they can be softened for the purpose of repairs if necessary; and thus we would venture to account for the signs of "retouching" found upon these Spanish stamps.

The whole question raised by Mr. Castle is one especially interesting to the real student of philately, who wants to know not only what varieties exist, but how they came into existence. It is by such study that the most useful facts are brought to light, showing what varieties are possible and what are impossible, and all philatelists are indebted to Mr. Castle for opening up a discussion upon an issue to which too little attention has hitherto been paid.—Editorial in *Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal*.

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Those U. S. "Demonetized Job Lot Chromos."

The Newspaper and Periodical sets are still on sale in Philadelphia at the general Post Office, as well as Chicago. I have been unable to ascertain just how many sets there were but am suspicious that it is a very goodly number as the sale has been very slow compared with other cities. Philadelphia has long enjoyed the distinction of being "slow" and will probably keep her record and go "slow and sure."

I understand the Philadelphian asks quite a few pertinent questions before parting with his festive dollars, for these "demonetized reprinted job lot chromos," and as said questions do not elicit any favorable points on this stock which the Government has utilized to go into the stamp business with, the sale is liable to go still slower and I will guarantee some of the New York speculators who rushed in to buy 100 to 500 sets will wish they had been built on the Philadelphia style of architecture before they ever get their money back again. A Washington dealer has offered them at five dollars (\$5.00) per set in New York, which has thrown considerable cold water on their ready sale during the past week.

It is ridiculous, in my opinion, to charge a collector \$6.00 to \$10.00 for this trash lot, which the Government is still offering for sale with the guarantee that they have no face value (which is quite correct). Their statement in circular that the sets so offered were *remainders* is no doubt false, inasmuch as the \$5, \$10, \$50 and \$100, in every set I have seen, were undoubtedly reprints, made after the stamps were obsolete, for the express purpose of gouging money out of the stamp collectors' pockets.

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PORTLAND, ME., SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 1899.

WHOLE No. 310.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Washington Notes.

Tuesday, April 18th.

Cuba seems to be the most prolific stamp issuing country in existence. She is now going to have a 1c wrapper with the same design as the envelopes. I also understand that there was turned over to Director of Posts Rathbone, by the U. S. Postal Agent, 70,000 No. 5 2c envelopes which were surcharged in Cuba for use there.

The managers for the Pan-American Exposition, which is to be held in Buffalo, are trying to induce the Post Office Department to get out a special set of stamps to commemorate the same, but from all I can learn it meets with a cool reception, as it involves too much labor at the department in keeping separate accounts for such issues and I think that there is small chance of such an issue going into effect.

In all probability they will commemorate the Exposition by making a 2c envelope with the picture of Niagara Falls.

The 2c Cuban stamps are now coming in the bright shade, the same as the 2½c were, and some new numbers have reached this city and have not been mentioned before, namely Nos. 745, 746, 747, 748, 753, 754 and 755.

I will give a list of all 2c Nos. that I have seen to date as follows: 475, 556, 559, 561, 562, 563, 568, 569, 570, 571, 593, 594, 595, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 776, 777 and the above mentioned ones.

The Post Office Department has received a cablegram from Chief Gadsden of the Money Order Department of Porto Rico, announcing the completion of the plans for making that office a separate branch of the service removed from military sale. The new conditions will go into effect tomorrow, when the office will be formerly opened. Domestic rates will be charged and you can buy a money order payable in Porto Rico cheaper than one payable here. The reason for this is that on all money orders issued for this country a war tax stamp is required. Cuba and Porto Rico are treated as foreign countries in this respect, as the law does not provide for a tax on international money orders.

Philatelic Press Review.

By WM. C. STONE.

Annuaire Philatelique, March, Vol. V. (49).

Australian Philatelist, February, Vol. V. No. 7.

Canadian Philatelic Review, March, Vol. V. (23).

Ewen's Weekly Circular, (71).

Filatelic Facts and Fallacies, March, Vol. VII. No. 6 (78).

Herald Exchange, Vol. VI. No. 2 (32).

Illustriertes Briefmarken Journal, Vol. XXVI. No. 7.

Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News, Vol. XIII. No. 16 (433).

Melita Philatelic Chronicle, Vol. II. No. 4.

Metropolitan Philatelist, Vol. XI. Nos. 2, 3.

Mitteldeutsche Philatelisten Zeitung, Vol. VIII. No. 4.

New York Philatelist, Vol. VI. No. 1.

Philatelic Advocate, Vol. VI. No. 4 (32).

Philatelic Monthly, Vol. XXV. No. 4 (292).

Revista Philatelica do Brazil, February, Vol. IV. No. 2.

Revue Philatelique Francaise, March, Vol. X. (100).

Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly, Vol. V. No. 118.

Stamp Collectors' Journal, March, Vol. XXI. (245).

Stamp Reporter, Vol. I. Nos. 1, 2 (7, 8).

Stamp Tribune, Vol. I. No. 4.

The *Canadian Philatelic Review*, formerly the *Canadian Philatelic Weekly*, formerly the *Boys' Own Philatelist*, is now published semi-monthly and contains just about as little information as it ever did. Why is it that we so rarely get a first class philatelic paper from the Dominion? There is not one issued today that begins to hold a candle to the old *Halifax Philatelist* or *Dominion Philatelist*.

Filatelic Facts and Fallacies contains a first class article on plating English stamps with several diagrams, making the arrangement so clear that any one can easily understand it. Plating is growing in favor and there is consequently a large demand for these stamps, especially the red one pennies. While there was of course exactly

the same number printed of each lettered variety, it is by no means an easy task to fill out the sheet. One single stamp evaded the writer for nearly six months before he was able to fill out his sheet.

The *Herald Exchange* is as full of news as ever. Miss Swift talks about "Things Not Universally Known" and rightly calls down the cataloguers for including the Canadian watermarked varieties and excluding the Newfoundlands which are of identically the same character, makers name simply.

Mr. Chapman speaking of the Belgian Sunday stamps, says: "If the coupon is on, it only goes on Sunday, and on other days must be torn off." Really, I thought it was just the other way! At least, if "Ne pas livrer le dimanche" does not mean "Do not deliver on Sunday," my French dictionary is sadly off its base. It's on you, this time, I guess Farmer Chapman.

Mekeel's Weekly also contains an article on plating English stamps, and takes the 1864 one penny in place of the same value of the 1841 issue as mentioned above in *Filatelic Facts and Fallacies*. This makes some difference in the diagrams as one writer takes the letters in the lower corners and the other those in the upper. The first is the correct way as it can be used in all the values, some of them having no letters in the upper corners. A large four page illustrated premium list is enclosed in the *Weekly* containing tempting bait, philatelic and otherwise, for new subscribers. An illustration is also given of the *Weekly's* booth at the Brooklyn Exhibition.

The list of the "Hundred Best Stamps," originally published in *La Revue Postale*, is gradually going the round of the papers. The *Melita Philatelic Chronicle* is the latest to reprint it. Who will have the temerity to attempt to affix values to each of the stamps?

The article on the postal service of Andorra to which I alluded some weeks since has been translated from *Le Collectionneur de Timbres Poste* and appears in the *Philatelic Monthly*.

Another Canadian paper has announced its intention of becoming a weekly and has

thus far issued two very prepossessing numbers. It is the *Stamp Reporter* which has made this venture and each number contains eight pages about the same size as the ERA. There are letters from London, Hamilton and Ottawa, besides plenty of good miscellaneous matter. All in all, it is the best weekly Canada has had for some time. May it have better luck than its predecessors.

The *Stamp Tribune* has adopted a new cover printed in brown ink, which is quite pretty. The paper contains the continuation of the sketch of the United States Post Office and a number of other more or less interesting articles. Georges Carion gets a write-up accompanied by a portrait.

From a Special ERA Correspondent.

Brooklyn-New York Letter.

BROOKLYN-NEW YORK, April 20th.

My notes for this week will be short, as there is little going on and to talk about.

The Exhibition is of the past, but not to be forgotten and according to the partial report of the Chairman of the Exhibition Committee, it has proved itself a financial success.

No doubt the Section on Philately, at no distant date, will have another Exhibition far superior to the one just ended, if the promises of those who viewed the Exhibition and who doubted the ability of the Committee to furnish such a grand affair, count for aught.

At the Annual Meeting of the Section, very important matters were brought forward and acted upon, including the reports of officers and election of five new members to the Executive Board.

The reports of the Secretary and Treasurer were very satisfactory indeed and the report of the Curator more so.

Mr. J. D. Carberry, the Curator, gave a full and detailed report, showing how magnificently the Institute Collection has grown in such a short space of time, under his entire and successful supervision.

The valuation of the Collection thus far is \$300.00, mostly unused, and the Library \$100.00.

The following members were elected to serve three years on the Executive Board, viz.: Messrs. David S. Wells, J. M. Andrieni, A. Holland, E. Boucher and H. E. Robinson. Messrs. Wells and Andrieni were re-elected.

After the Annual Meeting had adjourned, the Executive Board convened and proceeded to elect its officers, who are also to be the officers of the Section. The election resulted as follows:

President—Dr. T. P. Hyatt.

Vice President—David S. Wells.

Secretary—John D. Carberry.

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Curator—George W. Ring.

The following members of the Board were present, Messrs. J. D. Carberry, C. R. Braine, Jr., G. W. Ring, H. Toelke, H. A. Talbot, P. E. Nostrand, Dr. T. P. Hyatt, A. Baillood, J. M. Andrieni and A. Holland.

Several applications for membership were favorably acted upon.

Collectors should not forget the next lecture held by the Section, on Friday, April 28th, at 8 o'clock, at 502 Fulton St., Brooklyn, N. Y. The subject will be, "The Stamps of Great Britain" by Mr. Alexander Holland.

It is hoped that all that can possibly do so will attend.

H. TOELKE.

EXCHANGES.

One notice is allowed each subscriber free if sent with his remittance, extra notices will be inserted at the uniform price of 10 cents each insertion. Non-subscribers 15 cents each insertion. Positively cash with notice. All notices must be for exchange and limited to thirty words, exclusive of the address, and must be written on a separate piece of paper. Notices offering articles for sale for cash, or offering to purchase for cash cannot be inserted here as they do not come under this head.

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What exchange am I offered for Porto Rico (U. S. surcharged) Plate Numbers? Don't all write at once! R. E. Nuese, 126 Franklin St., New York.

Have 38 cal. Marlin Rifle, F. and W. Revolver, 25,000 U. S. stamps, Telescope, Indian Relics; want Stevens Rifle 25 or 32 cal., or 12 ga. double gun, and good stamps. F. H. Ricker, Box 38, Lisbon, Me. *

Exchange wanted with collectors having from 1000 to 3000 varieties; have a great many good stamps to offer, value for value. George D. Weeks, Jr., Garfield National Bank, New York City. [13]

I will exchange for stamps not in my collection, a set composition billiard balls, nearly new, and one ivory cue ball; also two Confederate \$20 notes, female and globe, fine condition. H. F. Mustain, Horse Cave, Ky.

Wanted: Correspondents in Canada, Newfoundland and other countries; will exchange U. S. stamps for such countries. Would like Canada's stamps of all kind. A. W. Clough, Beach Bluff, Mass. [14]

To trade, about 28 Plate Nos. for a \$2.00 Omaha or best offer. Eugene Christine, Holmesburg, Pa.

N. and P. Bottom Plate Nos. of 1, 5, 25, 50c and \$5 and \$50, 4 stamps each, to exchange for same denominations in Tops; also U. S. Coins for Omaha Top Plates. Address, J. B. Holmes, 501 E. Grove St., Bloomington, Ill. [11]

U. S. Envelopes. I have 30 entire, unused, 1c on orange, Reay issue, F. L., to exchange for other varieties entire, used or unused, Nesbitt, Reay or Plimpton. S. M. Cutler, Custom House, Louisville, Ky. [11]

Wanted to exchange, a \$2 Kodak loaded for 48 pictures, for stamps. Camera cost \$39.00, will trade for \$10.00 worth of stamps. C. S. Mason, 713 Superior St., Toledo, Ohio. [10]

I will take your Document Revenue duplicates and give good exchange. Full particulars on receipt of your address. C. B. Merrill, 130 West 14th St., New York City. [10]

Good stamps from approval sheets for any standard Law books in good condition. James Andersen, Loomis, Nebraska. [10]

New Idea Exchange will take your M. and M. Rev. and Postage duplicates and give you stamps you require. No damaged or heavily cancelled sent or taken. New Idea Exchange, 38 St. Nicholas Ave., New York City. [10]

Imperfectorate pairs of United States and Foreign stamps wanted, will give good exchange from approval books for any sent me. J. F. Johnson, 83 Thornton St., Boston, Mass. [90fc]

I have 58th No. 1416, 90c carmine on white, entire and unused, to trade for U. S. or foreign stamps of my selection. Write first. F. E. Ellis, 312 N. 14th St., St. Louis, Mo. [10]

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Have you seen my approval books? 60% discount. References required. Good stamps wanted in exchange, or for spot cash. E. A. Osborne, Jamaica, N. Y. [14]

"A Few Things That Worry Us," in "Stamp Talk," may cause you to worry if you haven't read them. "STAMP TALK," Kansas City, Mo. [310]

30 var. stamps, cat. \$1.25, for 25c; one stamp cat. 50c. 1 buy stamps. C. C. ANDREWS, 31 City Bank Bldg., Buffalo, N. Y.

Packet 777, contains 15 varieties U. S. stamps including 1c (unused) red brown Postage Due, price paid 15c. Wanted to buy small collections and lots of U. S. stamps. E. I. GARDINER, North Rose, New York.

Wanted to buy absolutely perfect copies 6, 15, 50c, etc. '95-'98, on app. W. C. Boult, Box 222, Altoona, Pa.

To every one with good reference sending for my approval sheets at 60% disc. I will send an unused stamp cat. 15c free. J. C. Sawin, 40 May St., Worcester, Mass.

Wanted: British Colonial stamps, including Canada 1/2c to 20c, Jubilees 1/2 to 10c, Maple Leaf and Numerals, in lots of 5000 or more. Send us your lowest cash price. HIGHLAND STAMP CO., Beach Bluff, Mass. [11]

Interior, 12c, unused o. g., 19 cents. State 7c, used, \$1.00. A. C. GOODRICH, Manitou, Colo.

Attention Collectors of British Colonials! For Sale or trade, two Tasmania Scott No. 942, well centered and lightly cancelled, cat. in Stanley Gibbons '09 at 2/4, and one South Australia No. 256. FRED FUESSEL, 447 Gibson Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

While they last will send by registered mail 7 white and 8 buff Die A 2c Envelopes, No. 5, unused, for a dollar bill. R. J. Hummel, Baton Rouge, La. [10]

Want Jan. "Eastern Phil." Am interested in U.S. only; want books on subject, old issues, Proofs, Depts., oddities, minor var. G. N. Thomas, 1100 Chestnut Av., Trenton, N. J. [10]

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that his name be posted for re-election as a subscribing member.

The Governors decided to take final action on delinquent members at the next meeting.

The Chairman of the Amusements Committee, Mr. Luff, kindly consented at the urgent request of the Governors to deliver his Brooklyn Institute lecture on "What Philately Teaches" at the Club House on Saturday evening, May 6, with the aid of Mr. Rich and his lantern slides. The Governors desire members and their philatelic or non-philatelic friends to attend this instructive lecture.

Upon ballot the following candidates were unanimously elected as subscribing members of the Club:

Rev. AUG. ULLMANN, 147 West 91st St.
Proposed by W. F. Gregory.
Seconded by John N. Luff.

JOHN A. KLEMMANN, 75 Nassau street.
Proposed by P. F. Bruner.
Seconded by W. S. Scott.

GEO. E. BALDWIN, Nyack, N. Y.
Proposed by Fred V. Green.
Seconded by W. F. Gregory.

Adjourned 9 20 P. M.

J. M. ANDREINI, Secretary.

SPECIAL!

Another U. S. Provisional Issue Announced.

Again the "Era" Makes a Big Scoop.

[From a Regular ERA Correspondent.]

F. W. Vaile was appointed Director of Posts Wednesday for the Philippines and he has ordered the following U. S. stamps: 1c, 2c, 3c, 5c and 10c, surcharged "Philippines" Will give you the number of each denomination that will be surcharged in the next number of the ERA.

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18 books received since Apr. 8th, valued at..... 810.51
\$33,065.37
51 books retired since Apr. 8th, valued at (from which has been sold \$221.18) \$1,968.61
Total number of books in circulation 1,016, valued at. \$31,096.76

Special Notice.

Private Auction Sales will be held at the office of the Superintendent of Sales, Geo. R. Tuttle, 87 Nassau St., New York City, every Saturday afternoon from 1 to 2 o'clock for the benefit of the A. P. A. members who wish to realize quickly on any stamps they wish to sell.

Remittances will be made on Monday fol-

lowing, less 10% commission. Members who wish to sell by this method will please send in any lots, collections or single stamps. Reserved prices may be placed on what is sent, if so desired.

GEO. R. TUTTLE,
Superintendent Sales Dept.

The Collectors Club.

351 Fourth Ave., New York.

Thirty-ninth meeting of the Board of Governors held at the Club House April 10, 1899.

President Thorne called the meeting to order at 8.15 P. M. The following members were present: Messrs. Bruner, Calman, Luff, Perrin, Scott, Stebbins and the Secretary.

Minutes of preceding meeting were read and approved.

Correspondence with Mr. D. H. Bacon was read by the Secretary and Mr. Bacon's resignation was considered as accepted but not becoming operative until certain conditions are fulfilled.

The Secretary reported having issued a visitor's card in favor of Mr. Strause of Henderson, N. C., at the request of Mr. Deats through Mr. Luff.

The Secretary read a letter from Mr. Jos. S. Rich presenting to the Club two framed pictures and loaning two others, all of which were placed in charge of the House Committee. The Secretary was instructed to convey to Mr. Rich the Governors' thanks for his generous gift and for his kind loan of pictures relating to historical postal matters.

The Treasurer's report was then received, showing a cash balance of \$526.74.

The Chairman of House Committee and the special committees on enlargement of billiard room and on purchase of billiard table made their reports, which were accepted.

Mr. McCoy S. King having settled matters with the Treasurer, it was agreed

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old issues is better than the average dealer's. He states that what strikes him as very peculiar is that any person dealing in stamps for collectors should cry down either new issues or old issues.

A certain New York firm is sending out a reply postal card, desiring the postmasters to inform them how many \$1.00 Omahas they have in stock. Rumor has it that they are trying to corner the \$1.00 Omahas. I should sooner think that a demand was trying to be made for them; for when they come to tackle Boston Post Office they may find that they have bit off more than they can chew, as I am told that this office has \$1.00 Omahas in large quantities.

Tonight occurred the regular monthly meeting of the Boston Philatelic Society. Several new members were admitted. The following entertainment was furnished: Piano Solo; Banjo and Mandolin Solos; Recitations by Mr. Capron; a Stamp Exhibition by Mr. C. F. Rothfuchs, including some of the most interesting United States stamps in his collection, such as regular issues Departments, Envelopes, Proofs, etc. Mr. Rothfuchs gave a talk about the stamps exhibited, describing the particular points of interest, the rarity of them, etc.

Among the stamps were U. S. 1866 3c scarlet, block of 12, with imprint and plate number; Justice Department, 90c, strip of 10, unused o. g.; State Department, \$10.00, entire sheet of 10 stamps, mint state; \$20.00 State, entire sheet of 10 stamps; the plate number on the \$10.00 was No. 122 - 123; plate number of the \$20.00 was No. 124 - 123. Many of your readers may want to know what these two numbers mean. The \$10.00 and \$20.00 State Department stamps are printed in two colors. The plate used to print the black is No. 123; this gives two plate numbers to each stamp. There was also shown a Jamaica, 1860, 1sh lilac-brown, imperforate, pine-apple watermark, unused, o. g.; Ceylon, 1857 8d chocolate, imperforate, unused. The catalogue value of this stamp is estimated to be about \$725.00; Canada, 1851, 12d black, used; a horizontal strip of 5 of the U. S. 10c, 1847, on the original cover; a strip of 5 of the 10c Executive, used; a strip of 6 of 5c New Orleans, used; 3 pairs of the 5c New York were shown, on different papers; 10c Confederate, rose, on the original cover; this was originally a block of 8; whoever opened the envelope tore off part of the two end stamps, leaving a fine block of 6, and a fractional part; the owner states that this is the largest block of this stamp that he has ever seen on the original cover. The meeting wound up with an informal auction sale, at which about 30 lots were disposed of. Taken all together it was a very enjoyable evening for those present.

S. E. L.

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" " 6c green.....	.30	.15
" " Env. 1893 2c red.....	.25	.08
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The Editor's Shears.

PHILATELY AS AN INVESTMENT.

We have before us letters from two correspondents dealing with this interesting subject from identically opposite points of view. The one complains that philately is getting to be too much of a *business*; that stamps are issued or surcharged nowadays, not to meet any postal need, but simply as a speculation to catch collectors; and that collectors too often buy stamps, not to be added to their collections, but to be resold at a profit. While the other complains, still more bitterly, that the philatelic magazines are all run by dealers for their own purposes, and that neither editors nor publishers will give impartial advice, such as will enable the less experienced collector so to invest his money, that when he is tired of his collection he can be sure of selling it at a profit. That there are some grounds for these complaints we fully admit; indeed, we may say that the second complaint in itself affords grounds for the first. The questions is, Have we any comfort or consolation to offer to either complainant? Our sympathies, we must confess, are for the most part on the side of the first. Philately is becoming—we may say has become—more of a business than a hobby to too many of its followers, and the result is that the magazines are blamed for not giving similar advice to that which a stockbroker gives to his clients or a financial paper to its readers! But is this the sort of information that the philatelic press is expected to provide? We ourselves have always endeavoured to avoid the financial question, partly because it is not philately, and partly also because it is a subject upon which we possess a vast amount of ignorance, which we are not too eager to display. Besides, we rather pity the editor who shall attempt, month after month, to advise his readers as to what stamps to invest in and what to unload, with the prospect of being brought face to face with all his prophecies at the end of the year when compiling his index, if not earlier. But, says our second correspondent, "the philatelic press always says, and has done so for years, that '*stamps are a very good investment*,'" and he suggests, not altogether unfairly, that the philatelic press ought to follow this up by showing collectors how to collect from this point of view; but greatly doubt whether any amount of stamp market articles would be of much service. We still believe that the stamp collector, who has gained a little experience and who goes to work with judgment and patience, will find in the end that he has made a collection that will sell for very little less than it has cost him, and that may sell for considerably more—that he has ridden a pleasant hobby at small cost and possibly even at a profit. But experience, judgment, and patience are not to be got out of magazine articles. A few

simple rules we can give him:—(1) Not to buy damaged specimens at half catalogue price, because, although a 3 per cent. investment bought at 50 will pay him 6 per cent., the same rule does not hold good with stamps. (2) Not to buy "fashionable" stamps (or stocks) when they are at the very top of the market, because after a "boom" there is likely to be a "slump." (3) To abstain from *speculating*, in the way of attempting to "corner" certain issues, until he has gained a little experience, and then—then to go on abstaining. Any stockbroker will give him the same advice.

We admit that it is impossible, at the present day, to make a really fine collection of stamps for nothing; but the same must be the case in all hobbies when they reach a certain point—the rarities become increasingly difficult to obtain, and cost proportionately long prices, but a really fine collection does fetch a good price. The questions of how to make an interesting collection at small cost, and how to make a collection which will sell at a profit, are by no means identically the same; but we fancy that there never was a time when there were more collectors than there are at present who, by devoting a good deal of time to Exchange Clubs and Societies, manage to make their collections at a very small expenditure of actual cash.—Editorial in *Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal*.

CONCERNING THE TAPLING COLLECTION.

The London correspondent of the *Manchester Guardian* understands that the task of arranging the Taping collection of postage stamps in the British Museum in something approaching systematic and chronological order is very nearly complete, though it will scarcely be finished in the present financial year. The sum annually allowed by the Treasury for the work has disappeared from the recently issued Estimates, and this may be regarded as an indication that this vast assemblage of postage stamps will soon be available for purposes of reference and comparison. There is, however, (the correspondent understands) a difficulty in making the collection readily accessible to the public. It is obvious that it would never do to allow anyone from the numerous army of philatelists to handle the specimens, even if properly recommended, as in the case of books, prints, and drawings. There is also the difficulty of damage from exposure to light to contend with. Several experiments, for the preservation of the stamps have been tried, and methods of mounting them in a way that will allow of their being readily available for reference are now under the consideration of the authorities. It is quite unlikely that the collection, as a whole, will ever be permanently placed for public exhibition, but it is not improbable that

when all the stamps have been properly classified and mounted, arrangements may be made for exhibiting the greater part of them for a time.

A CHAT WITH MR. E. D. BACON.

"I've only been about six and a-half years sorting and arranging the Taping collection for the Museum," said Mr. E. D. Bacon to a *Morning Leader* interviewer, who had found a way through a maze of libraries into that enthusiastic philatelist's sanctum, "and it will be finished in a few months now."

"Yes, it's a magnificent collection, the finest in the world with the exception of that of Herr P. Von Ferrary, of Paris, who is believed to have expended about £250,000 in getting his together.

"The Taping collection is valued at something between £75,000 and £100,000, although at Mr. Taping's death in 1891 it was only worth about £40,000; not that many have been added, but the stamps have increased in value.

"It was a fine collection in 1882, when it received its first great accession in the purchase of Mr. Image's collection for £3,000. Mr. Taping subsequently added the European stamps of Mr. Westoby, and down to the time of his death had the pick of all the fine collections which came into the market in 1882-87. Amongst these was a magnificent collection of Mauritian stamps, including a perfect specimen of the One Penny Post Office on the original envelope, as you see.

"This one stamp is worth about £1,000!" "And how much is that 2d blue Mauritius worth?" gasped the interviewer.

"That also is worth £1,000; it is unused, you see. Here is the Hawaiian 2 cent valued at £700; and these British Guiana 2 cents are worth hundreds each, this 4 cents would cost about £200 to buy, while some errors in the Cape of Good Hope 1d and 4d stamps have raised their value to about £70!

"The collection of Postal Stationery is almost complete. It comprises the Sardinia letter sheets of 1818 and 1820, the Sydney letter sheet of 1838, the Houses of Parliament envelopes, and the Mulready envelopes and wrappers; while among more recent examples of importance are the balloon letter sheets of the Siege of Paris, and the post cards issued by the Germans during the Franco-Prussian war."—*Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly*.

UNIVERSAL STANDARD CATALOGUE.

Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. have attempted a more than herculean task—they have not only undertaken to cleanse the Augean stables of philately from the accumulations of the last thirty years, but to price every member of the stud which those stables contain. To drop metaphor, our old friends have produced a "Universal

Standard Catalogue of the Postage Stamps of the World," on the lines of the "Pendragonite" school of collectors, and have been rash enough to quote the price for every stamp mentioned in it—provided that they have it in stock. The general idea of the catalogue is one of which we fully approve; one of the great wants of the present day is a catalogue for the general collector, who does not desire to take all the numerous minor varieties which form the study of the specialist, and who, naturally, is quite unable to make his own selection from the comprehensive lists that are published now, and we congratulate Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. upon having made the first attempt to supply this want. We think, however, that in a book of this nature a little more than dry lists should be given; a few lines of description here and there would not only relieve the monotony of its aspect and render it more attractive in appearance, but are really necessary in some cases; for instance, where the stamps of a series are not all identical in design, and the illustration given represents only one of the values. In the case of the countries more generally collected, we believe that the majority of the lists are fairly accurate and, as far as they profess to go, complete. We have not gone through them very closely, and we doubt not that it is possible to find some faults, as it is no easy task to draw up a consistent list of this nature and to avoid both omissions and redundancies. It is not perhaps fair to examine too minutely the lists of those unpopular stamps in which we personally take an interest, the lists which we are the better qualified to criticise, though, at the same time, it is surely such countries as these that form the true test of a carefully edited work. Prices it is not our business to touch upon. We have no doubt that, as in the case of the lists, most of those that do not interest us personally are much nearer the mark than some of those which did excite our hopes. We fancy that some of the prices on page 143 will prove of especial interest to our Indian readers, and we think it only fair to warn them that we collect Kashmirs, and that immediately upon receipt of an early copy of the catalogue we cleared out all the bargains in stock! There are no more of the early rectangular $\frac{1}{2}$ a., black, green, or brown; 1a., black, blue, green, brown, or lilac; 2a., black, blue, red, green, or brown, to be had at from 2s. to 4s. each; and the perforated stamps of the 1878 issue are all gone too, alas! These, however, are minor defects. The editor of the catalogue under notice is not the only person who neither knows nor cares anything about the stamps of the Indian Native States.

The type in which the book is printed is remarkably clear, and so for the most part are the illustrations. We hope to see other editions of it in the future.—Editorial in *Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal*.

The inhabitants of the little republic of San Marino will cease to enjoy a privilege which has been theirs for many years, consisting of the free postage of all mail matter within its border. Up to this day such matter was carried free between the three postoffices of the little country, but now special stamps for the internal service have been provided for, of the value of 2 and 5 centesimos, showing the statue of liberty erect. There is another commonwealth in Europe where the citizens enjoy free postage, viz: Andorra, situated in the Pyrenees, between France and Spain. For the outside world the people in Andorra use either French or Spanish stamps, according to which direction the letter takes. Another diminutive but independent principality is Lichtenstein, situated in a corner between Austria and Switzerland; but in this case the postoffice department is run by the Austrian empire. Austrian stamps canceled with the name of the capital city Vaduz, however, are sometimes collected in Europe as approaching a special set.—*Philatelic Facts and Fallacies*.

Williams & Co.

We print below a couple of more letters received regarding Williams & Co., which contain a few new points, and shall let these suffice, unless something definite of the present whereabouts of the "prime-mover" of the "Co." or some new important development is given. The first letter below is a private letter to one of our readers from the United States Legation Headquarters in Lima, and the name of the addressee and writer are withheld for obvious reasons.

LIMA, PERU, March 17, 1899.

Your note of the 15th ult. received yesterday. Williams & Co. appears to be simply the name under which one C. Casnough pursued a fraudulent business in handling stamps. He advertised extensively not only in the United States but in Great Britain and her English speaking possessions, in France and in Germany. The representatives of those countries at Lima have each received numerous complaints similar to yours, and the matter has been brought to the attention of the Foreign Office and of the Police Department.

Casnough continued in Lima until about last Christmas, when he left, going toward the interior, and nothing has been heard of him since he effected his escape.

The name of H. C. Farrant, I understand, appeared in some advertisements as that of Secretary of Williams & Co. He is a young man about 22 or 23 years of age in the employ of the two cable companies in Lima. After a careful investigation, I came to the conclusion that he was used by Casnough as a tool to the extent that he signed letters, but that he did not participate in the profits of the enterprise nor

associate himself in it in such a manner as to create a criminal responsibility. After Casnough's flight the mail was turned over to him (Farrant) and accumulated, to the extent of several hundred letters, none of which he opened.

He returned all which came from the United States to the senders, where the outside of the envelope gave the sender's name, turning the rest into the Post Office. The Post Office authorities, having learned of the fraudulent practices of Williams & Co., now retain all mail directed to them. At the expiration of three months such letters will be returned as dead letters

Believe me to be

Sincerely yours,

NEW YORK, April 18, 1899.

Editor ERA,

Portland, Me.

Dear Sir: Referring to your issue of the 15th and particularly to the letter of Mr. J. G. Romero, would say that my experience with Williams & Co. of Lima, Peru, was similar to his own, except that my second letter, the letter asking that attention be paid to the first one, which contained a remittance and which had been sent registered, was returned to me April 7th through New York Post Office with 2c stamp affixed in plain white envelope, the enclosure had not been opened, but the post marks show that the letter (mine) had been to Lima. Perhaps our friend(?) "Casnough" is now in this city or has consigned some of his plunder to a Confederate here. He or they ought to be in position to offer "bargains" in great variety, the accumulation of stock having been accomplished at little expense. It seems "quite a few" of us were caught thus swelling the army of sad, but wise men.

Yours truly,

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The Latest Circumnavigator.

RICHMOND, VA., April 15th, 1899.
W. W. JEWETT, Esq.,
Portland, Me.

Dear Bro. Jewett: I have read with much interest the letters from different collectors, recently published in your excellent weekly, re. their "Around-the-World Letters," and, as a similar letter has just returned to me today from its long journey, an account of its itinerary may interest some of our friends.

I possess several of these *voyageurs*; but as their travels were made the subject of a brief article in my paper, *The Virginia Philatelist*, I need not repeat it here

The letter before me was mailed on Nov. 6th, 1898. It was directed as follows:

.....
AUGUST DIETZ,
Yokohama,
Japan.
(Via San Francisco.)
If not called for, please forward to
CONSTANTINOPLE, TURKEY;
If not there, please return to
P. O. Box 6, Richmond, Va., U. S. A.

It was franked with two 1c and one 3c stamp—5c, all that is required.

It arrived at San Francisco Nov. 13, '98; at Yokohama, Dec. 19, '98, and left there Jan. 7, '99, for Constantinople, where it arrived Feb. 20, '99. There it was stamped "Non Reclamé" (not called for) and left, via the British Post Office (Levant) on March 24, '99, arriving at Box 6, Richmond, Va., April 15th, 1899, via New York.

My letter has been abroad 160 days. It was held subject to call at the Yokohama Post Office 19 days; at Constantinople it was detained 32 days, a total of 51 days, which, when deducted leaves the actual journey consuming 109 days. The New York Dead Letter Office stamp also adorns the cover, but the date of departure is too indistinct to determine the time of its detention there, and to make deductions—however, it's been "around," "hang the expense!"

I have another "on the road" now, to touch every one of our new "Colonies," namely: Hawaii, Philippines, Porto Rico and Cuba.

While the "Circumnavigators" have no real value, they are quite interesting, and lucky indeed is he who succeeds in "getting one around" like my first of 1892, which bears, besides the clear postmarks, the *postage stamps* of the various countries it traversed.

But Bro. Osgood of the *Stampman* gets letters from "Trans-Styx," and yet we can "go him one better." We occasionally get letters from Canada!

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Yours,
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WHOLE No. 311.

From a Special ERA Correspondent.

New York Notes.

Geo. R. Tuttle's 19th auction sale on April 20th and 21st brought out a large attendance to the Club House, 351 Fourth Ave., and realized very fair prices, notwithstanding it followed the sale of the great Painter collection closely and was also just before another two-night sale of the Scott Stamp Co. Of course there were some bargains as there always are at a large sale, otherwise many would not care to bid. Confederates and U. S. seemed to go the lowest, yet the highest price for a \$5.00 Periodical on record was recorded; it was a single specimen of *pale blue* \$5.00 Periodical, no wmk., with plate number attached and was knocked down at \$19.25, on a \$25.00 limited bid.

Confederate 10c red, damaged slightly, and a fine Ten-cents blue on original cover brought only \$1.30 for the two. Canada 10c 1859, the black-brown, off centre, brought \$2.60, a little over catalogue. U. S. 15c 1869, rare type and fine, \$1.15, etc.

Mr. Tuttle's sales always attract a large number of buyers and out-of-town bidders on account of his highly satisfactory methods of conducting the American Philatelic Association's Exchange Department and fair dealings to everybody.

I desire to correct your Boston correspondent who opens up an article criticizing my position on new issues with the statement that "there is always a tendency with some persons to cry down what they do not have." I feel pretty safe in stating that I have both new and old issues in my private collection and stock-books on a much larger scale than this critic is carrying at present. I understood the ERA to be a paper (unlike the various weekly house organs) given to the interests of all philatelists, and I have, after a careful study of the question, based on over twenty-five years experience, come to the conclusion that the enormous output of new issues is decidedly harmful to the future prospects of Philately, and have therefore earnestly advised collectors through these columns not to invest in them, although I have had plenty to sell. Why not? They are easy to get and while the novelty is on as easy to sell, but when the novelty dies out they begin to fall back in demand and consequently in the price collectors can realize on them when selling out.

The entire philatelic holdings of both collectors and dealers are being watered up with these new issues (often made for the sole purpose of selling to collectors and bolstering up the finances of this colony or that country, from philatelist's pockets,) while so increasing the number of stamps as to disgust old collectors who despair of ever completing any group of countries in its entirety, which is the sole object and crowning achievement of the old school philatelic enthusiast.

To be sure some exceptional new issues go up (usually such small and distant countries the ordinary collector never buys them except at a premium from the dealer) while old issues, which have become inflated with boom prices, go down. But of late years the new issue has usually failed to come up to expectations and become the old issue which was in demand, although there are exceptions to all rules. The statement that a Washington dealer offered sets of the Periodicals here at \$5.00 was correct in every particular. If he sold plate numbers at a profitable advance I not only rejoice with him but had I met said Washington dealer while in New York should have preferred to purchase what few sets I needed (to bear the market with) of him than to sending to a Post Office out of town for same.

The perfect condition crank will please strike Wurtemberg 1863 issue all off his list, as perfectly centered specimens only exist in the minds of these over-fastidious collectors. All specimens of this issue come with the perforations cutting into outer line on two sides of the stamp. A knowledge of this fact two weeks ago might have been valuable to a Nassau street dealer who wagered \$25.00 to \$5.00 with your correspondent that a certain Wurtemberg 18 kr orange, ruled, of 1866 was a perforated stamp cut down. As it had clear margins all around, it was simply impossible that it could have been so cut down from the 1863 stamp. The money was placed in the hands of another dealer and is now pending while dealer No. 1 is looking around patiently for a specimen of the 18 kr 1863 which could be cut down and still leave margins all around. He will probably continue to look.

I don't want to encourage betting but it really seems refreshing to know of an actual bet, being made and money posted, in contrast with the vast amount of "wind bets" made by the collectors, which amount

to nothing but talk. May the right side win!

Mr. Alex. Holland's lecture last night was a very pleasing success at the Art Rooms of the Brooklyn Institute. Subject: "The Stamps of Great Britain," illustrated with beautiful enlarged stereopticon views, holding a highly interested audience until the finish.

PHILATELIC RAMBLER.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Washington Notes.

Wednesday, April 26th.

I regret to say that I was not able to give the number of stamps surcharged for the Philippines in the last ERA. I sent the number however but it was not received in time to be published. The number of stamps surcharged for the Philippines are as follows:

1,000,000	1c.
2,000,000	2c.
500,000	3c.
500,000	5c.
500,000	10c.

These stamps will be sent in a very few days.

I have been fishing and other business has engrossed my time so much my notes will be very brief as I have not been able to go to the Department for information.

The Cuban surcharged Special Delivery stamps were received in this city Saturday.

It will be well for collectors to be careful in purchasing Cuban stamps surcharged in Puerto Principe, as they are being extensively counterfeited by people in Cuba.

As far as Newspaper stamps are concerned, it will be impossible to get them from the 3rd Assistant Postmaster General's office much longer, as I understand that there is not more than 200 sets left now.

Business in this city seems to be brisk and dealers are having a very pleasant smile on their countenance.

Thursday, April 27th.

Just learned that the Department received

a cablegram from 1st Assistant Postmaster General, Perry S. Heath, announcing his departure from Porto Rico. He has been there for the past two weeks to see what is necessary to improve the mail service and will recommend many important changes. He is expected to arrive in New York next Tuesday.

From a Special ERA Correspondent.

Springfield, Mass., Findings.

Stamp matters are quite lively here just now. Our club is having very enjoyable times at its meetings and averages an attendance of fully a dozen, not counting the ladies who generally attend. Considering that our active membership is only about twenty we think it is pretty good. At the meeting held April 15, we were favored with the presence of three visitors, A. F. Stone of St. Johnsbury, J. A. Wainwright of Northampton and W. B. Hale "on the road." Mr. Hale remained with us for several days and disposed of quite a number of stamps. Last week the writer had the pleasure of entertaining the club and there was the usual full attendance. Specimens of the Pisco Co.'s private proprietary stamps were on exhibition and the Castoria stamp.

Application to the various medicine firms for specimens of their stamps has resulted in very courteous treatment from the Pisco Co. and Chas. Fletcher who have sent everything asked for, but the two following letters show a different result. The first is a printed circular and reads as follows:

Dear Sir: We have so many requests for specimens of our Proprietary stamps from friends and unknown collectors all over the country, that we have decided to politely but firmly refuse all applications, and return herewith the postage stamps which accompanied your request.

Yours truly,
LANMAN & KEMP.

Dear Sir: Yours of the 17th inst., to hand, enclosing 10c in silver, which we herewith return, and in reply would say that we only sell our proprietary die stamps as they are attached to the original package of our goods.

Yours truly,
THE HOSTETTER CO.

It seems to me that these firms are acting rather like the dog in the manger.

I have nowhere seen a list of the revenue stamps recently issued for Newfoundland. J. W. Witty of this city has received a copy of the 25 cent value, and informs me that his friend writes him that the full list of the values is as follows: 5, 10, 25, 50 75 cents, \$1. The color of the 25 cent is dark blue but no mention is made of the others. The stamp is about an inch and a half square and has a portrait of the Queen, facing to the left I think. Not having the stamp before me I cannot give a full description.

The boy trade is being boomed for all it is worth by our local dealer, Mr. Wentworth. He has instituted several "bargain boxes" filled with medium priced stamps, which are all the rage with the kids now, and even the more advanced collectors do not disdain to paw over their contents to see if perchance a bargain may be found. The stamps are priced in eighths of a cent and catalogue rates are simply not in it.

One of our club members, Mr. E. B. Woodin, is serving his first term as a member of the Common Council, and consequently we do not see as much of him at our meetings as heretofore.

Gordon Ireland, formerly one of our members, but now a member of the Boston Society, has been home from Harvard on a short vacation.

Our postmaster recently received a letter from a prominent New York firm asking how many one dollar Omahas were in stock and stating that cash would be sent upon notification. Are they trying to corner the market? They will get a choice lot if they buy those in our office. The stamp clerk tells me that they are a "rocky" lot.

The man who secured the bulk of the Periodicals here and at neighboring offices is desirous of disposing of his \$1000 stock. He informed me that the stamp clerk at the Hartford office told him that two men bought the entire lot there. So you see I considered myself justified in making the statement for which Mr. Chapman called me to account.

W. C. STONE.

EXCHANGES.

One notice is allowed each subscriber free if sent with his remittance, extra notices will be inserted at the uniform price of 10 cents each insertion. Non-subscribers 15 cents each insertion. Positively cash with notice. All notices must be for exchange and limited to thirty words, exclusive of the address, and must be written on a separate piece of paper. Notices offering articles for sale for cash, or offering to purchase for cash cannot be inserted here as they do not come under this head.

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Would like to exchange tops or lefts of 2c I. R. Plate Numbers for bottoms. R. P. Lee, No. 115 Broadway, New York City.

I have U. S. Entire Envelopes, Bartels' Nos. 249 251 and 242 unused, and 1297 used, to exchange for U. S. or Foreign stamps; also stamp papers for stamps. Lou O. Brosie, Cor. Lincoln and Mayflower Sts., Pittsburg, Pa.

Will exchange very fine U. S. stamps for a fine modern 527 or 628 Camera with Bausch & Lomb shutter and Zeiss lens. Correspondence solicited. Address Francis K. Delp, 4507 Regent Ave., West Phila., Pa.

What am I offered for these U. S.: Nos. 35, 137; 108 unused; Depts. Nos. 535, 536 unused, 565 used; Locals Nos. 2323, 2727; New Foundland unused No. 38. Want Nova Scotia 84c gr'n, 24, 30c State, 15c Justice & others. Mrs. W. D. Smith, 20 Wilbur St., Portsmouth, N. H. [3]

For every stamp cataloguing at 20 or 25 cents I will send a number of good stamps cataloguing at 30 to 40 cents. Hurry up. Herbert F. Butler, Newton Centre, Mass. [12]

I will exchange a new pair of genuine Lemaire opera glasses, oxidized aluminum and 12 lenses, lists about \$25.00 for U. S. Foreign or U. S. Revenue stamps. Wm. D. Eldredge, 36 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass. *

Rare U. S. to exchange for the 50c, \$1.00 and \$2.00 value of Omahas. You want U. S. Adhesives in unused condition for your collection, I want Omahas for my boys in Europe. I will exchange with you on following basis: 1861 30c orange, cat. \$6.00, for 200 Omahas of the 4 and 5c values mixed, 1862-66 24c gray lilac, cat. \$4.00, for 125 Omahas of the 4 and 5c values mixed. 1873 12c, cat. \$12.50, for 400 Omahas of the 4 and 5c values mixed, or for 900 Omahas of the 8c value. Wendelin Weber, (A. P. A. No. 412, P. S. of A. 881), 904 Eagle St., Buffalo, N. Y. *

Exchange wanted with collectors having from 1000 to 3000 varieties; have a great many good stamps to offer, value for value. George D. Weeks, Jr., Garfield National Bank, New York City. [13]

Wanted: Correspondents in Canada, Newfoundland and other countries, will exchange U. S. stamps for such countries. Would like Canada's stamps of all kind. A. W. Clough, Beach Bluff, Mass. [14]

N. and P. Bottom Plate Nos. of 1, 5, 25, 50c and \$5 and \$50, 4 stamps each, to exchange for same denominations in Tops; also U. S. Coins for Omaha Top plates. Address, J. B. Holmes, 501 E. Grove St., Bloomington, Ill. [11]

U. S. Envelopes. I have 30 entire, unused, 1c on orange, Reay issue, F. L., to exchange for other varieties entire, used or unused, Nesbitt, Reay or Plimpton. S. M. Cutler, Custom House, Louisville, Ky. [11]

Imperforated pairs of United States and Foreign stamps wanted, will give good exchange from approval books for any sent me. J. F. Johnson, 83 Thornton St., Boston, Mass. [9ofc]

TRADE COLUMN.

Under this head we print all notices not properly belonging to our exchange department, such as business announcements, want and for sale notices, etc., etc., at the uniform low rate of five (5) cents per line. Eight words average a line. All notices will be set in a solid 6-point type and no display allowed. Minimum charge to cents.

Bartels' No. 983, 2c manila amber Env., N. P. S. 12442, price \$3.00. M. Elmer, 3 Franklin St., Bridgeton, N. J.

"Stamp Talk" is published for collectors now on earth. Sample Free. "Stamp Talk", Kansas City, Mo.

I want a copy of Roger's Philatelic Blue Book (1893). Must be in good condition. State price. E. L. HANNAS, 107 Massena St., Syracuse, N. Y.

Stewart's Guide to the Colors of Postage Stamps, with Color Album. Post free 12 cents. CHAS. STEWART, 210 East Ninth St., St. Paul, Minn. [13]

Set 1855 Reprints, perfect, \$100.00.
Ceylon 4p rose, imp., used, \$50.00.
Ceylon 8p chocolate, imp., used, \$50.00.
3c scarlet 1861 Aug. type, India proof, \$5.00.
3c scarlet 1861 Sept. type, perf. proof, \$7.50.
Newspaper, 1c to \$60.00, perf. proofs, \$7.50.
State, 1c to \$20.00, perf. proofs, \$17.50.
Scott's International Album, 2 vols., (printed on one side) new, 1899, \$5.00. H. L. WHITNEY, Derby, Conn.

The new 1-cent U. S. Wrappers 1894 watermark sent post paid for 5c cents each. Will send any of the stamps in new colors at face for a self-addressed stamped envelope and two cents extra. HERBERT F. BUTLER, Newton Centre, Mass.

I wish to buy a number of good stamp collections especially Match and Medicine. H. G. SMITH, (Treas. A. P. A.), Winona, Minn. [4fc]

400 varieties of U. S., British Colonials and Foreign, picked specimens, \$1.00. Selections for beginners at 50% discount from catalogue. GEORGE D. WEEKS, JR., Care Garfield National Bank, New York City. [12]

Have you seen my approval books? 60¢ discount. References required. Good stamps wanted in exchange, or for spot cash. E. A. Osborne, Jamaica, N. Y. [14]

Wanted: British Colonial stamps, including Canada 3/4c to 10c, Jubilees 1/2 to 2c, Maple Leaf and Numerals, in lots of 5000 or more. Send us your lowest cash price. HIGHLAND STAMP CO., Beach Bluff, Mass. [11]

I have money to loan on good stamps and stamp collections. H. G. SMITH, (Treas. A. P. A.), Winona, Minn. [4fc]

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SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR THE WEEK ENDING APRIL 29th, 1899.

Deceased.

142. **DE JONGE, AUG.**, Stapleton, New York.
1417. **KEUTGEN, CHARLES**, New York City, N. Y.
1277. **SMITH, KENDALL G.**, Winona, Minn.

Change of Addresses.

1244. **SHERMAN, JAMES M.**, from 98 Board of Trade to 18 Park Ave., Chicago, Ill.
921. **SUYDAM, W. H.**, from 53 River St. to 98 Lake St., Chicago, Ill.
WM. N. HOWE, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE SALES DEPARTMENT.

GEORGE R. TUTTLE, Superintendent,
87 Nassau St.
NEW YORK CITY, April 22nd, 1899.
1,016 books of stamps in circulation according to my report of Apr. 15th, valued at..... \$31,096 76
8 books received since Apr. 15th, valued at..... 335.82
Total number of books in circulation 1,024, valued at..... \$31,432.58
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1899 Rejected Die.

It is not surprising that the Boston engraver should wonder that the rejected die 1899 was used, but it is surprising that any self-respecting engraver should submit a die with such a careworn, hollow-cheeked, sunken-eyed and stoop-shouldered libel of Washington.

When the 1870 series of adhesives first came into use the bust of Washington on the 3c green was commented on, unfavorably by many—one witty individual said "the peculiar expression of the mouth was caused by the amount of gum back of it." Specialists in the various prints will perhaps appreciate this chestnut.

There must have been a good many of the white 1899 envelopes printed from the rejected die as I have seen specimens from two large post offices and more than a score with different return requests.

One of the officials who ought to know informed me that "he was not aware that any amber or second quality (buff and blue) had been printed from the rejected die. * * * If there are any on amber paper, they must be few, and still less on the second quality envelopes, buff or blue."

The broken die reported two weeks ago in the ERA turned up also in a lot of envelopes received by a correspondent in Kansas, they were No. 5 white.

Judging from some of the later printings of the regular die, there must be a "heap of wear" in filling orders. The first printings might be compared to artists' proofs and the present ones to impressions from a 25-cents-a-number subscription book.

CROSSED QUILLS.

The Boston Philatelic Society.

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J. F. JOHNSON, Supt. of Exchange, 5 Cedar St., Boston.

The eighty-fifth regular meeting of the Society was held in Elks' Hall, Tuesday evening, April 18th, being called to order by the President at 8.10 with twenty-nine members and two visitors present.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The report of the Committee upon Official Journal was presented by Mr. Brown and was to the effect that the proposition received from Mr. Jewett be accepted and that the WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA be constituted the Official Journal of the Society for one year.

Upon motion it was voted that this report be accepted, its recommendations adopted and the Committee discharged.

The Committee upon Library reported through its chairman, Mr. Van Derlip, that it strongly advocated the immediate formation of a library and that all members of the Society, or others who cared to do so, be urgently requested to contribute to the same to the extent of their abilities. All such contributions should be addressed to Mr. J. F. Johnson, 5 Cedar St., Boston, Mass., as he has kindly consented to take charge of them until a permanent location may be selected.

Upon motion this report was accepted and the Committee discharged.

Three new members were elected and then a recess was taken at 8.35, during which the Entertainment Committee presented the following programme:

Piano, banjo, mandolin and vocal solos by well known talent. Recitations by Mr. J. F. Capron, and a magnificent exhibition of rare stamps, mostly United States issues, from the collection of Mr. C. F. Rothfuchs; the latter gentleman pointed out the interesting peculiarities of the stamps shown and gave an interesting talk upon them which was greatly enjoyed by those present.

The meeting was again called to order at 10 o'clock and, upon motion, the Entertainment Committee was given an unanimous vote of thanks for the enjoyable programme presented.

An informal auction sale was then held and the meeting adjourned at 10.15.

GEO. L. TOPPAN, Secretary.

NEW ISSUES, Unused.

Virgin Islands 1899 ½, 1d..... \$0.05
Gambia 1899 ½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 6d.. .48
San Marino 1899 2, 5c..... .03
Canada 2c purple Envelope, entire.. .48
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In the ERA of April 15th and 22nd our ad contains very interesting reading concerning 1899 Envelopes. Better refer to it!

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HAWAII

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	Same, "Specimen,"	.20		1c blue*,	.10
13c		.35		1c green, used or*,	.03
1869	2c rose, thin p.*,	3.00		2c vermilion*,	1.50
1864				2c brown*,	.15
	1c violet, used or*,	.12		2c rose*,	.09
	2c vermilion, used or*,	.30		2c violet,	.03
	5c blue, bluish p.,	.40		5c black-blue*,	.30
	6c green, used or*,	.18		5c ultramarine,	.08
	18c rose*,	.40		6c green*,	.20
1875				10c black*,	.30
	2c brown,	.05		10c vermilion*,	.35
	12c black,	1.00		10c red-brown,	.30
1882				12c black*,	.85
	1c blue*,	.07		12c mauve*,	2.50
	2c rose,	.02		15c brown*,	.45
	2c rose lilac,	.08		18c red*,	.35
	5c ultramarine,	.04		25c purple*,	.90
	Same*,	.09		50c red*,	.90
	10c black,	1.00		100c vermilion*,	1.80
	15c brown,	1.50		1894	
1883				1c yellow, used or*,	.02
	1c green, used or*,	.03		2c brown,	.01
	10c red-brown,	.09		2c red,	.03
	Same*,	.30		Same, unused,	.08
	10c vermilion*,	.30		10c green,	.08
	12c purple*,	.85		Same, unused,	.15
	25c purple,	1.40		12c blue, used or*,	.18
	2c violet,	.02		25c blue,	.85
	5c black-blue*,	.90		Same*,	.35
				1896	
				Official stamps, set	
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From Our Regular Correspondent.

Cottlow's....
Chicago Correspondence.

Tuesday, April 25th.

Mr. N. H. Withee and wife, of La Crosse, Wisconsin, are in the city on their way home from an extended trip through the South.

Mr. Massoth is taking his vacation early this year. He left for St. Louis last Saturday, to take a trip down the Mississippi, from which he will proceed through Tennessee and Alabama. His mission is purely that of pleasure only.

The only event announced for this week is Wolsieffer's auction for next Saturday. Bids are coming in lively, I understand.

Mr. Wolsieffer desires to be quoted as not being the Chicago dealer who has recently advertised his stock for sale, in *Mekeel's Weekly*; and who wishes to be addressed in care of Mr. Severn. P. M. says he has too good a thing to give it up at this stage of the game.

Mr. R. H. Paxton and wife of Butte, Montana, are here. Mr. Paxton has just returned from a year's service with the Montana regiment in the Philippines, and gives some interesting accounts of the battles in which they were engaged.

Mr. A. L. Schuyler, the well known politician and ex-Postmaster of Clinton, Iowa, was here last Thursday.

The C. P. S. has determined to stay in their present quarters for another year, but at a much reduced rental.

The old annual rumor of an exclusive society is again making its rounds. This time there is a slight variation from the usual song-and-dance, however. The projectors have not yet decided whether they will admit twenty-five members at \$12 per year each, or whether they will make it still more exclusive and have only twelve members at \$25 each. That sort of an organization would last just about one year; and that, only providing the dues were paid in advance.

Mr. E. H. Hall is after good things when he wants to buy Roman States. These stamps are underpriced, and as they have never yet been boomed, their time will come some day.

The new Virgin Isles set is going well over the dealers' counters. It is an ugly set in design but the colors are very bright and pretty.

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Philatelic Press Review.

By WM. C. STONE.

Antwerpia et Scaldis Philatelique, Vol. II. (19).

Bric-a-Brac, Vol. XXIV. (245), May.

Briefmarken Sammler, Vol. IX. No. 4.

Collectionneur de Timbres Poste, (221), March.

Lone Star State Philatelist, Vol. VII. No. 9, (109).

Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News, Vol. XIII. No. 17, (431).

Metropolitan Philatelist, Vol. XI. No. 4.

Montreal Philatelist, Vol. I. No. 11.

Ewen's Weekly Circular, (71, 72).

Philatelic Record, Vol. XXI. No. 3, March.

Revue Postale, Vol. II. No. 3, March.

Stamp Exchange, Vol. I. No. 1.

Stamp Reporter, Vol. I. No. 3.

Le Collectionneur de Timbres Poste contains an interesting article by M. Maury, giving a history of the use of the Gallic cock as a national emblem. There has been quite a call from certain quarters for the cock's appearance on the French stamps, and M. Maury's article is very timely. There has been much ridicule thrown upon the proposition, but it is a fact that the bird has been used many times on coins, medals, coats of arms, and in the watermark of the stamped paper of 1849.

The recently discovered Franklin, N. C., local is described and illustrated in the current number of the *Lone Star State Philatelist*. It is quite evident that the list of Confederate locals is by no means complete. Would that some one would give us an exhaustive treatise on the subject. Even a mere compilation of what is already known would be of value. The next installment of the "Catalogue for Advanced Collectors" is to treat of this subject and I look for great things.

I am somewhat surprised however that Mr. Tenny's little talk on United States stamps was given a place in the magazine without being revised and corrected. It contains several bad mistakes which any one who attempts to write for the press ought to have known enough to avoid. The color of the 5 cent 1847 is given as black, and the 10 cent as on bronze. The next paragraph states that in 1851 "a 10, 12, 24, 30 and 90 cent stamp was issued." Again, "On the death of Lincoln, the 15c stamp bearing his face was changed to black in token of mourning." What was its color before please?

Mekeel's Weekly contains a copy of the post office inspectors' official description and portrait of William Crockett, alias various other names, the noted stamp crook. A good idea, Isaac. If we could

have such portraits of Williams & Co., and some of the other shady ones of philately, circulated around the country we should be pretty certain to run them down the easier.

The *Metropolitan* says that the Painter sale realized nearly \$11,000, the greater part of it coming out of New Yorkers. It looks as if the times were pretty good, does it not, when so much cash was paid out for a lot of "little pieces of paper?" The next big sale is the Chapman collection, which is rich in die proofs, designs, and other similar things.

The March number of the *Philatelic Record* may safely be called an Oriental number, for most of the articles deal with the stamps of the far east. The article on Persia crawls slowly along, the amount published this month being a trifle over three pages. The illustrations are not as good as if they had been printed on plate paper. Several articles are reprinted from the *Indian Philatelist*, a paper of which I was unaware. Can any one give me the address of the publisher and the price? The articles would indicate that it is well worth taking.

Photography is a decidedly important agent in the detection of fraud and it is to this agent that a prominent Swiss collector had recourse when he began to have doubts as to the mint state of the pair of 2½ rappen Poste Locale stamps, which he had recently paid 2700 francs. The enlarged prints showed very clearly the pen cancel marks and proved beyond a doubt that the stamps had been washed. A cut of the enlarged photograph adorns the March *Revue Postale* which is as full as ever of good things.

The *Stamp Exchange* which was announced as being in preparation has come to hand, and is quite prepossessing in its looks. The editor does not promise all sorts of impossibilities but gives some very plain statements of what he intends to do and says he is always ready to receive advice. The article on Lagos is of especial interest, as is also that on Confederates by Aug. Deitz.

The *Stamp Reporter* proposes to give its readers the benefit of extracts and reprints from some old volumes of the *Post Office*, *Eastern Philatelist* and *Philatelic Journal of America*. Good idea, but why not get some correspondents in Halifax, St. John, Montreal, Quebec and Newfoundland to say nothing of Manitoba and Vancouver etc. It would seem as though there were enough collectors in each furnish weekly letters. Canada needs a good weekly organ and if the *Reporter* only hustles and gets to work so as to make a live newspaper it will flourish.

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Secretary's Report.

To the Members of the N. E. P. A.:

My circular letter of April 3 informed you of various changes in the officers of the Association. Since its issue there has been a generous response to the call for dues, but several members are yet delinquent. The attention of such is respectfully called to the notice of the Board of Trustees, printed below. I trust that this notice, which is the last to be given, will be heeded.

Words of encouragement, received by me, lead to the belief that the Association will prosper. Let me say, however, that success depends on the members, assisted by faithful officers. You must make the society useful to yourselves. All its departments are open to you.

Be free to suggest improvements. No society can continue along the same lines and remain in a healthy condition. There is opportunity for improvement in ours, and to this end I tender the co-operation of my office.

Very respectfully,

LEVI A. JUDKINS,

Secretary.

Trustees' Report.

Following previous precedents and with view of definitely ascertaining how many members now on the roll desire to remain with us, the Trustees request that all such forward their dues for current year to the Secretary before May 8, 1899, after which all delinquents, unless sooner resigning, will be considered expelled and their names published in the Official Organ following said date.

The Board feels that all parties interested have already had sufficient notice of arrears and while desiring membership want only those willing to help sustain it.

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Worcester Philatelic Association scored a success last night at its exhibition, banquet and auction sale of stamps in Creamerie hall, Pearl street, so far as advancing the interests of the pastime, and conducting an entertaining social for members of the Association and others in Worcester interested in philately, are concerned.

The exhibition, from 3 to 6 p. m., was attended by about 150 persons, including collectors, ladies, and a large number of boys and girls interested in stamp collecting. Supper was served at 6.30, under management of the Creamerie. In the centre of the table, as the principal ornament, was what is called in stamp nomenclature "junk," a large pasteboard box containing about 5000 stamps of all kinds.

Those at the table were President F. E. Stimpson and wife, Vice-President M. D. Olmstead, Secretary and Treasurer W. L. Brown, Dr. J. E. Toombs, Dr. W. E. Booker and wife, F. J. Laurie and wife, Frank A. Springer and wife, A. C. Woodward, William B. Hale of Williamsville, Hobart A. Whitman, G. Stewart Dickinson, Elzear Dubois, Ernest P. Bennett, B. H. Parker, Herman A. Kandle, William N. Bushey.

After the supper there was an auction sale of stamps. One hundred and eleven lots were offered, these being contributed by members with the understanding that they should be sold for whatever they would bring. President Stimpson told a *Telegram* reporter last night the prices obtained had ranged low, according to catalogue prices, and M. D. Olmstead, who had charge of the sale in the capacity of auction manager, said this range was roughly estimated at 50 per cent. below prices quoted by catalogs. Much sport was afforded the disposition of the "junk" of 5000 specimens. All present had had the opportunity of examining this before the sale, and there were various opinions as to its value. The first bid was 1 cent. Then there were advances by small amounts until it was finally struck off for \$4.80.

Another bargain snapped up was the sale of 1000 varieties in a two-volume Scott 1896 album, scheduled on the lists provided at \$65. It was bid in for \$4.80. Some 3-cent playing card stamps listed at \$8 brought \$1.60. The auction was attended by about 60 and President Stimpson was the auctioneer. The auction lasted till 11 p. m. It was generally conceded the stock had gone at a sacrifice.

Among the contributors to the exhibi-

tion, which was one of the features of the afternoon and evening, were sets in frames hung about the walls from the collections of F. E. Stimpson, M. D. Olmstead, W. L. Brown, Dr. Warren E. Boker, F. J. Laurie, William B. Hale and William Beaumont. Mr. Laurie showed a frame of proofs of department and general issue stamps. Dr. Booker's exhibition included a set of Columbian stamps, issue of 1893; a set of the newspaper and periodical stamps recently offered to collectors at the post offices, and a frame of old-timers used previous to 1860, the oldest of 1840, and one \$200 revenue of 1863.

W. L. Brown grouped his collection. One frame had those bearing the heads of Queen Victoria, another had the presidents grouped, and in another were shown stamps of animals. M. D. Olmstead showed the new U. S. colonials for use in Porto Rico. W. B. Hale showed a frame of six stamps valued at \$600, including three U. S. stamps; a shilling, and an O'Connell, New Brunswick; and a New Haven stamp, and F. E. Stimpson's frame of 10 World's fair postals caused admiration and talk.

The only outsider was William B. Hale, whose card has the words "philatelic merchant," upon it. Mr. Hale is a dealer in stamps, and travels constantly from town to town in the pursuit of his occupation.—*Worcester Daily Telegram*, Tuesday, April 25th.

From *Philatelic Monthly and World*.

The Postal Service in the Mountain Valleys of Andorra.

All the world knows of the little Republic of Andorra situated in the midst of the mountain fastnesses of the Pyrenees, wedged between the French Republic and the Kingdom of Spain. It is nevertheless one of the oldest commonwealths of Europe, which has preserved its absolute independence for more than eleven centuries, although nominally it is today under the double suzerainty of the Spanish bishop of Urgel and of the French government. Practically the 6,000 inhabitants of the little realm know no rulers except those chosen by themselves as elders.

It will perhaps surprise our philatelic friends to learn that Andorra, the only country of Europe that has no postage stamps, was a well organized postal and telegraphic service, although there is not even a wagon road in the entire little land, the only means of communication being hardy mountain ponies and mules.

Letters from Andorra to points in France are centralized in the city of Andorra, the capital, until 10 o'clock of the evening; next morning at five a messenger takes the package and carries it across the mountains to Soldeu, the last Andorran settlement, where he meets toward eleven o'clock in

the morning the French mail-carrier coming alternately from l'Hospitalet or Porte the nearest French post offices. At Soldeu they exchange their mail sacks and each courier returns to his starting point. At Andorra the mail coming from France is distributed daily between three and four o'clock in the afternoon. French postage stamps are used, for which the Andorran messenger pays in cash according to the number of letters he hands to the French courier, these stamps are affixed by the agent in the French post office from which they are practically mailed.

Letters intended for Spain are carried by messenger to the Spanish post office at Seo-de-Urgel (See of Urgel), Spanish postage stamps being attached by the Andorra carrier. They do not, however, pay the War-tax on letters coming from Andorra and no attempt has so far been made to compel them to do so.

The most interesting part of the Andorran postal service, however is that between the various settlements and town-ships of the little realm. This internal service is absolutely gratuitous; it is sufficient to place an envelope containing a letter, or even a small package in care of the village postman, without using a stamp or paying anything. It will arrive at the address given that same evening or the next morning. This service is performed entirely by young boys who run along the mountain paths, probably the most primitive kind of regular postal service in the whole world.

Lately the French government has established a telegraph line from Porte to the old city of Andorra by way of Soldeu. There is no telegraphic line connecting Andorra with Spain and if a telegraphic message is to be sent to Seo-de-Urgel it must be sent around France and by way of Perpignan to Barcelona. The entire postal and telegraphic service of Andorra has been organized by an enthusiastic philatelist, Mr. Charles Romeu, and probably he, more than anybody else suffers under the obstinate refusal of the Andorran elders to grant authority for the issuing of a set of postage stamps. This refusal is caused by their being perfectly satisfied at paying no postage whatever within their own country as much as on account of their being opposed to a change in their customs.—From *Le Collectionneur de Timbres-Poste*.

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From Our Regular Correspondent.

Our Boston Letter.

Wednesday, April 26th.

The last two evenings, the New England Stamp Co. has held an auction sale. The first evening there was a larger attendance than there has been at an auction sale for several years. The bidding at times was very spirited. The prices realized at the two night's sale on the whole would average low. There were several cases where good prices were realized. Probably over a thousand dollars more would have been realized at the sale if the mail bids had been executed at their limit. There were several features about this sale that must impress the collector favorably. For instance, where the managers of the sale had only one mail bid, the lot was started by the audience, and in many cases the lot was sold to order where it could have been made to have brought ten times as much. Another feature of the sale was that the stamps were sold by the lot. When stamps are sold by the piece it is

a delusion and a snare for the unwary, and there did not seem to be any strings tied to the lots, as is customary with auction sales. The New England Stamp Co. can be congratulated upon holding what I consider one of the fairest auction sales that has been held in this vicinity.

The *Stamp Exchange* is a new aspirant for philatelic fame, hailing from the Hub of the universe, the city of crooked streets, baked beans, and culture. Ralph W. Tucker is the editor and publisher. The initial number contains 32 pages and cover. The editor says he thinks a fraud list would be of benefit to all, and he will devote space to it, etc. Among the advertisers I note several of the biggest frauds that can be found in the fraternity.

Several of the new private proprietary stamps have made their appearance here. I have seen the following; they are oblong in shape: Centaur Co., 1/4c black; Piso Co., 1/2c blue; Warren's Safe Cure, 3/4c, brown. The last named stamp is the only one that has any merit to it, as far as design is concerned.

The U. S. Special Delivery, surcharged for Cuba, was received here Monday, and like all the jobs that has been done by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing it is very poor. The surcharge is supposed to be "Cuba 10c de peso." One has to get the right light to bear upon it to ascertain what it is. Those that I have seen had plate No. 492.

I have been shown, by Mr. Harris, the 2c green on amber, size 13, surcharged "Cuba" above the stamp, and "2c de peso" below. I have also been shown, by Mr. Carpenter of the New England Stamp Co., the 2c green on white, surcharged the same.

The stamp business among the majority of the dealers here is reported as being better than it has been for several years. In fact, some of them are wearing diamonds. Even our friend Cobe of Waltham reports that business is brisk even in plate numbers.

Mr. Stone, the well known dealer of Concord, N. H., was in Boston the first of the week.

The Newspaper and Periodical stamps seem to be *passé*. One of the philatelic scribes of Washington wanted to bet \$20 to \$1 on something that was foreign to the information desired. I am willing to bet \$20 to \$1 that more than 50,000 sets of the Newspaper stamps were put on sale; and for the benefit of the above-mentioned philatelic scribe I will say that in this wager I have a dead sure thing.

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Guatemala 1898 Prov., 22 var. complete.....	3.40
India 1899, 3 pies, mint.....	.22
Newfoundland 1c and 2c Cabot, mint.....	.08
" 1898 1/2, 1, 2 and 3c, mint.....	.10
Porto Rico 1898 Habilitados, 1m to 80c, 14 var., mint.....	2.70
" 1899 Impuera de Guerra 2c brown, inverted surcharge.....	.50
Uruguay 1898 Prov. 1/2c on 1c blue, mint.....	.04
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" " " 1/2c " 7c green, ".....	.15
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By WM. C. STONE.

Anales de la Sociedad Filatelica Santiago, Vol. IV. No. 6, Vol. V. No. 1.
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Ewen's Weekly Circular (72,73).
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Metropolitan Philatelist, Vol. XI. No. 5.
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Philatelic Journal of Great Britain, Vol. IX. (100).
Philatelist, Vol. XX. No. 4 (253).
Post Office, Vol. IX. (97).
Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly, Vol. V. (119).
Stamps, (N. Y.) Vol. III. No. 4.
Tri-Monthly Collector, Vol. I. Nos. 10, 11.

The two numbers of the Chilean society's *Anales* complete the fourth and commence the fifth volume of that valuable periodical. The volume just closed is very much larger than any that have preceded it. The leading article in the number before me is one by M. de Lara concerning the frank stamps etc. used by postal officials in the Bolivian littoral between 1872-1879. There are numerous illustrations including several entire covers. The first number of the new volume contains some valuable notes and documents concerning the stamps issued in Peru by Colonel Seminario in March 1895.

The prospectus of the Manchester exhibition is getting to be about as much of a chestnut as certain articles on French colonial stamps that have been going the rounds of late years. The latest paper to publish the prospectus is our Brazilian contemporary *O Coleccionador de Sellos*. The exhibition is getting plenty of advertising and it certainly deserves it. May it have a prosperous season.

Madrid Filatelico presents a half tone plate of an entire sheet of the 1897 Philippine surcharges on the 25c de peso. It contains 100 stamps divided as follows: 20 centavos, 58; same, inverted surcharge 12; 15 centavos, 10; 5 centavos, 10; for telegrams, 10 stamps. The sheet is said to be unique.

Louis M. Mier contributes an article on plating English stamps to *Mekeel's Weekly* and corrects the error made in a previous issue of attempting to arrange by upper letters. The two columns which the article occupies are packed full of solid information which if not entirely new to many of us is well worth publishing. I trust we shall hear from Mr. Mier often if he can write such articles as that.

Mr. Bartels gives considerable information in his last letter in the *Metropolitan*. The quantities of the stamps ordered for the Philippines, the designs for the new Cubans, definite information concerning the provisional Cuban envelopes and the new Venezuelas.

I saw recently in some paper the statement that the *Perforator* was getting Kissengerized. Well that was just what I thought myself, and now comes the announcement that commencing with the May number C. W. K. will take sole charge of the paper.

Under the management of Mr. Chapman the *Perforator* was a dignified, able magazine, full of both news and philatelic matter. Since he parted with it, it has rather deteriorated in respect to its contents and the amount of stamp matter has been growing less and less each month. I wish it could regain its former high rank.

The most entertaining part of the *Philatelic Journal of Gt. Britain* this month is the part devoted to reviews, which is "plum full" of meaty extracts from the leading journals of the world. I am especially glad to see the translation of the article on the stamps of Holland which is running in *Le Timbre Poste*. It is well worth reading with care.

Der Philatelist illustrates the new U. S. envelopes and I do not wonder the authorities are dissatisfied with the 4 and 5 cent values. They are simply awful. They ought to be terribly rare!

We have recently seen frequent mention of the fact that this or that change was to be made in certain stamps to conform to the Postal Union regulations. While the regulation was not compulsory it has been agreed to by many nations and Eustace B. Power has compiled for the *Post Office* a

list of those countries which have adopted these regulation colors, and also another list showing what stamps and countries do not. The list of these latter is a long one and includes many prominent countries. Should they all fall into line it will mean many new issues.

An interesting article by Harry Hilckes is given in the *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly* on the provisional stamps used in the island of Crete. Illustrations are given of four entires showing the different stamps, seals etc. used.

The minor varieties illustrated this month in *Stamps* are surcharges, and about all the possible kinds are shown in the plate. It is an interesting and valuable study. The plate of novelties shows the recent British Guiana surcharges including the TWO GEN'S error, and the recently discovered part perforated Haiti.

The *Tri-Monthly Collector* is getting behind and as a consequence the last number is only eight pages. The paper is far below the grade of those which it supplants.

Re. Canadian Postal Issues.

Mr. A. H. O'Brien kindly favored us with a copy of the unrevised edition of "House of Commons Debates" of Canada, from which we print below excerpts which we think contain points of some interest to our readers.—ED.

ISSUE OF STAMPED ENVELOPES.

Mr. Hughes asked: 1. When will the present 2-cent purple stamped envelope cease to be issued and the red issued in its place? 2. How many 2-cent purple envelopes were issued, and how many distributed? At what offices were they distributed, how many at each office, are there any more to be distributed, and if so, where will they be distributed? 3. Is it the intention of the Government to issue an entire new set of stamped envelopes to replace those at present in use? If so, when? 4. Is it the intention of the Government to issue a 4-cent and 7-cent stamp?

The Postmaster General (Mr. Mulock): The issue of 2-cent purple-stamp envelopes ceased when the supply thereof in the department became exhausted, the last issue having been made on the 7th January,

1899. The subsequent issue of 2-cent stamped envelopes was in red, in accordance with the recommendation of the Postal Convention. The Government has come to no conclusion as to whether a 4-cent or a 7-cent stamp will be issued. The schedule hereto annexed shows the names of the post offices supplied with such purple-stamp envelopes and the respective quantities so supplied them.

List of post offices to which 2c purple envelopes were issued and the quantity in each case: Belleville, Ont., 500; St. Catharines, Ont., 500; Toronto, Ont., 2,000; Corinth, Ont., 100; Haliburton, Ont., 100; Mount Albert, Ont., 100; Tamworth, Ont., 500; Hagersville, Ont., 100; Hamilton, Ont., 500; Loring, Ont., 100; Newton, Ont., 100; Ottawa, Ont., 700; St. Casimir, Que., 100; Sherbrooke, Que., 500; Montreal, Que., 1,000; Rigaud, Que., 100; Maitland, N. S., 100; Truro, N. S., 100; Yarmouth, N. S., 100; Andover, N. B., 200; Centreville, N. B., 100; Shoal Lake, Man., 100; Winnipeg, Man., 2,000; New Westminster, B. C., 100; Greenwood, B. C., 200.

GREEN STAMPED ENVELOPES.

Mr. Hughes asked: 1. Who was the purchaser of several thousand 2c green stamped envelopes in Toronto just previous to the issue of the 2c purple envelope? 2. How many 2c purple stamped envelopes were issued in Toronto? 3. When were they issued? 4. Who purchased them? 5. When were they sent to Toronto? 6. Is the Government aware that secret information anent the issue of 2c purple stamped envelopes and the quantity of 2c green stamped envelopes in stock in Toronto was obtained? 7. Is the Government aware that the person who cornered the 2c purple stamp stock sold them as high as 50c each, and they are now going as high as \$1 in places? 8. Was the issue of the 2c purple stamped envelopes done by mistake? 9. Are there any 2c purple stamped envelopes now in stock? 10. Is it the intention of the Government to issue any more 2c purple stamped envelopes? 11. Will that issue, if any such be made, take place before the person who cornered the Toronto lot, disposes of his lot?

The Postmaster General (Mr. Mulock): I would state that I think this question is open to objection, inasmuch as it is suggestive of a supposed state of facts, which may or may not exist. However, I have endeavored to answer the question as substantially as possible. 1. The department has no information whatever of the matter referred to in the first question. 2. Two thousand. 3. On the 4th January, 1899. 4. The department has no knowledge whatever as to who purchased them or in what quantities, or how many purchasers there were. The envelopes were, no doubt, sold in the Toronto post office in the usual way. 5. On the 4th January, 1899. 6. The Government is not aware that any such

information was given, and the head of the Stamp Branch, which has entire charge of the distribution of stamps and stamped envelopes, states that he is fully assured that no such information was given. But if the Hon. gentleman has any reason to think otherwise, and will communicate the same to the department, the fullest inquiry will be made into the matter. 7. The Government has no knowledge whatever as to whether or not any persons "cornered" such envelopes, or on what terms any purchaser may have disposed of them. 8. *There was no mistake whatever made in the issue of said envelopes, but, on the contrary, the issue took place in the ordinary course of business, and was made on requisitions in the usual way, coming from postmasters.* 9. No. 10. No. 11. This question is covered by the previous answers.

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I note in the ERA a piece about the 1899 rejected die. It may not be known to the writer of the article, but said engraver has made the most of the dies for the U. S. envelopes for years, and his work is considered first class; and the official "who ought to know" evidently did not. Die A on blue has been found among several business houses in Boston.

In my notes of last week, in speaking of the Centaur Co.'s private Proprietary stamp, it should have been 1 1/2c.

There are a great many old, private Proprietary stamps to be sold in the next few sales, to be held here and in New York. The stamp trade in Boston is very good. There is a demand for U. S. and Australians. A great many collectors are looking for old issues of Western Australia, unused; the early issues of Ceylon are especially good sellers, in fine condition. Among the new issues, Virgin Islands and the two new high values of Falkland Islands are in good demand. Porto Rico surcharged on U. S. does not begin to sell, when compared with the former demand for Cuba stamps; and the Cuba special delivery does not sell as well as the Canada special delivery. There is considerable inquiry for part second of Stanley Gibbons' Catalogue, which I am informed, will be placed on sale here next week.

S. E. L.

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Annual Convention of the N. E. P. A.

HAVERHILL, MASS., May 1, 1899.

In accordance with the Constitution of the N. E. P. A. I hereby notify the members that the Trustees have selected that beautiful summer resort Bass Point, Nahant, as the place for holding the annual convention of the Association, which will occur on Saturday the 24th day of June next.

B. HARVEY WARES,
President.

I wish to take this opportunity to state to the members that the recently elected Secretary and Treasurer, together with the Trustees, are putting forth every effort to place our Association among the most prosperous of its kind and we are meeting with great encouragement.

I wish especially to urge each member to support them to their fullest extent in the plans that are now in preparation.

Let no failure on your part, to aid in all plans, prevent the highest degree of success and profit to our band of Philatelic lovers and "cranks."

On your individual support of the officers depends the strength, success and degree of enjoyment we shall have as an Association.

Help push a good thing along. Attend the Annual Convention.

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To the Members of the N. E. P. A.:

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Proceedings of the Third Annual Convention of the

Texas Philatelic Association

AT AUSTIN, TEXAS, APRIL 19, 1899.

MORNING SESSION.

The third annual convention of the Texas Philatelic Association was held on the above date in the parlors of the Driskill Hotel, Austin, Texas.

The convention was called to order at 10.35 a. m. by the First Vice President, H. G. Askew, who introduced the Hon. John D. McCall, Mayor of Austin.

Mayor McCall in a pleasant and catchy address extended to the members a hearty welcome to the Capital City. This was well responded to by Mr. Otto Heilig in behalf of the visiting delegates.

Roll call was then taken to which the following members responded: H. G. Askew, Austin, Roy B. Bradley, Waco, Emil Gerlich, New Braunfels, Otto Heilig, New Braunfels, H. A. Herzog, Austin, V. H. Huberich, Bluff Springs, E. W. Heusinger, San Antonio, E. D. True, Austin, Walter C. Lowry, Abilene.

Geo. W. Ingram of Hempstead, an applicant, was present as a visitor.

Upon motion of Mr. Heilig the Articles of Association were temporarily suspended and Mr. Ingram was elected a member.

The chairman then read an address containing suggestions for the improvement of the laws governing the Association, which from his experience and observation he found necessary and desirable. He then appointed the following committees: On Credentials: Heusinger, chairman, Heilig and Herzog. On Finance: Pfeuffer, chairman, Heilig and Lowry. On Articles of Association: Bradley, chairman, Gerlich and Heusinger. On Exchange Department: Gerlich, chairman, Lowry and Askew. On Official Journal: Huberich, chairman, True and Ingram.

The chairman announced the opening of the polls at 11 a. m.

The Secretary read his annual report which showed that the membership two years ago was twenty-five and one year ago, thirty-five; that since then eighteen members have been admitted, making a total of fifty-three, from which number two members were dropped for non-payment of dues, leaving a total membership of fifty-one, a gain of sixteen members during the past year. He also reported having collected for fees, dues, etc., \$42.25, and that the expense of the Association during the past year has been as follows:

Stationery and Printing, .	\$10.30
Postage and Internal Revenue,	5.42
Telegram and notary fees,	3.25
Official Journal,	13.72
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	\$32.69

The Treasurer read his report which showed that the balance of cash on hand one year ago was \$50.66; that since then he had received from the Secretary \$42.25, making a total of \$92.91, from which he paid out on warrants drawn by the Secretary, \$38.27, leaving a balance of \$54.64, cash on hand.

The report of the Superintendent was read by the Secretary and it showed that during the past year he had received and circulated among the members 48 books of stamps amounting to \$361.48 from which \$64.94 in stamps were sold.

Upon motion of Mr. Herzog all three reports were received and referred to the proper committees

Under the head of Communications, which was next in the order of business,

the Secretary stated that he had received a letter from the President, Mr. Otto Staerker of Cuero, wherein he stated that, although better, he was still confined to his bed, and on account of having to avoid all exertion, he was unable to send in his annual address, but he hoped that the convention would be pleasant and harmonious and that the dissatisfaction existing among a few of the members would be settled in a friendly way.

A letter was also received from Mr. I. S. Sewall of Vernon stating that it was impossible for him to be present at the convention, and to show the interest he takes in the Association, he sent in three applications for membership.

The Secretary stated that he had also received a letter from Mr. E. D. Dorchester of Velasco, stating that he would be in Boston at the time that our convention was being held, and therefore, very much to his regret, he could not attend.

The Secretary further stated that he was in receipt of letters from Miss Dora Harde of Columbus, Messrs. W. Y. DeJarnette of Whitney, M. B. Sweeney of Galveston, Thomas G. Henley of Paris, Tom S. Evans of Montell and W. B. Mitchell of Santa Anna, sending their regrets for not being able to attend the convention.

The hour of twelve having arrived, the chairman announced the closing of the polls and upon motion of Mr. Gerlich, a recess of two hours was taken for luncheon and to give the committee time to work.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The convention was called to order at 2.15 p. m. by First Vice-President Askew.

The Secretary called the roll and besides the members present at the morning session, there were in attendance Hon. S. V. Pfeuffer and Dr. J. F. Toberman of New Braunfels and John G. Roth of San Antonio.

The Committee on Credentials reported that they carefully canvassed the ballots and found the result as follows:

For President—E. D. Dorchester, 20 votes; Emil Gerlich, 16 votes; Scattering, 3 votes.

For Vice-Presidents—Oscar Jannusch, 33 votes; Sam Schlenker, 15 votes; W. N. Barton, 14 votes; Emil Gerlich, 4 votes; Scattering, 7 votes.

For Secretary-Treasurer—Edward W. Heusinger, 25 votes; Roy B. Bradley, 13 votes.

For Librarian—G. C. Cuenod, 30 votes; Scattering, 5 votes.

For Superintendent—Chas. Roemer, 22 votes; E. W. Heusinger, 11 votes; Scattering, 5 votes.

For Associate Trustees—H. G. Askew, 22 votes; E. D. True, 22 votes; T. W. Robinson, 11 votes; W. B. Mitchell, 10 votes; Scattering, 4 votes.

Suggestions for Official Journal—"Official News Letter," 22 votes; *Lone Star State Philatelist*, 19 votes; Scattering, 1 vote.

Suggestion for Convention Seat, 1900—Waco, 19 votes; Cuero, 18 votes; Scattering, 3 votes.

For Incorporation—20 votes; against Incorporation—16 votes.

For Branch Societies—32 votes; against Branch Societies—5 votes.

For Association Pin or Button—26 votes; against Association Pin or Button—8 votes.

The following officers were therefore declared elected by the committee: President—E. D. Dorchester, of Velasco; First Vice-President—Oscar Jannusch, of Waco; Second Vice-President—Sam Schlenker, of Brenham; Secretary-Treasurer—Edward W. Heusinger, of San Antonio; Superintendent—Chas. Roemer, of San Antonio; Librarian—G. C. Cuenod, of Galveston;

Associate Trustees—E. D. Dorchester, chairman *ex officio*, H. G. Askew of Austin, E. D. True of Austin.

The chairman next instructed the Committee on Official Journal to take into consideration the votes cast for official journal and he also instructed the Committee on Articles of Association to draft an article governing branch societies.

After discussion as to the selection of the next convention seat, the chairman appointed a committee consisting of Dr. Toberman, Messrs. Roth and Herzog to further consider and report on same.

A discussion in regard to incorporating the Association next took place and upon motion of Mr. Pfeuffer, a committee consisting of Messrs. Frederic Noyes, Otto Staerker, Chas. Roemer, Oscar Jannasch and Emil Gerlich was appointed. It was decided that this committee look into the advisability of incorporating the Association and the benefits to be derived therefrom, and report on same at the next annual convention.

The discussion relating to the official association pin or button followed, and upon the suggestion of Mr. Roth, a committee consisting of Messrs. Herzog, True and Heusinger was appointed, with instructions to have prepared as many pins or buttons and of such design as they may decide upon.

Just at this moment the following telegram was received and read:

"H. A. HERZOG, Austin, Texas.
"I find that it is impossible for me to attend the convention and wish you all a pleasant and enjoyable time.

"CHAS. ROEMER."

The chairman then asked the convention to be at ease for thirty minutes to give the committees further time to work.

At 5:15 p. m. the convention was again called to order by Second Vice-President Roy B. Bradley.

The First Vice-President took the chair and the report of the Committee on Credentials was taken up and adopted.

The Committee on Finance reported that they had examined the accounts and books of the Secretary and Treasurer and found same to be correct. Adopted.

The Committee on Official Journal next made its report recommending the adoption of the *Lone Star State Philatelist* for official journal, providing that a contract be made wherein the publisher be bound to have a regular publication date and the Association be likewise bound to have official matter at a certain date each month. The Secretary-Treasurer, elect, thereupon addressed the members and stated that this was the reason why the San Antonio members and others were against the *Lone Star State Philatelist*, but if such an arrangement could be made with the publishers, it would be all right to him: The report of the committee further recommended that penalties be imposed upon the publisher in the event of the failure to publish his paper on such dates as may be agreed upon. It was the unanimous wish of all members present to have the paper published on the 10th of each month, the Secretary-Treasurer and other officers to furnish their reports for publication on the last of each month. This would give the publisher ten days to get his paper out, and the Board of Trustees were instructed to make a contract accordingly; the compensation to the publisher to remain the same as formerly, that is, one dollar per page and one cent for each copy furnished. Adopted.

The Committee on Convention Seat for 1900 made its report and recommended that the next convention be held at Cuero, Texas, April, 1900, the date of the month to be fixed by the President. Mr. Bradley

moved that the report be laid on the table, and stated that he wanted the next convention held at Waco. A general discussion took place and upon the suggestion of the chairman, Mr. Bradley withdrew his motion and the report was adopted by a vote of five to five, finally decided by the chairman in favor of Cuero as the next convention seat.

Mr. True moved that the Hon. John D. McCall be made an honorary member of the Association, which was carried unanimously.

Mr. Herzog suggested that a photograph be taken of the members present at the convention, and upon motion of Mr. Roth an adjournment until 8:30 p. m. was taken at 6 in the afternoon, whereupon the members proceeded in a body to S. B. Hill's Photographic Studio to have a picture taken.

EVENING SESSION.

The convention was called to order by First Vice-President H. G. Askew for the last time at exactly 8:30 p. m. Several members had already left the city on the early trains and roll call showed the following present: Askew, Bradley, Heilig, Herzog, Heusinger, Huberich, Lowry, Pfeuffer, Roth and True.

Upon the suggestion of the Secretary-Treasurer the Convention met as a committee of the whole to consider the report of the Committee on Articles of Association.

It was recommended that the following amendments be made, same to be voted upon by a mail vote of the members, as required by Article 25, and that the amendments, if passed, take effect at the next annual convention and not before.

To amend Articles 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, by adding with a hyphen after the word Secretary, where said word occurs, the word Treasurer; also to amend article 13 by prefixing the word Secretary—connected by a hyphen—to the word Treasurer.

To amend Article 2 by adding after the last sentence, "and upon the payment of the stated price—as set by the Board of Trustees—be entitled to receive the official society pin."

To amend Article 5 by adding after the words "any member may tender his" the words "or her."

To amend Article 10 by adding the following paragraph: "In case there should be more than two candidates for any office, the one receiving the least number of votes shall be dropped, and in the case of a tie, the President and Board of Trustees shall have the power to declare either one of the two candidates elected."

To amend Article 18 by adding the words "their decision on such" between the words "and" and "matters shall be final and binding."

To amend Article 21 by adding after (d) the words "Library and" before the words, "Exchange Department."

To amend Article 22 by adding as a separate paragraph, that, what is now known as Article 23, also to re-number Article 24 to 23, and add in place the following:

When three or more members, resident in the same locality, shall notify the Secretary-Treasurer that they have associated themselves together as a branch society, adopted a name and rules for their government and shall have submitted a copy of same to the President for approval of the Association, and if said rules are not inconsistent with the Articles of Association, the Secretary-Treasurer shall issue a certificate under the seal of the Association to said members that they have become a Branch Society.

The convention then went into regular session and the amendments made were

unanimously adopted.

Hon. S. V. Pfeuffer, in behalf of the visiting members, extended thanks to the Austin members for their entertainment and hospitalities shown.

The convention was thereupon adjourned at 9:30 p. m.

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30,000.....	2c
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The Philippine stamps were sent Saturday and I doubt if any will be seen in this country before the middle of August. These stamps will not be ordered by dealers as the Cuban and Porto Rico were, as it takes too long to hear from there, and the risk of getting them poorly centered and stuck together is too great, when the sets will probably be offered for 40% over face, retail.

I have seen several lots of stamps both from Cuba and Porto Rico which were badly stuck together, and taking the climate into consideration at the Philippines, one stands a good chance of receiving them in the same way.

In a batch of stamps received from the State Department I noticed the new 5 centavos Ecuador also 5 centavos Salvador surcharged "Transito Territoria" which is a new one on me.

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WHOLE No. 313.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Our Boston Letter.

Wednesday, May 10th.

Last evening B. L. Drew & Co. held the first session of their 35th sale. There was a larger attendance than usual and the prices realized were very good. A 3c Playing Card, imperforate, sold for \$36.50; Chicago Match stamp sold for \$9.40; C. S. Hale, 1c, pink paper, sold for \$3.50, which is almost full catalogue; 12d Canada, proof marked specimen, sold for \$5.00. At a rough estimate, I should say that prices averaged more than 50%, which is rather a surprise, as we had a two night's sale, a few weeks ago, of a considerable better class of goods, and the prices realized were lower than the prices last evening.

PART II. STANLEY GIBBONS' CATALOGUE.

Part second of Stanley Gibbons' Catalogue has been received. It lists the adhesive stamps of all countries, other than the British Empire. The book is very small, compared with former editions, as they have left out all local stamps; and when one considers the large quantity of Scandinavian and Russian locals, one can see that it makes quite a difference in the size of the book. The book, from the standpoint of an American collector, is practically worthless. A great many stamps, the price of which we would like to know, are not priced at all, when one would suppose that the publishers, owing to their position in the philatelic trade, should be able to give the market value. The publishers state in the introduction that "The important feature of the prices has received our most careful attention, and we fully believe that the present Catalogue reflects the current market values as we go to press." Now, this may apply strictly to the English market, but the prices quoted in the book are no more the market value as found in this country, than nothing at all. Among the United States stamps, in a great number of cases, the prices have been reduced considerably where they should not have been, and in other cases, the prices are quoted at very much higher than the market prices. A 90c, 1861, is quoted, used, at \$2.50; 90c, 1869, at \$12.50; a \$1.00 Columbian, unused, at \$3.12; the \$5.00, used or unused, at \$6.00; orange Special Delivery, used, at

12 cents; Hawaii, 1883, 50c, unused, at \$5.00; \$1.00, unused, at \$6.25; 12c mauve, black surcharge, is priced at \$5.00, used or unused; the official stamps are not priced, either singly or by the set. Uruguay, 1895, the 10, 20, 25, 50c, used or unused, have met with good advances in prices. This was to be expected, as the stamps are now very scarce, especially in unused condition. Brazil 1878, 700 reis, is quoted at \$1.87, unused, and at \$1.50, used. It is surprising to see how people will buy and pay a good price for what is simply a price list of any dealer. For the information to be derived, as regards prices, from the most of these works, is not worth the money paid for the books. I have no doubt but that many a collector in this country, in buying Part II. of Stanley Gibbons, will turn to Philippine Islands, to see what price is put upon the 4c of the 1898-99 issue; also to Hawaii, to see what price is put upon the official set; and U. S. 1c, 1851, first type; and these spaces, besides a good many others, he will find perfectly blank. Now there is no reason why the market prices of these stamps, at the time they went to press, could not have been put in these blank spaces. It is such things as these, as they occur, that exemplifies the quotation, "What fools these mortals are." As I believe in giving every one their due, there is one feature about this priced catalogue which I have not observed in any of the other recent publications, that is of the Hayti tree set of 1898, only the 2 and 5c stamps are mentioned in any way. I do not think the rest of the set should be listed in any catalogue, or given any space in any album.

The present indications are that the returned prosperity in the stamp business has come to stay. The Pan-American Exposition to be held at Buffalo is being advertised by a *fac simile* of a stamp, which is somewhat similar to the Canada map stamp. Good things are always imitated. Although there has been much criticism made about the Canada map stamp, there has never yet been made, and I doubt if there ever will be, a stamp that will fulfill its purpose as well as this stamp does, and that is, to advertise Canada to the world at large. It is not only a novelty in the stamp line, but everything about it must command recognition wherever the stamp is seen.

S. E. L.

From an Occasional Correspondent.

Passing Ships.

Dickens' "Great Expectations" does not compare with the expectancy generated by the young collector who awaits the arrival of the 1000 mixture for which he has paid the munificent sum of 20 cents. This young collector should understand that no dealer can sell a thousand stamps at this price and furnish a decent mixture. In it must be as a basis 200 common stamps of some continental country and 100 each from three or four other countries. There will be a quota of torn and heavily cancelled stamps and numerous postal cards, and the collector who buys this cheap packet will find that he has bought—trash! Even in buying stamps the collector must understand that in buying at low prices he may yet be paying dearly for his goods.

This reverie is occasioned by an experience called to the writer's attention by a dealer acquaintance. A young man in Jersey purchasing one of Zechmeyer's mixtures was sorely disappointed and wrote the firm a threatening letter, demanding reparation and promising exposure in the ERA. Of course the only thing the dealer could do was to refund the money, but will the aforesaid young man profit by this lesson?

"New Issues." Of which, postal omissions or newspaper ventures, have we had the most in the past few months? Perniciously active upon both sides must be the verdict. A new paper from East Boston, one from Melrose and now last month still another from the "city of culture," and our cup of newspapers is running over. There is a glitter about publishing a newspaper that appeals strongly to the mind of an American youth, hence new stamp papers, with all the other new things that come from the press. The money spent in trying to build up the *Boston Stamp Book*, the energy and labor brought to bear upon the pages of the *Eastern Philatelist* have all proven fruitless in giving them permanence, and today their subscriptions are being filled by that sprightly representative of philatelic journalism the *Philatelic Bulletin*. It takes a great amount of time, energy and cash, to build up any kind of a successful newspaper and it would be a happy and profitable conclusion if about

nine-tenths of our Vol. I. No. 1 editors resolved to let their ambition swing out into space and grapple with other continents.

Newspaper correspondents in the various centres of activity tell us in general terms that business is improving. I would like to specify that most of the firms I have called upon the past three weeks have said that it would be necessary to close their doors to catch up with orders. In several places new clerks are seen and a half-dozen new firms are presenting their wares to the philatelic public. The Dale, the Sterling, the Puritan, the Salem Stamp companies are all in the field for business.

It is proving an interesting study to Boston dealers to determine the individuality of the Sterling Stamp Co. This firm is doing a mail business only, yet it is evident that a large share of patronage is given it. I have been struck with the very forcible utterance made in its ERA advertising and have felt that many of the older dealers could profit by patterning after the crisp utterances and business-like announcements of this firm. The advertisement in No. 311 of the ERA was a gem, indeed every week I am tempted to hunt up the space that belongs to the Sterling Stamp Co.

Beautiful 4c Rose Ceylon,

1883-4, unused, fine, cat. 35c each, Singly..... 10c
Block of 4 for25c Per 10..... 250c
The few we have will go quickly.
F. Putney, Jr., Box 944, Providence, R. I.



CHINA.

Table listing various stamp items and prices, including 1873 3 cand. red., 1885 1 cand. green, 1897 1/2 on 3 yellow, small surcharge, etc.

The above issue was only a short time in circulation and is bound to be scarce. The 1898 issue will be for sale at reasonable prices as soon as sufficiently in the market.

W. SELLSCHOPP & CO.,
118 Stockton St., * San Francisco, Cal.
Please mention ERA when answering ads.

A recent ad in the ERA announced "Stamp Lifters," nickel plated, for the sum of 25 cents. It caused me to think of a few dealers who had come in contact with "stamp lifters" with plenty of brass, and the sum mentioned would be gladly paid could past experiences be blotted out.

The past season has been a notable one in the annals of auction life in that their number is legion. But I have noticed a peculiarity about this season's sales in that few prices are reported. In previous years auction reports have been a prominent feature in our newspapers and magazines, but this year few prices have been reported. This is also true of the English press. Whole pages of market reports have been prominent features of the English magazines, but this past season has witnessed the remarkable change of dealers and auctioneers buying space to tell the public what prices their sales have realized. This reformation has been brought about from the fact that auction sales have deteriorated to such an extent that prices realized do not indicate the real value of stamps.

The word "auction" carries with it the thought of old, second-hand, damaged or worthless goods and an auction sale, in the common acceptance of the term, is an opportunity of forcing into circulation undesirable property. This word has become clothed with a robe that means "cheapness" for this very reason, and attendants at auction sales of furniture, books, paintings, etc. expect bargains. I do not think that stamp auctions in their palmy days suffered quite so much in this respect, but in recent months, so much that was mere rubbish has been palmed off on collectors that indications point to stamp auctions taking their place along side of other kinds of auctions. And the result, when a high-class sale is offered us, it, too, will suffer and the prices realized will not be indicative of true values and for the sole reason that auction sales have fallen into disrepute. I am satisfied that however much a few collectors may be benefited by opportunities presented of picking up stamp bargains, philately in its entirety would be benefited vastly more, were auction sales things of the past.

So Mr. Bartels thinks that the reprinting of the Newspaper and Periodical values was of so little importance that it ought not to be considered. It all depends upon the way you look at the matter. If differences in paper, gum and color are ever taken into consideration, Mr. Bartels will have to capitulate. For my own part I think it a colossal jobbery upon the part of the government, equalled only by a stupidity upon the part of our collectors, equally colossal. "He laughs best who laughs last." PURITAN.

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If you have any of the above send 1 to 10 or more at your lowest price and if satisfactory will remit cash by return mail. Good copies only wanted.

Or possibly you may have something in good foreign. We always have cash to invest in bargains or such things as we may need. We solicit your correspondence. Who knows but we might do considerable business together to our mutual advantage.

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" 1895 50c orange..... .08
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" " " 1440, 10c brown..... " 50c, " 17c
" " " 1448, 5c blue..... " 35c, " 14c
" " " 1451, 5c brown..... " 55c, " 10c
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STATEMENT OF TREASURER MAY 1, 1899.

Stock Account.

Bal. on hand March 1, '99, \$1525.00

Entertainment Fund.

Bal. on hand March 1, '99, \$125.89

General Fund.

Bal. on hand Mar. 1, '99, \$404.42

Dues paid in March, 7.20

" " " April, 7.20

Ads in "Year Book," 7.00

\$425.82

Disbursements.

W. W. Jewett, printing, etc., \$4.05
W. N. Howe, postage, etc., 5.67
W. W. Jewett, "Year Book" and mailing, 214.00
W. W. Jewett, printing, ERA postage, etc., 32.61

\$256.33

\$169.49

Cash on hand May 1, 1899, \$1820.38

H. G. SMITH, Treasurer.

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GEORGE R. TUTTLE, Superintendent,
87 Nassau St.
NEW YORK CITY, May 6th, 1899.

1,020 books of stamps in circulation according to my report of Apr. 29th, valued at..... \$31,563.23

19 books received since Apr. 29th, valued at..... 645.39

7 books retired since Apr. 29th, valued at (from which has been sold \$56.19) \$146.74

Total number of books in circulation 1,032, valued at..... \$32,061.88

GEO. R. TUTTLE, Superintendent Sales Dept.

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" " " "..... .18
" " " "..... .25
Supplement to 58th Catalogue, only..... .10
Good 50¢ approvals to beat the band. References required.

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1890 Plate No.
1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 35 and 90c: face for stamps and 10c for Plate No.
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Really,

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87 Nassau Street, NEW YORK.

New Stamps for Tasmania.

Several correspondents have kindly sent us the following newspaper paragraphs:

"HOBART, Tuesday.—Collectors of postage stamps all over the world will be glad to know that Sir Edward Braddon has ordered the Secretary of the General Post Office to send to England for a new set of stamps similar to those lately issued in New Zealand. These stamps will be illustrated with views of different places of interest in Tasmania.

"The decision of the Government to lay in a new stock of stamps, letter cards, and other saleable postal goods, may be regarded as an indication that the public officials connected with that department are waking up to a sense of the importance of letting the colony appear before the world in its best clothes. Since the question of more effectively advertising Tasmania has been under discussion—a period covered approximately by the time that has elapsed since an industrial policy was outlined in our columns in 1897—a distinct desire to move ahead has been apparent. It is evidently beginning to dawn upon those to whom the idea previously seemed preposterous that by more enterprise in certain directions, and more efficient organization, some departments of the public service hitherto regarded as encumbrances can be made reproductive, and that comparatively little expenditure is needed to do it. Brains rather than money are wanted to put the colony on something like a fair footing with its neighbors as regards dissemination of information concerning the island and its natural resources. The adoption of stamps and letter cards as mediums for advertising the attractions of the colony is a step in the right direction. If the illustrations are well done they will help to convey to thousands of people beyond the shores of Tasmania some idea as to the charms of its scenery. Now the penny postage system is becoming general throughout the empire, the question of stamps of uniform color and size is being debated. It would certainly be an advantage to know that a green stamp represented the same price all over the empire, and that other colored stamps were similarly of equal value wherever bought. When we get federation it will be possible, of course, to have a uniform postage system throughout the Commonwealth, so that a Tasmanian halfpenny stamp will be the same color as one obtained in any other colony."—*Daily Telegraph*, March 3.

Mr. P. Malone informs us further that the following is an approximate list of values, colors, and designs:

- ¾d. green, Lake Marion, Du Cane Range.
- 1d. red, Mountain Lake, Huon Road.
- 2d. lilac, Cataract Gorge, Launceston.
- 2½d. dark blue, St. Columba Falls.
- 3d. claret, Lake St. Clair.
- 4d. orange, Russell Falls.
- 5d. light blue, Mount Gould.
- 6d. violet lake, Dilston Falls.

Doubtless this list is incomplete, none of the higher values being represented. It will be seen that the ½d., 1d., and 2½d., are to be in the Postal Union colors, from which we may infer that the current ½d. and 2½d. will not be changed in color.

A number of illustrated post and letter cards are also to appear, the latter with impressed 2d. stamp in lilac. The cards are to be tinted, in size 5¼x3¼ inches, and will bear the following views:—Hobart, Launceston, Great Lake, River Derwent (New Norfolk), St. Mary's Pass, and Mount Ida (Lake St. Clair). The order for the stamps has been placed in the hands of the engravers, and it is expected that they will reach the colony and be ready for issue in the course of a few months time.

Mr. F. Bourne sends us the following letter he received from the Premier's office:

"6th March, 1899.

SIR,—In reply to your letter of the 3rd instant, I am instructed by the Right Honourable the Premier, to inform you that the designs for the new issue of postage stamps have already been chosen. Whilst they are scarcely intended to be permanent, they will last until there is a reason for a change in the same.—I have, etc.,

S'D. GEO. STEWARD, Sec'y to the Premier."

From this letter we gather that the issue is not officially regarded as a strictly permanent one. Nevertheless there must be a "reason" before any change will be made. Let us hope that the only reason will be the federation of the colonies.—*The Australian Philatelist*.

Stamp Bunting

(CONTINUED.)

BY LEWIS ROBIE.

"Well, well, I never thought I would see you again, after that pipe dream yarn of yours about finding three hundred six cent orange Proprietaries, but I have got one of those stamps just the same and it didn't cost me anything, either."

"You don't mean it, Doc!"

"Yes sir, and I'll prove it to you. Talk about your luck, you don't get everything lying round loose. Let me tell you, about a week ago, an old farmer living seven miles west of here came in with an old album with six hundred or more stamps, collected by his niece twenty years or so ago. I asked him what he wanted for it. 'I don't know what they are worth,' he says, 'but I'll give them to you for a dozen of Lee's Belladonna Plasters,' which of course I accepted. Well, there were many good things in it, such as a 15c and 24c, 1869, a set of treasury and some good foreign, but it was not until after he went out that I discovered this six cent orange Proprietary in the back of the book, among a lot of cheap revenue stamps; a good used copy. Here it is, there is no pipe dream about that, old man."

"No, I should say not, you're in luck."

"Yes, I think I'll hang out a sign reading: 'Lee's Porous Plasters Traded for Stamps,' and go my grocer friend across the street one better, with his sign 'Goods Exchanged for Country Produce.' But what have you found in your travels since last here? Don't give us any more fairy tales."

"All right, I won't, but I haven't much to report anyway this time, except a little story on the Government that came nearly getting me into serious trouble. You know the use of Newspaper stamps, as vouchers for newspaper postage, has been abolished. Well, the Government called in all the remainders and were to destroy them, but several of the leading stamp dealers petitioned the department to sell them to stamp cranks at a nominal sum. The Attorney General passed down an opinion that they could be sold at any price they cared to make on them and the Post Office Department finally decided to offer for sale 50,000 sets at \$5.00 a set, and at the end of the year if there were any remaining, destroy them with all the plates and dies. These stamps run from 1c to \$100—1c, 2c, 5c, 10c, 25c, 50c, \$2.00, \$5.00, \$10.00, \$20.00, \$50.00, \$100—twelve stamps of a total face value of \$187.93.

"I have a stamp collecting friend over in the western part of the state who wanted these stamps and requested his Postmaster to send and get him a set. He plunked up his \$5.00 and the Washington authorities wrote on for 10c more for registration fee and postage, which was forwarded. In due course of time my friend called for his stamps and was given, by the Postmaster, a big parcel what the Department had sent for his \$5.00.

"I came along the next day, and my friend gave me the whole bunch, with the request to sell them and divide with him. If I had thought twice I wouldn't have taken them, but I jumped to the conclusion at once, that the Department knew what they were doing, and I took them and left town with ninety-eight sets of these stamps a face value of \$18,314.14. In other words my friend kept two sets and gave me the balance. The authorities sent him one hundred sets instead of one for his money.

"I immediately sent them out or most of them around the country to my stamp customers, but I hadn't more than done so when the mistake was discovered and they were after me, and the Assistant Postmaster himself caught me in Quincy. Just as soon as I found that he was to be held for them I assured him, of course, that he would get them all back, or their equivalent. But either he wasn't satisfied or for some other reason I was nabbed in Kansas City, by an Inspector, and asked to turn over the stamps, which I refused to do, but agreed to make it good to my friend from whom I had received the stamps. That evening there came trooping to my hotel, the Chief Inspector, his Assistant and the

United States Marshall, with a writ of replevin and a summons that Wm. McKinley, President of the United States, commanded my appearance in the United States Federal Court, for wrongfully and illegally taking away from the ——— P. O., ninety-nine sets of Newspaper stamps to the value of \$495.00, etc. They didn't get any of them, however, but as I tell you, Doc, I had felt before; it wasn't exactly right to keep the stamps, and have made it good to the satisfaction of all concerned.

"I admit right here I was hasty in taking them in the first place and should not have done so. But I felt this way, perhaps the Government are going to sell these stamps at any old price; they represent nothing of value to the Government; they are not redeemable; they are, in fact, only worthless bits of paper, and it is still a question before the law if I could be held liable for the fictitious value placed on them by the United States authorities, with the circumstances under which they came into my possession."

"Do you want to know what I think about that?"

"Yes."

"You're a fool for not keeping the stamps. If this confounded Government is going into manufacturing labels, re-issuing stamps and selling them as they see fit, and use the Post Offices throughout the country as stamp shops to sell them in, it is stooping to a low business, to say the least. And worse than any of these Seebeck countries who issue stamps for sale to collectors only. What is to prevent them from making any kind of a stamp, of any value, say \$500, and sell them in the same way they are doing these Newspaper stamps?"

"Nothing, I suppose. But they will never do that, Doc, and I really believe they will do as I now understand they have agreed to do; to destroy all the remainders, if any, at the end of the year, limiting the sale to 50,000 sets. But, like little Annie asking Willie for the core of the apple 'they aint goin' to be no core' says Willie. There won't be any remainders. The stamps are being gobbled up right and left and are now selling from \$7.50 to \$10.00 for selected sets, and that is where I come in, for I saddled back onto this Post Office all of the straight edge, off centre ones, and paid for the plate numbers and the best sets; most of which I have got back from those to whom I sent them, and will come in ahead on the deal after all."

"Yes, it will be pretty hard for you to lose anything on a stamp trade, but I believe I would let the Government sue me, if the stamps came into my hands in that way. Still I presume you didn't want to get your friend or the Postmaster into hot water, and after all the most honest way to do was to have returned the stamps or the money they represented."—Stamp Talk.

FREE! "THE EVERGREEN STATE PHILATELIST" on trial two months; or one year for 50 cents. Address, at Hartland, Washington. [14c]

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Send \$1.00 worth of good salable stamps cataloguing from 3 to 25 cents and I will send you an 1899 rejected die, buff, unused, entire. Haviland, 446 Willoughby Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y. [15]

Wanted to exchange, pair of 1861 Confederate 5c blue on cover for Scott's 58th Catalogue and Supplement. Write first. J. M. Browne, Denver, S. C.

For every stamp sent me that catalogues 6 cents and higher I will give a number of stamps that will catalogue 50% above stamps sent. Any number taken. E. A. Kelly, 713 La Salle St., Ottawa, Ill. [15]

50c, \$1.00 and \$2.00 Omahas wanted; fine U. S. in exchange. Am in need of several more thousand Omahas of the 4, 5, 8 and 10c values; will give fine exchange in U. S. and foreign. Write for terms. W. Weber, 904 Eagle St., Buffalo, N. Y. *

Give same quality stamps or magnificent views of Rocky Mountain Scenery in exchange for your duplicates (postage, unused entire, or U. S. Revenues). Trash absolutely disregarded. Want good camera for stamps. Queen City Stamp Exchange, Room 20, Denison Building, Denver, Colo. [16]

I give (delivery prepaid) any 1887-1899 Century, Harper's, Scribner's at half price, taking perfect used 4c, 5c, 8c, 10c, Omahas at 10 each. Grant Squires, 41 Wall St., New York City.

Exchange wanted with Omaha Plate Number collectors: have Nos. 626, 650, 675 and others, to exchange for ones equally rare. John S. Kriebel, 203 N. Broad St., Phila., Pa. [15]

Confederate stamps, used or unused, given in exchange for broken bank notes; all kinds taken but no torn ones wanted. Unused o. g. U. S. 5c blue, 4c red, 4c green for U. S. fractional currency or broken bank notes. R. L. Deitrick, Lorraine, Va. [15]

Baden '68, 30 used; Belgium, ribbed 51, 40; Bolivia 67, 50 postal cancellation, 69, 100 used; Brazil 61, 280, and many other rare stamps to exchange for other good stamps. Send sheets or lists. F. Noyes, Alice, Texas. [14]

A conglomeration of about 50,000 U. S. stamps (31 to '90) accumulated by a lady who tried to get a million. Contains no Brattlesboro nor Millburys, but if you are interested in shades and minor varieties, here is a chance to test your eyesight. Condition is good, bad and indifferent. What will you exchange for the lot? A. E. Chase, Box 174, Brunswick, Me. [14]

I have a new Mandolin and new Guitar, taken for debt, that I would like to trade for a good collection of stamps. J. M. Hubbard, Rochester, N. H. [14]

Exchange desired with collectors. I have stamps cat. 5c to \$1.50 each; send sheets U. S. and foreign and receive mine. E. Bull, Jr., Care Union Bank, New London, Conn. [14]

I want a double barrel shot-gun, repeating rifle or a moving picture machine, in exchange for good stamps from sheets. James A. Anderzen, Loomis, Nebr. [14]

What am I offered for these U. S.: Nos. 35, 137: 108 unused; Depts. Nos. 335, 56 unused, 505 used; Locals Nos. 212, 274; New Foundland unused No. 38. Want Nova Scotia 81c gr'n, 24, 30c State, 10c Justice & others. Mrs. W. D. Smith, 20 Wibird St., Portsmouth, N. H. [13]

Exchange wanted with collectors having from 1000 to 3000 varieties; have a great many good stamps to offer, value for value. George D. Weeks, Jr., Garfield National Bank, New York City. [13]

Wanted: Correspondents in Canada, Newfoundland and other countries: will exchange U. S. stamps for such countries. Would like Canada's stamps of all kind. A. W. Clough, Beach Bluff, Mass. [14]

Imperforate pairs of United States and Foreign stamps wanted, will give good exchange from approval books for any sent me. J. F. Johnson, 5 Cedar St., Boston, (Roxbury), Mass. [901c]

CASH Paid for Unused U. S., 1c to 30c, 5% discnt., 50c to \$1, 10% discnt. Stamp Collections and good Revenues wanted. [13] C. B. Merrill, 130 West 14th St., New York.

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Subscribe to "The Collector's Companion," only 12c per year; published promptly on the 20th of each month. Every other subscriber gets a 4c Omaha stamp free. Sample free. W. C. Wendover, Jr., Red Creek, N. Y.

Previous advertisement for Die A on white and buff is withdrawn, and all orders received from and after date will be returned. I was selling gold dollars for ten cents. Have a few ambers and buff at right prices. Write me.

R. J. HUMMEL, Baton Rouge, La.

Stewart's Guide to the Colors of Postage Stamps, with Color Album. Post free 12 cents. CHAS. STEWART, 210 East Ninth St., St. Paul, Minn. [13]

I wish to buy a number of good stamp collections especially Match and Medicine. H. G. SMITH, (Treas. A. P. A.), Winona, Minn. [41c]

Highest cash price paid for stamps in lots. Send lists and offers. F. P. VINCENT, L. Box 50, Chatham, N. Y. [2c]

Wanted for reconstructing sheets of Great Britain in lots of 50 or more: 3d spray of rose, 2½d claret orb, ad blue 1858, also 1½d red 1850. State what you have and price to LOUIS M. MIER, Rutherford, N. J. [17]

1894 N. & P. no wmk., 1, 2, 5, 10c unused and fine, \$2; with margins, \$5. H. J. Douglass, Champaign, N. Y.

100 varieties Foreign, 5 cts.; 200 varieties, 15 cts.; 300 varieties, 45 cts. U. S. Columbians 1c to 10c, 14 cents. Omahas 1 to 10c, 12 cents. 1898 Document Revenue ½c to \$1.00, 10c. Postage extra. Address, DAVE FAUSSIG, 609½ W. Madison St., Chicago, Ill.

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ROYAL EXCHANGE STAMP CO., Winona, Minn.

U. S. Revs. 1898: 25c Doc., 15c per 10; \$1 Doc., 20c per 10; \$3 Doc., 35c per 3; \$1.10 per 10. CARL YOUNG, 122 N. 5th St., Phila., Pa. [14]

Saxony 10 n. g., fine, \$2.15 post free. One cent black Newspaper stamp of Netherlands (Stanley Gibbons, 5th) at 50 cts. post paid. W. WEBER, 924 Eagle St., Buffalo, N. Y.

Some desirable Colonials at desirable prices: Newfoundland 1898 ½c, 2 cts.; 1c green, 2 cts.; 2c carmine, 3 cts.; 3c, 4 cts.; the four, 9 cts. Gibraltar 1898 ½p, 2 cts.; 1p, 4 cts.; 2p, 6 cts.; 2½p, 7 cts.; the four, 18 cts. All mint state. H. MOELLER, 264 12th St., Portland, Oregon. [15]

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U. S. 1898 Doc. 1c to \$1.00, including 40c, 10 varieties, to Sets 90c. \$1.00 Doc., per 100 \$1.00. 100 varieties U. S. postage, \$1.00. Correspondence invited with dealers who want bargains. CHAMBERS STAMP CO., 34 Park Row, New York City.

12c Continental Print, unused, \$3.50. 24c Declaration of Independence, \$3.25. \$4.00 Columbian, used, \$2.75, extra fine. W. WEBER, Orgazist, "Sacred Heart" Church, Buffalo, N. Y.

Wanted: 6c, 8c and 10c Canada Four-Leaf and Numerals. State quantity and lowest cash price. H. C. YOUNG, Box 1448, Providence, R. I.

Have you seen my approval books? 60% discount. References required. Good stamps wanted in exchange, or for spot cash. E. A. Osborne, Jamaica, N. Y. [14]

I have money to loan on good stamps and stamp collections. H. G. SMITH, (Treas. A. P. A.), Winona, Minn. [41c]

The Editor's Shears.

GOVERNMENTS AS STAMP DEALERS.

We anticipate an indignant outcry, not only in America, but also in Britain and on the Continent, as a consequence of the scandal that has been brought to light in connection with the sale of the so-called "remainders" of the American Newspaper and Periodical Stamps. These remainders, as we announced in our last number, and as we more exactly demonstrate in an article in this issue, consist very largely of reprints—sheer, out-and-out reprints. In other words, the Government of the United States, finding that it could not make up the 50,000 complete sets of these stamps which had been announced for sale to collectors, resorted to reprinting in order to furnish the requisite quantity. Therein a grave mistake was made; a mistake that stamp collectors will neither forget nor forgive.

When the original announcement was made that sets of these stamps would be obtainable at five dollars (£1) per set, there was a distinct implication, if not a direct promise, that purchasers of the sets would obtain at a merely nominal price the remaining specimens of the original stamps—stamps which had hitherto been obtainable only by surreptitious means. Now all that is changed. It is known that a large percentage of the stamps (and this applies more especially to the coveted high values) are mere reprints, little better in our opinion, than the avowed facsimilies of these stamps supplied some years ago by a German philatelic firm. A purchaser of a set of these stamps has to take a sportman's chance whether he gets the real remainders or the reprints; and there are reasons which point to the odds being heavily against his getting the genuine article.

Buyers in this country and on the continent must go to a middleman for their supplies; in fact, many will doubtless be thinking of ordering sets from a leading continental firm now largely advertising these labels at 30 sh. the series. And what dealer is likely to part with the genuine remainders (easily distinguishable, we believe, from the reprints) when he has a stock of the reprinted stamps which, in his opinion, will "do quite as well?" We advise our readers to give these stamps a wide berth, and to those who have already ordered sets we say: Get your money returned without delay! The firm we have alluded to are advertising the stamps as "guaranteed original." Guaranteed by whom? It may be urged on their behalf that the stamps are (presumably) guaranteed original by the American Government; but that plea will be of no avail against the claim of a customer who has been supplied with reprints in lieu of genuine originals.

The whole affair sheds an unpleasant

light on the question of Government stamp dealing. The American Government of course should never have descended to this paltry "deal," for what is £50,000 in the coffers of a powerful Administration? A mere nothing. But having offered to supply these stamps to collectors "Uncle Sam" should have done the straight thing. He should have said: "Here's what I've got, and I want a quarter of a million dollars for the parcel!" The money would have been forthcoming promptly enough, and we should have been spared a spectacle worthy rather of Montenegro than of the United States of America. To bring the matter home to the minds of our readers with full weight let us ask them this; what would be thought here did St. Martin's-le-Grand attempt to raise £50,000 by stamp dealing, and stamp dealing of such a nature as to make our postal administrators technically guilty of obtaining money by false pretences.—*Editorial Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly.*

Contrary to other reports not all the denominations of the current Hungarian postage stamps have appeared with the new watermark. Several of the values have not even been printed as yet, namely the 8 kr., the 1 and 3 florins, there being a large stock on hand which must first be used up before the new paper will be used in printing these values.—*The Philatelic Monthly.*

THE CONNELL AGAIN.

The following contribution towards the history of a much-disputed issue is sent us by a correspondent who obtained it direct from a personal acquaintance of Mr. Connell:

"A number of years ago I was in Woodstock, where Mr. Connell lived, and knew him well. On asking him about the celebrated 'Connell' Stamp, he told me that what he felt most keenly about the affair was the charge of vanity urged against him. His explanation was, as well as I can remember, that it was necessary, as New Brunswick had followed Canada in adopting the decimal system, to change the designations of the New Brunswick postage stamps. As Postmaster-General, he had to carry out the change. He accordingly went to the United States to make the necessary arrangements. There were several denominations of stamps, and the design for each had been settled excepting that for the 5 cents stamp. Being obliged to return unexpectedly to New Brunswick before that design had been agreed upon, he urged the designer to give him something definite about it. The artist said if the matter was left to him he would let the Postmaster-General have something that he thought would please the people. Mr. Connell, in 'a moment of weakness,' agreed to the proposal, and left for home. When the first

consignment of stamps arrived he was more surprised than anyone else to find that the stamp bore his own likeness. He had not time to change the design, so let it go. The day for the first issue came, and with it a storm of popular wrath, which the Premier of the day allayed by the only course open to him, viz., by requesting and obtaining Mr. Connell's resignation.

"While Mr. Connell was giving me this version of the trouble we were walking in front of his house. He said, 'I have the stamps here, for I felt that it was only right that I should pay for them out of my own pocket.' Taking me into a room, he showed me a great pile of the stamps, and said, 'I am going to burn them.' Thinking that a souvenir would be a good thing to have, I asked him if he would let me have a few. He at once acceded to my request, and I put some of them into my pocket-book. Soon after I learned that he had destroyed his little 'Klondike.'

"I understood from him that very few of these stamps passed under the official stamp, but how many I do not recollect. The stamps I received from Mr. Connell I parted with about 1877 to an English collector."—*S. G. Monthly Journal.*

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 of the door 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 24 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 of stamps advertised, for the demand is such that it is not necessary to resort to such measures. Besides the regular letter stamp which I have spoken of, there is a special delivery stamp which comes at 10 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 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 tomorrow. Perhaps you will need some stamps by that time. We strive to please. Good morning, ma'am."—*Judge.*

A promising postage stamp as concerns rarity is the 8 mills de peso, bistre, of Porto Rico of 1890. This stamp which is quoted fifty cents in the last edition of Scott's Catalogue and only about half of that amount in European price lists has become quite scarce within the last few months. It is reported that only a short time ago a Porto Rican collector offered a stamp dealer in Porto Rico 400 pesetas (\$80) for a block of four of these stamps, but the merchant considering the offer insufficient kept his block.—*Philatelic Monthly and World.*

THE RUSSIFICATION OF FINLAND.

We are indebted to Messrs. Whitfield King & Co., for the following translation from *Hufvudstadsbladet*, of Helsingfors, of an article dealing with the subject of the substitution of ordinary Russian stamps for those specially marked for use in Finland.

"As stated below, the Russian Minister of the interior has decreed in a despatch received here, that the Russian postage stamps provided with circles which at present are used in Finland, shall, as soon as the stock of the same has come to an end, be abolished and replaced by the corresponding Russian stamps (those used in the Empire). As the reason for this alteration it is stated in the despatch, that now, since 'the Finnish and Russian monetary conditions have become stable,' it is unnecessary to have special Russian postage stamps for use in Finland.

"The present order for the use of postage stamps was introduced through a Postal Manifesto of the year 1890. It was then decreed, that the Finnish stamps were to be used as before for correspondence in the country and abroad. For correspondence to Russia, special Russian stamps provided with circles were introduced which in this case were obligatory. These stamps would also have currency within the boundaries of Finland.

"By the last decree of the Russian Minister of the interior, such alteration will take place in these conditions, that the edi-

tion of the Russian stamps provided with circles will be replaced by the ordinary Russian stamps, which will also have legal currency in Finland, together with the Finnish stamps.

"As a reason for a special edition of Russian stamps for Finland being introduced in 1890, it was adduced from Russian quarters that the fluctuations of the rate of exchange of the Rouble, made a control of the Russian stamps, which were sold to Finland, necessary. As a gold standard has been practically introduced into Russia, such control is no longer considered necessary. Hence the last alteration.

"For Finland, this alteration will be of no great practical consequence. The present Finnish stamps, in penni, will be retained for correspondence in the country and abroad. Russian stamps are used as a rule only for correspondence to Russia.

There is reason to believe that the 'postal question' which at one time was much agitated and has contributed to keep people in uneasiness, has been solved by the above reform."

Reading the foregoing, one would imagine the change to be a very happy and welcome reform; but we must remember that no newspaper published in the Czar's dominions would dare to criticise. It is known that the next "reform" will be the abolition of the Finnish stamps for external postage; and that will be a long step towards the end of the Finns as a separate people.—*Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly.*

There is but one post office on the Marshall Islands Archipelago, Jaluit. This explains, why 3 and 25 pf. stamps are entirely superfluous. As a matter of fact only the 10 and 20 pf. stamps have ever been seen used, and it is not known definitely whether the 5 and 50 pf. have ever reached the Islands. Since the Spanish-American conflict the former mail route from Ponape (Carolines) has ceased to exist and Jaluit has now only irregular and occasional steamer connection with Sidney. There is only one steamer every two months between Jaluit and German New Guinea.—*Philatelic Monthly and World.*

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The 295th regular meeting was called to order at 8.20 p. m. April 6th, 1899, with Mr. C. E. Severn, President, in the chair. Present: Messrs. C. E. Severn, Massoth, Schlieckert, Wolsieffer, Smack, Michaels, Pierce, Oesch and Doncyson.

Visitor present: Mr. Arndt.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

The Fraud Committee reported progress. The Amendment Committee reported that the following amendment was passed at the 219th regular meeting held February 6th, 1896.

Amendment to Article III., Section 1, of the Constitution: "No application for Passive membership shall be received from any person residing in Cook County, Illinois. No Active member residing in Cook County, Ill., shall have his membership changed to Passive.

Room Committee had no report to make. Motion prevailed that the securing of a room be referred to the Governing Board.

Librarian Smack reported that the Chicago Public Library had taken possession of our Library and installed same in their Reference Room.

Letter from Mr. E. B. Sterling (Honorary member No. 27) was read and returned to Mr. Severn as the epistle was addressed to him.

Motion prevailed that a vote of thanks be given to Mr. Sterling for his offer of further donations.

After recess the Governing Board made following report: That the Secretary had been instructed to write Mr. W. B. Hartman (No. 449) that owing to an amendment passed at the 219th regular meeting, we are unable to change his membership from Active to Passive.

Arrangements have been made to remain at our present quarters for the balance of 1899.

The following named members were suspended for non-payment of dues (as per motion passed at the 293rd regular meeting) viz:

Mr. F. Grund, No. 421.
" P. E. Stevens, No. 426.
" N. E. Carter, " 388.
" R. Benkhe, No. 405
" H. D. Ruchleman, No. 431.
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" E. W. Sanerburg, No. 455.
Resigned as January 1st, 1899:
Mr. E. Doeblin, No. 284.
" C. W. Griffing, No. 390.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9.50 p. m.

S. T. S. DONCYSON, Sec'y.

The 206th regular meeting was called to order at 8.30 p. m., April 20th, 1899, with Mr. C. E. Severn, President, in the chair.

Present: Messrs. C. E. Severn, Wolsieffer, Schlieckert, Massoth, Oesch, Smack, Mikolasek, Michaels and Doncyson.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

The Fraud Committee reported that all complaints had been adjusted except the Cohen case, which was being attended to by Dr. Cottlow.

There being no further business, the evening was spent in viewing a magnificent collection of Proofs and Essays, which will be sold at auction by Mr. P. M. Wolsieffer some time in May.

S. T. S. DONCYSON, Sec'y.

Easy Countries for Beginners.

THE COOK ISLANDS.

The Archipelago known as "the Cook Islands Federation" takes its name from the valorous Captain Cook, navigator. But if all accounts of the thriving postage stamp business of the islands be true the Cook Islands' patron saint is Philatelia. 'Tis said that no inconsiderable portion of the revenue of the Islands is derived from the sale of their postage stamps to collectors, and this may well be true. However, as only seventeen varieties of Cook Islands stamps are listed in the catalogues it cannot be said that the authorities have been over grasping.

Of all unbeautiful stamps, those representing the first (1892) issue of Cook Islands are easily first. There is little to choose between these bald and uninteresting type-set labels and the little gummed tickets which a draper dabs on his stock-boxes. Of the two, perhaps the draper's ticket is the more artistic. However, the stamps served their purpose—they were postage stamps; they bore the name of the group, "Cook Islands Federation," the word "postage" and also the value; and from a utilitarian point of view, what more could be desired? These crude labels not only prepaid the somewhat limited mail of the Cook Islands; they did more—they opened the eyes of the Cook Islanders to the fact that there were thousands upon thousands of persons known as Philatelists, who were ready and willing to purchase unused postage stamps at their full face value, asking no postal service in return. Consequently in 1893, just a year later, appeared a second set of Cook Islands stamps, this time of a more ambitious design, and watermarked "N Z and Star," as a compliment to the Cook Islanders' big neighbour, New Zealand. With the values comprised in this issue—1d., 1½d., 2½d., 5d. and 10d.—the Islanders were content until last year, when 2d., 6d. and 1s. values were issued, the design this time representing a bird in flight.

Of the first Cook Islands stamps, the ugly type-set labels already referred to, there are two distinct varieties of paper, buff and white, and of these, if there is anything to choose the white paper stamps are the scarcer. Certainly the 2½d. blue and the 10d. carmine are worth more on the white paper than on the buff. Catalogue quotations for some of the Cook Islands stamps are however, to be taken with a grain of salt. To pay too high a premium on the face value of any of these stamps, obsolete or current, would be to put one's money into a somewhat uncertain investment. The total face value of the seventeen Cook Islands stamps is, roughly, 6s., whereas the price of an unused set as per one of the latest catalogues, aggregates nearly £2.

My advice to young collectors in regard to such stamps as these is to pick up specimens cheaply as opportunity offers. One should be able to attain completion in Cook Island for an outlay of not more than ten shillings.

ROMAGNA.

"Where is Romagna?" many a young collector has been heard to ask. The haziest ideas as to the locality of this "country" have been held by philatelists well out of their teens. "Thurn and Taxis" is another well known instance of the same uncertainty, for only within the past few years have the great body of stamp collectors learned that the stamps so marked were issued by the princely family of Thurn and Taxis, who for so many years enjoyed the postal monopoly of certain parts of Germany. "Romagna," as a geographical expression, no longer possesses the slightest significance; you may search for it in vain on your maps of Italy. To be strictly accurate we should say "*The Romagna*." As Mr. Westoby tells us in his "Postage Stamps of Europe," the Romagna was the name given to the provinces of Bologna, Ferrara, Forli, and Ravenna, which before 1859 formed part of the Papal or Pontifical States. On the departure of the Austrian troops from Bologna on 12th June, 1859, a provisional Government was at once nominated by the Municipality, and on 6th Aug. following Colonel Cipriani was elected Governor of "The Romagna." The stamps then in use in the provinces were those of the Pontifical States (called in some albums and catalogues, "Papal States," "Roman States," or "States of the Church,") but the stock in hand was small, and the Post Office at Bologna was soon compelled to borrow from other States while measures were being taken to provide temporary stamps. On 30th Aug. 1859, Colonel Cipriani issued a decree abolishing and declaring invalid all stamps bearing the Pontifical Arms, and announcing that new stamps would be issued on the following day, with the legend in a frame of "FRANCO BOLLO POSTALE ROMAGNE," and the value in bajocchi in the centre. The currency adopted was the same as was then in use in the Pontifical States, 100 bajocchi making 1 scudo, of the value of about 4s. 2d. English; a bajocchi, being therefore equivalent to one halfpenny.

There are but nine stamps of the Romagna, the values and colours being as follows:

- ¼ baj., straw-colour.
- 1 baj., dark grey.
- 2 baj., yellow.
- 3 baj., dark green.
- 4 baj., russet.
- 5 baj., reddish-violet.
- 6 baj., yellow-green.
- 8 baj., rose.
- 20 baj., light blue.

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The doubt that once existed as to whether the 6 bajocchi stamp was ever issued has long since been cleared up by the discovery of undoubtedly genuine copies, used, on the original envelopes.

At various times the philatelic market has been flooded with so called "reprints" of these stamps; but for the most part these reprints are to all intents and purposes mere imitations, made from "doctored" electrotypes by a Hamburg speculator. At an early date I hope to show you how you may easily distinguish between the genuine Romagna and the false.—*Stamps*.

Correspondence.

[The editor wishes it distinctly understood that he does not hold himself responsible for assertions made under this head, nor does he necessarily sanction any ideas or opinions expressed. All are invited to contribute to this department, with the above understanding, and all communications deemed suitable or of interest to our readers will be published.]

ZOAR, MASS., April 22, 1899.

MR. W. W. JEWETT.

Dear Sir: Thinking that it might interest you, I enclose a stamp with a new cancellation. This specimen came from Elkart, Ind.

If this is the beginning of a reform in third and fourth class mail cancellations, collectors have more cause to rejoice than they had over the recent decision of the government to allow them to pay five dollars for a set of reprints.

But seriously, some of the cancelling stamps used on packages and third class mail of any kind, are enough to discourage any but a very enthusiastic philatelist, or perhaps make him resolve to collect only unused. In the latter case it would be profitable to the government to retain them, but please don't give them the "tip" for fear they would take it.

Yours fraternally,

LEON E. TRUESDELL.

The cancellation marks referred to by Mr. Truesdell consist of very light parallel lines, about six to an inch, and were apparently applied by a set of revolving wheels similar to those used in the third class department of some post offices.—ED.

Philatelic Press Review.

By WM. C. STONE.

- All Around Philatelist, Vol. I. No. 2.
- Canadian Philatelic Review, Vol. IV. No. 6 (24).
- Illustriertes Briefmarken Journal, Vol. XXVI. No. 8.
- London Philatelist, Vol. VIII. (88).
- Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News, Vol. XIII. No. 19 (436).
- Metropolitan Philatelist, Vol. XI. No. 6.
- Philatelic Advocate, Vol. VI. No. 5(33).
- Philatelic Bulletin, Vol. II. No. 8 (20).
- Philatiste Francais, Vol. III. (62).
- Stamp Collectors Journal, Vol. XXI. (246).
- Stamp Reporter, Vol. I. Nos. 4, 5.
- Stamp Talk, Vol. I. No. 6.
- Stamps (Rushden), Vol. III. No. 4.
- Stamp Tribune, Vol. I. No. 5.

The All Around Philatelist publishes as its leading article an essay by C. H. Mekeel entitled: "Why Do You Collect Stamps?" There is no mention however of the fact that the article is taken from the Brooklyn number of the Weekly Stamp News, although in another part of the magazine the fact is mentioned among the "Press Reviews." The revenue department is decidedly slim as far as its United States notes go, but the Canadian part contains one or two items of interest.

The Canadian Philatelic Review is dreadfully slim this issue. A poem entitled "Conceit," about a little dog who scared the moon by barking at it, occupies the place of honor, and the only long article is a dialect letter by Heinrich Schiefel. For goodness sake do give us some news once in a while and not fill up your pages with such rot. All the real stamp news in the entire Canadian philatelic press for a month would not fill one page of the ERA.

The London Philatelist is full of good things this month. The "Young Collector" is the subject of the leading editorial and Rudolf Meyer has a good article on "Speculative Issues" although I do not agree with him in all his arguments. Thos. Hall continuing his notes on Colombian Republic stamps quotes in full some very valuable official documents concerning the Cauca stamps of the early issues. In the Chronicle is a translation from a Finnish newspaper which explains the present status of the Russian and Finnish stamps.

The Philatelic Advocate contains some very good matter this month. There is an interesting sketch of Alfonso XIII. and H. A. Chapman writes on the "Collecting of Stamps." The reasons for the issue of cer-

tain values of Canadian stamps is one of the best things in the number. Such information is of value and we cannot have too much of it.

Only a few weeks since I queried whether anyone would be bold enough to attempt to price the list of the hundred rarest stamps which has been going the rounds of the papers of late. And now my good friend and neighbor H. A. Chapman attempts to do this same in the Philatelic Bulletin with the aid of the "Standard" (?) catalogue. While there are many blanks in the article in consequence of no prices being given, it is well worth preserving, if for no other reason than to show to folks who do not think stamps are worth anything. I should have preferred seeing the list given in tabular form like the original, as it would have been handier for reference. It will be continued next month.

The Compte d'Assche has a very interesting and valuable article in the last Philatiste Francais dealing with minor varieties in the Belgian stamps. Belgium is a model country for a collector of moderate means to specialize in, and all such will welcome this article. I trust it will be considered worthy of translation by some of our own papers. The other features of the magazine are the articles by John Luff and the one on the stamps of Holland.

"His Whiskers" Lewis Robie tells us in the current number of Stamp Talk how he came to be pulled in by a United States Marshal, Post Office Inspector, etc., etc. at Kansas City for trying to help Uncle Sam dispose of his reprinted remainders of Periodical stamps. Better stick to Revenues, Robie! The article is given as one of a series continuing "Stamp Hunting." The International Philatelist has been incorporated with Stamp Talk.

The Newfoundland Revenues are illustrated in Stamps and a full list given of the values and colors. As they may be of interest to the ERA readers I reproduce the list here.

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WHOLE No. 314.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Washington Notes.

Wednesday, May 17th.

Stamp news is at a decided premium just at present. Business however is very good as reported by the various dealers here. Mr. Wm. B. Hale of Williamsville, Mass., has been in town for the past two days and he has called upon the local dealers as well as some of the collectors. I understand that he is going to leave today for Richmond, Va. I think there is nothing new in the stamp line as to our various colonies. You can never tell however when the Department here will make up their minds to order new stamps and envelopes for our new possessions, as it seems to strike them by fits and jerks.

Mr. J. M. Bartels of this city is the possessor of an interesting specimen of the Red Horseman Carrier stamp, in which a portion of the adjoining stamp was printed over the other to the right side to the extent of about 2mm.

All of the local dealers are arranging their stocks in the Krassa stock books. They are by far the finest stock books I have ever seen, and I understand that it is impossible for the publisher to fill orders as promptly as he would desire, on account of the great demand for the books.

The number of journals advocating our hobby that have disappeared in the last few months is surprising. Among these "has-beens" I can recall at present *The Boston Stamp Book*, *The Texan Philatelist*, *The National Philatelist*, the two Canadian weeklies, *The International Philatelist*, *The Michigan Philatelist*, Dodge's three monthlies, and numerous others, but as fast as they go out we seem to get new ones in their places, which are printed better, on better paper, contain better articles and have better prospects. Among these we can mention *The Stamp Tribune*, *The Stamp Exchange*, *The Nebraska Philatelist*, *Stamps* (New York), *The All Around Philatelist*, *Stamp Talk*, *The Mississippi Valley Philatelist*, and *Stampic America*. We hope the kind philatelic public will appreciate these and subscribe for them all for the future good of the brotherhood — *The Stamp Exchange*.

Bilateral Press Review.

BY WM. C. STONE.

- American Journal of Philately*, Vol. XII. No. 5.
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Madrid Filatelico, Vol. III. No. 29, April.
Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News, Vol. XIII. No. 20 (437).
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New York Philatelist, Vol. VI. No. 2.
Philatelic Chronicle, Vol. VIII. No. 7, April.
Philatelic Monthly, Vol. XXV. No. 5, (293).
Revista Philatelica do Brasil, Vol. IV. No. 3, March.
Revue Philatelique Francaise, Vol. X. (101), April.
Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly, Vol. V. (120), April.
Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal, Vol. IX. No. 106, April.
Timbre Poste, Vol. XXXVII. (437).
Virginia Philatelist, Vol. II. No. 9.

The list of Confederate provisionals in the *American Journal of Philately* shows an increase in the number of places issuing these stamps amounting to ten, beyond what appeared in the last edition of the Catalogue, and with part of the list still to appear, the present installment ending with Mobile.

The reprints and re-issues of the United States stamps are the subjects treated by Mr. Luff in his History, and some mighty interesting news is found in the figures showing how many of each value were printed, and how many were actually sold. Of the regular issues 4779 5-cent and 3883 10-cent of the 1847 issue were sold, while of the 1869 set some 1356 of the 90-cent were sold and somewhat larger quantities of the other values, the 1-cent being the largest, 8252. Of the 1857, 1861 and 1870 issues, only a few hundred sets were sold, probably not over 170 of the latter and about 450 of the former.

Mr. Jewett last week reprinted the most interesting bit of news in the *Australian Philatelist*, describing the proposed new issue for Tasmania. Another good article is that which gives in parallel columns the prices according to Gibbons, Bright, and the colonial value of certain Australian stamps. It does not necessarily follow however, that the country where a stamp is issued is the proper place to get an estimate of its market value. Certain stamps are more apt to be common in foreign lands than in the country of their origin. This is particularly true of used stamps of the older issues. The 5-cent United States of the 1851-7 was probably used more largely in the Canadian mails than at home where the rate was three cents. Probably more could be found on old letters in Halifax than could be in Boston.

Buenos Aires Filatelico is a weekly publication devoted to philately and literature. It is of course printed in the Spanish language and is quite a newsy looking sheet. I hope to see it often.

Hugo Kroetzsch writes of the "Stamps of Bundi" in the *Deutsche Briefmarken Zeitung* and gives full particulars concerning all the varieties. The inscriptions are translated and illustrations are given of all the various types and printings. It is a very valuable article and ought to be translated as a companion piece to the series by Major Evans now appearing in the *Monthly Journal*.

Some enlarged illustrations show the distinctions between the genuine and forged Egyptian officials. The forgery department is one of the strong points of this paper.

Collectors of philatelic literature in particular, and all reading philatelists, will be interested in the communication from H. E. Deats in *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News* giving a brief list of early stamp papers. The *Monthly Intelligencer* was the first paper issued. It was published in Manchester, England, and came out in September, 1862. *Le Timbre Poste*, which is still published, was the first paper in the French language, appearing at Brussels in January, 1863. It is consequently our oldest journal. The first German paper was the *Magazin fur Briefmarkensammler*, May, 1863. The first American paper was the *Stamp Collector's Record* which was

issued in Montreal in February, 1864, by S. Allen Taylor. It was removed to Albany, N. Y., in December, 1864, and was also the first stamp paper in the United States.

A novelty in advertising matters was introduced in the last *Metropolitan Philatelist* when some 150 or more dealers announced in two-line "ads" what they considered their greatest bargains, there being no charge made for the advertisement.

The *Revista Philatelica do Brazil* contains among other interesting things half tone illustrations of the original and re-issued surcharge on the 50 reis Jornaes stamp.

William Corfield has commenced a series of articles on the Telegraph stamps of India in the *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly* which promises to be of great value to collectors of such stamps. If telegraph stamps were listed in our catalogues as they surely ought to be there would be more that would collect them. They are certainly more interesting than the postally used revenues which fill several pages of our catalogues and which in the case of at least one Australian colony are almost entirely used in the telegraph service.

"The First Stamps of Haiti" form the subject of a very exhaustive paper in *Le Timbre Poste* which should satisfy the longings of the most earnest searcher after varieties and shades. It is fully illustrated and is to be followed in the next issue by another chapter at least. Where known, the quantities issued are stated.

The article on the "Stamps of Japan" in the *Virginia Philatelist* contains a summary of what varieties have been seen of the "San ko" imitations. Unless a collector is pretty well up in his reading he is quite apt to get sold by some of these frauds which are quite deceptive in some cases. I wish the publishers of the *Virginia Philatelist* could have struck off copies of this series of articles in pamphlet form for the benefit of our younger collectors. It would have made a valuable little handbook.

EXCHANGES.

One notice is allowed each subscriber free if sent with his remittance, extra notices will be inserted at the uniform price of 10 cents each insertion. Non-subscribers 15 cents each insertion. Positively cash with notices. All notices must be low exchange and limited to thirty words, exclusive of the address, and must be written on a separate piece of paper. Notices offering articles for sale for cash, or offering to purchase for cash cannot be inserted here as they do not come under this head.

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I have a new Mandolin and new Guitar, taken for debt, that I would like to trade for a good collection of stamps. J. M. Hubbard, Rochester, N. H. [14]

Exchange desired with collectors. I have stamps cat. 5c to \$1.50 each; send sheets U. S. and foreign and receive mine. E. Bull, Jr., Care Union Bank, New London, Conn. [14]

I want a double barrel shot-gun, repeating rifle or a moving picture machine, in exchange for good stamps from sheets. James A. Anderzen, Loomis, Nebr. [14]

Wanted: Correspondents in Canada, Newfoundland and other countries; will exchange U. S. stamps for such countries. Would like Canada's stamps of all kind. A. W. Clough, Beach Bluff, Mass. [14]

Imperforate pairs of United States and Foreign stamps wanted, will give good exchange from approval books for any sent me. J. F. Johnson, 5 Cedar St., Boston, (Roxbury), Mass. [90tc]

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I wish to buy a number of good stamp collections especially Match and Medicine. H. G. SMITH, (Treas. A. P. A.), Winona, Minn. [4tc]

Highest cash price paid for stamps in lots. Send lists and offers. F. P. VINCENT, L. Box 56, Chatham, N. Y. [26]

Wanted for reconstructing sheets of Great Britain in lots of 50 or more: 3d spray of rose, 3/4d claret orb, ad blue 1856, also 1/4d red 1870. State what you have and price to LOUIS M. MIER, Rutherford, N. J. [17]

U.S. Revs. 1898: 25c Doc., 15c per 10; \$1 Doc., 20c per 10; \$3 Doc., 35c per 3; \$1.10 per 10. CARL YOUNG, 112 N. 5th St., Phila., Pa. [14]

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Have you seen my approval books? 60% discount. References required. Good stamps wanted in exchange, or for spot cash. E. A. Osborne, Jamaica, N. Y. [14]

I have money to loan on good stamps and stamp collections. H. G. SMITH, (Treas. A. P. A.), Winona, Minn. [4tc]

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Secretary's Report.

In accordance with the notice of the Board of Trustees, published in the Official Journal of the 29th ulto., the following members are dropped from the rolls of the Association for non-payment of dues: Nos. 2, 9, 19, 50, 68, 83, 100, 105, 108, 109.

Nominations are now in order for the various officers to be elected at the annual meeting in June. I trust that members will respond generally to my Circular Letter of 12th inst., regarding this matter.

LEVI A. JUDKINS,

Secretary.

The Collectors Club.

351 Fourth Ave., New York.

Fortieth meeting of the Board of Governors held at the Club House May 8, 1899.

Called to order at 8.15 p. m. by President Thorne, the following Governors being present: Messrs. Bruner, Calman, Luff, Scott, Stebbins and the Secretary.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Secretary read a letter from Mr. D. H. Bacon which was laid on the table and the resignation of Mr. F. A. Perozo which was accepted with regret.

The Secretary also read some correspondence from Mr. Henry C. Lawrence, who had been obliged through ill health to travel abroad. His resignation was accepted with regret and his gift to the Club of his share of stock was accepted with thanks and with the Governors' best wishes for the restoration of his health.

The Treasurer read his report, which was accepted, showing a cash balance of \$401.82 in bank.

The following names were stricken from the rolls for non payment of dues:

Max Meyenberg, a stockholder.
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The Chairman of House Committee read his report, which was accepted.

The reinstatement of Mr. McCoy S. King as a subscribing member was accepted. Adjourned at 8.55 p. m.

J. M. ANDREINI, Secretary.

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The 86th regular meeting was held Tuesday evening, May 17, 1899, President Woodward in the chair and twenty-two members and several visitors present.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Two applications for membership were received and posted.

The Secretary, upon behalf of the Committee upon a Reference List of United States Revenue Stamps, reported that the manuscript was practically ready for the press; that estimates for its publication had been received and that the work would be published early in the coming autumn.

Upon motion Messrs. A. W. Batchelder, F. P. Brown and the Secretary were appointed as a Subscription Committee; their duties being to take the necessary steps to bring the work to the attention of the public, to secure subscriptions to the same, etc.

An appropriation was voted to the Revenue Committee with which to defray the remainder of the preliminary expenses incident to the preparation of the manuscript and the said Committee were duly authorized to act as Publication Committee.

These motions brought out considerable discussion and several advance orders for the work were booked.

Mr. Rothfuchs presented the final report of the April Entertainment Committee, which was adopted, and the chair appointed Messrs. W. D. King, Linton and Corbett to act in that capacity for the June meeting.

A recess was taken at 9.10 during which an interesting graphophone entertainment was given. This was followed by the exhibition of the beautiful collection of Canadian Revenue stamps belonging to Mr. F. P. Richardson, of Salem, Mass., and of the almost complete collection of the stamps of the Chinese Treaty Ports, the latter being the property of Mr. W. C. Eaton, U. S. N. Both collections were remarkable not only for their completeness, but for the unusually fine and brilliant condition of the stamps composing them, and the exhibit was greatly enjoyed and admired by all present.

The meeting reconvened at 9.50 o'clock and upon motion it was unanimously voted that the Society tender a vote of thanks to Mr. Eaton for his kindness in sending his collection from Newport News, Va., where he is now stationed, for the inspection of the Society.

A very successful informal auction sale was then held and the meeting adjourned at 10.20.

GEO. L. TOPPAN,
Secretary.

REPORT OF THE SALES DEPARTMENT.

GEORGE R. TUTTLE, Superintendent,
87 Nassau St.
NEW YORK CITY, May 13th, 1899.

1,032 books of stamps in circulation according to my report of May 6th, valued at..... \$32,061.88
9 books received since May 6th, valued at..... 298.81
\$32,360.69
52 books retired since May 6th, valued at (from which has been sold \$539.60) \$1,457.14

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SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Applications for Membership.

TUCKER, RALPH W., Box 3276, Boston, Mass.; age, 21; occupation, Stamp Dealer and Publisher. References: Ernest M. Carpenter, Albert W. Batchelder.

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and quantities of U. S. stamps surcharged for use in Guam are forty-five thousand stamps; and the Washington correspondent for *Mekeel's Weekly* states that there are thirty-five thousand. Which one are we to believe?

The *Eastern Philatelist* has, I understand, been sold to Salem parties. As a Boston publication, it was rather short-lived, there having been, I think, nine numbers issued here. I did think it would last longer than that. I gave it on the start one year's existence. But a careful perusal of the last nine numbers would cause any one to wonder that it lived as long as it did. Having in mind the remarks that its editor recently made before a society here, when the question was brought up whether the ERA or the above-mentioned paper should be accepted as official organ, I am surprised that your esteemed contemporary has been sold to other parties. Thus we see again illustrated that saying: "The survival of the fittest."

The stamp business here is very good. There has been a good demand for the reprint of the 58th Catalogue. Many purchasers have felt disappointed because the Supplement was not included in the edition; and it should have been, as 50 cents is a pretty good price to pay for a catalogue that is entirely out of date.

I note the following in the *Herald Exchange*, under "U. S. Notes," by Mr. Cottlow: "It is an interesting fact, that the grill on the 'all over' three-cent 1867, has the 'points' of the grill on the cut surfaces of the paper up; or more properly speaking, showing on the face of the stamp; while all the smaller grills usually have the points down, or showing on the reverse side." Such articles as this, if they are written correctly, are no doubt very interesting and valuable to collectors who are not familiar with grilled stamps. But the above article is very misleading because it implies that the 3c grilled all over only comes points up, when it is a well known fact that both the 3 and 5c grilled all over have been found grilled both ways. A collector would naturally suppose, after reading Mr. Cottlow's article, that a 3c stamp grilled all over from the reverse of his description, must be a counterfeit. Such articles as these do more harm than good.

Mr. E. M. Carpenter, of the New England Stamp Co., sails for Europe about the first of June, on a business trip. He will take with him the magnificent collection of postage stamps of the United States of Colombia, acquired by the late W. P. Curtis, who had unusual facilities for obtaining stamps of that country. The collection is valued at over thirty thousand dol-

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Speaking of the above named stamps, the late Mr. Curtis called upon me one evening about ten years ago, he had in his possession the three stamps of Cauca, of 1882-83; and he had all the documents signed and sealed by officials of that country to substantiate that they were legitimate. They were very crude in appearance, having evidently been made by a rubber hand stamp, with light purple ink on white paper. I did not believe then, nor I do not now think that those stamps were a necessary issue.

Last evening occurred the regular monthly meeting of the Boston Philatelic Society. After the regular meeting a graphophone entertainment and an exhibition of stamps were enjoyed. Mr. Richardson of Salem exhibited part of his collection of Canadian Revenues, and I do not believe that one collector out of ten knows the variety that there is of Canadian Revenue stamps. Many of them were beautiful in design and workmanship. At the close of the exhibition, an informal auction sale was held, at which forty-five lots were disposed of. A record price was obtained for the two late Spanish war tax stamps, which sold for forty cents.

I note that a writer for the ERA, under the head of "Passing Ships," makes several remarks that convey a wrong impression. He states: "The money spent in trying to build up the *Boston Stamp Book*," etc. Now, the above mentioned paper, when it was sold by A. L. Cassino & Co., was on a paying basis. The paper during its first year's existence showed a profit of about seven hundred dollars; and I can remember when the *Eastern Philatelist* was a very interesting and readable paper, and I have no doubt but that it was conducted at a profit. The only reason why these two papers have recently been conducted at a loss is owing chiefly to the management. Either one of them, conducted on strictly business principles, would have paid a profit. Farther on under the same heading, the writer has something to say about auction sales, as follows: "The word auction carries with it the thought of old, second-hand, damaged or worthless goods." The above may be true in some cases, but any collector of rare and valuable books will tell you that about the only means of obtaining them is at auction. There is no doubt but what auction sales of stamps injure the retail business, and, as I have mentioned before, auction sales are becoming to be an outlet of undesirable stock.

S. E. L.

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Postal Union Colors.

EUSTACE B. POWER.

Scarcely a month passes but one reads in philatelic journals that some country has changed the color of one or more of its stamps "to conform with the *Postal Union*."

During the last congress of the Postal Union, held in Washington, it was recommended that each country should print its stamp for foreign postage in *blue*, for inland postage in *red*, and for printed matter in *green*. There was considerable objection raised to this recommendation, the delegates from England being amongst the objectors, and the proposed change did not become a law; it merely passed as a recommendation.

Nevertheless most countries appear to be following out the suggestion and in view of the many changes of color that will probably appear from time to time a list of the various countries already "in line," together with a list of those not yet printing their stamps in Postal Union colors may not be uninteresting.

The following countries now issue their stamps in the regulation colors:

Argentine Rep.,	Austria,
Bahamas,	Barbados.
Bavaria,	Bermuda,
Bosnia,	Br. E. Africa,
Br. Honduras,	Bulgaria,
Cape Good Hope,	Cuba (U. S.),
Cyprus,	Denmark,
Dominican Rep.,	Egypt and Soudan,
Eritrea,	Finland,
Gambia,	Germany & Colonies,
Gibraltar,	Gold Coast,
Greece,	Hungary,
Grenada,	Italy,
Iceland,	Lagos,
Japan,	Luxemburg,
Leeward Isles,	Malta,
Macao,	Montenegro,
Mexico,	Natal,
Morocco Agencies,	Newfoundland,
New South Wales,	Paraguay,
Norway,	Philippine Is. (U.S.),
Peru,	Portugal & Colonies,
Porto Rico (U. S.),	St. Helena,
Russia,	Serbia,
St. Vincent,	Sierra Leone,
Seychelles,	Straits Settlements,
So. African Rep.,	Trinidad,
Sweden,	Turks Isles,
Turkey,	Virgin Isles,
United States,	Wurtemberg,
	West Australia.

The following countries have stamps in issue whose colors do not conform with the plan:

Belgium.	10 centimes is red-brown.
Bechuanaland Prot. on Great Britain.	
Brazil.	300r green and black.
	50r blue.
British Guiana.	2c mauve and orange.
Canada.	2c violet.

Ceylon.	6c on 15c green.
Chili.	10c orange.
Columbian Rep.	10c bistre on rose.
	2c green.
	1c orange on yellow.
Congo.	50c green on black.
	10c blue on black.
	1c brown and black.
Corea.	25p brown carmine.
	10p deep blue.
Cost Rica.	10c green.
	2c yellow.
Danish West Indies.	10c brown and blue.
	3c blue and lake.
	1c gr'n & magenta.
Ecuador.	10c brown.
	2c vermilion.
Falkland Islands.	1p red brown.
Fernando Po.	25c carmine.
	10c brown.
Fiji.	2½p brown.
	1p lilac.
	½p gray.
France & Colonies.	25c black on rose.
	10c bl'k on lavender.
Great Britain.	1p lilac.
	½p vermilion.
Guatemala.	10c red.
	2c brown.
	1c blue.
Hawaii.	5c rose.
	1c yellow.
Hayti.	10c orange.
	3c green.
	2c orange.
Honduras.	1c brown.
India.	1a purple brown.
Jamaica.	1p lilac and violet.
Labuan.	8c rose and black.
	3c bistre and black.
	2c blue and black.
Liberia.	8c brown.
	3c red and green.
	1c violet.
Mauritius.	18c green and ultramarine.
	4c lilac and green.
	2c lilac and orange.
Monaco.	25c green.
	10c brown on yellow.
	5c blue.
Netherlands.	12½c gray.
	5c blue.
	2½c brown violet.
Curacao.	25c blue.
Dutch Indies.	25c red violet.
	2½c yellow.
Surinam.	5c blue.
	2½c carmine.
New Zealand.	½p black.
Nicaragua.	10c purple.
	2c slate.
	1c brown.
North Borneo.	8c lilac and black.
	3c lilac and green.
	1c brown and black.
Orange Free State.	1p violet.
	½p orange.
Persia.	12s rose.
	5s yellow.
	3s violet.
Queensland.	2½p violet on blue.
	1p orange.

Roumania.	25b violet. 5b blue. 3b brown.
St. Lucia.	1p lilac.
Salvador.	13c brown red. 5c green.
San Marino.	25c blue and brown. 10c green. 5c olive.
Sarawak.	8c green. 3c lilac and blue. 1c lilac and slate.
Siam.	12a lilac and carmine. 4a on 12a lilac and carmine.
South Australia.	2½p violet blue. 1p green. ½p brown.
Spain.	10c red brown. 5c ultramarine.
Switzerland.	25c green.
Tasmania.	2½p red violet. ½p orange and violet.
Tunis.	25c black on rose. 10c black on lavender.
Uruguay.	10c red. 2c violet. 1c blue.
Venezuela.	25c magenta. 10c blue. 5c red brown.
Victoria.	2½p carmine on yellow. 1p orange brown. ½p rose.
Zanzibar.	1a black, blue and red.

The following countries issuing stamps have not yet entered the Postal Union according to the latest report of the Post Office Guide:

Abyssinia.
Afghanistan.
British Central Africa.
China.
Cook Islands.
New Hebrides.
Niger Coast.
Rhodesia.
Samoa.
Tonga.
Uganda.

—The Post Office.

The Young Collector.

The question, What would become of the future of Philately if no young collectors were growing up to take the place of those who die off or give up collecting? is one of those interesting problems like, What would have happened if Napoleon had won the battle of Waterloo? about which volumes might be written; and fortunately it seems to be as unnecessary to write volumes about the one question as about the other. Young collectors are springing up around us in most satisfactory abundance, and the problem is, not so much how to increase their numbers, as how those of us who have had some experience in Philately can best make what we

have learnt available for the assistance of our younger brethren. The perusal of a recent number of the *Camberley School Magazine* has brought vividly before us the vast difference between the conditions under which the "beginner" makes his start in the present day, and those which prevailed when we began, many years ago—a difference so great as to render our experiences of but little service to the present generation. We had the advantage, it is true, of having but a few hundred varieties (as varieties were reckoned then) to obtain, but, on the other hand, we had no catalogues even of those varieties, and dealers' Price Lists (few and far between) were, what we are inclined to think they should be still, lists of what the dealers had in stock, with the prices at which they would supply the stamps so long as the stock lasted. We were not "Philatelists" any more than we were "Philosemeiotiscomistographists," since neither of those appropriate words had then been invented. We were Stamp Collectors simply, and we walked in darkness, ever desiring more light and more stamps to collect. We did not ask for works of art, we did not care whether our stamps were pretty or not, we did not even care—some of us—whether they were really stamps or not; anything that looked like a stamp went in, and an Essay was a thing to be gloated over. In one respect we were perhaps more advanced than the majority of collectors of 1899; we all collected in *blank* albums, for the simple reason that there were no others. Things are rather different now. It is possible that the beginner still longs for more stamps to collect, but that is partly because he knows no better, and partly because the older stamps are becoming more and more difficult to get. There is the same good old acquisitiveness, without which there would be no collectors at all, the desire for numbers, the ambition to have a larger collection than the other chaps, because the size of the collection appeals to the outsider, who is as yet in the majority; but we believe the ideas of of rarity and value (the latter, perhaps, too often in connection with subsequent realisation) are coming to the front, and it is certainly a healthy sign when the young collector endeavours not only to fill as far as possible the pages of his album, but to fill them with good specimens and with stamps that it is little trouble to get.

In the matter of Catalogues and Albums, the difficulty of the present day is that of an *embarras de richesses*, the albums being so numerous that it is hard to choose between them, and the catalogues so full of detail as to be a puzzle to the beginner, rather than an aid. We have, it is true, seen a complaint that the *Imperial Album* is not sufficiently advanced for one of our collectors who still thinks himself unable to arrange his stamps without the help of printed spaces, but that must be due to an excess of modesty. A collector who goes

in for minor varieties to any beyond the most limited extent can only collect in a blank album; his catalogue will show him what there is to be collected, and he can surely arrange his stamps in accordance with the catalogue without requiring numbered spaces to show him where to put each specimen. What is really wanted, in our opinion, by the beginner is a classified catalogue, including, or at least indicating, every possible variety, but at the same time separating the more important from these that are less so; giving, first, lists as we might say of the *stamps* in their various designs, colours, and values, as recognised by the post offices (to go back to the most elementary principles), followed by lists of the varieties recognised by philatelists, and these varieties further classified, as far as can be done, according to their relative importance from a scientific point of view. Thus the beginner would be taught how to begin, and at the same time would have before his eyes the road that he might pursue if he desires to become a philatelist. Such a catalogue need not be a priced list, but we see no reason why it should not be. At the present day the only general catalogues are those published by dealers, and the only catalogues for which there is any really large demand are those that are *priced*; and after all there is no readier or clearer means of indicating the relative rarity of *varieties* of the same stamp than by careful pricing. The relative rarity of *different* stamps is another point altogether.

The young collector, we are glad to see, receives due encouragement at *Camberley*; the *School Magazine* contains numerous allusions to Philately, which we gather was the favourite subject for study during last term, and we see that volumes of the *Imperial Album* figure among the prizes at the sports. *O pueri philosemeiotiscomistographici fortunati nimium!*—Editorially in *Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal*.

The Editor's Spears.

We learn on good authority that, until a few months ago, sets of the high value Duty stamps [of Victoria] were obtainable at the Post Office, duly *postmarked*, at £5 per set. It has, however, recently been decided that such sets are in future to be marked "Specimen." They won't sell like that!—*S. G. Monthly Journal*.

It transpires that the postal authorities of Turkey recently opened a competition for a new design for their postage stamps. Among the numerous proposals submitted the one designed by Nazim Effendi, a civil functionary of the Seraskierate was unanimously selected and being submitted to the Sultan, was equally approved by him. The young, successful official was given a furlough from his official duties in the Ministry in order to prepare the designs for the new plates and to superintend the obtaining of essays and proofs. The nature of the design has not as yet been given out.—*Philatelic Monthly*.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

**Cottlow's...
Chicago Correspondence.**

Monday, May 15th.

Mr. Severn has recently been experiencing his "childhood's happy days" over again. I happened in his office a few days ago and found him suffering with a well-developed case of mumps, from which he has fortunately recovered without any serious consequences.

Charlie said it was quite a "swell affair."

Another of our friends who is on the sick list is Major Bandholtz, who has been undergoing a siege of Cuban malaria. Many of the boys who were in Cuba, escaped the fever at the time, but are now having it in full force a year later.

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- *Tanger Fez, 5, 10, 15, 25, 50c, 1 & 5f 1.25
- *MazaganMarakech 5, 10, 20, 40, 50c, 1p .35
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- *Safi Marakech 5, 10, 20, 25, 50, 75c, 1p .48

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AGENTS WANTED.

**Isaac J. Cohen & Co.,
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Mr. Jas. A. Newland of San Francisco, a member of the Pacific Philatelic Society, made a short visit here last week.

Some of the Newspaper stamp speculators are beginning or rather are trying to unload.

Fine plate number sets in strips of three are being offered at the Government price of \$15, while single sets containing seconds are offered at \$4.00 to \$4 50. I think they will go still lower.

Mr. Wolsieffer's sale of the 29th ultimo brought out an attendance of 54, among them being the following gentlemen from out of the city: Messrs. Allen and Fulton of La Grange, Ills.; Messrs. Bandy and son and Gurley of Danville; Mr. Waterbury of Ithaca, Mich.; Maj. Bandholtz of the Agricultural College, Mich.; and Mr. Burton of Lake Geneva, Wis.

High priced stamps and rarities seemed to have a black eye; while medium and cheap goods went well, some up to and over catalogue.

Two-thirds of the sale remained in the city, 191 sets of bids from out of town catching the balance.

The following prices are worthy of mention:

- 6c Proprietary, off centre, \$22.05
- \$200 1st issue U. S. I. R., good, 11.00
- \$25 2d issue, not exactly centered, 10 50
- \$50 " " " " " 6-40
- \$20 3d issue, good copy, 8.20
- 1c Proprietary, inverted medallion, off centre, 9-75
- 90c 1857, good copy, unused, o. g., 10.90
- \$5.00 1893, unused, part gum, 5.05
- \$5.00 1898, unused, o. g., 5 75
- Executive 1-cent, unused, fine, 5-40
- " 2-cent, unused, elegant, 5-90
- " 6-cent, unused, off centre, 5 50
- " 10-cent, unused, o. g., fine, 7.00
- Justice 90-cent, unused, o. g., off centre, 15.50
- Navy 90-cent, unused, good copy, 5.50
- 1851 5-cent, splendid copy, 7.10
- 1855 5-cent, No. 66, fine, 5.10
- 1862 3-cent scarlet, cancelled by four pen strokes, o. g., 31.00
- 1867 90-cent, a little off centre, 7.15
- 1869 90-cent, not quite centered but fine, 10.05
- Ceylon 1861, 9d No. 33, unused, small thin spot, 10.50
- Hawaii 1883, 50c No. 48, unused, o. g. (cat. \$4), 4.05
- Hawaii 1893, 12c No. 69, unused, no gum, 5.10
- Nevis 1867, 4d No. 19, unused, " 6.30
- St. Kitts 1887, 6d No. 22, unused, o. g., 6.85
- Virgin Is. 1867, 1sh No. 12, unused, o. g., 10.00
- " 1880, 2 1/2d No. 17, unused, 5-75
- " 1887, 4d No. 24, unused, fine, 5-30
- Hungary 1871, 3k No. 2, very good, 5.00
- Collection of 394 U. S., cataloguing \$455.11, condition fine, went for 94.00

In the next sale, to be held June 10th, he will offer as an attraction an exceptionally fine lot of Proofs and Essays.

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Catalogue Numbers.	58th Catalogue Price.	My Price.
45 St. Lucia 1883 1sh orange.....	\$40.00	\$18.00
24 Dominican 1890 1sh lake.....	27.50	13.75
22 St. Christopher 6d olive brown.....	17.50	8.75
23 " " 1sh lilac.....	8.50	4.25
35 France 1853 1fr lake.....	10.00	4.50
40 St. Vincent 6d yellow green.....	12.50	5.50
11 Nova Scotia 8 1/2c green.....	10.00	4.50
19 Persia 1876 2s blue.....	2.50	1.00
2 Surinam 1873 2c green.....	5.00	1.75
20 Madagascar 1886 1d red.....	2.50	1.00
7 Hawaii 1853 5c blue.....	6.00	3.00
4 Liberia 1860 6c red.....	3.00	1.50
7 " " 1864 6c ".....	2.50	1.00
8 " " 12c blue.....	2.00	1.00
22 Nevis 1879 2 1/2d brown.....	12.50	6.00
34 " " 1884 1sh violet.....	16.50	8.25
41 Newfoundland, 1867 5c black.....	6.00	3.00
304 Philippine Islands 1r on 20c.....	3.00	1.50
68a Tolima 5c, 10c, pair.....	5.00	2.50
28b Tonga 1/2d, "surcharge".....	2.50	1.25

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No.	USED.	1st.	2nd.
127 1894 8c violet.....		\$0.05	\$0.02
100 1893 5c blue green.....		.02	.01
84 1890 5c brown violet.....		.02	.01
74 1886 5c blue, 2nd, re-engraved.....		.02	.01
73 1884 5c blue, re-engraved.....		.01	.01
72 " 3c chocolate.....		.03	.01
71 " 1m rose.....		.01	.01
70 " 1/2m lake.....		.01	.01
69 1883 20c gray lilac.....		.03	.01
68 " 10c blue green.....		.02	.01
67 " 8c brown.....		.03	.01
66 " 5c pale blue.....		.05	.02
65 " 3c orange.....		.05	.02
64 " 2c carmine.....		.02	.01
63 " 1c pale green.....		.01	.01
62 " 8m yellow green.....		.05	.02
61 " 6m chocolate.....		.03	.01
59 " 4m brown lilac.....		.02	.01
58 " 2m lilac.....		.02	.01
57 " 1m lake.....		.02	.01
56 " 1/2m rose.....		.01	.01
55 " 5c pale blue.....		.05	.02
54 1880 25c blue.....		.02	.01
38a " 25c "o" in "Rico" defective L.		1.00	.50
28 1879 1p gray.....		.40	.20
26 " 5c blue.....		.02	.01
25 " 15c dark olive.....		.40	.20
24 " 5c lake.....		.25	.05
23 1878 1p bistre.....		.40	.20
20 " 25c green.....		.03	.01
19 1877 50c bistre.....		.10	.03
16 " 25c blue.....		.02	.01
9 1876 50c blue.....		.02	.01
8 " 25c violet.....		.02	.01
2 1873 50c brown.....		.05	.02
1 " 25c violet.....		.02	.01
1877 to 1884, 12 varieties.....		.10	.05

	Price per 100	1st.	2nd.
57 1882 2m lilac.....	\$0.15	\$0.05	
58 " 4m brown lilac.....	.15	.05	
59 " 6m chocolate.....	.20	.08	
61 " 1c pale green.....	.05	.03	
62 " 2c carmine.....	.10	.05	
64, 73, 74 5c, not assorted.....	.20	.10	
70 1884 1/2m lake.....	.05	.03	
71 " 1m rose.....	.05	.03	

Price per 100
1st. 2nd.
64, 73, 74 Mixed, not assorted..... \$1.50 \$0.75
Nos. at left refer to 58th Catalogue.

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WHOLE No. 315.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Washington Notes.

Wednesday, May 24th.

Some time ago I stated that Porto Rico would be furnished with an 8-cent stamp and a set of Postage Dues. On the 16th inst. the following stamps were sent to Porto Rico:

25,000	3-cent.
25,000	1-cent Dues.
25,000	2-cent "
5,000	10-cent "

All the above were surcharged "Porto Rico."

Cuba has had 10,000 1-cent No. 13 buff envelopes sent, surcharged simply "Cuba."

Hereafter stamped envelopes for Cuba will be furnished from their special design, as this government has notified Director Rathbone that we are ready for business. I had the opportunity of seeing the envelopes that were sent to the Department, and the following is a description of them:

Un Centavo, on green back-ground, the vignette of Columbus is embossed and is surrounded by 5 embossed circles; the outer or first circle being dotted. The space between the second and third circles is larger than the space between the other circles so as to include the lettering, which is also embossed. In this space the word "Cuba" is directly above the head of Columbus, and the words "Un Centavo" just beneath the bust. Directly in the front and the back appears the figure "1," and between "Cuba" are two dots and two leaves.

The Dos Centavos (or 2-cent) is exactly the same except the color is red.

The Cinco Centavos (or 5-cent) has the same design excepting the color is blue.

The envelopes have a very neat appearance and are by far much more attractive than our own.

The Un Centavo does not present as handsome appearance as the other two, as there is quite a difference between the busts of Columbus on this envelope and on the other two; Columbus looks haggard and care-worn, and from his appearance one would think that he was very sea-sick. The other two are, however, very good; and take it all and all it is a very creditable set, and no doubt they will be in great demand by stamp collectors.

It is quite amusing how quick business firms and bank are able to make a little money out of our poor stamp cranks, as the Department is now receiving numerous requests for envelopes printed on a "peculiar die" the same as the old lot that they had, as they are in great demand by stamp collectors, and they can sell them for two or three times more than they cost.

Local business is at a stand-still, as we are all now celebrating the "Peace Jubilee," and the collectors are too busy listening to the bands playing and the processions passing to think of stamps.

Last night we all went to see Pain's realistic war spectacle, "The Battle of Manila," at the monument grounds, back of the White House. It is estimated that over 100,000 people viewed the exhibition, and seldom has such a thrilling scene been produced in this country, as was the sinking of Montojo's fleet, and the bombardment of the forts at Cavite.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Our Boston Letter.

Tuesday, May 23rd.

The stamp business here seems to hold its own pretty well. \$50 Revenues, current issue, used, are quoted at from \$2.00 to \$2.50. The \$10 one seems to be the scarcest of the large denominations. Several of our dealers have corresponded with the Washington Department in relation to the purchase of the postage stamps of Guam; and it seems to be the opinion of the officials at Washington that the Director of Posts for Guam will not sell any of the stamps to dealers. Like all the information in regard to postage stamps, that comes from Washington, one cannot put much dependence on it, and I think very likely one will be able to buy a set of some of the prominent dealers in the fall, for about 25 cents. It is kind of a fake anyway in issuing any stamps for this place, and especially the denominations that they have. I wonder what earthly reason there can be to issue 10,000 1c stamps, unless they are to be sold to collectors.

In Stanley Gibbons' new catalogue, the 10c vermilion, 1882, of Hawaii, is quoted

unused, at \$2 50; the 12c mauve, unused, at \$3.12. The publishers of this catalogue pride themselves on pricing the stamps at the market value, but it would be a pretty hard job to make a Boston collector believe that the above-named prices are the market value. The 10c vermilion is the scarcest stamp of the two. The 12c stamp has been advertised by Boston dealers, for several months, at from 60 to 75 cents; and the latter price is about the market value. I consider the 10c stamp worth full as much; although it has been advertised at a low price, most of the copies that the collectors have received in answer to these "ads" are what would be termed seconds. The above mentioned catalogue also prices the Rhodesia 1898, 1 pound, re-engraved, unused, at \$6.00. I know of three different people who have sent to the publishers for a copy of this stamp, and they were unattainable. I consider this stamp worth nearer \$10 than \$6; and if there is not another printing of them made, this stamp in a short time, will bring \$25.

In a former number of the ERA, I mentioned that the editor of the *Stamp Exchange* spoke of printing a fraud list, and that among his advertisers in that number were a few frauds. On this account, the editor of that paper refers to me in a very mean, contemptible way. Although Mr. Tucker is a very young man, I always supposed that he was a gentleman. The peculiar part of it is, he thus expresses himself in an editorial: "It is a very difficult task to pick from a large number of advertisers such as are worthy of having their bargains appear in our columns. We admit right here that a few escaped our vigilance and took advertising space in No. 1 and have done us more harm than good," etc. Any paper that is afraid of honest criticism is sure to be short-lived.

The above reminds me of something that I heard today; it is rather hard, but too good to keep. B. L. Drew & Co., recent publishers of the *Eastern Philatelist*, have in their employ a young man who is trying to collect bills due them for advertising. On presentation of one of the bills, the young man said: "I would like to have you give me some money for this, to help pay the funeral expenses."

It is funny how the dealers and philatelic scribes will mention "any old thing" that

crops up in the way of a stamp. I note that much has been said about, and here and there has been chronicled, the 1sh of "Great Barrier Island." This stamp should not be chronicled or put upon the market by any dealer, as it is nothing but a private local. A great many people make a hurrah and a holler about what they call speculative and unnecessary issues, but when it comes to some such thing as this, they call it a good thing, and try to push it along. Any dealer who will sell a collector one of these stamps, and charge him 25 cents or more for it, is doing a very wicked act, from a philatelic point of view.

S. E. L.

An Historical Reference List OF THE Revenue Stamps of the U. S. INCLUDING THE Private Die Proprietary Stamps.

[PROSPECTUS.]

The present work, as its title indicates, is designed to be more than a bare reference list, or catalogue, of the various emissions of the Revenue stamps of the United States. It aims not only to be a reliable and complete catalogue, but to give a full and detailed description of each stamp; its history, so far as it has been possible to ascertain it, and such other data as has been deemed to be of general interest.

The scope of the work, which was conceived in May, 1896, has been gradually increased as the authors discovered new material until now the book will comprise upwards of 400 pages royal octavo.

It is compiled almost entirely from official records; the committee having been so fortunate as to have had access to all of the books, accounts, correspondence, etc., of the firms of Butler & Carpenter and Jos. R. Carpenter, who held the government contracts for this class of stamps from Sept. 1, 1862, to Aug. 31, 1875. In addition to this we have obtained copies of the records of the American Bank Note Co., and of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

These latter records have enabled us to complete the work up to the final repeal of the stamp tax in 1883.

Commencing again with the current issue of Playing Card stamps, first issued in 1894, we have obtained the records of all the stamps, both Documentary and Proprietary, issued prior to Jan. 1, 1899.

From the above it may be easily seen that the work is, before all else, accurate and that it contains much hitherto unpublished and unknown information which will, undoubtedly, prove to be of value and interest to even a beginner in the collection of those stamps of which it treats.

The information gleaned from the records has, of course, been supplemented with much individual research and investigation and, although it has been a slow

and laborious task, the committee feel that the results obtained have well repaid them for their efforts.

A good idea of the scope of the work may be obtained by the following synopsis of its chapters, or divisions:

1. Contracts for the Engraving and Printing of the Stamps.
2. Paper.
3. Perforation.
4. Color.
5. Rulings of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue.
6. General Notes.
7. Counterfeits.
8. Each stamp considered under its own title and denomination.

Under this last heading all data concerning each separate stamp has been systematically condensed. It includes:

1. A full description of the stamp.
2. The date of its first printing.
3. The date of its first delivery.
4. Plate numbers.
5. The number of stamps per sheet.
6. The total number of the stamp issued.
7. Such general notes as are of interest.

The above refers especially to the first issue; but the same general arrangement has been retained throughout the entire work, modified or elaborated, of course, as circumstances seemed to warrant.

In the second and subsequent issues of documentary, proprietary, and the private die stamps, the above information is supplemented by the date of the Approval of the Die by the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, and, of course, by the number issued on each kind of paper.

The general information will be found to be very full and interesting; for example: In the case of the \$500.00 stamp of the second issue we are enabled to state not only the exact number issued but just who purchased each copy and the date.

Especial attention has been paid to the chapters upon Paper and Perforation, and, while we do not claim that the subjects have been exhausted, we do claim, that so far as the official records throw any light upon the subjects, no more can be ascertained.

We are aware that, in a few cases, our information is not so full as we might desire, but, in by far the greater majority of instances, it is, practically speaking, absolutely complete.

The work is concluded with an exhaustive catalogue of the various stamps, the pronounced shades being duly listed, upon all of the various papers, etc.

It may not, perhaps, be generally known that this is the first philatelic work to be undertaken and carried to a successful conclusion by any society in the United States; such, however, is the fact and, naturally, the step is rather in the nature of an experiment.

We trust that it may prove a successful one and that the collectors of the United States will signify their approval of the

undertaking by favoring us with their subscriptions for the work.

As the Society has not undertaken to publish it with an intention of filling its treasury from the proceeds of its sale, we are enabled to announce a price which will place it within reach of all, viz.: \$3.00 per copy bound in paper covers.

All subscriptions are payable in advance upon receipt of notification that the work is ready for delivery.

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NEW YORK CITY, May 20th, 1899.

989 books of stamps in circulation
according to my report of May
13th, valued at..... \$30,903.55
25 books received since May 13th,
valued at..... 1,425.81
\$32,329.36

27 books retired since May 13th, val-
ued at (from which has been sold
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New York Notes.

It was quite a gathering of the clans at the auction of the splendid collection of U. S. Revenues of Mr. Henry Chapman at the New York Club House Auction Rooms, May 11th. Among other out-of-town philatelists I noticed Mr. E. B. Sterling of Trenton, N. J., Wm. B. Hale of Williamsville, Mass., H. H. Doolittle and Henry Chapman, Jr., both of Philadelphia, W. C. Bowlers, M. D., Bridgeport, Conn., Dr. Hetrich, Birdsboro, Pa., C. H. Blake, Jersey City, N. J., Mr. Washburn, Greenfield, Mass., Alex. Holland, Brooklyn.

The 6c Swain brought \$100.00, some pairs and blocks of Dr. Jayne, Imperf., brought about three times catalogue and many other Match and Medicine stamps went very high, even damaged specimens bringing fair prices; but I will not say more just yet for fear the Washington officials will get hold of it and have guaranteed remainders put on the market at \$5.00 for an entire set a la the newspaper swindle.

I hope to find time in a few days to write a line or two more about new issues and will argue a point in their favor also, as your Boston correspondent does not seem to advance any beyond the dollar side of the view, and some personalities regarding my stock, which I think spoke pretty clearly for itself at the Brooklyn Exhibition.

EDGAR NELTON.

Envelopes and Wrappers of 1899.

By HENRY A. CHAPMAN.

How many people, even general collectors, know the number of varieties of envelopes used for a single new issue? Nearly every one knows that four values are used, that is, 1c, 2c, 4c and 5c, but they seldom use the latter. Post Offices in towns and cities where the population is under 100,000 carry only a few sizes of white envelopes—hardly a dozen. Cities of 100,000 population or over are expected to furnish all kinds of envelopes, in respect to size and color of paper. To correspond with the colors of adhesives, the stamps on envelopes are: 1c, green; 2c, red or vermilion; 4c, brown (but darker than the present adhesive), and 5c, blue. Of course it is generally known that the heads which are the subjects of the dies are those of Franklin, Washington, Lincoln and Grant respectively. The busts of the latter two are so unsatisfactory that it has been decided by the Department at Washington to have new designs as soon as possible, or at any rate designs superior to the poor ones now in use, the one of Grant being con-

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sidered a monstrosity. The change of dies in these two values would make ten more varieties of envelopes, and four more varieties for the album, besides the changes which occur in the 1c and 2c varieties on manila, these having been printed on the old 1894 watermarked paper, probably owing to there being quite a large supply on hand, but the new 1899 watermarked paper now prevails. Speculators are asking rather stiff prices for the 1c and 2c wrappers with the 1894 watermark. They may be scarce later on, but they are plenty enough at the time of writing.

The 2c red stamp has a different look on the blue paper envelope (more like lake), but perhaps that is due to the color printed on. The 1c value is used mainly for distributing circulars, still a good many have a 1c stamp added, and are thus used for the same purpose as the 2c. The 2c envelope needs no explanation. The 4c envelope is issued only in commercial sizes (three) and for double postage. The 5c envelope is designed for sending letters abroad. Only two values appear in the wrappers—1c and 2c. White is the predominating color of the envelopes. The other colors are amber, buff, blue and manila, the latter being confined to the two wrappers and a cheap 1c envelope. The 2c red stamp appears on all of the different-sized envelopes except the No. 6 (which is, however, the same size as No. 5). The 4c and 5c only appear on two colors. The 1c appears on all colors, but not on as many sizes as the 2c.

As I understand the subject, there are 59 distinct varieties, of which two are wrappers. Aside from these, the 2c red appears with a different die on some sizes, but chiefly on No. 5 white (1899) and on No. 13 (1894) watermarked paper. The different (or rejected) die has been found on blue, amber and buff, but not very extensively, and will be a rare variety to those fortunate enough to possess them. The different sizes of envelopes and the wrappers are designated by numbers, which I give herewith, with the measurement in inches and the colors used for each nearly as follows:

No. 1.—One variety: 2c on white paper; $2\frac{1}{2} \times 5\frac{1}{4}$.

No. 2.—Six varieties: 2c on white, amber, blue and buff; 1c on white and amber; $3\frac{1}{4} \times 5\frac{1}{2}$.

No. 3.—Eight varieties: 2c on white, amber, blue and buff; 1c on white and amber; 5c on white and amber; $3\frac{3}{8} \times 5\frac{3}{8}$.

No. 4.—Two varieties: 2c on white and amber; $3\frac{3}{8} \times 5\frac{3}{8}$.

No. 5.—Eight varieties: 2c on white, amber, blue and buff; 1c on white and amber; 5c on white and amber; $3\frac{3}{8} \times 6\frac{3}{8}$. This size and No. 3 seem to be the most commonly used, the 5c being confined to these two. The rejected die appears on this size of white envelope.

No. 6.—The solitary envelope having this designation is the 1c manila, and is the same size as No. 5. This envelope is

on cheap paper, for economical use. As already stated, this has had the 1894 watermark.

No. 7.—The smallest of the long commercial size, six varieties: 2c on white, amber, blue and buff; 4c on white and amber; $3\frac{3}{8} \times 8\frac{1}{2}$.

No. 8.—The medium commercial size, four varieties: 2c and 4c each on white and amber; $4\frac{1}{2} \times 9\frac{1}{2}$.

No. 9.—The largest commercial size, four varieties: values and colors the same as No. 8; $4\frac{3}{8} \times 10\frac{1}{2}$.

No. 10.—Two varieties: 2c on white and amber; $3\frac{3}{8} \times 4\frac{3}{8}$.

No. 11.—Three varieties: 2c on white and amber; 1c on white $4\frac{1}{4} \times 5\frac{1}{4}$. No. 10 and 11 are commonly called "square envelopes," but are designated as "baronials" also.

No. 12.—The 1c and 2c wrappers are designated by this number on manila paper, and, as before stated, appear for the present with the 1894 watermark; size about $5\frac{1}{2} \times 10\frac{1}{2}$.

No. 13.—Eight varieties: 1c and 2c each on white, amber, blue and buff, and the rejected die appears on this size with 1894 watermarked paper. This is the "legal size;" $3\frac{3}{4} \times 6\frac{3}{4}$.

No. 14.—Four varieties: 2c on white, amber, blue and buff.

In looking over my set, I find there are two shades of amber and buff, but discover no difference in the blue. The manila wrappers are on heavier paper than the No. 6 envelope. Barring the Die A, we find the 2c value on 36 varieties, 1c on 13 varieties, 4c on six varieties and 5c on four varieties. White, barring Die A, is used for 22 varieties, amber for 20, buff for seven, blue for seven and manila for three. Leaving shades out of the question, as well as Die A, "cut squares" will embrace five 2c and five 1c on white, amber, blue, buff and manila, respectively, 4c and 5c on white and amber respectively—14 new varieties for the album,—or 15 all told, and the new ones coming will swell the list.

I have not seen the rejected die as yet on the other colors than white. The "baronials" on amber were issued without authority, and whether they will continue to be put forth I cannot say.

A collection of the envelopes of any issue furnishes a good deal of thought to those in love with the subject, and it has seemed to me that some enterprising publisher could with more reason offer a prize for the best essay on the envelopes as a whole than for some of the purposes now employed—word and missing-letter contests, for instance. Full sets of 61, including the two variations of Die A, can be procured at prices varying from \$1.85 to \$2.80, as advertised. To buy the 59 regular values separately would cost \$1.88, the stamps alone representing \$1.29. Probably at the offices where all are kept the price would be in the region of \$1.40 or \$1.45 if bought in a lump.

The varieties of Die A are at present selling at from 5 cents to 25 cents, and it is said that the white ones will go higher, while on the other colors the price will travel up to \$1.00.

I have not considered it necessary to describe the watermarks of 1894 and 1899, as this matter has already been thoroughly attended to. In giving the sizes I could have been more explicit in two or three cases, and used sixteenths of an inch in measuring, but I think I came near enough for the general reader.—*The Stamp Exchange*.

The Romance of Philately.

Some there may be who look upon Philately as a dry, prosy, matter-of-fact hobby. A hobby for people who are always serious; a hobby of the "biscuit and blue-book" order. In a very different light is the study of stamps regarded by those who really know, by those who have actually followed what a well-known novelist recently called "the most fascinating of all fads, Philately."

There is a prosaic side of Philately, certainly. What would you have? The age is prosaic. But the romance underlying our hobby, the visions of strife and intrigue, and passion, and avarice conjured up these little scraps of gummed paper—is it not all written in the stirring history of this second half of the nineteenth century? The postal system's effect on the history and geography of the world since that blessed year of innovation, 1840, can only be described by one word—stupendous; and in many cases even the stamps that are the outward and visible sign of an organized post, have borne their part in the game of making history.

Study the European issues of stamps from 1850 onward, and they will give you the history of the European continent through all the storm and stress, through all the wars and raids, the excursions and alarms, of one of the most stirring periods in that Continent's record. They will show you the decline of the Papal power, the final fall of the Bourbons, the fluctuating fortunes of the Turkish crescent, now waving again triumphant; the union and cohesion of the German clans, the steady and stealthy "expansion" of the Russian Empire.

In short, the Romance of Philately is the Romance of all the countries of the earth; for are not these little squares of paper part of the very life of the countries they represent? But there is also connected with Philately a good deal of romance of what an American would call the "snake" order. Even the inauguration of the penny postal system by Sir Rowland Hill has not been sacred from the touch of the tale-teller. List if you please, to

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The incident which resulted in the invention of the postage stamp was a curious one. A traveller journeying through the North of England chanced to reach the door of an inn just as a postman stopped to deliver a letter. The young girl for whom it was intended came out to receive it. She turned it over and over in her hands, and asked the price of the postage. The price demanded was a shilling, and as the girl was poor she returned it to the postman, saying that it was from her brother, but that she had not that amount of money. The traveller, in spite of her protest paid the money to the postman, and handed the letter to the girl. When the postman departed, the young girl admitted that she and her brother had arranged by certain marks upon the letter that the other should know that the writer was in good health and prospering.

"We are so poor," she added, "that we were forced to invent this way of letting each other know of our welfare."

The traveller continued on his way, asking himself if a system giving rise to such frauds was not a vicious one.

The sun had not set before Rowland Hill (such was the traveller's name) had planned to organize the postal service on a new basis.

His views found favour with the English Government and on January 10, 1840, the first postage stamp was issued and a postal system started by which not more than a penny was paid for letters circulating over the whole extent of the British Isles.

The story, as Mr. Westoby has recently stated in the columns of the *Stamp Collector's Fortnightly*, is founded on a very flimsy basis of fact, and, in so far as it concerns Sir Rowland Hill, is entirely apocryphal!

Of the same order of "romance" is the story of the Czar of Russia—the stamp collecting Czar, Alexander III.—and the little Swiss boy. The small Swiss was said to have written a touching schoolboyish letter to the Autocrat of all the Russias, a letter which concluded with a most ingenuous request for a full set of the Russian stamps. By some means (which the author of the story did not trouble to explain) the mis-sive actually found its way to the Imperial hand, and—so the story runs—the heart of the small Swiss boy was made to throb with joy by the prompt return of a complete set of unused Russian stamps, accompanied by a kindly letter from Alexander III. The story, unfortunately, has been overtold, if one may use such a word. The little Swiss boy has become, at short intervals, an American boy living in Wisconsin, a London boy, and a Franco-Spanish youngster of the Haut Pyrenees. Where next? one wonders. Abyssinia perhaps!

By such riotous excesses of mendacity as our newspapers now indulge in, are the best stories killed. But there is one philatelic romance I should like to be allowed to go on believing. It is the story of the old German warrior, covered with scars and honours, permitted by a grateful Government "to make and to sell for his own profit" reprints of the stamps of Lubeck. That such an issue of reprints—now almost as scarce as the original stamps—was made by an army veteran under a

special license seems to be beyond all doubt; and I see no reason to question the "trimmings," with which the story has been invested by newspaper writers. The picture of the veteran hero enjoying the fruits of his philatelic monopoly in the shape of a comfortable cottage and a potato patch, is one that redounds to the credit of a Government which does not leave its heroes to fight their closing battle in the work-house.

Is there any truth, one wonders, in the stories told of the part played by stamps in the American war of North against South. Perhaps not, but what does it matter? The stories are "good enough to be true" and we humans must have illusions to cherish. The Federals, it is quite certain, must have had some good and sufficient reason for "repudiating" a whole issue of stamps; and on the other side of the picture there is nothing impossible in the story of Jefferson Davis's officers doing a deal in stamps by way of replenishing the war chest.

More sordid—but it must be said, better authenticated—are some of the later romances of Philately. There is the exploit of one Marie I. erstwhile "King of the Sedangs," a picturesque adventurer who might have stepped out of one of Gilbert and Sullivan's operas. A Frenchman by birth, Marie roved the wide world over, and finally came to Siam, and induced a tribe known as the Sedangs to elect him their king. In that capacity one of Marie's first official acts was to issue stamps. Ungrateful France refused to recognize his kingship; the Postal Union took no stock in his gummed labels, but for years afterwards "Marie I." flaunted it regally in the Cafes of his native Paris, living more or less precariously on his wits—and stamps. Incredible as it may seem these labels were for a long time sold openly to collectors as veritable postage stamps; and as late as 1894 they were included in the price-lists of at least one London firm of stamp dealers!

Cut much after the pattern of "Marie I's" enterprise was the impudent scheme of the American adventurer "Baron" Harden Hickey, who claimed lordship of the rocky islet of Trinidad, off the coast of Brazil, styled himself Prince James I. of Trinidad, and—issued stamps. However, the pretty labels of the "Principality of Trinidad" enjoyed but a short lease of life, for in one short week after their receipt in London, the game was "blown" and the stamps repudiated throughout the country. Sordidly tragic was the sequel—the suicide, some twelve or fifteen months ago, at El Paso, Texas, of "Baron" Harden Hickey, otherwise "Prince James I. of Trinidad."

Every stamp tells us a story; every page in every album is a page of the world's history, Dry? matter-of-fact? prosy?—nonsense! Full of romance, palpitating with life and movement, is the hobby that is so dear to you and me and all of us.—PERCY C. BISHOP in *Stamps* (Rushden).

Correspondence.

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AN EXPLANATION.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE ERA,

Dear Sir: Among the minutes of the last meeting of the Governors of the Collectors Club, of New York, appears the following: "Stricken from rolls for non-payment of Dues, D. H. Bacon."

For the fact I care nothing; for the effect it *might* have on my reputation as a reliable business man I care considerably, as I think the chronicle is very misleading. In the latter part of March I sent my check for \$2.50 to the Treasurer in payment of my dues to April 1st and politely requested that they accept my resignation. The Club kept my money but informed me that I could not resign unless I sent them \$2.50 more, which would continue my membership until Oct. 1st, as they so construe the Constitution, which reads practically that the Annual Dues are \$5 and shall become due Oct. 1st in each year.

I have the highest regard for the gentlemen who constitute the membership of this Club, many of whom I know personally and believe them to be my friends, and it was with sincere regret that I felt obliged to send in my resignation. I do not believe however that this recent action on their part in so construing a Constitution, which is so vague on the point in question, and so eminently unfair and unjust, if they have construed it correctly, will reflect so creditably on the Club as its many well-wishers, myself among the number, most earnestly desire. As to the result so far as I am concerned, let the many dealers and collectors throughout the country with whom I have had the most pleasant relations for the past eight years decide.

Respectfully,

D. H. BACON.

Derby, Conn., May 24, 1899.

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We are now in a position to give what is an almost complete list of these plate numbers; additions if any will be very few:

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Table listing plate numbers for 2c De Peso, Carmine stamps, ranging from 475 to 746.

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From a Special ERA Correspondent.

The Bridgeport Philatelic Society.

Bridgeport, Conn., can boast of one of the most active and flourishing stamp societies in America. In fact for a city of less than 75,000 population I regard it as the most flourishing and enthusiastic in the world.

This enterprising and busy little New England city is fairly bubbling over with genuine American "go aheaditiveness and has long boasted one of the great general collections of the world, as our London friends discovered at the Exhibition of 1897, when two medals were won by the owner for English Colonial specialties against all European exhibitors.

The Philatelic Society is comparatively a new feature in Bridgeport and is due mainly to the enthusiasm and hard work of Mr. W. T. Hartwell, who makes an exclusive business here of dealing in stamps. Besides its routine work this season, the Society has held a very successful exhibition at the Public Library.

Your correspondent, responding to an urgent invitation of the President, was a guest at the meeting Thursday evening, May 18th, and exhibited a few albums of original covers and also British North American from his private collection, which had won the medal as a Dealer's Exhibit at the recent Brooklyn Exhibition. Between forty and fifty members and their friends were present at various times during the evening, as the Bridgeport philatelists seldom miss a meeting even when they come early and stay but a few minutes and get in late for a short time where other engagements and duties take up a portion of the evening. I missed the genial face of Frank S. Cook, who has gone down to Hampton, Va., where he must feel awful homesick over the good things he is missing. My old friends W. L. Dunbar and Wm. Mix were also conspicuous by their absence and I met nearly all new acquaintances and was placed in the hands of an Entertainment Committee to whom I was obliged to say no to several things or I would have found an early finish and not have lingered long enough to write this.

The question of securing a few stamp papers for the Public Library, led your correspondent with permission of the presiding officer to briefly draw attention to the unique merits of the ERA and Virginia Philatelist in being published exclusively for interests of all philatelists and apart from any stamp business. This was hardly necessary as the ERA already had many friends, and on being put to a vote ran way ahead, with Stanley Gibbons, The Virginia, Am. Journal of Philately and Mekeel's all close seconds. The meeting was held at the beautiful rooms of the Board of Trade and was certainly an enjoyable occasion to the writer.

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WHOLE No. 316.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Washington Notes.

Wednesday, May 31st.

General Merritt has been appointed Postmaster of Washington and he will assume the duties of the office July 1st. Mr. E. C. Madden of Detroit, Mich., has been appointed Third Assistant Postmaster General. Gen. Merritt has made a most efficient officer and the clerks in his bureau speak of him in the highest terms. The salary as Postmaster of Washington is \$6,000 per annum, which is \$2500 more than the Third Assistant gets; who could blame him for making the change?

The following envelopes have been surcharged for Porto Rico:
1,000,000 2c envelopes, size No. 5, on white.

10,000 5c, No. 5, on white.

5,000 1c wrappers, surcharged with the words "Porto Rico."

All the above envelopes were sent on the 18th inst. It is understood that before long special envelope dies will also be made for Porto Rico. I understand that they are now trying to get some good subject. In all probability they will decide on the bust of Ponce de Leon.

The Department will send their order to the Bureau of Engraving and Printing some time this week for the new Cuban stamps. The Bureau notified them last Saturday that they were about ready for business and to send their order for the Cuban stamps at their earliest convenience and they will be printed at once.

The Bureau of Engraving and Printing has had a great amount of extra work on hand for the past year; getting out the revenue sets, the new bills, etc., and I expect they will have a good excuse for putting out some inferior work. I understand that they are at work engraving designs for the \$100, \$500 and \$1,000 Documentary revenue stamps and in all probability they will be beauties. The \$1,000 stamp will show the portrait of Madison and be printed in two colors, as well as the two values. The portraits of the two others have not been decided upon as far as I know. In talking about higher value revenues some people no doubt will ask what use we have for a \$1,000 stamp; last week the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Co. filed

a conveyance requiring over \$69,000 of Revenues alone, that would mean 69 \$1000 stamps on one deed. I would like to see the document if it had \$50 revenue stamps on it; they must be piled knee deep.

I understand that the 4c Lincoln is now being printed from the new die, but as yet they have not been able to get an acceptable die of Grant for the 5c stamp.

[LATER.]

The Cuban stamps are to be the same color as our stamps the 1, 2, 5 and 10c, except the 10c Special Delivery is to be orange instead of blue.

From an Occasional Correspondent.

Jumbled Jottings.

Some months since there was an article in the ERA deploring the lack of interest in Confederate stamps, it set me thinking of my earlier collecting days when I fought shy of C. S. A.'s, because of a general suspicion that from the abundance of unused specimens of the common 5 and 10-cent blues that there might be a big stock of all these stamps in somebody's hands or else the specimens might be reprints. The Confederate Locals were then (1870) priced way beyond the means of any but wealthy collectors.

To me now, however, there are few stamps more interesting and I am always ready for a swap when I can get C. S. A.'s on original covers.

The *Curiosity Cabinet*, published by W. P. Brown, then of 28 John St., N. Y. City, was one of the greatest curiosities in that realm of freaks, philatelic journalism, it survived twelve numbers from September, 1870, to August, 1871. The first page was printed in Kosmic and I would give considerable to see a certain be-whiskered individual tackle it some morning when looking for ideas for that top-column ad.

Among the reviews, I find one of the first number of the *Weekly Journal of Philately*, price \$2.00 (!), 12 pages and an engraving in each number. Brother Brown concludes the notice with this gullet-choker: "We understand that the publishers distribute 25,000 copies of some numbers gratis; with this outlay a paper is

almost sure to succeed." Surely the circulation editor was abroad in those early days.

Among the prices quoted in the C. C. were: St. Louis 10c, \$5.00; Providence 5c 10 cts., 10c 50 cts.; U. S. 1861-2 set, 35 cts.; 1869 set, 47 cts.; 1870 set, 58 cts.; 1870 90c, per 100 \$2.00. On the other hand the Confederates were quoted near to present catalogue as Mobile 5c blue, \$5.00; regular issue 1861 5c green, unused, 60 cts.; 5c blue, same price; 1862 2c green, unused, \$2.50, etc.

The first issue of Japan was evidently received with suspicion as an item reads "we have seen what purports to be postage stamps of Japan, they are on thin rice paper, square, elaborately engraved frame of dragons etc. with Japanese characters of value in centre brick red, dull green. There is another value we have not seen." A few of those doubtful stamps would have been good things to have laid away for a few years.

Your Boston correspondent lets his virtuous indignation lead his pen into mischief occasionally. In his letter of May 23rd referring to the "Great Barrier Island 1sh," he justly describes it as a private local, but why does he say it should not be chronicled and attribute philatelic wickedness to a dealer who will sell one "and charge him 25 cents or more for it?"

What of the publishers who list Wells-Fargo's, Blood's, Hussey's and the host of U. S. locals in the standard catalogue and what of the dealers who sell them (when they can get them to sell) for more than 25 dollars?

Does S. E. L. think that Locals are not stamps that may be legitimately collected and dealt in?

I will admit that my knowledge of the particular stamp in question is limited, but if the description of its purpose, evident necessity and use, as given by a correspondent of a contemporary is correct, there is no reason why it should be given such a frigid reception in Boston where everything new in the way of a stamp is so warmly welcomed. I can only find one possible solution, that perhaps Mr. Shilling of G. B. I. made the mistake of not presenting his credentials first in Boston.

CROSSED QUILLS.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Canadian Items.

The Canadian philatelic press has again undergone several radical changes. The *Stamp Reporter* after issuing six numbers as a weekly has been absorbed by the *Philatelic Advocate*. The *Canadian Philatelic Review* has also gone into the consolidation business, having cast in its lot with *Energy*, the new paper hailing from Berlin, Ont. It is not a philatelic paper but under the heading of "Stamp Lore" it devotes two columns to the interests of stamp collectors.

The *Canadian Philatelic Review* has had quite a checkered career; first it was known as the *Boys' Own Philatelist*, issuing six numbers as a monthly under this name, then it was changed to the *Canadian Philatelic Weekly*. After issuing fourteen numbers as a weekly it was again changed, this time to the *Canadian Philatelic Review* published fortnightly. Under this name it continued until it reached whole number twenty-five when it was consolidated with *Energy*.

Canada has now only three stamp papers, viz.: The *Philatelic Advocate*, *Montreal Philatelist* and *Canadian Collector*. The latter is published bi-monthly, and the other two, monthly.

John Reginald Hooper, who nearly seven years ago was sentenced to twenty-five years in the penitentiary, has had his sentence reduced to seven years and will be a free man next October.

F. I. Weaver has opened a stamp office at Berlin. He is now devoting his entire time to stamps and the publication of *Energy*.

Five Canadian weekly stamp papers have launched on Philatelia's stormy seas and have been wrecked. Each time a new one appears the philatelic public advises and remarks that the "fools are not all dead yet." However we know of one of these former "weekly" publishers who still has faith in a Canadian philatelic weekly and expects to try his luck again. Then there is Norman Matches of Hamilton who announces his intention of giving us the *Ontario Philatelic Weekly* next fall.

GILLER.

Those Newspaper Reprints.

It is once more necessary for me to make a few more remarks regarding the periodical stamps in order to explain my position more fully and to reply to some of the insinuations which have been cast in regard to "interested parties in Washington" as

well as philatelic scribes. The only interest we have in this matter is the good which we believe an action of this kind on the part of the Government will do to philately.

When asked for an expression of opinion as to quantity and price of sets to be placed on sale, no intimation was given of the fact that there were not enough on hand to make up any number of sets that might be decided upon, neither did the possibility of a shortage enter the mind of any one. A large quantity of stamps had been returned from postmasters throughout the country and it was believed that this stock would be used in addition to the supply still on hand at the Bureau. However, upon closer examination of the stamps returned and after a decision had been reached, it was found that the condition of this stock was extremely poor, many of the sheets stuck together and the stamps torn. The assorting of a lot of this kind would have been an endless job, and rather than do so, the Department gave an order to the Bureau to count out 50,000 sets of the stock on hand and to print sufficient more of any denomination that might be found short in completing the required number. Not until after the stamps had been placed on sale was it known to any of us, that the stock returned by postmasters had not been included in the 50,000 sets.

Had this decision been reached some time last June or prior to the issue becoming obsolete, and this lot been printed just the same and for the very same purpose, namely solely for sale to collectors, the stamps would have been precisely the same as they are today, showing similar unavoidable variations in shades, gum, etc. No one could possibly have called them reprints in the philatelic sense of the word; they would have been bona-fide originals, even if printed expressly for sale to collectors.

I therefore, claim this difference to be a technical one, which is largely and unduly magnified by those interested in maintaining a high price for their former purchases. I am not finding fault with them for this, it is natural trait of human nature.

Had the supply of the \$2 stamp or any other denomination been a thousand or so short and a few of these reprinted, there would have been a scramble for the reprints, and those fortunate enough to get them, would doubtless hold them at a fancy price and get it readily.

I am opposed to reprints of a trashy nature and have always excluded such as Bergedorf, Hamburg, Heligoland, Samoa, Roman States, etc., from my stock, never offering them for sale.

Every one has a right to collect as he pleases and I do not hesitate to state that advanced collectors will want specimens of the old printing as well as of the new. [The italics are ours.—ED. ERA.] The high denominations of the originals will be higher in price for the reason that they

will be scarcer on account of the small number issued. Yet to the ordinary collector of stamps it will make little difference. He will be very happy to get a set containing the "reprints," and have reason to thank Uncle Sam for enabling him to secure such a beautiful addition to his collection at a figure now placed within his reach.—J. M. BARTELS in *Metropolitan Philatelist*.

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Wanted—to exchange good foreign stamps for printed matter, envelopes, letter heads and return blanks. Printers and publishers please write. Glenn Adams, Tippecanoe City, Ohio.

Want to exchange U. S. and foreign stamps and entires for good counterfeits, especially old German States, Italian States, Switzerland. No common lithographs wanted. Price must be reasonable. Send on approval and state exchange desired. Rev. R. R. Thiele, Manchester, Wis. A.P.A. & Dresden Socy. [17

Will give 75 cents catalogue value, your own selection, for each 50c Omaha; \$1.50 for each \$1.00 and \$2.75 for each \$2.00. S. Schachne, 16 Walker St., New York, N. Y. Member A. P. A. etc. [16

Give same quality stamps or magnificent views of Rocky Mountain Scenery in exchange for your duplicates (postage, unused entires, or U. S. Revenues). Trash absolutely disregarded. Want good camera for stamps. Queen City Stamp Exchange, Room 20, Physician Building, Denver, Colo. [16

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Highest cash price paid for stamps in lots. Send lists and offers. F. P. VINCENT, L. Box 56, Clinton, N. Y. [26

Wanted for reconstructing sheets of Great Britain in lots of 50 or more: 3d spray of rose, 2½d claret orb, ad blue 1858, also 1½d red 1870. State what you have and price to LOUIS M. MIER, Rutherford, N. J. [17

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I trust that members have in mind the date of our meeting—June 24th, and the place—Bass Point, Nahant, Mass. More detailed particulars, as to departure of steamboats from Boston, etc., will be given later. We are looking forward with confidence to an enjoyable occasion.

LEVI A. JUDKINS,
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Correspondence.

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AN UNCATALOGUED VARIETY.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., May 23, 1899.
W. W. JEWETT,
Portland, Maine.

Dear Sir: I have received a Ceylon 1 rupee 12 cents, dull rose, watermarked crown and CC up and down, instead of sideways as given in the Catalogue.

Yours truly,
CLARK W. BROWN.



REPORT OF THE SALES DEPARTMENT.

GEORGE R. TUTTLE, Superintendent,
87 Nassau St.
New York City, May 27th, 1899.

987 books of stamps in circulation according to my report of May 20th, valued at..... \$31,377.25
5 books received since May 20th, valued at..... 67.08

22 books retired since May 20th, valued at (from which has been sold \$104.51) \$445.62

Total number of books in circulation 970, valued at..... \$30,998.71

GEO. R. TUTTLE,
Superintendent Sales Dept.

A RECOMMENDATION.

BOSTON, MASS., May 26, 1899.
MR. W. W. JEWETT,
Portland, Me.

Dear Sir: A meeting of the board of Vice-Presidents was held this afternoon,

several matters were discussed, and it was voted to recommend Tuesday, Sept. 12th, as the date of the annual convention in Detroit, that being the time desired by the Detroit members.

Yours truly,
E. M. CARPENTER,
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45	Cabots 1, 2, 3, 4c, unused .. 34
46	Canada Map 2c lavender, unused (10) .. 1.20
47	U. S. 2c 1883 (15) unused .. 1.20
48	Omaha used 1 to \$1.00 ..
49	U. S. 5c 1847 (3), 10c 1869 (3), all seconds .. 5.25
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Bilateral Press Review.

By Wm. C. Stone.

Announce *Philatelique*, Vol. V. (50) April.
Bay State Philatelist, Vol. II. Nos. 4, 5 (8, 9).
Bric-a-Brac, Vol. XXIV. (246).
Briefmarken Sammler, Vol. IX. No. 5.
Buenos Aires Filatelico, Vol. III. (103, 104) April.
Canadian Philatelic Review, Vol. V. No. 1 (25).
Collectonador de Sellos, Vol. IV. No. 4, April.
Collectionneur de Timbres Poste, (222) April.
Ewen's Weekly Circular, (76).
Filatelie Facts and Fallacies, Vol. VII. No. 7 (79).
Illustriertes Briefmarken Journal, Vol. XXVI. Nos. 9, 10.
Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News, Vol. XIII. No. 21 (438).
Melita Philatelic Chronicle, Vol. II. No. 5.
Metropolitan Philatelist, Vol. XI. Nos. 8, 9.
Montreal Philatelist, Vol. I. No. 12.
Nebraska Philatelist, Vol. II. No. 3, April.
Perforator, Vol. III. No. 3.
Philatelic Bulletin, Vol. II. No. 9 (21).
Philatelic West, Vol. IX. No. 2, April.
Post Office, Vol. IX. (98).
Revue Postale, Vol. II. Nos. 4, 5.
Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly, Vol. V. (121).
Stamp Exchange, Vol. I. No. 2.
Stamps (N. Y.), Vol. III. No. 5.

Last week I inadvertently omitted to mention the fact that the *Revue Philatelique Francaise* had reached the tenth anniversary of its birth and celebrated the same by a "jubilee" number. A half-tone supplement presents portraits of the present and past members of the staff, and include likenesses of Messrs. Langlois, Grignard, Mahe, Robert, Coyette, Tillot, Vervelle and Ambroise.

Several pages of the *Revue* are filled with the answers received from some dozen or so prominent philatelists in reply to two questions addressed them by the editors. The first was to state what should be done to secure the future success of our hobby, and the second to state what event had caused the writer the greatest satisfaction in his philatelic career or what was the most amusing event of his collecting days. Space will not allow me to recite the various suggestions here, but when I say that Major Evans, Paul Lietzow, Pierre Mahe and Arthur Maury, are among those who responded, it will be seen that the collection of answers must have considerable weight. Two very clever cartoons present views in the editorial office in 1890 and 1899. They have to be seen to be appreciated.

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sprouts out once more with scandalous remarks on the efficacy of our Corn Plasters &c. Very well, Brother, keep it up. We expect to take a week's outing in Manitow this summer, and some bright morning for an appetizer we will sharpen up our two-edged sword before breakfast and go out on a still hunt for Ananias the II., surnamed Osgood of Pueblo.

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The *Stamp Exchange* has a very useful article by Henry A. Chapman on the "Envelopes and Wrappers of 1899." It notes briefly the various sizes, denominations, papers and dies occurring in the set and will be of help to many who are not "way up" in their knowledge of our stamped stationary. To my mind the publisher makes a mistake in paging each number of his paper separately.

The telegraph stamps of India are written up in great style in the *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly*. Illustrations of the different types are shown, and the blanks used for inland and foreign telegrams are shown making plain the reason why all used stamps are cut in half.

The *Nebraska Philatelist* states that S. E. L. in a recent issue of the ERA stated that the Canadian surcharge 2c on the 3c envelope and letter card was unofficial. The editor in consequence has written to the Postmaster General at Ottawa and has received due assurance that the surcharges are all right. As near as I can find out, the statement made by S. E. L. was in the ERA for March 18, and was to the effect that the surcharged adhesives were fakes! Not a word about doubting the envelopes. Am I not right friend L.?

Malta has a philatelic society and its rules are given in the last number of the *Melita Philatelic Chronicle*. Lieut. Colonel Manche, M. D., is the President, and Edmund Rizzo, Secretary.

Mr. Bartels gives plenty of news in his letter of May 24th in the *Metropolitan Philatelist*. We are soon to have documentary stamps of the values of \$100, \$500 and \$1000, printed in two colors each, with serial numbers so that a record can be kept of each purchaser. They are to be slightly larger than the other dollar values. A portrait of Madison will adorn the highest value which will be the first issued.

The quantities of the Puerto Rico 8-cent stamps and the Due stamps recently sent to that island are also given together with some details concerning the Philippines and Guam surcharges.

The *Bay State Philatelist* has just come under my notice although nine numbers have been issued. It is very nicely printed but really contains very little information or news. When such a reliable high-grade periodical as the *Boston Stamp Book* is compelled to give up the ghost for lack of support, it seems a pity that we should have so many of these almost useless amateur publications.

O Coleccionador de Sellos continues its articles on Brazilian essays and illustrates some proposed postage, journal and telegraph stamps, which if properly engraved

and printed would be decidedly ornamental to our albums.

German colonial surcharged stamps are written up in *Philatelic Facts and Fallacies* from an article originally published in the *Berliner Briefmarken Zeitung*. It seems that comparatively few of these stamps have been printed as yet and some colonies have not been supplied with certain values which could be of no use to them.

The *Philatelic Bulletin* announces that it has secured control of the *Eastern Philatelist* and will consolidate the two papers under a compound title. As the *Eastern* is the older paper I trust it will be given the precedence in the arrangement of the title.

The *Post Office* contains another of its summaries of U. S. colonial stamp news, and in addition gives lists of the Puerto Rico plate numbers and also the 2-cent Cubas. Extracts are also given from Postmaster General Smith's article on the U. S. postal service which recently appeared in the *Cosmopolitan*.

"Points for Young Philatelists" by C. L. Annan in *Stamps* is an article that will interest all. This first installment deals with the British West Indies and is accompanied by a rough sketch map showing the location of the different islands, etc. The "points" are geographical and historical and do not relate to the stamps but to the issuing countries.

C. B. F. has some entertaining notes concerning "Some Entires" in the *Philatelic West* and in the course of his article asks if the Casa da Moeda on the Brazilian letter cards is not their capital building. It is their mint and printing office, where the stamps and other government securities are printed. The article on "Rarity of Stamps" is worth but little.

Mr. Kissenger has assumed full control of the *Perforator* and promises that future issues shall be far in advance of the past.

The *Montreal Philatelist* has completed its first volume and promises a big circulation for the first number of volume two. The Australian letter contains some New Zealand postal statistics and the newspaper extracts that have been circulating so much of late concerning the proposed Tasmanian stamps.

Enlarged representations of the lower left corner of the two types of the current French stamps are shown in the "Question" department of *Le Collectionneur de Timbres Poste*. Lists of the values which appear in each type are given under the respective cuts.

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CHICAGO, May 28, 1899.

The 297th regular meeting was held May 4th, 1899, in Society's room, 651 Marquette Building.

Meeting was called to order at 8.30 p. m. with Mr. C. E. Severn, President, in the chair.

Present: Messrs. C. E. Severn, Schlieckert, Massoth, Lefever, Pierce, Michaels, Wolsieffer, Oesch, Smack and Doncyson.

The reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was deferred until next meeting.

The resignation of A. C. Trask, No. 460, was read and referred to Governing Board.

Motion prevailed that Mr. F. N. Massoth be authorized to sell the book-cases that belong to the Society since we have no further use for same.

After recess the Governing Board reported that the resignation of Mr. A. C. Trask (No. 460) was accepted with regrets.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9.30 p. m., after which the members present bought, sold and exchanged stamps for the balance of the evening.

S. T. S. DONCYSON, Sec'y.

The 298th regular meeting was held May 18th, 1899, in Society's room, 651 Marquette Building.

As the President (Mr. C. E. Severn) was absent (on account of a severe attack of the mumps) and the Vice President (Mr. John J. Oesch) was also absent, (educating a new arrival into the mystery of collecting Proofs and Essays,) the meeting was called to order by the Secretary at 9.15 p. m.

Motion prevailed that Mr. P. M. Wolsieffer stop talking about the next auction, and act as chairman in the absence of the President and Vice-President.

Present: Messrs. P. M. Wolsieffer, Michaels, Schlieckert, Massoth, Lefever, Smack and Doncyson.

The minutes of the two previous meetings were approved as read. Mr. Massoth reported that he had disposed of part of the book-cases and had turned the proceeds over to the Treasurer.

Communication from Mr. J. A. Cook, Waterloo, Ia., was read and referred to Governing Board.

Bill for Printing was referred to Governing Board.

After recess the Governing Board reported that the Secretary was instructed to write Mr. Cook in regard to papers on hand, and approved bill for printing.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9.45 p. m., after which the extravagance of one of the officers was discussed.

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The Stamps of Venezuela.

Since 1859 the stamps of this country have had the different values in each issue conform to the adopted design, but differing in detail, each value being separately engraved. This is the case with the stamps of the 1866 issue.

We do not know whether there had been imitations of the 1859 and 1861, but all we can state is that all the stamps of 1863 and 1866 have secret marks, more or less discernible, as follows:

The $\frac{1}{2}$ real, 1st type, 1863, has a coloured dot in one of the pearls at the top, and a vertical line in another pearl on the left-hand side of the circle. The 1 real, 2 reals $\frac{1}{2}$ and one centavo have only the vertical line on the left-hand side.

In the $\frac{1}{2}$ real, 2nd type, 1865, we can only find the coloured dot in one of the pearls at the top.

In the 1866 issue we find in the knot of the scroll bearing the inscription, *Dios y federacion* (if well printed).

In the $\frac{1}{2}$ real; a vertical line in the centre.

In the 1 real; on the left two horizontal lines, in the centre one small and one thick vertical line, on the right one horizontal line, and in the cornucopia a G towards the left.

In the 2 reales; three large dots.

In the $\frac{1}{2}$ centavo; the letter N in the middle, and a dot on the left-hand side.

In the 1 centavo; a large dot in the middle.

In the 2 centavos; a dot in the centre and an oblique line on the right-hand side.

ISSUE 1866, JANUARY, $\frac{1}{2}$ REAL. 1st Transfer.

We do not know how many stamps a sheet contained. We suppose there are 135 stamps, similar to the 1870 issue in 15 rows of 9.

The cornucopia on the left-hand side has four long lines. ~

The horse's tail is formed by a thick coloured dash, which nearly touches the shield on the left.

The laurel branches partly cover the flowers falling from the cornucopia.

The palm leaves on the right-hand side are bent, especially the fourth (the fifth is very close to the scroll).

The inscription on the scroll: *Dios y federacion* is composed of three distinct words, the letters are of a uniform size, and the ends of the scroll are split into two even parts.

The s of *los* is straight.

The stars before and after the value are evenly formed.

The gum is white and smooth.

The paper was at first more or less thin, slightly bluish, and the colour generally light; in later printings the paper was white and the colour a little deeper.

$\frac{1}{2}$ real, pale brown violet.

$\frac{1}{2}$ real, dark brown violet.

$\frac{1}{2}$ real, bright brown violet.

No tete-beche pairs exist in this transfer. The stamps were made at *Caracas* by *M. Felix Rasco*.

ISSUE JULY 1870, $\frac{1}{2}$ REAL. 2nd Transfer.

The necessity for a second printing arose in 1870, and the stamps were first issued about July of this year.

The sheets contain 135 stamps in 15 rows of 9. The third, sixth and ninth stamp of the fourth, eighth, twelfth and fifteenth horizontal row are reversed, this shows that the lithographer must have made transfers of 12 stamps (4 rows of 3) leaving the first row out in order to get his last three rows to complete the sheet.

They were printed on dull white paper, at first thick, but later on thinner and less white.

$\frac{1}{2}$ real, lilac rose.

$\frac{1}{2}$ " " bright and dark.

$\frac{1}{2}$ " brown rose.

$\frac{1}{2}$ " red brown, pale and dark.

$\frac{1}{2}$ " carmine.

$\frac{1}{2}$ " pale brown.

All these shades exist tete beche.

ISSUE 1870, $\frac{1}{2}$ REAL.

Forgery (?)

If we remember rightly the shades of the stamps, the colour and thickness of the paper, the stamps of this issue must have appeared about the same time as the last issue. They can be recognized by the following points:

The cornucopia on the left-hand side is heavily shaded by nearly vertical lines.

The horse is thicker and shorter, the tail is formed by a small coloured dash and ends $\frac{1}{2}$ mm. from the shield on the left-hand side.

The laurel leaves are more bent and do not touch the flowers of the cornucopia.

The palm leaves on the right are stiffer, and not bent like those of the 1866 issue, and there is a space between the fifth leaf and the scroll.

The inscription on the scroll: *Dios y federacion* forms only one word. There is a white spot over the letter y, which letters seems to have been added afterwards seeing that it is different in every one of the 12 stamps of the transfer; the letters *cion* are larger than the others, especially the final letters *on*, the ends of the scroll are not evenly split, they are open on the left and closed on the right-hand side.

The s of *los* is large and thick-set.

The stars before and after the value are badly formed. The gum is yellowish-white and shows clearly brushmarks. This gum often is hardly perceptible. The plate has been formed exactly the same way as the one for the July, 1870, issue. There exist, therefore, 12tete beche pairs on each sheet.

$\frac{1}{2}$ real, lilac rose.

$\frac{1}{2}$ " " bright.

$\frac{1}{2}$ " brown rose.

$\frac{1}{2}$ " red-brown, pale and dark.

$\frac{1}{2}$ " carmine.

$\frac{1}{2}$ " pale brown.

All these shades exist tete beche.

We have only found these stamps obliterated *Caracas* and *La Guaira*. We suppose they were only put fraudulently into circulation in these two towns for the following reasons:

It seems impossible to us that the lithographer employed at the same time for each printing since 1870 (the different shades prove this) plates of different types. If more $\frac{1}{2}$ real stamps than any of the other values were required, it was much easier to make one plate of 300 stamps than of 135, as was done in the case of the stamps of the 1874 issue. Common sense would have counselled to make 2 plates of one type instead of two types, of which one was an imitation of the other, if it was absolutely necessary to print with two plates.

When the surcharged stamps appeared in January, 1874, which type was employed? That of 1866. If the 1870 type had been genuine, is it not more reasonable to suppose that by preference the last plate had been taken, which being more recent had been less used?

This surcharge (an inscription in two lines) which has never been properly explained, was assuredly only a precaution taken by the postal authorities to guard against imitations, such as we have described. And who knows whether it was not the absence of the secret marks that first drew attention to this fraudulent issue.

We will now describe the means the postal authorities took in 1874 to guard against such imitations.

(1) The sheets contain 300 stamps (in 20 rows of 15) instead of 135.

(2) By the elimination of tete beches.

(3) The paper commences to be very bluish.

(4) By a surcharge consisting of an inscription in two lines.

This surcharge appears in different characters, the words are spelt various ways, there are also letters that are sometimes large, sometimes small, we have even found a stamp without this surcharge. Under these conditions, what guarantee did this famous surcharge offer?

We have carefully gone through our stock without however finding a single imitation. We do not know why the forgers did not pursue their work, whether they were caught or whether they had made enough money. The fact remains, that the government found in their possession forged stamps, and as proof we may add that we got them from that source in whole sheets.—*Timbre Poste*.

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It is claimed now by a distinguished Washington philatelist that the difference between the original Newspaper stamps and the reprints is a technical one; but, as the stamps were reprinted after the issue

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had become obsolete, they are straight reprints. Any one who would sanction the fostering of a lot of reprints on the collectors, ought to go on record; and I see that Mr. H. A. Chapman of Hartford, Conn., is one of those people who thinks that it should make no difference whether they are reprints or not.

There has recently been three catalogues published in England, by Messrs. Whitfield King, Bright & Son, and Stanley Gibbons, and all of them claim to have given particular attention to the pricing of stamps. I will give an illustration to show what a difference there is in the various catalogues: the 40c Cuba unused, 1870, is priced as follows: Whitfield King, \$3.75; Bright's, \$2.60; Stanley Gibbons, \$6.25; Scott's 58th, \$5.00. Now, how can a collector who is the happy possessor of all of these catalogues, determine what the market value of this stamp is? As the prices in Scott's catalogue were made a long time ago, we will have to leave that out. Shall we take the figures of the three new publications, add them up, and divide by three? If so, we find the stamp is worth \$4.25, which I should judge is about the right price. It seems to be kind of hard luck for an American collector to have to buy three foreign catalogues, and then not be able to find out anything reliable in regard to prices.

B. L. Drew & Co. hold their last auction sale of the season to-morrow evening. The Colonial Stamp Co., commencing June 3d, are to hold one once a fortnight.

Thursday, June 1st.

B. L. Drew & Co. held an auction sale last evening. There was a large attendance, considering the weather, which was very warm. Most all of the stamps that were in nice condition brought good prices. In many cases unused recent issues in sets brought more than they can be bought for from the dealers. Hawaii Provisional Government, \$1.00, o. g., fine, sold for \$1.50; official set, cancelled, sold for \$1.56; 1869, 90c, perfectly centered, sold for \$9.25; 90c, 1861, used, fine, sold for \$2.10; set of Newspaper stamps, 1899 reprint, sold for \$4.62; 1c Playing Cards, imperforate, narrow margins, sold for \$6.75, which was a big price, considering the condition; \$1.00 Mortgage, perforated, sold for \$2.15; \$200 perforated, superb condition, sold for \$14.00; \$1.60, second issue, sold for \$9.50; Newfoundland, surcharged 1 on 3, unused, sold for 62 cents; same stamp on original cover, sold for 50 cents; a set of cardboard proofs, 211 varieties, perfect condition, sold for \$37.50. The sale as a whole would be considered a very good one, and prices realized would indicate that stamps are bringing better prices.

S. E. L.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Montreal Notes.

I have received a letter from the Post Office Department at Ottawa saying that the Department had not yet considered the advisability of issuing a seven-cent stamp. However, I think we may look forward to having one as they would be of great convenience to put on registered letters.

Dealers who sent their entire supply of three-cent envelopes and letter-cards to Ottawa to be surcharged are sorry that they did not keep a few unsurcharged, as the price of the unsurcharged has advanced on account of the limited supply now on hand.

News comes from St. Catherines that Mr. George Bradley has transferred his weekly, the *Stamp Reporter*, to Mr. James Irwin.

I have received three varieties of the Pan-American Exposition advertisement in the form of stamps. One of them which shows a map of North and South America in red, on a blue ground, has fooled quite a number of persons here who at first glance took it for an Imperial Penny Postage stamp.

The one-cent stamp of the numerical issue has appeared in a slightly darker shade of green than formerly.

A fine album will soon be issued from this city. Needham & Co. are the publishers. It will contain spaces for the stamps of British North America only and will be right up-to-date.

The International Stamp Co. have put up outside their office a frame containing photographs of rare stamps they have bought and sold.

A. R. MAGILL.

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WHOLE No. 317.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Washington Notes.

Wednesday, June 7th.

The Treasury Department has decided on the \$100 and \$500 revenue stamps. The \$100 stamp will bear the portrait of Marshall and the \$500 that of Hamilton. I just received this information from the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. They of course will be printed in two colors, the same as the \$1,000 revenue stamp.

It has now been definitely decided that there was issued a 2-cent Cuban envelope on amber, No. 5. It seems as if in surcharging the 70,000 which were turned over to Director Rathbone six boxes of 500 each on amber were in the lot. The reason why the government knew nothing about it was on account of the Postal Agent of New York reporting to the Department that he had turned over 70,000 white envelopes and made no mention of ambers in the lot, therefore the government supposed they were all white. As a matter of fact however, there was 3,000 ambers surcharged with the whites. One of the local dealers was fortunate enough to get a fair supply of these envelopes, and is asking 50 cents each, which, in view of the number issued, is a very reasonable price considering what dealers are charging for the 2-cent Canadian envelope, ranging in price from 50c to \$1.00 when 10,000 were issued.

Another interesting envelope of Cuba is the 1-cent surcharged on oriental buff, which is destined to become quite rare, as it now seems the entire lot of 10,000 were ordered by a private firm and he is very averse to selling them, in fact he refused to sell any, but finally he was persuaded to sell 200 which also came to Washington, and are held by one of the local dealers. It may be after receiving a large advance over face for what he sold he might be induced to hold the rest of the lot, and demand a big price for them, or it may be he has sent out his circulars and used them as he originally intended to do. This is something that we are not able to decide until we know the facts in the case.

The 2-cent die "A" on blue seems to be very much rarer than the amber and buff.

So far I have only seen this envelope advertised by two firms, which is a fair indication as to its rarity.

Mr. Archie L. Doherty, manager of the U. S. Coin & Stamp Exchange of Chicago, was in this city for a few days, and he had some very fine revenues for sale, and I understand he went out of town with more greens and less stamps. Mr. Doherty is a very pleasant gentleman personally and I would advise all philatelists to call on him when they visit Chicago.

As stated in my notes last week, the P. O. Department have ordered the new Cuban stamps printed and placed in stock. As yet they have received no requisition from Director Rathbone for them, but as soon as it is received the stamps can be sent.

I just learned that Cuba will have two more surcharged envelopes, viz.:

10,000	1c on blue.
10,000	2c " "

This order was sent direct to Hartford and was referred to P. O. Department and has been approved. It is presumed that this order was sent before Director Rathbone knew that the new dies were finished and I expect the requisition will go as ordered and that the envelopes will be surcharged as requested.

The Post Office Department has ordered the plates of the Newspaper stamps destroyed as well as the remainder of those stamps that are in the Bureau. There were a great many stamps in excess of the 50,000 required of the low values. I think the Bureau had on hand 300,000 of some values—I had the exact number but have lost the list.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Topics About Town.

FROM NEW YORK CITY.

Local business shows a slight falling off in transient trade, but mail trade continues to improve notwithstanding the near approach of the vacation season. The stand taken by C. E. Severn regarding season

closing, is fully maintained by the following excerpt, from an editorial in a western contemporary: "The philatelic season never closes; that it begins each year with January 1st and closes December 31st." Such will be the season this year—from the present outlook—and we may add the most promising for many a "moon."

Among the visitors the past week were Mr. R. C. Bach of Montreal, Canada, and Mr. F. J. Laury of Worcester, Mass., who departed for Holland on the steamship Spaarndam, which sailed June 3rd.

The annual conventions of the various philatelic societies will soon be here. The only local meet this year will be of the Empire State Philatelic Society, which will convene sometime during August. Many members have signified their intention of being present in person, and hopes are entertained that the '99 meet will be a huge success. President Evans will issue his call in the July number of the official organ.

A little bird has whispered in our ear that Brother Scott will again enter the *Metropolitan Philatelist* in the race for official organ of the American Philatelic Association, but in what manner he will conduct the campaign is merely a matter of conjecture.

The two new stamps of Peru—the 5 and 10 sols—arrived on mail matter the latter part of last month. The 2c in the new shade, vermilion, is becoming quite plentiful.

A sensation was caused by the arrest of two young men for dealing in washed revenue stamps (current issue). Revenue Agent Thompson and Inspectors Long and O'Neal arrested Charles Turney, a broker's messenger, on June 2nd, at 121 Livingston St., Brooklyn, and seized about \$6,000 face value, in documentary stamps in his possession. The prisoner and a friend have been rooming at the Livingston address for a week. About \$500 face value of the seized stamps had been washed or restored, Agent Thompson declared, after a microscopic examination. A clipping appears elsewhere.

VOLUNTEER.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Our Boston Letter.

Tuesday, June 6th.

I am greatly amused to note the way that one of your correspondents, who signs "Crossed Quills," criticised my remarks about the Great Barrier Island 1sh stamp. The funny part of it is why one should criticise something that he knows so little about. He states, "I will admit that my knowledge of the particular stamp in question is limited." There are hundreds of U. S., Russian, Scandinavian, and Chinese locals, and the majority of them have a standing that make them worthy of collecting, from a philatelic standpoint. What I object to, as a collector, is the chronicling by the philatelic press, and the selling by dealers to unsophisticated collectors, any stamps sailing under false colors. The above mentioned stamp has been advertised by dealers in such a way that the average collector thinks he is buying a postage stamp. Nine out of ten of the chroniclers of stamps know nothing about it; they saw it mentioned in some other paper, and they list it, and thus it goes the rounds of the philatelic press.

Mekel's Weekly, under date of April 20, illustrates and chronicles the stamp as follows:

"GREAT BARRIER ISLAND.—The *Timbre Poste* describes and illustrates a new local stamp used on private mail steamers between the out-of-the-way island and Auckland City, the capital of New Zealand."

And it has been said that they were used by a pigeon post. Whitfield King & Co. furnish the following letter:

[COPY.]

"GENERAL POST OFFICE,
"WELLINGTON, NEW ZEALAND,
"20th February, 1899.

"GENTLEMEN:

"I am in receipt of your letter to the Chief Postmaster, Auckland, of the 6th ultimo, asking for information as to the authenticity of an issue of 1s stamp inscribed 'Great Barrier Island, Special Post.' In reply, I beg to inform you that the Department has no knowledge of the stamp having been used. The so-called pigeon-post between the mainland and the Great Barrier Island was purely a private speculation, with whom the Department was in no way concerned.

"Your enclosure is returned herewith.

"Yours obediently,

[Signed] "W. GRAY, Secretary."

"Crossed Quills," like a good many other philatelic scribes, jumps at conclusions. He says that anything new in the way of a stamp is warmly welcomed in Boston, which is not so. We have lately had some new Newspaper stamps, and this section of the country is decidedly against them, and Mr. T. Maloney, one of Boston's well-known collector-dealers, supplied all of the dealers who would handle the Barrier Island stamps before they were chronicled.

An importation of Falkland Island stamps, received here yesterday, showed

different shades of color from the former issue, and it is most noticeable in the 1d stamp, which comes very near being a claret. Latest advices from Newfoundland state that the new 5c stamp will probably be put on sale in about three weeks.

The 2c die A envelope, on blue, was captured here in a small lot of not over 200, by a Massachusetts dealer, who, being not very well posted, rather made a fizzle of the sale of them. He sold the largest part of them to a well-known stamp firm here, and they have supplied Washington and Western dealers in lots of 25. They were advertised at 25 cents each, and I doubt if today one can secure 10 copies of this envelope here at quite an advance on that price. The party who secured these envelopes could have obtained \$1.00 each for them, if he had been better posted.

I note in the ERA that Mr. Stone refers to what the editor of the *Nebraska Philatelist* said that I mentioned in the ERA, to wit: that the 3c envelope and letter card, surcharged, were unofficial; and that said editor in consequence wrote to the Postmaster-General at Ottawa, and has received due assurance that the surcharges are all right. I never mentioned anything of the kind. What I did mention was the split Provisionals. An editor who does not know the difference between an adhesive postage stamp, and an envelope seems hardly fit to conduct a philatelic paper.

Mr. Willard O. Wylie, one of Boston's well-known writers for the philatelic press, has an article in one of your contemporaries entitled "From a Scientific Standpoint." He endeavors to make out that stamp collecting is a science. He evidently solicited replies from several prominent philatelists. The following is taken from a reply from Mr. John N. Luff, the well-known philatelic expert, with the Scott Coin & Stamp Co.: "I fear that my answer to your question will not be entirely satisfactory, since I am not in accord with your initial assumption that philately is a science. I hold philately to be an intellectual pastime and that it offers opportunity for study, cultivation, information and entertainment, but not that it is a science. We would not think of calling the collecting of books or pictures a science. Why, then, seek to apply the term to stamp collecting? am as ardent a philatelist as any, but I do not mis-conceive my subject. I see nothing to be gained by attempting to deceive others or myself by resounding words. Though you cover him with a lion's skin and teach him to bray ever so loudly, you cannot make a certain long-eared animal other than he is. And I have little patience with those who would make an interesting pursuit ridiculous by attempting to cover it

with a cloak of false pretense. Let its own merits suffice." I fully agree with Mr. Luff.

S. E. L.

EXCHANGES.

One notice is allowed each subscriber free if sent with his remittance, extra notices will be inserted at the uniform price of 10 cents each insertion. Non-subscribers 15 cents each insertion. Postively cash with notice. All notices must be for exchange and limited to thirty words, exclusive of the address, and must be written on a separate piece of paper. Notices offering articles for sale for cash, or offering to purchase for cash cannot be inserted here as they do not come under this head.

Three Consecutive Insertions of Same Exchange Notice, 25 Cents.

There are lots of stamps that you have that I want. Do you want 1899 2c broken die, fine used copy, or rejected die in amber or buff, unused? Haviland, 446 Willoughby Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y. [18]

Here! I will take your duplicate stamps or job lots at 3/4 cat. (with few exceptions) in exchange for my stamps at catalogue. Write, Calvin C. Brackett, Garland, Me.

Want to exchange U. S. and foreign stamps and entireties for good counterfeits, especially old German States, Italian States, Switzerland. No common lithographs wanted. Price must be reasonable. Send on approval and state exchange desired. Rev. R. R. Thiele, Manchester, Wis. A.P.A. & Dresden Soc'y. [17]

The boys are howling for more packets, I can use cheap stuff to fill them, in exchange for — see my other ad, write me, Haviland, 446 Willoughby Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y. [18]

TRADE COLUMN.

Under this head we print all notices not properly belonging to our exchange department, such as business announcements, want and for sale notices, etc., etc., at the uniform low rate of five (5) cents per line. Eight words average a line. All notices will be set in solid 6-point type and no display allowed. Minimum charge 10 cents.

U. S. 1898 Rev. 8c yellow, 20c
EAGLE STAMP CO., Winona, Minn.

1000 assorted stamps, contains over 200 different varieties, for 45 cts.; 3000 for \$1.00; 500 for 25 cts. E. A. KELLY, 713 La Salle St., Ottawa, Ills. [18]

U. S. 15c Columbian, fine, 12c
U. S. 30c Columbian, fine, 20c
ROYAL EXCHANGE STAMP CO., Winona, Minn.*

Here!	Cat.No.	Cat.pr.	My pr.
Canada 17c blue, damaged,	30,	\$1.50	\$0.25
Canada 8c registered, unused,	156,	2.50	1.25
Bahamas 4d rose,	14,	1.00	.50
U. S. Colombia 2c red, unused,	199,	1.00	.50
Curacao 3c bistre, unused,	14,	1.25	.80
Cyprus 3d red,	1,	1.75	.75
Dominica 1d lilac, pen cancelled,	25,	1.00	.25
R. Roumelia 10 pa, sm. R.O. horizont.,	2,		.75
Fiji Islands 3p green,	16,	1.25	.50

* Money refunded if stamps are not satisfactory.
CALVIN C. BRACKETT, Garland, Me.

Highest cash price paid for stamps in lots. Send lists and offers. F. P. VINCENT, L. Box 56, Chatham, N. Y. [16]

Wanted for reconstructing sheets of Great Britain in lots of 50 or more: 3d spray of rose, 2 1/2d claret orb, 2d blue 1853, also 1 1/2d red 1860. State what you have and price to LOUIS M. MIER, Rutherford, N. J. [17]

Please mention ERA when answering ads.

FREE! "THE EVERGREEN STATE PHILATELIST" on trial two months; or one year for 20 cents. Address, at Hartland, Washington. [18]

No. 43, "Rose-Red."

I want an unused o. g. Block of Four of the 3c of 1851—in the decided rose shade.

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PORT COLLINS, * COLORADO.

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Secretary's Report.

No additional nominations for officers for 1899-1900 have been received, and Messrs. Pinkham and Toppan decline the nominations assigned them in the preceding number of the Official Journal. Ballots and blank proxies will be forwarded members about the 15th inst. Members not intending to be present at the meeting on the 24th inst should forward their votes to Mr. Willis D. King, Chairman Board of Trustees, 5 Mascoma St., Roxbury, Mass., on or before the 22nd inst., with the word "Vote" written on envelopes. Proxies must bear a 10c revenue stamp. Programme of the Annual Convention will be given in the next issue of the Official Journal.

I would request that members who expect to be present notify me at once by postal to that effect.

LEVI A. JUDKINS,
Secretary.

Here! I buy single stamps and job lots.
Calvin C. Brackett, Garland, Me.



PRESIDENT'S CALL.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., June 10th, 1899.

TO THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THE AMERICAN PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION:

Gentlemen: The Fourteenth Annual Convention of this Association for the election of officers and the transaction of such other business as may legally come before it, will be held in Detroit, Mich., Tuesday, September 12th, at 10 o'clock a. m.

I appoint Geo. O. Begg, Herbert Bowen, W. F. Fratcher, John Kay and Fremont Woodruff, residents of Detroit, Committee of Arrangements.

I appoint Hiram E. Deats of Flemington, N. J.; P. M. Wolsieffer of Chicago; W. C. Stone of Springfield, Mass.; D. T. Eaton of Muscatine, Iowa, and H. G. Smith of Winona, Minn., Committee on Credentials.

FRANK F. OLNEY, President.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Change of Addresses.

1139. McCULLOCH, R. A., from 258 West 73rd St., New York City, to 328 Centre St., Orange, N. J.

WM. N. HOWE, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE SALES DEPARTMENT.

GEORGE R. TUTTLE, Superintendent,
87 Nassau St.
NEW YORK CITY, June 3rd, 1899.

970 books of stamps in circulation according to my report of May 27th, valued at.....	\$30,998.71
13 books received since May 27th, valued at.....	395.70
	\$31,394.41
17 books retired since May 27th, valued at (from which has been sold \$209.54)	\$623.76

Total number of books in circulation 966, valued at..... \$30,770.65

GEO. R. TUTTLE,
Superintendent Sales Dept.

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FOR

.. JUNE ..

Canada 2c Numeral.. \$1.50 per 1000
" 3c Jubilee.... 3.50 " "
North Borneo 1895 4c on \$1,
used..... \$2.40 per 100
Roumania 1894-96, Sets of 5
varieties.... \$1.75 per 100 Sets

Guarantee Stamp Co.,

27 E. 125th St., N. Y. City.

We sell retail too.

SEND WANT LIST.

The Only Stamp Shop Up-Town.

£
STERLING STAMP CO.,
BOSTON, MASS.

Orders under 50c postage extra.
4, 5 and 6c stamps taken as cash.

The orders began to come in for the \$1.00 lot advertised last week before we saw the ad in the ERA ourselves. They must have looked for our ad about as soon as they got their paper.

We Offer of Canadians This Week:
10c Special Delivery (perfect)..... \$0.12
20c vermilion, Scott's No. 82, mint state .25
Jubilee Issue, ½c to \$1.00, " " 2.50
1c, Scott's No. 46, watermarked, used, only one copy..... 2.00
20 different Canadian stamps (less than wholesale price)..... .10

We have our order in for the Porto Rico surcharged wrappers and envelopes. Very soon we are promised a new set of stamps and envelopes for Cuba. Better let us put your name on our mailing list and then you will get them as soon as they are out, and the price will be right or you do not have to keep the goods.

S **ST. LOUIS**
Stamp and Coin Co.,

312 N. 4th St., **ST. LOUIS, MO.**

Can now offer Lanman & Kemp, ½c private prop. at 5c
Lanman & Kemp, private prop. 1 ¾c at 10c
The Hostetter Co., 2 ½c black at 10c
Johnson & Johnson, ¾c red at 5c
Radway's, ¾c blue at 5c
Pisos, ¾c blue 5c

Plenty in stock, order as many as you want and at any time.

Canada 2c or 3c letter sheet, entire, 6c
Canada 2c purple 1899 Env. entire, 50c

We have purchased the fine old collection of Drs. E. F. & L. Hauck of this city, containing about 10,000 varieties, and which was started 20 years ago. Send us your want list.

SPECIAL

U. S. Envelope, No. 1416, 90c carmine on white, entire and unused, catalogue \$2.50, mailed flat for **\$1.02.**

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Wholesale Dealer in POSTAGE STAMPS,
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50% DISCOUNT
on U. S. and foreign stamps. Damaged copies and ends at much lower prices. **I WANT TO BUY** collections and stamps in lots. [18*
H. A. Smedberg, Kingsbridge, New York City.

BARGAINS!!

All Unused.

British Guiana 1899 2c on 10c, 2c on 15c, now obsolete.... \$0.12
Hawaii 1899 2c pink..... .03
Nova Scotia 8 ½c..... 1.00
Barbados ½ on 4d 1892..... .08
Leeward Island 7d..... .18
Newfoundland 1890 12c..... .15
Seychelles 15c 1893..... .07

Postage 2c extra with all orders.

COLONIAL STAMP CO.,
345A Washington St.,
Boston, - - - Mass.

have accumulated and then dropping in all at once. Well, so long as my knowledge of Russian is about on a par with Doebelin's acquaintance with aqua pura I guess I don't miss much. The paper is very nicely gotten up and has most excellent illustrations. I noticed the familiar name of Williams & Company in one of the numbers!

From the numerous extracts which I have seen during the past two years I have always had an idea that the *Philatelic Journal of India* was a very valuable periodical and now that I have had an opportunity to peruse this year's issues, I am more than ever convinced that such is the fact. It is modeled after the *London Philatelist* and is printed on a very fine quality of paper. On the front cover is a small half tone cut of the general post office at Calcutta. Each number starts off with a philatelic calendar for the month, and considerable information can be gleaned from the various entries. For the month of April there is an entry for each day except the 7th, which for some unexplainable reason had no philatelic happening.

The magazine naturally devotes most of its space to the stamps of India and is clearing up many dubious points and bringing forth much new information. An article on "Catalogues and Prices" shows some strange inconsistencies in the quotations by three English dealers for the rarer varieties of the surcharged stamps used in Nabha, Patiala, Jhind, etc. Why should a stamp of which only 240 were printed be priced by one dealer at £2 10 sh., while the other two quote it at £1 10 sh., and 15 shillings respectively? And again, why should another stamp of which only 192 were issued, be listed at £1 15 sh., £1 10 sh., and 6 shillings, when the face value of the first mentioned stamp was 8 annas and the second 3 rupees? There are many more examples like the above and it would seem as if some of the dealers were sadly off in their estimates of values. Major Evans' articles on native stamps, which are coming out in the *Monthly Journal* are being reprinted here, and so is the article on Persia by C. Forbes from the *Philatelic Journal of Great Britain*. Some "Preliminary Notes on the Stamps of Poonch" are given by Captain S. H. Godfrey which are entertaining and instructive. The list of the members of the Philatelic Society of India is given in full and I notice that of H. E. Deats as the only representative from this country. In fact there are very few foreign members.

The *Stamp Reporter*, Canada's latest (?) weekly has so far issued six numbers, and now comes the melancholy news that it has been absorbed by the *Advocate*. Weeklies somehow do not seem to thrive in Canada. Why is it?

Edward J. Nankivell's hobby is Transvaals and he wants to find out everything

WHAT TO COLLECT...

Is a problem that confronts many true philatelists. We advise wisely when we suggest Blocks of Four of all new private Proprietaries, unused and full gum, in Wolsieffer's Blank Album. We have over 400 customers for these stamps at a small advance above face and would like to add your name to the list.

LEWIS ROBIE,
631 West Adams St., **CHICAGO, ILL.**

N. B. We have accumulated three more batches of slightly torn, off-centered or greasy M. and M. and Proprietary stamps, each lot includes 10c 1878 and 10c B. and G. 1871 and catalogues over \$60.00. Price, one-twelfth of that price, **\$5.00.** Satisfaction guaranteed, and preference given to cash-with-the-order customers.

Cuba Newspaper Stamps
1888 Set Complete..... 20c
1892 " "..... 15c
1899 Envelopes
1, 4 and 5c, entire..... 16c
50c Columbian, used..... 45c
If you send ac extra will send a 5c Express.

STAMP CO **Coldwater, Mich.**

NOTICE.

I have returned from San Antonio, Texas, to my former place of residence, ready to attend to all business with usual promptness. My offers in previous numbers of this paper are all still good; all are bargains.

C. BERGHOLZ,
ONALASKA, - - ARKANSAS.

Here!

So many letters were received in reply to my last ads I had to stop. If I stop again you'll know why.

I Offer:

3c P. O. unused o. g., gray p., cat. 15c: 1 for 7c: 10 for 60c; 100 for \$5 00.
3c P. O. unused, Plate Nos., 140 tops and 6 bottoms, for best offers.
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he can about them. Consequently he has started the publication of a dainty little sixteen-page magazine called the *Transvaal Collectors' Quarterly* which will be devoted exclusively to the stamps of Krugerland. Under the heading "First Steps for Specialists" is commenced a series of illustrated articles on the collection and classification of these stamps. A portrait and biographical sketch of Fred Jepp, the postmaster general of the Transvaal under whom stamps were first issued, and whose death was recorded last year, is also given. Several discoveries are noted and a selection is given of the prices realized at the sale of the Pearce collection.

Newspaper Clippings.

BOYS ROLLING IN WEALTH.

MONEY THAT IS MADE IN HANDLING CANCELLED STAMPS—THE STAMPS SOLD TO DEALERS, WHO WASH THEM AND SELL THEM BACK TO THE OFFICE BOYS WHO BROUGHT THEM—ARREST OF CHARLES TURNEY WITH \$5,700 IN STAMPS.

Revenue Agent Frank G. Thompson and Inspectors Edward Long and George O'Neill arrested Charles Turney, alias Patrick Monahan, a broker's messenger, last night at 121 Livingston St., Brooklyn, and seized \$5,700, face value, in documentary revenue stamps in his possession. The prisoner and a friend have been rooming at the Livingston street address for a week. About \$500, face value, of the seized stamps had been washed, or restored. Agent Thompson declared, after a microscopic examination. In a trunk were found ink-eradicating acids and a quantity of genuine Government mucilage such as is used upon postage and revenue stamps. The prisoner was locked up in the Adams street police station. His right address is said to be 227 Sackett St., and his parents reside at Sixty-first St. and Cowenhoven Lane, Bay Ridge. He is 22 years old. The revenue officers expect to arrest his roommate.

The denominations of the seized stamps range from 5 cents to \$50. About 100 memorandum slips of sales of stocks with the required war revenue stamps attached were found in Turney's trunks. The memoranda bore the business headings of thirty or forty Wall St. houses, including McIntyre & Wardwell, I. & S. Wormser, A. A. Housman & Co., Henry Clews & Co., Post & Flagg, Boody, McLellan & Co., J. S. Bache & Co., Bell & Co., Rolston & Bass and Moore & Schley. The revenue officers believe that Turney got possession of these memorandum slips through dishonest office boys, or messenger boys, and that he intended to remove the cancellation marks with acid, re-gum the stamps and sell them to the same office or

messenger boys at rates below those charged for new stamps.

"It is not exaggeration to say that the Government is losing revenue amounting to one-third of the total receipts in this district," said Revenue Agent Thompson. "The messenger and office boys in the Wall St. district are rolling in wealth. A few days ago we had occasion to investigate a 16-year-old whom we had no evidence against, but upon whom we found ten \$50 bills. This man Turney was making \$200 a day. A broker may send his office boy out to buy stamps of denominations as high as \$50 to put on memorandum of sales and the boy buys of some dealer in washed stamps at 20 per cent. off. After the stock transaction is completed the memoranda are filed away. Then the boy takes another chance and either soaks off the stamps or takes away the entire memorandum slip and sells them to the dealer for 50 per cent. face value. The dealer or some one in the gang does the washing or eradicating. Sometimes an employee who is directed to affix and cancel a \$50 stamp simply does not cancel it and sells it for its full face value. These youngsters in the Wall St. district are about as sharp as they make 'em and just now are lining their pockets with coin. It is simply amazing, the money they are making. They make more money than the dealers in the washed stamps. The dealers are working in big gangs and have plenty of money to defend themselves when caught at it. I am afraid that Turney's arrest is but a drop in the bucket.

"The seizure tonight revealed that some of the firms have not used the full value of stamps the sales indicated require."

Agent Thompson said that the dealers in illicit stamps have strong financial backing and when caught at illegal practices have expensive counsel and pay heavy fines without a murmur. Jacob Miller and Emanuel Alexander, who were sentenced yesterday, after being convicted of practices similar to those charged against Turney, had six lawyers to defend them. Upon announcement of the sentence one of the minor counsel hurried up to the Circuit Court Clerk's desk with a big roll of bills to pay the fines, which amounted to \$1,500.—N. Y. Daily.

WASHED STAMPS SOLD BY BOYS.

THE GOVERNMENT SWINDLED BY THE MESSENGERS OF BANKERS—NEW YORK THE FIELD FOR THEIR OPERATIONS—BOSTON HAS HAD NO SIMILAR FRAUDS YET—REVENUE STAMPS THE SPECIAL OBJECT OF ATTENTION BY THE DISHONEST.

NEW YORK, June 3, 1899.—Internal Revenue Agent Thompson and Inspectors Long and O'Neill say that they are running down messengers in bankers' and brokers' offices by whom large quantities

of cancelled revenue stamps have been washed and resold as brand new.

"The government has been losing 33 per cent. of its revenue in New York city by the sale of washed stamps," said Agent Thompson. "We caught one boy who had \$5700 worth of cancelled stamps in a trunk at his boarding house and \$500 worth of washed stamps in a satchel."

Charles Turney, alias Patrick Monahan, 22 years old, of Brooklyn, is the messenger accused. Agent Thompson says that Turney had an outfit for washing the stamps and renewing the gum. The gum was the same as that used by the government.

Agent Thompson says that many of the messengers engaged in defrauding the government have been making big profits. "Fences" are used to sell the washed stamps at 80 cents on the dollar.

BOSTON NOT TROUBLED NOW.

CLERKS AND BOYS USED TO CASH IN "SPECIAL REQUEST" ENVELOPES, BUT OFFICERS STOPPED THAT.

In Boston, as yet, there has been no duplication of the alleged frauds discovered by the internal revenue officers of New York, who have arrested a broker's messenger on the charge of washing cancellation marks from war revenue stamps and reselling them.

At least, neither Collector Gill nor Gen. Sewall, the revenue agent, has heard any intimation that such work was being done in this city, but it is probable that the revelations from New York may lead to an investigation.

The post office department, however, has long had more or less trouble with dishonest office boys and clerks, whose manipulation of their employer's postage stamp business has resulted in losses all around, but the oversight of all postage stamp transactions is now so strict that fraudulent practices are pretty thoroughly broken up in Boston.

The trouble has been principally in the matter of "special request" envelopes. About a year ago it was discovered that several business houses using this form of envelope were being systematically robbed, and an investigation revealed the manner in which the losses occurred.

At intervals these firms ordered several thousand "request" envelopes, and within some few weeks—in one or two instances within a few days—office boys would present themselves at the post office with 500 or 1000 of the envelopes, and submit them for redemption. In some cases the envelopes would appear defaced, blotted with ink or bearing written addresses, which were represented to be incorrect. The face value of the stamps would then be refunded.

In other instances the representation would be that the firm which ordered the

envelopes was going out of business or had changed its style, or was to remove to another address.

Now this system of larceny has been broken up by a post office rule requiring a written request for refund with all lots of "special request" envelopes presented for redemption.—*Boston Sunday Herald*, June 4th.

BOGUS FILIPINO STAMPS SOLD.

COUNTERFEITERS IMPOSE ON PHILATELISTS WITH FICTITIOUS ISSUES, SUPPOSED TO BE BY AGUINALDO.

"The enterprising counterfeiter is getting in his work to a surprising extent in the Philippines," remarked a New Orleans collector of postage stamps. "During the last two or three months the market has been flooded with 'sets,' which were supposed to include all the Philippine stamps issued under Spanish occupation. They sold for \$5 apiece, which was exactly the price I paid for one rare Manila specimen several years ago. I suppose, as a matter of fact, that the sets are printed in New York and never saw the South Seas. Another class of made-to-order curios are the stamps of the insurgent government, which are being issued in great numbers and considerable variety. They are not exactly fraudulent, because they are authorized by Aguinaldo's representatives as a means of raising money for the rebel cause, but in no sense of the word are they real postage stamps. They are not even supplied with adhesive gum on the back, but printed on heavy paper, especially adapted to their being mounted in albums. They have one redeeming quality, and that is beauty—taken all in all they are the handsomest lot of that sort of prints I ever saw in my life, and the average collector finds it difficult to resist buying them for their decorative effect. The Cuban insurgent stamps are also being printed, and I judge that the demand still continues. They look poor and cheap, however, alongside of the fakes of the Aguinaldo gang."—*New Orleans Picayune*.

Special!

The following letter from our regular Washington correspondent, received since the "outside" pages went to press, explains itself:

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 8, 1899.

In sending my notes yesterday I failed to state that the Department had destroyed all the Columbian stamps. I learned today that the plates for the Cuban stamps have not been finished therefore none could be printed, but the Department sent the order for the stamps as stated. It strikes me that it is a very peculiar way of doing business. The Bureau asking the Post Office Department to send an order for stamps, which they did, and then not to have the plates finished.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Montreal Notes.

Owing to the re-building of the *Star* Building the International Stamp Co. have taken temporary quarters opposite the Post Office, where they expect to remain until the new building is completed.

The *Philatelic Letter*, which was to be published monthly at Lindsay, Ontario, has been given up, as the editor's eye-sight will not permit his carrying out his plans.

Starnaman Bros. of Berlin, Ontario, have secured the *Stamp Reporter* from Mr. James F. Irwin and will probably fill out the unexpired subscriptions with their paper, the *Philatelic Advocate*.

The following is clipped from the *Montreal Gazette*:

RARE CANADIAN STAMPS.

Among the prices realized at Messrs. Ventom, Bull & Cooper's sale of postage stamps at the St. Martin's Town Hall, recently were the following: Newfoundland, 1s carmine, cut close, £5 17s 6d; Newfoundland 1s orange, cut close, £4 8s; Nova Scotia 1s violet, cut close, £6 10s.

A. R. MAGILL.

Philatelic Club of Toronto.

The Philatelic Club of Toronto, held their 34th weekly meeting, in their Club rooms, No. 29 Forum Building, Toronto, Tuesday P. M., May 30th, 1899. The meeting called to order by the President, Mr. Geo. E. Davenport, at 8 o'clock, with 15 members present. After routine business, it was decided to adjourn weekly meetings during the summer months. We have had a very successful season in holding auction sales at nearly every meeting and at which some good stamps changed hands at fair prices. The Club's roll shows about 35 members in good standing, which is a good showing for nine months organization. The present officers are: President, Geo. E. Davenport; Vice-President, E. Marks; Secretary, E. B. McGillivray; Treasurer, A. Rene; Librarian, F. Brerton.

A subscription was taken up among the members for the entertainment of the delegates of the Dominion Philatelic Association, who meet at Toronto in convention on June 30th and July 1st, 1899. We expect a great number of delegates to the finest convention city in America.

The members were given an opportunity of inspecting the fourth volume of Mr. Davenport's collection, composed of Canadian and United States Revenues and Canadian Plate Numbers, the latter being nearly complete and very neatly arranged.

The Club adjourned at 11.30 P. M., to meet on the first Tuesday in September, 1899.

GEO. E. DAVENPORT.

The Editor's Shears.

IN BOOK-FORM.

The publishers of the *Virginia Philatelist* contemplate re-printing in convenient book-form a number of the standard articles which have appeared in these columns. Among them the Confederate articles, revised and corrected with supplementary notes; "The Stamps of Paraguay," "The Postage Stamps of Japan," etc., etc. Enlarged illustrations are to be added, thus making them, as Mr. Stone of the ERA suggests, valuable hand-books for the collector.—*Virginia Philatelist*.

WHAT WILL GREAT BRITAIN DO?

In many quarters statements have appeared to the effect that the Postal authorities of Great Britain have decided to make no alteration of colour next year in accordance with the recommendation of the Postal Congress. We have very good reasons to doubt this, for it is hardly likely that such an isolated step would be adopted by the home country, especially now that all the British Colonies are slowly falling into line by changing their current colours to comply with the above resolution. We do not think, however, that there will be any special rush on the part of the ever watchful speculator to buy up stocks of the current $\frac{1}{2}$ d., 1d. and $2\frac{1}{2}$ d. values English with a view of an abnormal rise in value. There should be enough specimens in existence to fill all requirements.—*Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly*.

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BROOKLINE, MASS., June 6th, 1899.

The eighty-seventh regular meeting of the Society will be held in Elks' Hall, 24 Hayward Place, Boston, on Tuesday evening, June 20th, at 8.00 P. M.

Matters of importance, including business in relation to the forthcoming Reference List of United States Revenues, will come before the meeting and a large attendance is hoped for.

The entertainment will consist of a Stereopticon Exhibition

which will be followed by the exhibition of a collection of

Match and Medicine Stamps

the property of a Boston collector.

GEO. L. TOPPAN,
Secretary.

AUCTION SALE.

At the monthly meeting of the Boston Philatelic Society to be held at Elks' Hall, 27 Hayward Place, Boston, Mass., Tuesday evening, June 20th, 1899, the following stamps will be sold by the lot to the highest bidder:

Lot.	Catalogue value.
1 U. S. Reprint of 1857, No. 63, 3c scarlet...	..
2 " 1861 Re-issue 3c brown red, No. 148..	\$25.00
3 " 1861-66 "Specimen," perf. 3 sides, 1 to 90c	..
4 " 1869 1, 2, 3, 6, 10, 12c, India paper	..
5 " 1890, No. 3123, 2c carmine, imperforated pair, fine ..	..
6 Wm. Swain 8c, watermarked, very fine...	.50
7 Azores No. 38, 100r, O like C in Azores ..	..
8 Ceylon No. 93, 4c rose, block of four, unused	1.40
9 Belgium 151A 1/2 of 10c on cover ..	..
10 Jamaica No. 102, pen cancelled, slight tear	..
11 Great Britain No. 110, 2sh pale brown, second	15.00
12 Hawaii 1883, No. 49, \$1, used ..	5.00
13 Nevis No. 16, 4d orange, used ..	8.50
14 St. Vincent 1883, No. 83, 5sh, unused o. g.	2.00
15 Sierra Leone 1883, No. 27, 1/4d, unused...	3.00
16 Surinam No. 2, 3c unused ..	5.00
17 Trinidad 1894, No. 115, 5sh, o. g.	3.00
18 85 French stamps on parts of covers, many combinations and issues, cata. about	2.00
19 86 Netherlands and Great Britain on covers	..
20 Confederate Nos. 90, 91, 10c blue and light blue on covers ..	2.00
21 Confederate Nos. 88, 89, 94, 5c on covers ..	1.65
22 " 17 stamps, pairs & singles on covers	..
23 U. S. 1862 2c (2), 3c outer line, on covers	..
24 Netherlands No. 14 (2) and No. 17 on one cover, fine ..	1.05
25 U. S. Rev. No. 2807, 2c Certificate, orange	.60
26 50 var. Chinese locals, unused ..	..
27 U. S. Rev. 1898 \$1, \$3, \$5, used ..	..
28 North Borneo 1893 1 to 24c, unused ..	1.17
29 Portugal Vasco de Gama 2 1/2 to 150, unused	.50
30 Rhodesia 1896 2sh 6d, unused ..	2.00
31 Straits Settlements 1884 30c claret, unused	1.25
32 " 1883-95 3, 5, 6, 10c, " ..	.46
33 Liberia Nos. 55, 60, 61, 62, 58, unused ..	.87
34 Mauritius Nos. 84, 87, 102, 3, 4, 5 & 6, unused	.83
35 Hawaii 1859 5c blue, used ..	12.50
36 Justice Department 10c unused ..	3.50
37 Argentine 1897 2, 4, peso, used ..	1.20
38 Salvador 1897 Official, complete ..	..
39 " Dues, " ..	..
40 Cundinamarca 1877 10c, strip of 3 unused..	1.50

Mail bids can be sent to J. H. LYONS, Box 16, Roxbury, Mass.

Here! Wholesale lots for small dealers.
 * Calvin C. Brackett, Garland, Me.

Written for the ERA.

Nebraska Notes.

These notes from the wild and woolly west, from the state of Buffalo Bill and Free Silver Bill Bryan, the land of grasshoppers and Indians, and from the most intensely philatelic portion of the U. S., may be an innovation to the readers of the ERA. But the writer begs their pardon for his western vernacular and all grammatical absurdities.

But come to Nebraska. She boasts a state philatelic society of over two-hundred and twenty; state society, mind you, not a member but is or has been a resident of Nebraska. She should for other reasons be dear to the philatelist, as she has been dear to his pocket-book on account of the late Omaha issue. Another exposition is to be held in that city this year, but no stamps, however. Nebraska boasts two philatelic magazines and two or three score of dealers, so you see she is up-to-date in Philately.

It may be unknown to the general collector that in one position on the sheets of surcharged I. R. three varieties of the R. are placed side by side. Beginning with the stamp farthest to the left of the three, the "tail" of the R forms a complete ball in place of the usual "loop" or "hook." The second R is the ordinary R having a thin and long hook. The third differs in having a very thick and short hook. The fact that the first and last of these three varieties occur only in one position on the sheet and that alone in the one-cent denomination is a sure guarantee that "some day" this stamp will command a stiff price.

The substituter in his attempts to defraud dealers occasionally does himself the greater harm. An amusing case recently came to the writer's notice.

A local dealer sent to a collector a selection of U. S. stamps on approval, one of the stamps was the fifteen-cent 1869 in fine condition. On the return of the selection the dealer noticed that the fifteen-cent stamp though in fair condition, was not as good as when he had sent out the selection. On closer examination he discovered that the stamp on the sheet was "without diamond" while the one he had sent to the collector was with diamond. The collector in attempting to "exchange" with the dealer, had beaten himself just two dollars, and in all probability, more, as the "without diamond" is acknowledged worth more than its catalogue price.

The writer has never heard many opinions expressed on used and unused stamps. Those he has heard are usually about which is the rarer, etc. In his own estimation the *used* stamps only should be collected as postage stamps. An unused

stamp has never done and never will, in all probability, do postal duty, so, while it may be called a *stamp* it should not be called a *postage stamp* until it earns that title.

Take the English stamps of the present issue. What is an unused stamp, postage or revenue? In the used condition the difference of cancellation readily distinguishes them.

In the U. S. and other countries, however, as the unused stamps are *intended* to do postal duty they may be called postage stamps simply on account of this intention. Let us hear from others.

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WHOLE No. 318.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Washington Notes.

Thursday, June 15th.

Director Rathbone has ordered the following stamps and envelopes for Cuba, viz.:

3,000,000	1-cent.
6,000,000	2-cent.
2,000,000	3-cent.
2,000,000	5-cent.
600,000	10-cent.
100,000	Special Delivery 10-cent.

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ENVELOPES.

150,000	1-cent.
100,000	2-cent.
100,000	5-cent.

WRAPPERS.

150,000	1-cent.
100,000	2-cent.

An equal number of each of these envelopes will be on white and amber and they will also be furnished from the new dies. The only provisional envelopes for Cuba will be the 1c buff, No. 13, 1c blue, No. 5, 2c white, No. 5, 2c amber, No. 5, and 2c blue, No. 5.

The new 10c Special Delivery for Cuba will be about the same size as the one used in this country. It will have in the center a circle, in which is a special delivery messenger boy on a bicycle; the words "Diez Centavos" on either side, together with palm branches and two ornamental tablets containing the number as "10." At the top of the stamp will be the name "Cuba" and at the bottom Spanish words indicating that a letter bearing the stamp will be delivered immediately on its arrival at the post office of destination. The Bureau of Engraving and Printing have been directed to engrave plates and print the stamps without delay. The color of the stamp will be orange.

Dealers in this city all report stamp business excellent, notwithstanding the intense hot weather we have been having. Today the local dealers received from Porto Rico the 8c stamp, the dues, and the envelopes. It looks as if Washington dealers were alert and seem to get the new things as well as the dealers from other parts of the country.

As I stated last week, the following Newspaper stamps were ordered destroyed, as well as the plates:

341,500	1-cent.
468,850	2-cent.
212,970	5-cent.
148,690 (?)	10-cent.
235,430	25-cent.
89,090	50-cent.
23,630	\$2.00.
2,455	\$5.00.
2,640	\$10.00.
9,480	\$20.00.
845	\$50.00.
1,485	\$100.00.

As shown by the above list you will see that the Government reprinted more stamps than it was necessary to make up the required 50,000 sets. I am not able to give the reason for this over printing, as I only just noticed it this evening when I commenced writing my notes. I will try and ascertain and let you know in my notes for next week, as I can see no earthly reason of this gigantic over printing.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Topics About Town.

FROM NEW YORK CITY.

Now, that it is understood, that several higher denominations of the current revenues will shortly be issued, certain parties in this city have grasped the idea that there will be a change of colors all around—especially the \$3.00 and \$5.00 denominations. Although the authorities at the headquarters deny the authenticity of the report, still, stranger things have happened at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

The eight-cent Omaha stamp has been discovered by a resident of Philadelphia in an imperforated (horizontal) condition, according to the *Metropolitan Philatelist*. From the same paper, I quote the following editorial, which, to say the least is rather amusing: "We are still hearing from parties who ordered dollar Columbians from the Monarch Stamp Co., and so far have been unable to get their letters back from the postmaster of Tallapoosa, Ga. If the advertisement in question had been sent from a large city, it would not have been inserted, but it was fairly reasonable that a country dealer might have had

half a dozen of this stamp which he was willing to sell at cost * * *, but it is really incomprehensible to us how dealers could have been green enough to order by the dozen or more, which we learn some have done." This is logic of the first quality, ignore the advertisements coming from the large cities and turn around and accept the identical advertisement from some unknown person, from God knows where. If this is the case, we expect to see the *Metropolitan*, containing none but advertisements from every Tom, Dick and Harry from all parts of the country.

A speculator of some repute is casting his lines about for 2½c de peso Cuba surcharged on U. S. 2c stamps. This stamp is now obsolete, and comes in two shades—vermillion and carmine. The former predominates in scarcity. The 3c de peso is also attracting some attention from this gentry.

VOLUNTEER.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Canadian Items.

Over fifty members have signified their intention of attending the fourth annual convention of the Dominion Philatelic Association. Captain E. F. Wurtele is looked upon as the coming President of this society. It has often been stated that a society cannot be successfully carried on with yearly dues of only twenty-five cents per year. The D. P. A. is a huge monument of contradiction to this as there is at present over \$35.00 of a surplus in the treasury and the society is second only to the A. P. A. in being the best association for stamp collectors in America.

Toronto dealers are offering \$2.30 and upwards for unused sets of Jubilees, ½c to \$1.00. People who salted these down are safe in keeping them as it is very unlikely that prices will drop any lower than they are at present.

In connection with this: even should the prices drop the high values can be disposed of to publishers, as after the first of next month they will have to pay ½c per pound on all papers mailed to subscribers and it would certainly be labor-saving to use a five dollar stamp instead of a score or more of the highest values being issued at pres-

ent. It is said that the Postmaster-General will issue the high value Jubilees still on hand in the Department for this purpose, to be replaced by high values like the present set as soon as the Jubilees are exhausted.

There is a rumor afloat to the effect that a directory of Canadian stamp collectors is to be issued before January 1st, 1900.

Mr. Paul Reguegnat of Berlin recently received a post card which was mailed from a town in the interior of Switzerland on June 2nd. It reached Berlin on the morning of June 12th. This great distance made in less than ten days is considered very good time.

The Canadian correspondent for *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News* said, in a recent issue of that paper, that Mr. W. R. Adams of Toronto had begun publication of a new philatelic weekly and that number one was out. We wonder where he got this information. Mr. Adams knows nothing of it! [Who is the Cartier Stamp Co.? —Ed.]

The same correspondent said, in *Mekeel's Weekly* dated June 17th, that the *Stamp Reporter* still continued to appear regularly every week. As I stated in my notes two weeks ago, the *Reporter* has been consolidated with the *Philatelic Advocate* and what is more the last number to appear was dated April 13th.

The *Manitoba Philatelist* is announced to appear from Winnipeg on July 1st.

Energy, F. I. Weaver's new paper, is now official organ of the Canadian Philatelic Press Club.

Mr. T. S. Tucker of Victoria, British Columbia, is a candidate for Vice President of the D. P. A. He is a philatelist of long experience and would certainly make a first class officer.

GILLER.

Newspaper Clippings.

ARRESTED BY POSTAL OFFICERS.

MORRIS GOLDBERG ACCUSED OF DEFRAUDING POSTAGE STAMP FIRMS.

Morris Goldberg, the son of I. Goldberg, and bookkeeper for his father, who is in the wholesale notion business at 610 Delaware street, was arrested late yesterday afternoon on the charge of using the mails for fraud. Young Goldberg is an active philatelist, and the post office inspectors say that under the assumed names of A. H. Abbeford, K. R. Harris and Leo C. Ackley he has written to various sellers of

rare stamps, ordering the stamps to be sent to the general delivery in Kansas City. Charles Entemann, the post office inspector who made the arrest, says that he has seen Goldberg call at the post office for these stamps. The stamp selling firms were never paid for the goods thus bought. The orders ranged from \$2 to \$18. I. Goldberg signed his son's bond of \$500 for his appearance before the United States commissioner this afternoon. Morris Goldberg says that the officers have arrested the wrong man.—*Kansas City Star*, June 6.

Mr. F. J. Bescher sends us the above clipping and writes that P. O. Inspector Entemann would like to hear from any parties who have been defrauded by any one under any of the above mentioned names. Any information desired or complaints may be addressed Mr. Bescher, City Hall Market, Kansas City, Mo., and they will receive prompt attention.—Ed.

TROLLEY MAIL SERVICE.

BIG INCREASE IN THE COLLECTIONS DURING THE MONTH OF MAY.

The trolley mail service, inaugurated in Hartford on April 1, is beyond the experimental stage. The people of this city never so quickly took hold of anything in the line of public improvement as the new system of mail collections introduced by Postmaster Furlong.

It is interesting to know that the number of letters collected during the month of May was 30,260, an increase of 7,951 letters over the month of April. When the system had been in vogue one week the average daily collection was about 400; now it is over 1,000. The Sunday collections have also gradually increased.

Beginning to-day the letter carriers transferred their collections to the trolley cars, instead of taking them to the post office, which insures a much quicker delivery.—*Hartford (Conn.) Times*.

RECEIVER DISCHARGED.

ST. LOUIS, June 12.—All the indebtedness of the C. H. Mekeel Stamp & Printing Co. have been paid up, Judge Fisher, in the Circuit Court, discharged the receiver and ordered the assets of the company turned back to the corporation.—*N. Y. Commercial*.

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* Calvin C. Brackett, Garland, Me.

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One notice is allowed each subscriber free if sent with his remittance, extra notices will be inserted at the uniform price of 10 cents each insertion. Non-subscribers 18 cents each insertion. Positively cash with notice. All notices must be for exchange and limited to thirty words, exclusive of the address, and must be written on a separate piece of paper. Notices offering articles for sale for cash, or offering to purchase for cash cannot be inserted here as they do not come under this head.

Three Consecutive Insertions of Same Exchange Notice, 25 Cents.

Will exchange a Sunol Bicycle 1897, cost \$100.00, has been ridden about a dozen times, for medium class U. S. stamps, such as 1891, 1893, 1895, 1899; 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10 and 15c. Write for particulars and send offers to Geo. N. Sherman, P. O. Box 646, Baltimore, Md. *

I have Omaha stamps from 1c to 10c to exchange, also a great variety of foreign stamps both Postal and Revenue. Anybody wishing to exchange write me. Napoleon Cadorette, 230 Water St., Fitchburg, Mass.

I have two 50-cent and one 1-dollar Omahas to exchange for one 2-dollar Omaha. A. V. Guillou, Hueneme, Calif. [20]

1893 10c envelopes, entire, wide and narrow dies, on buff and white, to exchange for U. S. Adhesives. C. F. Richards, 9 Summer St., Portsmouth, N. H.

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Exchange wanted with collectors of the Dr. K. & Co. surcharged postage stamps. Send on appraisal, or send list of dates and varieties which you have, and want. George H. Blake [A. P. A. 1448], 12 Highland Ave., Jersey City, N. J. [20]

There are lots of stamps that you have that I want. Do you want 1899 2c broken die, fine used copy, or rejected die in amber or buff, unused? Haviland, 446 Willoughby Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y. [18*

The boys are howling for more packets, I can use cheap stuff to fill them, in exchange for—see my other ad, write me, Haviland, 446 Willoughby Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y. [18*

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Gt. Britain 4d rose, wmk. inverted,	52	—	.25
Gt. Britain 2½d claret, Plate No. 17,	100	1.75	.75
Hanover 3g brown, unused o.g.,	40	2.00	1.00
Hawaii 5c blue, unused, reprint,	7	—	1.00
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Approval books 60% discount. References required. Set of 4 Japan War stamps, new, 12 cts. Set of 3 China (Scott's 13, 14 and 15), new, 20 cts. 21] E. A. OBORNE, Jamaica, New York.

U. S. '98 Revenues: \$1 green 4c, \$3 lilac 15c, \$5 orange 25c. Good copies. H. K. Moyer, Easton, Pa.

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A NOMINATION.

PITTSBURG, PA., June 10, 1899.
WM. N. HOWE, Esq.,
Secretary American Philatelic Association,
Portland, Me.

Dear Sir: I desire to nominate for the Presidency of the American Philatelic Association, to be voted for at the coming annual convention, Mr. Geo. L. Toppan, of Boston, and would request that you kindly have his name placed on the list of nominees and published in the official journal and greatly oblige

Yours very truly,

C. P. KRAUTH.

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Secretary's Report.

The Fourth Annual Convention of this Association will be held at Bass Point, Nahant, Mass., Saturday, June 24. Steamers leave Lincoln Wharf, Commercial St. (near North Ferry), Boston, at 9.30 a. m. and 2.20 p. m. Electric cars marked "East Boston and Chelsea," and "Depots and Ferries" run direct to the wharf. Bass Point may also be reached via Lynn at frequent hours. It is hoped and expected that the majority of members attending will go down on the morning boat, where there will be opportunity for greetings and conversation. The suggestion is also made that members bring stamps for exhibition, sale, or exchange. The business meeting will probably be delayed until the arrival of the afternoon boat, depending somewhat upon the number present earlier in the day. While no special form of entertainment has been arranged, it is believed that the occasion will be enjoyable, and the attendance promises to be the largest in the history of the society.

LEVI A. JUDKINS,
Secretary.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Applications for Membership.

LOMBARD, M. H., Winchester, Mass.; age, 35; occupation, Clothing. References: **A. W. Batchelder**, **Geo. L. Toppan**, **J. F. Johnson**.

New Stockholders.

1560. **ELDREDGE, WM. D.**, Box 1352, Boston, Mass.
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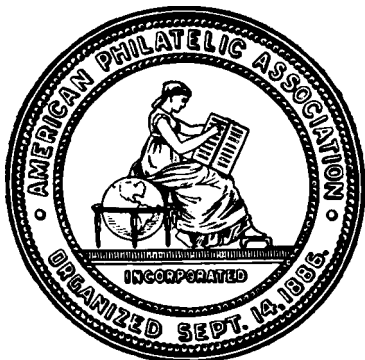
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WM. N. HOWE, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE SALES DEPARTMENT.

GEORGE R. TUTTLE, Superintendent,
87 Nassau St.
NEW YORK CITY, June 10th, 1899.

966 books of stamps in circulation according to my report of June 3rd, valued at	\$30,770.65
19 books received since June 3rd valued at.....	372.32
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	\$31,142.97
22 books retired since June 3rd, valued at (from which has been sold \$255.42)	\$819.82
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Total number of books in circulation 963, valued at	\$30,323.15

GEO. R. TUTTLE,
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PRESIDENT'S CALL.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., June 10th, 1899.

TO THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THE AMERICAN PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION:

Gentlemen: The Fourteenth Annual Convention of this Association for the election of officers and the transaction of such other business as may legally come before it, will be held in Detroit, Mich., Tuesday, September 12th, at 10 o'clock a. m.

I appoint **Geo. O. Begg**, **Herbert Bowen**, **W. F. Fratcher**, **John Kay** and **Fremont Woodruff**, residents of Detroit, Committee of Arrangements.

I appoint **Hiram E. Deats** of Flemington, N. J.; **P. M. Wolsieffer** of Chicago; **W. C. Stone** of Springfield, Mass.; **D. T. Eaton** of Muscatine, Iowa, and **H. G. Smith** of Winona, Minn., Committee on Credentials.

FRANK F. OLNEY, President.

distinguishing these from originals, as the 1d. is printed in pale red on paper watermarked Crown N. S. W. (type I.), and the 2d. in deep indigo blue on paper watermarked with *single line* figure 2. Neither of these watermarks were employed for the originals. Both the reprints are imperforated, and are generally cancelled with the word "specimen" in small Roman capitals in black. Uncancelled copies are occasionally met with, but they are rather scarce.

The Registration Stamp, Imperforated.



When the question of the early N. S. W. plates was being discussed in the English philatelic journals (1887-8), the Sydney philatelists were making enquiries here, and the plate of the "Registered" stamp was unearthed, and a few sheets were reprinted on unwatermarked wove paper, in close imitation of the originals. Both the orange and blue, and red and blue colors were reprinted. Very few specimens of these reprints got into the hands of collectors, but they are dangerous though almost scarcer than unused originals. The principal test is the paper, which is stout yellowish wove, almost the thickness of card, and of firmer texture and more highly surfaced than that of the originals. The colors are:

Deep, almost brownish orange, and Prussian blue, carmine-red and Prussian blue.

There are also reprints on thin white wove paper of a very tough nature, machine made, surcharged "SPECIMEN" in black, imperforate. These appear to have been made about 1870.

About 1891 a further printing took place on thin hand-made wove paper, perf. 10, and surcharged "REPRINT" in black.

1870 (?) Pale vermilion and blue, imperf.
Orange and blue.
1891 (?) Carmine-red and deep blue, perf. 10.

Perkins, Bacon & Co., Ltd., the Circular 5sh., and De La Rue Series.



In or about 1890 the supply of "Specimen" stamps having run short, some impressions were struck from the plates which had been superseded by the Centennial series. These included the square 8d. yellow of 1855, the circular 5sh. purple of 1860 (Perkins Bacons's steel plates), and the 1d., 2d., 4d., 6d., and 1sh. of De la Rue's electro plates. They were (with the exception of a few sets) surcharged with

the word "Reprint" in Roman Capitals in black, and may now be found on the "Specimen" sheets sold to collectors by the Postal Department. With regard to all of these reprints, there is absolutely no difference between them and the originals of the same types, values and perforations. The 5sh. is on the paper watermarked $\frac{6}{4}$, and the 8d. and De la Rue types are on the same Crown N.S.W. paper (type II.) as was used for the originals. Of course the overprint is sufficient to distinguish the copies so surcharged, but the few uncanceled sets are identical with the originals. These were only intended for distribution amongst Postal Administrations, and as the number did not exceed 100, there is little chance of many coming into the possession of collectors. The perforations are:—

1d. red, 11 x 11½	8d. yellow, 11
2d. blue, 11 x 11½	1sh. black, 11 x 11½
4d. brown, 11 x 11½	5sh. purple, 10
6d. lilac, 10	

Five Shilling and 20 sh., Surcharged "Postage."

The "Specimen" set above referred to contains the 5sh. green and lilac, and the 20sh. carmine and lilac, (Stamp Duty surch. "Postage") with the word "REPRINT" in black. The 5sh. has the word "Postage" in black, while on the 20sh. it is in blue. Both are perf. 12 x 10. I strongly incline to the opinion that these stamps are not reprints at all, but merely remainders, as I saw a large quantity in stock at the Government Printing office in 1889, some time after the issue of the Centennial £1 stamp, and just prior to the issue of the 5sh. of that series.

O. S. Reprints.

When the O. S. stamp system was abolished (31st Dec., 1894), there were many inquiries for complete sets of the Official stamps, which, of course, could not be supplied, as the remainders in stock included only the then current types of ½d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 4d., 6d., 7½d., 8d., 1sh., 12½d., 5sh., and 1d. postcards. In order to gratify collectors and others who asked for complete sets, it was decided to reprint such of the values and types as were not in stock, and to furnish complete sets. As the face value of a set was nearly £6, and as this price would be beyond the reach of most collectors, it was decided to obliterate the stamps with an undated cancelling mark, consisting of the letters N. S. W. in three concentric ovals, and to sell the sets at £2 each. The obliteration was rendered necessary in order to comply with the Audit Regulations, which forbade the sale of uncanceled stamps at less than face value. One thousand sets were printed, and all were obliterated without a single exception.

(To be continued.)

United States Stamps.

There has been a great revival of interest in the collecting of stamps of the United States during the past few months. There was so great an advance in the prices of many of the issues during the preceding year or two that a majority of collectors having secured all that they could afford to, gave up collecting United States stamps for the time being. There never seems to have been any real decrease in the interest in American issues. The feeling, however, was that the prices had advanced to such a point that it was either impossible to purchase any of them, or else that there was liable to be a decline in prices. The latter proved to be the case. United States stamps have sold during the past year at very much larger discounts than at any previous time. The net prices for our stamps are now, however, well established. It may be said confidently that there will not be any further decline in values. Certainly the stamps of no nation in the world are of greater variety and of more interesting character than those of our own country. The number issued has been so very large that the field for research is greater than in that of the stamps of any other nation. The opportunity also for valuable finds is greater as the numbers of all issues are very large. It is well for collectors of United States stamps in examining their collections to note particularly the kinds and varieties of those which they have in their possession. It frequently happens that in looking over a collection we notice a valuable stamp in it, the collector having no idea that he possessed the rarity. For instance, a collection was given to us not long ago to mount in a new album. One of the first stamps which we discovered was the ten cent of 1847 on white paper in unused condition. We do not remember ever having seen the stamp before. We have been looking for many years for the seven cent War Department on ribbed paper.

It is probable that it exists as the stamp was printed many times and this variety of paper is found in all other values of the stamps of the War Department. The collector who discovers a seven cent on this paper will have a gem in his collection. Many collectors think that all the varieties of stamps that exist are listed in the ordinary catalogues. This is a great mistake in this matter of ribbed paper. There is no consistency whatever in any of the ordinary catalogues. The 1873 issue is listed on ribbed paper, and a few varieties of the Post Office Department. Ribbed paper is found in all stamps which were printed by the Continental Bank Note Company. This means any stamps printed between 1873 and 1879. We are often asked how to detect this ribbed paper. It is seen most easily by dropping a stamp into water. As it dries, the lines of ribbing are very plain indeed. It should not be confused

with stamps on soft porous paper printed from 1879 to 1883. These have a line in the paper, but it is not of similar character to the earlier ribbed paper which was used for the most part between 1873 and 1876.

There are rare United States stamps to be found by those who possess a knowledge of the prints made by the American Bank Note Company. The designation soft porous paper does not cover all the varieties that were used by this company. The best way to find out what papers were used is to get all the varieties of paper in the earlier issue of unpaid letter stamps, 5c Garfield issues and the 4c green, all of which were printed by the American Bank Note Company. The varieties of paper will be discovered in these stamps and by comparison with them one may learn what is and what is not American paper. Thus when comparison is made with stamps of the Departments one may learn by this means if one has on hand a great rarity like the 15c or 30c State on this paper, the 24c Interior or the low values of the Department of Agriculture. The knowledge of papers is valuable also if one has in one's collection Newspaper and Periodical stamps printed from 1875-1885.

The Continental stamps are many of them extremely valuable while those printed by the American Bank Note Company are not so rare. Knowledge of the prints and papers of these earlier issues also serves to prevent one's going astray in regard to alleged discoveries at the present time. We have been shown lately a number of United States stamps of the present issue on paper which was apparently laid. This paper corresponds very clearly with some that was in use in the years between 1870 and 1880. It is of a rough nature and the printing of the stamps upon it causes the ink to lie along certain lines, so that the stamps held to the light appear to be on laid paper. This roughness is so great in some instances that one may even see in the margin of the stamps lines which look like those of laid paper. A closer examination, however, reveals the fact that the paper is really wove paper, and that the apparently laid condition is due to a mere accident of manufacture.

Too great stress cannot be laid by collectors upon the possession of fine specimens of United States stamps. Our stamps have been issued and used in such very large quantities that it is possible always to secure good specimens and these are worth many times as much as poor specimens. Indeed the number issued is so great that poor specimens of most United States stamps have no value whatever. This is seen by the fact that when damaged stamps are offered at auction sales they bring almost nothing. A damaged stamp has no chance at a sale for there is no competition for anything except fine specimens. These sell well and will sell better as the years go on, and it is worth the while of every collector to pay special attention to the secur-

ing of United States stamps of fine quality both in used and unused condition for it is these that in the years to come will command high prices, and will alone be considered worthy of collection.—*Stamps*, (N. Y.).

Correspondence.

[The editor wishes it distinctly understood that he does not hold himself responsible for assertions made under this head, nor does he necessarily sanction any ideas or opinions expressed. All are invited to contribute to this department, with the above understanding, and all communications deemed suitable or of interest to our readers will be published.]

NEW 4c U. S. ENVELOPE.

CONCORD, N. H., June 5th, 1899.
W. W. JEWETT.

Dear Sir: Enclosed I send you the 4c size 9 of the new die; the other die having been rejected. You will also notice the color is now the same as the adhesive.

Have only seen this new die on the size I send you.

The 4c and 5c rejected dies will be good property.

Yours truly,
CHAS. H. STONE.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Montreal Notes.

About April 1st the supply of 6-cent numeral stamps at the general and branch Post Offices was exhausted and no more could be obtained until a few days ago when a new supply was received.

I am unable to learn if the supply received was a new printing or if it was a part of the remainder of the last printing. If there are to be no more printed the price will go up as they have been in use only a short time.

One of the principal dealers in this city remarked that the Post Office Department made him tired by the constant reissuing of late issues &c. I think that most dealers will agree with him.

The June *Philatelic Advocate* has been received here. It is the Dominion Philatelic Association Convention number. Messrs. Starnaman Bros. are to be congratulated on the completion of their sixth volume.

The Dominion Philatelic Association meets at Toronto, Ontario, June 30 and July 1st, and thirty-five members have already signified their intentions of attending.

The Association has a membership of about 250 and is rapidly increasing, from 15 to 25 applications for admittance being received each month.

A. R. MAGILL.

Professor Naumann, a well-known philatelist of Dresden, recently received by mail a postal card mailed to him from Dresden on March 29th, 1874. It came to the Dresden post office in a mail-bag from Singapore and was delivered on April 25th, 1899. There was absolutely no explanation offered as to where the missile had remained for 25 years and 25 days, yet the recipient was compelled to pay 10 pf. delivery tax, for the ½ groschen stamp on the card is not valid now!—*Philatelic Monthly*.

No. 43, "Rose-Red."

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QUEEN CITY STAMP CO.,
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From Our Regular Correspondent.

Our Boston Letter.

Tuesday, June 13th.

The importers of stamps here have received several new things in that line this week, among which were 2d Barbadoes, type of the 1892 issue, slate and orange, also the 5c stamp of Peru changed to a blue-green, the 5c of Uruguay changed to steel-blue, also a new 5 millesimos stamp of the same country, grey-blue. The last an engraved stamp of very attractive design. Most of the dealers here are also selling the surcharged U. S. envelope 2c de peso on amber. It is now claimed that they have found 3,000 of them at Havana. As the stamps lacked some peculiarities of the originals, which I formerly mentioned, I very much doubt if these stamps ever saw Havana, but are a fake. The Washington scribes also make the ascertainment that 10,000 of the 1c on oriental buff were surcharged for use in Cuba, and have been sent there; that they were ordered by a private firm for use, and that they will not be sold to collectors. These 1c envelopes are now being offered to the philatelic public at 25 cents each, and one can buy as many as he is willing to pay for. They have been offered to the dealers here, in large quantities, and it is evidently a purely speculative scheme. It is also rumored here that there has been a large find of the first perforated issue of U. S. revenues, including a large number of the two hundred dollar value, in Chicago. It is said that the stock of Moens, the great European dealer, may find its way to the Hub of the Universe.

An associated press dispatch says, "that Germany has acquired another possession from Spain—the island of Fernando Po."

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Who Can Beat That? It is a Corker! [17*]

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Rooms 603-4-5 Century Building, St. Louis, Mo.

The *Philatelic Advocate* for June, under the sayings of noted writers, among several paragraphs, has the following:

"It seems to me very reasonable to take such issues as the St. Anthony issue of Portugal and decree that only specimens that have been used postally shall be collected. This would at once remove the largest share of the profits of those governments in the habit of making use of such means of raising revenue.—D. W. OSGOOD."

The above-mentioned set of stamps, from a philatelic standpoint, ranks the same as the U. S. Columbian set of 1893. Both were issued with the object of increasing the revenues of the respective countries. But when it comes to a philatelic value today, the St. Anthony issue outstrips the other. It is one of the hardest sets to secure unused of any of the recent issues, and very few collectors have the set. One of the reasons for this is that they were tabooed at the time of issue, and the catalogue-makers gave them a back-seat. Any speculator who was smart enough to have secured some of those stamps when current could now realize several hundred per cent. profit. This shows what an influence catalogues have upon the average collector.

The Scott Coin & Stamp Co. say that they hope to place their new catalogue for 1899-1900 on the market early in the month of October. They state that it will be their earnest endeavor to have the quotations reflect the actual value of stamps, based upon the supply and demand; and while they consider the reductions made in the English Colonies, by the leading dealer in England, have in many cases been far too drastic, they feel compelled to accept English authority upon the value of the stamps, as the market is dominated by dealers and collectors on that side of the water. They feel that the quotations are not a fair reflection of the comparative value but prefer to accept it, and leave it for future editions to correct the errors. The prices of many of the commoner kind of foreign, and the common and medium varieties of U. S., will be reduced. Unused U. S. will probably not meet with much of a change, as fine specimens of U. S. in mint state are not very plenty among the average dealer's stock. This seems to be very sensible, and the only thing that I object to is the allowing of a London dealer to make prices for U. S. collectors. What we want is a catalogue issued by a party who has the "courage of his convictions."

There has been more or less remarks made about the die of the current 4c envelope, or rather the one just rejected. The amateur critics, who write about this die evidently know nothing of engraving, if they did, they would state that it is the best job done for years in die engraving for U. S. envelopes. And you will notice the less the critic knows about a thing the more he kicks.

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379	1895 \$5.00 green.....	8.00	5.75
366	1894 \$5.00 sapphire.....	5.00	3.00
365	1894 \$2.00 sapphire.....	3.00	1.50
364	1894 \$1.00 black.....	1.00	.75
363	1894 50c orange.....	2.00	1.00
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298	1882 10c yellow brown.....	.50	.25
297	1882 10c brown.....	.50	.25
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WHOLE No. 319.

From an Occasional Correspondent.

Show Case Displays.

Nassau St. might have been a respectable cow path in ancient times but it is a poor apology for a busy highway of a great city in these times, yet for over thirty years it has been the centre of stamp trade in New York. The temptation to linger in front of the dealers' show cases is a failing to which we are all prone, even though business presses and busy fellows bump against you and dig your ribs with bundles, elbows, etc., while you obstruct the narrow sidewalk.

If the dealers all realized the value, as an advertisement, of a fresh bright display and acted on the fact, there would be many stray dollars find refuge in their cash boxes that now go elsewhere. At the extreme upper end of the street where it merges into Park Row, a point having more passers-by than any other dealers, is a show case which is not doing justice to its owners, either in quality of display or condition. The passer-by can see that it is a stamp dealers' show case but he would have to look sharp to find out where the dealer was located and, if a collector, wouldn't linger long over the contents.

Down the street near Ann two new comers have a side case with a small, neat display which tempts one to investigate further. At Fulton St. on one side is a modest brass sign but no display, on the other, a small case that I rarely pass without stopping to examine, and frequently the result is a trip on the elevator and a transaction of more or less magnitude (principally less, just at present). New issues and novelties are neatly displayed and kept up to date. A few doors below a small outside case contains a not over clean display ranging from Porto Ricos, Panamas, New Zealand, etc., to cigarette stamps! This concern is fortunate in having also two wall cases in the hallway, one of which contains a good display of cards, entires and covers, the other an attractive lot of Egyptian essays (card-proofs). Passing down a few doors a case is seen where the display is often lacking in novelty, but neat and clean. The use of high colored mounts, however, kills the display of the stamps. The next one met on the way down is also fortunate in being

supported by a wall case in the hall, which however, is devoted to the small boy and his parents, as it shows all the stamps contained in a large variety packet. The outer case has a neatly arranged display of Seebecks together with some Finland, Iceland, etc., and a few albums. The next one met is at a disadvantage, the entrance to the building being up several steps and only a miniature wall case with a small, neglected show in it; a large glass sign representing a Guatemala stamp hangs in the large show window however and makes up for the lack of other display. On the other side of the street is a case standing on the walk which attracts a great deal of attention from collectors, not so much from the quality of the display as from its variety and the fact that catalogue and net prices are given. Back on the west side is one more case which catches the strong rays of the sun and its contents have a faded appearance. This dealer evidently caters to the boy trade as the display contains price lists and samples of bargain sets principally.

Off a few doors from Nassau on John is a dealer who doesn't cater to the transient and boy trade, as he did some thirty years ago when he had a basement under the old *Evening Post* building at the corner of Nassau and Liberty. His window shows little in the stamp line except a few sets, albums, and a "cheap mixture lot."

The last dealers on Nassau St. are down below Maiden Lane, where a fair-sized outer case is supplemented by a wall case in the hall, and here the old and the new even to revenues, are impartially treated, while the Seebecks are not entirely neglected. Money will burn the pocket of the collector who lingers long here.

Park Row boasts a veteran dealer whose show case has a queer mixture and appeals to the seller as much as to the buyer, while some of the humorous titles catch and interest the curious. One other show case may be found outside the bounds, on this street near Beekman, which has some interesting old Europeans.

Lower Broadway has two interesting show cases, one at Fulton St., having a neat display of desirable and "just-a-little-hard-to-get" stamps, the other further down on the other side being at the branch of the

23d St. company. A good display is made in the limited space and it is always fresh. Attention is called to the back end of the case by a small sign, and the prices on the sets displayed there make the prices in the "Standard" ridiculous.

This is down-town stampdom in New York from the outside.

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A NASSAU STREET FIRM IS ROBBED OF A STOCK BOOK CONTAINING MANY RARE STAMPS.

The Universal Stamp Co., located at 50 Nassau St., New York City, was robbed on the 14th inst. of a stock book containing stamps to the value of nine hundred dollars. The thief, who had more nerve than conscience, awaited a favorable opportunity and then made away with the book. Mr. A. M. Trujillo, the proprietor of the firm, was not in the office at the time, the place being in charge of his brother. To an ERA reporter Mr. Trujillo related the case as follows: "The young man whom we suspect is well known to both my brother and myself. He was the only person in the office at the time. He usually came in to sell us stamps although he never made any purchases. It seems that while I was engaged at the table (which is a short distance from the counter) I happened to have my back turned for a few moments, and it seems that this was the opportunity the party was waiting for. Well, at any rate soon after he had gone the book was missed. It was under the counter on the shelf and could easily be reached. As no other person was in the office after this party left me, naturally I suspect him, as the book was still there during the time he was in the office. We have given the case to the police with a description of our suspect, but as yet nothing has been heard of his whereabouts."

In answer to the reporter's question whether the other dealers have been warned to watch for the stamps, Mr. Trujillo said that some of them had been sold to one of the dealers.

The firm seems to be very unfortunate as they have suffered a number of similar losses.

VOLUNTEER.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Topics About Town.

FROM NEW YORK CITY.

We believe it is the duty of your correspondent to review the various publications emanating from this city, therefore we will alleviate somewhat the duties of Mr. Stone in his endeavor to interest and instruct the ERA's many readers.

The *American Journal of Philately* for June announces the time of issuance of the 1899-1900 (59th Edition presumably) standard Catalogue. The notification with slight variations, appears as follows: "We have just begun work on the new edition of our catalogue which we hope to place on the market early in the month of October. It will be our aim so to arrange the work that it will be suited to the tastes of the moderately advanced collector as well as for the general collector who discards minor varieties of shade, perforation, etc. In starting out from such a standpoint it will be impossible to be absolutely consistent in respect to varieties, and therefore we shall suit the taste of the majority by differentiating between those countries where differences of perforation are generally collected and those which only the extreme specialist enters into the study of these varieties. For instance, in the case of British Colonials, 12, 12½ and 14 perforations are varieties rejected by but few, whereas in countries like Austria, Brazil, and dozens of others that might be mentioned, the number of those who collect, the different perforations are insignificant in comparison with the total number of collectors.

Of course, the most important element in constructing such a catalogue is the question of prices. * * * While in our judgment, as we have already expressed it in these columns, the reductions made in the English Colonials, by the leading dealer in England have, in many cases, been far too drastic, we feel compelled to accept English authority upon the value of English and British Colonial stamps, as the market for these stamps is dominated by English dealers and collectors, and not on this side of the water. In many cases we shall feel that the quotations are not a fair reflection of the comparative value of the stamps but prefer, on the whole, to accept the foreign notations and leave it for future editions to correct such errors as may have crept in. * * * We, of course, must take into consideration the fact that the present season has been marked by the largest edition to the stamp collecting fraternity that any season has ever shown, and the effect of this is bound to be apparent in an increased demand for stamps during the approaching season. As soon as this demand materializes it will be seen that the supplies of many desirable stamps

cannot keep pace with the demand for them; and that a closer approach to catalogue quotations will have to be maintained by dealers than has been the practice during the past two or three years."

Announcement is also made regarding a remarkable auction sale to be held next January; the United States portion is expected to realize at least \$25,000, and the entire collection from sixty to seventy thousand dollars. It seems rather early to talk of an auction sale to be held next year.

The rest of the paper contains the continuation of "A Catalogue for Advanced Collectors," the latter occupying fifteen pages of which nearly seven are about Confederate States stamps; the article by John N. Luff on the "Postage Stamps of the United States" takes in the Carriers', Department, Postage, Due and Newspaper and Periodical stamps, giving an exhaustive history and the number of each stamp issued. Notes, Chronicle and Society Reports completes an excellent number.

New York Philatelist for June contains an article by W. M. Verbeck on "The Stampic Revival," "Notes from England," "Montreal Notes," "Editorials" and reports of the Empire State Philatelic Society.

Full particulars regarding the latest unfortunate experience of Mr. Trujillo with counter thieves is fully reported in another column.

VOLUNTEER.

Correspondence.

ST. PAUL, MINN., June 14, '99.
MR. W. W. JEWETT,
Portland Me.

Dear Sir: The regular monthly meeting of the St. Paul Philatelic Society was held last evening. Mr. Leon G. Lambert, 1st Sergt. Co. H. 13th Minn. Vols., lately returned from Manila, attended and exhibited to his fellow members a fine collection of Philippine stamps gathered on the ground. The average Filipino is well versed in stamp values and good stamps are consequently not to be had for the asking. Mr. Lambert showed a pair of Insurgent stamps on original cover, addressed by a Spanish Captain, then a Filipino prisoner in the interior, to his wife in Manila and forwarded by Aguinaldo's regularly established mail. The Insurgent Post Office in Manila was abolished by proclamation of Aguinaldo in the latter part of January last, but the service is still in operation in other parts. There is but one denomination of the stamp and it would appear to be entitled to standing as a bona fide issue for postal purposes.

Yours truly,

C. L. ANNAN.

EXCHANGES.

One notice is allowed each subscriber free if sent with his remittance, extra notices will be inserted at the uniform price of 10 cents each insertion. Non-subscribers 15 cents each insertion. Positively cash with notice. All notices must be for exchange and limited to thirty words, exclusive of the address, and must be written on a separate piece of paper. Notices offering articles for sale for cash, or offering to purchase for cash cannot be inserted here as they do not come under this head.

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Here! I will take your duplicate stamps or job lots at ½ cat. (with few exceptions) in exchange for my stamps at catalogue. Write, Calvin C. Brackett, Garland, Me. [15]

To exchange, Kodak Camera but little used, originally cost \$32.50, prints round picture 3¼ inches in diameter. Will exchange for best offer of stamps. F. N. Chapin, 100 Euclid Ave., Springfield, Mass. [21]

My full collection of U. S. stamps, albums, etc., no trash, cataloguing at \$40, in exchange for Camera. List free if you say what you have to exchange. Prompt reply. Samuel K. Varnes, E. Salem, Pa. *

I have two 50-cent and one 1-dollar Omahas to exchange for one 2-dollar Omaha. A. V. Guillou, Hueneme, Calif. [20]

Exchange wanted with collectors of the Dr. K. & Co. surcharged postage stamps. Send on approval, or send list of dates and varieties which you have, and want. George H. Blake [A. P. A. 1448], 12 Highland Ave., Jersey City, N. J. [20]

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Unused 2c Agriculture Dept. stamps, cat. at \$1.25, only 37 cts. postpaid. Meyer Brandvik, Farris, Minn.

Here!	Cat.No.	Cat. pr.	My pr.
Italy, 20c blue, unused,	10	\$1.50	\$0.75
Italy, 30c, value inverted,	157	..	2.00
Liberia, 6c red, unused,	4	3.00	1.50
Liberia, 24c green, unused,	6	1.25	.60
Mexico, 50c green,	42	1.00	.40
Mexico, 50c yellow,	39	1.00	.50
Newfoundland, 2c green,	38	1.00	.50
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4417 Gibson Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

Wanted for Cash: 2c Die A on Blue 1899 Envelopes. S. B. FISH, Butler, Ill.

Highest cash price paid for stamps in lots. Send lists and offers. F. P. VINCENT, L. Box 56, Chatham, N. Y. [26]

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E. A. OBORNE, Jamaica, New York.

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REPORT OF THE SALES DEPARTMENT.

GEORGE R. TUTTLE, Superintendent,
87 Nassau St.
NEW YORK CITY, June 17th, 1899.

963 books of stamps in circulation according to my report of June 10th, valued at \$30,323 15

16 books received since June 10th valued at 335-49

\$30,658-58

27 books retired since June 10th, valued at (from which has been sold \$114.96) \$452 81

Total number of books in circulation 952, valued at \$30,205-77

GEO. R. TUTTLE,
Superintendent Sales Dept.

NEW YORK BRANCH No. 2.

The regular quarterly meeting of New York Branch No. 2, American Philatelic Association, was held on Tuesday evening, June 13th, 1899, with eight members present.

It was decided to support the following ticket at the coming Convention to be held in Detroit:

For Board of Directors:

GEORGE L. TOPPAN, of Massachusetts.
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C. P. KRAUTH, of Pennsylvania.
H. G. SMITH, of Minnesota.
H. B. PHILLIPS, of California.
P. M. WOLSIEFFER, of Illinois.

Mr. W. F. Gregory was elected Resident Vice President and President of the Branch for the ensuing year.

O. H. Williams was re-elected Secretary-Treasurer

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Late News.

Just as our last form goes to press we learn of the death on June 17th of Mr. George E. Boynton, of Baltimore, Md. Mr. Boynton was a collector of many years standing, a member of the American Philatelic Association and President of the Baltimore Philatelic Society. He was a prominent and highly esteemed business man of Baltimore and held a number of positions of trust in mercantile corporations and companies. His loss will be widely felt and his family has the sympathy of a large circle of friends.

We are also just in receipt of news that the office of Mr. D. W. Osgood, the Pueblo, Colo., dealer and publisher of the most popular house-organ, *Stampman*, and one of our regular advertisers of long standing, was entered and robbed on Wednesday morning, the 14th inst., of all his stock not locked in his safe. His loss will undoubtedly be a severe one, but we understand he has his suspicions of the identity of the thief and has the police on his track. It is sincerely hoped he may be able to recover his property and have justice meted out to the guilty party.

The Collectors Club.

351 Fourth Ave., New York.

41st meeting of the Board of Governors held at the Club House, June 12, 1899
Present, Messrs. Bruner, Calman, Perrin, Scott and the Secretary.

Vice-President Bruner called the meeting to order at 8.15 p. m., when the minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved.

The Secretary read letters from Messrs. Deats, Tillicard and Luff. The thanks of the Governors were extended to the Philatelic Society, London, for gift of the *London Philatelist* and to Mr. Stanley M. Castle for gift of McWhirter's etching, "The Vanguard," which was ordered to be appropriately framed and hung.

The treasurer's report was received, showing balance of \$356.85 in bank.

The chairman of the House Committee presented his report, which was accepted.
Adjourned at 8.45 p. m.

J. M. ANDREINI, Secretary.

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3c Letter Card10
3c Letter Card, surcharged 2c . .	.10
1 and 2c Envelope06
3c Envelope10
3c Envelope, surcharged 2c12
10c Special Delivery12
5 shades of Map stamps30
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Notes and Comment.

We are obliged to be brief in this column this week, but our contributors have helped us to present a number up to if not above the average in variety and interest.

RECEIVED:

Wholesale price list (June) from Richard R. Brown, Keyport, N. J.

The Postal Card Bulletin, for June, of the Postal Card Society of America, from Mr. A. Lohmeyer, who is acting as Secretary pro tem.

Mr. Stearns of our esteemed Virginia contemporary is putting forth some hard endeavors to build up the Southern Philatelic Association. His ad gives a sample effort.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Washington Notes.

Wednesday, June 21st.

The Bureau of Engraving and Printing are working on the plates for the 1 and 2c Cuban stamps, which will soon be completed, and the stamps printed and sent to Havana as soon as possible.

The surcharged envelopes of the 1 and 2c on blue were sent to Havana on the 16th inst., and in all probability will be placed on sale by most of the dealers in this country in a week or so.

I was quite surprised to read the notes from the Boston correspondent last week in which he stated that the 2c amber was a fake. I am not able to make any statement as to what the Boston dealers are selling, but it is dollars to doughnuts that they are all right.

The Postmaster General has leased from the Union Building Co. two rooms on the ground floor of the Union building, on G street where the city post office was located prior to its removal last February.

It has been alleged that mail sent by volunteers in the Philippines has been censored, and an official denial has been sent to the Department by Director of Posts Vaille as follows: "It is not necessary to assure you that I am not risking my personal liberty by allowing any letters to be tampered with, and it will be useless to assure the originator of this absurd story of censorship of the mails that he is mis-

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Dealers report business as excellent and are all looking forward to a swell season next year.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Our Boston Letter.

Wednesday, June 21st.

The long expected 5c Newfoundland stamp, bearing the portrait of the Duke of York, made its appearance here Monday. The issuing of this stamp ought to cause the London Philatelic Society much pleasure, as the society will have the unique distinction of being the only philatelic society that has as one of its members a gentleman who has the honor of having his portrait upon a postage stamp; and, for this reason, the stamp ought to be sought after by philatelists in general.

Among other new things received here this week are the 8c U. S. surcharged Porto Rico. The surcharge can scarcely be read, owing to the conflicting colors. I doubt if there is a printing office in the civilized world but what could do a better job of surcharging than this is.

Last night occurred the regular monthly meeting of the Boston Philatelic Society. After the regular business meeting, an entertainment was furnished by the committee, and also an exhibition of Revenue, Match and Medicine stamps, owned by Levi A. Judkins. The collection was unique in the way it was mounted, and also for the remarkably fine condition of the stamps. The stamps were mounted on sheets of cardboard about 15 by 26 inches. Each card had a drawing representing designs; in many cases the designs were very appropriate for the stamps. The Medicine stamps were grouped inside a large drawing representing a large bottle. I noticed one card with stamps on which the heading "Match Stamps" was composed of pen drawing of taper matches, some of them slightly ignited. The designs upon the various cards showed a great deal of patience and artistic ability; and although I have seen many blank albums with pen and ink designs, and various grouping of stamps, this grouping surpassed all others in originality and beauty. Among the stamps were a 3c and

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The \$1.00 Proprietary was evidently an unused copy. The present owner purchased it Sept. 12, 1886, of Alfred A. Post for \$1.15.

The Rev. John Luther Kilbon, formerly owner and editor of the *Boston Stamp Book*, is very ill, and the latest reports from his physicians last night were that doubts are entertained for his recovery.

I see that the Washington correspondent in the ERA seems to be surprised to find out from the number of stamps destroyed that there was a large over printing of the reprints of the Newspaper stamps. A careful perusal of the back numbers of the ERA will show that this was known several months ago.

There are more or less comments being made about a die C of the 2c current envelope. I have it from the man who made the dies that only two dies were made, dies A and B. All that it can really be called is a die variety, being caused evidently by an injury to one of the transfers. "This should be a matter of little importance, but there are always some who would like to make a mountain out of a mole-hill."

S. E. L.

Bilateral Press Review.

By WM. C. STONE.

We are obliged to print two week's lots of Review this week; the first being what should have appeared in last Saturday's number, but failed to arrive in season.—Ed.

American Journal of Philately, Vol. XII. No. 6.

Australian Philatelist, Vol. V. No. 9, April.

Coleccionador de Sellos, Vol. IV. No. 5.

Herald Exchange, Vol. VI. No. 4, (34).

London Philatelist, Vol. VIII. (89).

Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News, Vol. XIII. No. 24, (441).

Metropolitan Philatelist, Vol. XI. Nos. 10, 11.

Philatelic Advocate, Vol. VI. No. 6 (34).

Revista Philatelica do Brazil, Vol. IV. No. 4, April.

Revue Philatelique, Vol. X., (102).

Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly, Vol. V., (122).

Stampman, Vol. IV. No. 5, (21).

Stanley Gibbon's Monthly Journal, Vol. IX., (107).

Timbre Poste, Vol. XXXVII., (438).

Virginia Philatelist, Vol. II. No. 10.

The *American Journal of Philately* contains a large quantity of valuable news this

month. First and foremost is the announcement that the new catalogue will be issued in October next. Next we are informed that the stamps of the Confederate States are to be written up by H. E. Deats and John Luff and published first in the *Journal* and then in book form, fully illustrated with plates. With two such authorities we may rest assured that the work will be a standard. The "Catalogue for Advanced Collectors" concludes the list of C. S. A. provisionals, and gives also the list of the regular issues. Several new names appear in the list and several old ones are relegated to the postmark or dubious department. In Mr. Luff's history we find the figures given for the Department and Newspaper reprints and some interesting facts as to the relative scarcity of these stamps may be ascertained by a careful study of the tables given by the writer.

The *Australian Philatelist* has been trying its hand at compiling a list of rare stamps and gives a list of fifty with the prices from Whitfield King & Co.'s recently issued catalogue. The total value of the lot is £6540. The British Guiana 1856 1-cent black on magenta heads the list, and is followed by the Post Office Mauritius, each of these three being priced at £1000. The Milbury, St. Louis 20c, Baltimore, and Brattleboro are Nos. 7, 8, 9 and 10 with the prices £250, 150, 100 and 100 respectively. The stamps quoted in the list are all used specimens.

Mr. Nankivell's paper, which he read recently before the London Society proposing that a catalogue for collectors should be undertaken by the society is given in full in the *London Philatelist* for May. Its main points have been outlined in some of his letters so I will abstain from reviewing it here. It is much to be regretted that his proposition was "sat upon" so to speak, by the society. The catalogue is something that has got to come sooner or later and the fact that it was under the auspices of the society would give it such a standing as would ensure its being adopted as a standard.

Robert Ehrenbach has a very valuable article in the magazine treating of the varieties of the 1866-72 issues of Uruguay.

Mekeel's Weekly contains a list of the plate numbers of the current Revenue stamps, including the private Proprietaries. It will be valuable for reference to those who have gone into collecting these stamps in this shape. The ½-cent has the greatest number of plates among the Proprietaries, 19, while the 2-cent is of course at the head of the Documentary with 26. None of the dollar values have as yet more than a single plate.

By the way, the *Weekly* is now the leader among philatelic publications as far as

numbers are concerned. It has issued a total number of 441 numbers. *M. Moens' Timbre Poste*, a monthly, is older in years but has issued only 438 numbers. Congratulations!

The *Metropolitan Philatelist* gives the quantities printed of each of the seven values of Chas. Marchand's Proprietary stamps and those who have secured unused specimens of the 1½c and 4¾c would seem to have gotten hold of a good thing, as there were only 1600 of each printed and Mr. Marchand emphatically refuses to sell any more to collectors.

The *Philatelic Advocate* presents a 36-page number with special cover this month. It is devoted mostly to the coming convention of the D. P. A. and contains several portraits of the officers and candidates.

An interesting article in the *Revue Philatelique Francaise* is that giving some notes on Tunisian stamps. Some account of the postal service is also given.

A. F. Basset Hull contributes a page of notes on Australian reprints to the *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly*, New South Wales being the country treated in the current number. The article on Indian Telegraph stamps is continued with corrections of previous printings.

The *Stampman* has turned yellow-green with envy or something else. But no, it must be apple-green in honor of the sketch of Major Henry Apples Chapman which with a few "Impertinent Personals" constitutes the reading matter this month. The only fault I have to find with the *Stampman* is its continual changes of size and the fact that it doesn't come often enough.

Major Evans commences a description of the Bhopal stamps in the series on the native Indian states which he is conducting in the *Monthly Journal*. He rightly says that these stamps are the most troublesome of all the native issues. If these papers of his can render the various issues intelligible to collectors they will serve a valuable purpose. I trust all these papers on the native stamps will be gathered into a handbook after they have been issued serially in the *Journal*.

M. Moens in *Le Timbre Poste* has a long article giving a history of the far famed Post Office Mauritius stamps, and giving also the pedigree, so to speak, of each of the known copies, with the prices realized at each transfer from one owner to the other. Of the 1 penny there are 2 unused and 9 used specimens known; of the 2 penny 3 unused and 5 used specimens are known. The article is illustrated with

half tones of several of the stamps and including a couple of entires. It is to be hoped that the article will be translated for the benefit of collectors who do not read French.

- Announce Philatelique*, Vol. V. No. 51.
Briefmarken Sammler, Vol. IX. No. 6.
Buenos Aires Filatelico, Vol. III. Nos. 106, 107.
Collectionneur de Timbre Poste, (223).
Collectors Companion, Vol. I. No. 1.
Evergreen State Philatelist, Vol. XI. No. 6, (64).
Even's Weekly Circular, (78).
Illustriertes Briefmarken Journal, Vol. XXVI. No. 11.
Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News, Vol. XIII. No. 25, (442).
Melita Philatelic Chronicle, Vol. II. No. 6.
Metropolitan Philatelist, Vol. XI. No. 12.
Mitteldeutsche Philatelisten Zeitung, Vol. VIII. No. 6.
Nebraska Philatelist, Vol. I. No. 4.
New York Philatelist, Vol. VI. No. 3.
Philatelic Record, Vol. XXI. No. 4, April.
Philatiste Francais, (63).
Stamp Collectors' Journal Vol. XXI. (247).
Stamp Talk, Vol. II. No. 1, (7).
Stamp Tribune, Vol. I. No. 6.
Transvaal Collectors' Quarterly, Vol. I. No. 2, April.
Tri-Monthly Collector, Vol. I. No. 14.

Buenos Aires Filatelico has my thanks for the first specimen of the new 5 mil stamp of Uruguay that I have seen. It is presented to all readers of the paper. This weekly publication is full of news and I would most cordially recommend it to those who have a knowledge of the Spanish tongue.

M. Maury has been offering several prizes of late for contributions to *Le Collectionneur de Timbre Poste* and the first prize story appears in the current number. It is decidedly interesting and far more pretentious than the stuff that is generally served up in our own papers as philatelic fiction. The paper also contains a goodly installment of the continued article on French postal marks.

The *Collectors Companion* is a new paper hailing from Red Creek, N. Y., and costs only 12 cents per year. It is evidently amateur work. Nearly all its contents are clipped.

The latest number of the *Metropolitan Philatelist* contains the ticket nominated by the New York Branch of our national association. I am glad to see P. M. Wolfieffer's name on it and if cumulative voting was in order he would get every one of mine. If P. M. is one of those wicked

dealers, he is a good fellow and will do honor to whatever office he is chosen to fill. Mr. Toppan will make a good President and the Board of Vice Presidents with "Pete" Bruner at the head will see that things are run all right. The rest of the names are those of the present incumbents.

The *Nebraska Philatelist* is trying to boom the oft talked of Trans-Mississippi Philatelic Society, and a call has been issued for an election to be held in July. The membership thus far is about 40, judging from the report of the Secretary, and nearly half of them are candidates for some office! When the American Philatelic Association gets to have ten thousand members then it will be plenty of time to organize a new national society. I do not think I am incorrect when I assert that all the other so-called national or sectional societies put together do not give to their members one-half what the American Philatelic Association does.

The *Philatelic Record* is the latest paper to start a fiscal department. A. Preston Pearce is to have charge of it and we may rest assured it will be fully up to the standard set by the rest of the *Record's* contents. Mr. Pearce announces that there will be no cut and dried restrictions as to copy and that he does not propose to lay out any definite line of campaign but publish whatever seems to be of interest. The fact that there are two types or varieties of the 1876 issues of Mexican revenues may be news to many collectors. They are described and illustrated here. There is the usual small installment on the stamps of Persia.

Stamp Talk commences its second volume with the May number and bids fair to have a long life. It is certainly one of the most promising of our new journals. "His Whiskers" dilates on the Columbian exposition and in the second chapter will probably tell us something about the stamps.

Some very amusing answers to inquirers by "Sopkins & Heverens" are found in the *Stamp Tribune*. Your humble servant gets off about as easily as any one. "Ikey" gets about as hard a dig as any one: "We have never heard of your *Stamp News*." Whew!

The second number of the *Transvaal Collectors' Quarterly* is at hand and contains plenty of interesting notes. The provisional 1 penny on 6 pence of 1879 is treated quite fully, all the various types of surcharge being illustrated. There is also quite a list of prices realized at the Pearce sale.

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COST OF POSTAGE STAMPS.
 RETURN BROUGHT DOWN—THE POSTAL
 NOTES CONTRACT.

OTTAWA, June 6.—A return brought down today shows that the cost of printing the Jubilee stamp was 20 cents per thousand. The two-cent Imperial costs 45 cents per thousand. The number of plates from which the Jubilee was printed was 29. They were all destroyed last year.

Another return brought down today shows that the cost of supplying the postal notes, including engraving, is \$1.39 per thousand. The American Bank Note Co. are the contractors. The British American Bank Note Co. tendered at 60 cents per thousand, the Government to supply the paper, but the contract was awarded at the higher figure. The American concern furnishing the paper. It is said, however, that the Government is importing the paper for the company free of duty.—*Mail and Empire*.

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From an Occasional Correspondent.

That Great Barrier Island Stamp.

Under date of March 31st, Mr. Ralph W. Gosset writing to the *Montreal Philatelist* from Auckland, N. Z., states: "A pigeon post service has just been started between the Great Barrier Island and Auckland, a distance of about 55 miles"; the stamp is then described and the statement made that the stamp is chiefly used for urgent or special messages and is run by a private and firm not by the Government.

Mekeel's Weekly in its Chronicle refers to it as used on "private mail steamers" (!). Let us hope that it was an error in translation however that made Auckland the capital of New Zealand, instead of Wellington.

The Secretary of the General Post Office at Wellington with the conventional official precision, states in one sentence that "the Department has no knowledge of the stamp having been used," in the next paragraph he says however "the so-called pigeon post between the mainland and the G. B. I. was purely a private speculation etc." Assuming that the correspondent first quoted had no interest other than that of collecting interesting news items I should be inclined to accept his statements as he was on the spot.

Now if S. E. L. will kindly enlighten me where the stamp sails under false colors (unless on one of Mekeel's private mail steamers, perhaps?) and where in the chronicle quoted by him, presumably as a sample, there is anything to indicate that the stamp is official, I will be glad to admit the justice of his criticism. As for dealers misrepresenting it in their ads, I haven't noticed any such and certainly would join with him in condemning these practices. But are the average collectors in Boston so easily buncoed out of quarters? Here in wicked Gotham the average collector *may sometimes* pay a quarter for a stamp he knows nothing about but such occurrences are not the rule, nor have I found New York dealers anxious to foist questionable stamps on customers.

In No. 315 of the ERA, S. E. L. says, "This stamp should not be chronicled or put upon the market by any dealer, as it is nothing but a private local." This *dictum* was what I criticized, I didn't criticize the stamp, about which I admitted my ignorance, but the statement here quoted.

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Robie, desiring to make us unhappy and injure our deservedly high reputation as a man of parts, is circulating the pitiful little fable that we recently refused a cup of cold water to an applicant. The foundation of this may be found in the fact that we once declined to give said B. R. the price of a beer.

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The eighty-seventh regular meeting of the Society was held in Elks' Hall, Boston, Tuesday evening, June 20th; being called to order at 8.10, President Woodward in the chair and seventeen members present.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The report of the Subscription Committee showed that subscriptions to the forthcoming work on U. S. Revenues were being received in a most satisfactory manner. Upon motion the report was accepted as a report of progress and the thanks of the Society were tendered to the Committee.

Upon motion the Publication Committee were authorized to proceed at once.

It was moved by Mr. Fred S. Smith, seconded by Mr. Corbett, to reconsider the vote taken at the last meeting which defined the size of the edition to be published.

This provoked considerable debate and, upon its coming to a vote, the result was so uncertain that the Secretary demanded a rising vote. This being taken the motion was defeated by a vote of eight to five, several members not voting.

Upon motion it was voted that thirty copies of the Revenue work be placed at the disposal of the Committee which had prepared the same.

A communication was received from the London Philatelic Society stating that they were forwarding, "for the library of the Boston Philatelic Society, a set of the *London Philatelist* from Vol. III. to date inclusive."

Upon motion it was voted that the Secretary be instructed to express the thanks of the Society to the kind donors for so valuable an addition to its library.

The following gentlemen were elected members of the Society:

Mr. Frank A. Dodge, Cambridgeport, Mass.

Mr. Auguste de Joubert La Loge, Jamaica Plain, Mass.

A recess was taken at 9.10, during which a stereopticon exhibition was given; after which Mr. Judkins exhibited his fine collection of U. S. Revenues and Match and Medicine stamps.

The exhibit was particularly noticeable for the uniqueness of its method of mounting. Large, heavy cards were used; these were artistically ruled off into bottles, cards (spades, hearts, etc.), and the stamps tastefully mounted upon them.

At 10.05 the meeting reconvened and the chair appointed Messrs. Johnson, Green and C. Woodward as an Entertainment Committee for the next meeting.

It was voted that, after the auction sale, the Society stand adjourned until the third Tuesday in September (the 19th).

Adjourned at 10.30.

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Secretary.

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WHOLE No. 320.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Washington Notes.

Thursday, June 29th.

Washington has been having its share of hot weather but notwithstanding that fact it does not seem that the interest in our science has suffered to any considerable extent. I do not remember any time when business has been as good during the summer season as it is now and I predict that we will have a hot time during the season of 1900.

I have had the pleasure of seeing a gem of the first water in the way of a splendid copy of the \$5,000 revenue, old issue. This stamp is in perfect condition and is a beauty. The party who holds it is looking around for a buyer and I guess he will have no trouble in finding one provided his price is right. The same party also has a beautiful block of the \$500 revenue which he wants to sell. These stamps are all on the original documents and would prove an excellent addition to any collection.

Mr. H. F. Colman informs me that he is going to take a short trip through the East and it is probable that answers to mail matter sent him may be somewhat delayed, perhaps for three or four days. Mr. Colman carries with him some of the finest stamps in the country and expects to do quite a little business while absent.

Mr. J. M. Bartels is likewise on a traveling expedition through the East with a line of goods which he is expecting to turn into hard cash.

The plate numbers of the new Cuban stamps will be numbered in with the regular issue of United States stamps. So far as I can ascertain plates for but two values of the Cuban stamps have been prepared. They are 1c Nos. 879 and 884, and 2c Nos. 871, 872, 873 and 874. The object in running these numbers in with those of our own issues is to obviate the necessity of keeping two distinctive sets of books.

The new Cuban special delivery will be printed in orange and the 10-cent regular issue in slate, the color of the 10-cent

Omaha stamp. The reason for this is that the proof sent to the postmaster general, and which received his approval, was in this color. This shade agrees very well with the general design of the stamp and will make a very attractive article for the collector.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Our Boston Letter.

Tuesday, June 27th.

The 1c Hawaiian postage stamp, of the 1894 issue, made its appearance here today in a new color, green. We have also received the 1d Queensland with serrated perforation, and the 6d of Queensland with numerals in four corners and white background.

Mr. Colman, the Washington, D. C., stamp dealer, is here today, and is displaying a proof set of the Omahas printed in two colors. The centre design of each stamp is in black. The \$1.00 stamp has a light purple frame. The designs of the 2c and \$2.00 stamps are reversed from what they are in the regular issue. They are very attractive, and it is to be regretted that the stamps were not issued in two colors. Mr. Colman also had a complete set of U. S. proofs on India paper. India proofs, complete, are getting to be a scarce article.

William B. Hale, of Williamsville, is also in town, having recently returned from a Southern trip, and reports the stamp business much better than it has been for past seasons.

The 2c U. S. on amber, mentioned in a former letter as having been received from Matanzas, should have been size 5 instead of 13. What the size was is immaterial. Washington correspondents stated that a 2c U. S. on amber surcharged for Cuba was unknown, and that the Director of Posts knew nothing about it. They seem perfectly willing now to admit that there was such a stamp, and we are informed that there were three thousand of them found at Havana post office; although parties on the ground applied at the post office for these stamps and were informed that there were none, and that there never had been any. There are some writers for the philatelic press who claim that they can

and do obtain inside information. Having such good facilities for acquiring authentic information, it may be as well to look up the records. And do not the records show that there were five thousand 2c on amber surcharged after the 2c whites had been delivered?

In regard to the election of directors for the American Philatelic Association, there does not seem to be any interest taken here. It seems to be a foregone conclusion that the Board of Directors appointed by the New York Branch will be elected without any opposition.

There has been a new set of stamps issued for Zanzibar. This will undoubtedly increase the catalogue value of the 1896 issue, especially the rupee values. Although these stamps have been imported in more or less quantities in the lower values, the higher values are scarce; and I doubt if a half dozen sets could be purchased in Boston. It is also stated that Jamaica is to issue a new set of pictorial stamps, and that the remainders of the Jamaica stamps watermarked CC have been sold to an English dealer. All these changes that are made help to influence the market value of certain stamps. It is, therefore, an impossibility for any stamp catalogue to be issued that will give the true market value of every stamp; although they might come nearer to it than the catalogues of today do. The sooner collectors realize this the better it will be for them. Though many stamps are catalogued at more than they are worth, yet there are a great many that cannot be obtained at catalogue price. Once in a while one will run across a collector that has found this out; and usually he is a philatelist: and he has discovered this by study. On the other hand, the majority of them who make a great kick and hurrah about stamps being catalogued too high, have bought a lot of worthless old truck that is not worth the powder to blow it up. If one makes a critical examination of their collections, you will find that 75% of their specimens are worse than what you would call seconds. Let one of these collectors try to dispose of his stamps, and although he is offered the market value for the class of goods that he has, he will want to know what catalogue values are good for, not realizing that catalogue values do not apply to his class of stamps.

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[The editor wishes it distinctly understood that he does not hold himself responsible for assertions made under this head, nor does he necessarily sanction any ideas or opinions expressed. All are invited to contribute to this department, with the above understanding, and all communications deemed suitable or of interest to our readers will be published.]

A NEW ENVELOPE VARIETY.

CLINTON, MASS., June 27, 1899.
 W. W. JEWETT,
 Portland, Maine.

Dear Sir: Enclosed please find one of the recent 2c stamped envelopes which I think can properly be called die C. Notice how the queue is separated from the back of the neck. This at first thought one might think was an accidental spot of ink, but I find the whole lot (nearly 1000) to be just alike and it is the only lot I have run across with this distinctive mark. Perhaps the envelope collectors may be interested in this.

Yours,
 CHAL. E. SHAW.

The space mentioned above as separating the queue is very plain and pronounced in the sample sent us by Mr. Shaw. While we have several impressions of dies showing more or less slight traces of red between the neck and queue this specimen is the most distinct.—E.D.

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The following is clipped from the *Montreal Herald* and is a report of the doings of the Senate at Ottawa on Friday evening:

THE TWO-CENT RATE.

The Postmaster-General informed the House that although last year he had estimated that the reduction in the revenue consequent upon the reduction in the domestic rate would be \$700,000, there had been such an increase in the amount of mail carried that it looked now as if the decrease would be only about half a million this year. There had been an increase of ten per cent. in the mail matter and a reduction of \$190,000 in the revenue for the first five months.

Mr. Wallace thought there must be an error in this calculation, because there would have to be an increase of 50 per cent. in the mail matter to make up the loss on a reduction from 3c to 2c.

The Postmaster-General replied that only half of the revenue of the Department came from the letter postage, and so the reduction of the aggregate revenue was not as great as Mr. Wallace reckoned.

DANGEROUS STAMPS TO BUY.

SO-CALLED REPRINTS OF ARGENTINA.

The labels, purporting to be "reprints" of the 1862 issue of Argentina, are, to all intents and purposes, forgeries. Two of three values—the 10 and 15 centavos—are the product of faked or doctored dies. This is the whole history of the matter: In 1871 a London dealer, in the days when reprints were tolerated, obtained possession of one of the original blocks from which the 5 centavos stamps had been printed. In order to prepare complete sets of three, he had to manufacture blocks for the 10 and 15 centavos values by altering the die he had obtained. The inevitable result was that a most incongruous appearance was given to the inscriptions at the foot of the two higher values. Collectors can easily detect these fraudulent reprints by closely scrutinising the figures of value and the initial letter "c" of "centavos."

If, in the 10c blue or the 15c green stamp, the numerals are precisely in line with the letters that follow, and if the "C" is of an ordinary width, instead of being cramped and narrow, then the stamps are perfectly genuine; but if the numerals are above their proper level and the "C" is out of proportion as mentioned, then they are printed from the faked plates. Experts can detect these bogus stamps at a glance by the colour alone, which is considerably paler than in the originals.—*Stamps* (Rushden).

We have complete sheets of some of the values of Honduras, 1896. They are arranged as follows, the number of stamps in the horizontal lines being mentioned first: 2c 9 x 12 s'amps, 5c 9 x 12 stamps, 10c 9 x 11 stamps, 30c 8 x 12 stamps, 1 peso 6 x 6 stamps. The sheet of 20c is very curious, being 9 x 12 stamps. but there

are only 102 stamps in the sheet, the places of Nos. 37, 38, 39, 40, 82, 83 being perfectly blank, although they are perforated the same as the others. We cannot imagine the reason of this.—*Philatelic Monthly*.

EXCHANGES.

One notice is allowed each subscriber free if sent with his remittance, extra notices will be inserted at the uniform price of 10 cents each insertion. Non-subscribers 15 cents each insertion. Postively cash with notice. All notices must be for exchange and limited to thirty words, exclusive of the address, and must be written on a separate piece of paper. Notices offering articles for sale for cash, or offering to purchase for cash cannot be inserted here as they do not come under this head.

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To exchange: A fine lot of U. S. Adhesives, for a self-inking printing press and outfit (Columbian 8x12 chase preferred). Send list of what you have. Hal Kellogg, Davenport, Iowa.

Berliner's Gramophone in good order, with 10 records; several hundred numbers of stamp papers, 3 weeklies and 3 monthlies, etc.; a Medicine stamps cat. \$4.50; Scott's 56th & 57th Ed. Standard Catalogue. Will exchange all the above for a fine telescope, or for best offer in U. S. Revs. Jas. Mikolasek, 721 W. 19th St., Chicago, Ill.

Here! I will take your duplicate stamps or job lots at 3/4 cat. (with few exceptions) in exchange for my stamps at catalogue. Write, Calvin C. Brackett, Garland, Me. [11x]

To exchange, Kodak Camera but little used, originally cost \$32.50, prints round picture 3 1/2 inches in diameter. Will exchange for best offer of stamps. F. N. Chapin, 200 Euclid Ave., Springfield, Mass. [21]

I have two 50-cent and one 1-dollar Omahas to exchange for one 2-dollar Omaha. A. V. Guillon, Hueneville, Calif. [20]

Exchange wanted with collectors of the Dr. K. & Co. surcharged postage stamps. Send on approval, or send list of dates and varieties which you have, and want. George H. Blake [A. P. A. 1448], 12 Highland Ave., Jersey City, N. J. [20]

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Under this head we print all notices not properly belonging to our exchange department, such as business announcements, want and for sale notices, etc., at the uniform low rate of five (5) cents per line. Eight words average a line. All notices will be set in solid 6-point type and no display allowed. Minimum charge 10 cents.

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Persia 85 green, unused.....	14	1.00	.50
Persia 45 vermilion, unused.....	30	1.75	.85
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Change of Addresses.

1403. **ROBINSON, P. O.**, from Mt. Hermon, Mass., to Plain City, Ohio.

579. **JONES, H. M.**, from 113 W. 8th Ave., Columbus, Ohio, to Marysville, Ohio.

1524. **ROTHCHILD, JOHN**, from No. 834 to No. 1209 Sutter St., San Francisco, Cal.

1531. **YOUNGER, C. S.**, from 58 Morningside Ave., New York City, to 50th St., between 14th and 15th Avenues, Brooklyn, N. Y.

423. **POLLOCK, EDWIN T.**, Lieut. U. S. N., from U. S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md., to U. S. S. Alliance, care U. S. Despatch Agent, New York, N. Y.

WM. N. HOWE, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE SALES DEPARTMENT.

GEORGE R. TUTTLE, Superintendent,
87 Nassau St.
NEW YORK CITY, June 24th, 1899.

952 books of stamps in circulation according to my report of June 17th, valued at \$30,205.77

10 books received since June 17th valued at..... 164.40

\$30,370.17

20 books retired since June 17th, valued at (from which has been sold \$153.86) \$410.87

Total number of books in circulation 942, valued at \$29,959.30

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CHICAGO, June 25th, 1899.

The 299th regular meeting was held June 1st, 1899, in Society's room, 651 Marquette Bldg. Meeting was called to order at 8.20 P. M. with Mr. C. E. Severn, President, in the chair. Present: Messrs. C. E. Severn, Schlieckert, Massoth, Wolsieffer, Smack, Michaels, Lefever, Cottlow and Doncyson. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Mr. P. M. Wolsieffer, chairman of the Fraud Committee, reported that all claims against Harry Cohen had been settled. Motion prevailed that report be accepted. There being no further business the

balance of the evening was spent in trading stamps and "horse play."
S. T. S. DONCYSON, Sec'y.

The 300th regular meeting (very few Societies can boast of so many) was held June 15th, 1899, in Society's room, No. 651 Marquette Bldg. Meeting was called to order at 8.30 P. M., with Mr. C. E. Severn, President, in the chair. Present: Messrs. C. E. Severn, Oesch, Massoth, Smack, Michaels, Wolsieffer and Doncyson. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

Fraud Committee reported that all claims had been adjusted and no complaints on hand.

The following letter was read by the Secretary:

CHICAGO, June 1st, 1899.

DEAR SIR:

The Board of Directors of the Chicago Public Library has received your gift, consisting of 277 volumes and 1090 pamphlets of philatelic literature and periodicals (the pamphlets consist of odd numbers of the latter), for which I am instructed to return a grateful acknowledgment.

Very respectfully,
FRED'K H. HILD, Librarian.

To CHARLES S. SMACK, Esq.,
Librarian Chicago Philatelic Society.

Motion prevailed that letter be published in the Official Organ.

Communication from Mr. J. A. Cook was read and referred to Governing Board. Communication from Mr. Fred Doughty (No. 137) was read and referred to Governing Board.

After recess the Governing Board reported that the Secretary had been instructed to write Mr. Doughty in regard to the philatelic literature.

No further business appearing the meeting adjourned after which a discussion was held on philatelic matters in general.

S. T. S. DONCYSON, Sec'y.

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1892	" 9, 3c on 4c.....	.05
"	" 10, 12c on 16c.....	.18
"	" 11, 15c on 16c.....	.12
"	" 12, 45c on 48c.....	.75
"	" 13, 90c on 96c.....	1.25
1893	" 14, 3c.....	.03
"	" 15, 12c.....	.07
"	" 16, 15c.....	.10
"	" 17, 45c.....	.50
1896	" 18, 18c on 45c.....	.12
"	" 19, none used for postage	
1897	" 20, 18c.....	.10
"	" 21, 36c.....	.20
"	" 22, 1 rupee.....	.45
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"	" " 103, 30c.....	.30
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Proprietaries, each.....	.03
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" 1896 1 gulden, purple & br'n	.11
" 1896 5 " green & brown	.90
" 1899 1 " Coronation,	
blue, very fine.....	.50
Gold Coast 1884-91, Postally used, fine:	
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" " " brown.....	.21
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" 1889 10 " & carmine	.80
" 1889 20 " brown & red	1.30
Norway 1k 50 blue.....	.20
Argentine Rep. 1892 1 peso, carmine.....	.08
" 1892 2 " dark green	.21
" 1892 5 " dark blue.....	.35
" 1896 80c dull violet.....	.18
Brazil 1894-97 700 reis.....	.07
" 1894 2000 ".....	.20
" 1894 2000 ".....	.20
Austria 1890 1 gulden, blue.....	.03
" 1890 2 " carmine.....	.11
" 1896 1 " lilac.....	.03
" 1896 2 " green.....	.07
Canada 8c Registration, blue, unused	
o. g., very fine.....	1.24
United States Columbian Envelopes 5c	
and 10c, the pair.....	.09
Chili 1892 1 peso.....	.20
India 1895 1 rupee.....	.12
Mauritius 1879-80 50c green, (Cat. 75c)	.19
Transvaal 1896 10 shillings, brown.....	.95
Roumania 1893 1 & 2 leu, (Cat. 42c) for	
New South Wales 8 pence, lyre bird.....	.14
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From Our Regular Correspondent.

Topics About Town.

FROM NEW YORK CITY.

The philatelic community was shocked by the sad intelligence of the death of Mr. Nicholas F. Seebeck, a director of the Hamilton Bank Note Company, and a collector of some standing. Mr. Seebeck was known far and wide within the bounds of the philatelic fraternity as the originator of the so-called "Seebeck" issues.

We have been told that parties are manufacturing fake Porto Rico surcharges on current United States stamps in this city.

The *Post Office* for June to say the least is not very original, but the selection of clipped matter reflect much credit on the ability of Mr. Power as an editor. "The United States Postal Service," extracts from an article in the May number of the *Cosmopolitan*, is continued. Among the "Notes and Comment" we note this item of interest:

"TRINIDAD.—About two months ago our publishers received quite a large consignment of what purported to be postally used stamps of the current issue of the 6d. 1sh. and 5sh. values. The low price at which they were billed made them particularly attractive, especially as at first sight they appear to have been used on *registered matter*, but upon a second examination we found that this apparently registration cancellation, really read *Registrar's Office*, and the stamps had all been used fiscally. "Needless to say they were returned with thanks. Since then we have seen a number of those stamps offered as *postally used*, and we would advise collectors to examine cancelled specimens carefully. We notice in the last number of Stanley Gibbon's *Monthly Journal* a reduction in the price of these same stamps, and wonder whether the supply on which this reduction is based, is not of the same class. High values of Trinidad used were never very plentiful, and we would respectfully suggest that the publishers of the *Monthly Journal*, examine their stock again, keeping the foregoing in view."

President Evans has issued the call for the second annual convention of the Empire State Philatelic Society. The dates named are Aug. 23rd, 24th and 25th. The headquarters selected is the Park Ave. Hotel, one of the leading hotels in the city. A large attendance is expected.

Local dealers report a slight falling off of trade since the heat set in, nevertheless the business is much better than in former years. The heat will even melt the ardor of some of our most devoted followers.

The annual crop of "speculators" and "bargain seekers" are beginning to make their appearance.

VOLUNTEER.

Where Were We At?

You must excuse us for a few moments while we weep softly and quietly to ourselves; no pipe dream—"Stamp Hunting" kind of tears—but real, genuine, copious drops of aqua brina, wet on both sides. While we were chipping corn plasters and butterflies through Iowa recently, there blew into St. Louis as dead stock quite a number of Osgood's India chologog, with fine copies of the *six-cent orange Proprietary* attached. The trade got 'em at \$15 to \$20 each. One dozen of our second-hand, hand-me-down, liver pads—as Osgood calls our stuff—could have been swapped for them in the first place, and the druggist would have thought he had the best of the trade. Hence our grief.

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Philatelic Press Review.

By WM. C. STONE.

Buenos Aires Filatelico, Vol. III. No. 108.

Deutsche Briefmarken Zeitung, Vol. X. No. 6.

Illustriertes Briefmarken Journal, Vol. XXVI. No. 12.

Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News, Vol. XIII. No. 26, (443).

Metropolitan Philatelist, Vol. XI. No. 13.

Montreal Philatelist, Vol. II. No. 1, (13).

Perforator, Vol. III. No. 4, (O.S.XV. 1).

Philatelist, Vol. XX. No. 6, (255).

Philatelic Bulletin, Vol. XXII. No. 10.

Philatelic Monthly, Vol. XXV. (299).

Philatelic West, Vol. IX. No. 3.

Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly, Vol. V. No. 123.

Stamp Exchange, Vol. I. No. 3.

Tri-Monthly Collector, Vol. I. No. 13.

I see by Mr. Severn's letter in *Mekeel's Weekly* that the Chicago Philatelic Society has transferred its library to the public library of that city. This is a move in the right direction. If we want the public to know about stamps we must see to it that books and papers relating to them are put where they can be seen. If our various societies would see that the reading rooms of the public libraries in all our principal cities are supplied with copies of our leading weekly and monthly papers they will be read by many who perhaps never heard of there being such publications.

Dr Mitchell in the same paper states that the boxes of cigars recently seized on account of the counterfeit stamps used on them, are to be sold, and that the purchaser must leave the forged stamp on the box, besides placing genuine ones there also.

The new high value revenue stamps are to be printed in sheets of four, writes J. M. Bartels in the *Metropolitan Philatelist*. Each stamp will have a stub on which will be kept a record of the purchaser. They will be ready about the first of July it is expected.

The plates of the new Cuban stamps are to be numbered in the same series with our own and the following are ready at present: 2-cent 871, 872, 873, 874; 1-cent 879, 884.

Ralph Gosset has some interesting notes from New Zealand in the latest number of the *Montreal Philatelist*. "Mon ami Joseph" in the review column states that F. I. Weaver in his new paper *Energy* has been insulting yours truly. He didn't dare send me a copy of the paper however, and so I can't say whether it is a case of pistols and coffee for two or what. Will somebody please send me a copy and relieve my anxious mind.

The Vice President for Kentucky had better look out for his advertisement in the June *Perforator* will get him into trouble. In it he advertises "1 set Columbians (imitation) complete 55 cents." If the U. S. authorities get sight of it they will be quite apt to relieve Mr. L. of his stock, if they do not prosecute him for selling them.

Der Philatelist with its last number sends a copy of the program of the annual meet of German philatelic clubs which takes place in Dresden this year, July 21-25. It promises a very instructive and entertaining time for those who are fortunate enough to attend.

I do not know who "El Cubano" is, but I most certainly hope he will refrain from inflicting upon us any more articles like the one in the *Philatelic West*. It contains no information which one could not get from a catalogue, and is decidedly off in its orthography. Possibly however some of the errors are due to the proof reader.

Mr. Nankivell's plea for a catalogue for collectors is reprinted in the *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly* which will ensure it a much larger circle of readers than it would command in the *London Philatelist* alone. There is another installment of the article on "Australian Reprints" by A. F. Basset Hull. I notice the publishers still advertise copies of their book on Reprints at 1 shilling 6 pence, for which some one paid \$1.20 at the sale of the Casey library!

Decidedly the best article that has yet appeared in the *Stamp Exchange* is that by Aug. Dietz on Confederate counterfeits and humbugs. A number of these "weeds" are described and the article will be a help to many. The article on Grenada is first class as far as the historical and descriptive part goes, but when the writer takes up the stamps he leaves many things unsaid. He neglects to mention the fact that the orange stamps which were utilized so much by surcharging, were revenue stamps, and that it was that die that was called into use to print the 1875-81 stamps. The article was evidently written with no reference books at hand except a catalogue.

The combined *Philatelic Bulletin and Eastern Philatelist* is a disappointment. There is very little of the substantial matter which used to appear in the *Eastern* of old. Mr. Chapman has an entertaining article on "Homely Stamps," Aug. Dietz some notes from the Old Dominion, and there are also some Toronto and Ontario notes. I had hoped for better things from the combine. By the way our friend Dodge must look to his laurels. The *Eastern* makes the fifth paper that the *Bulletin* has absorbed!

Plate number collectors will welcome the

article in the *Philatelic Monthly* describing the differences in the location of the plate numbers on the periodical stamps. All the minute differences are pointed out so that it is possible to tell whether a specimen comes from the upper or lower part of the full sheet.

The *Tri-Monthly Collector* is still struggling along in its endeavor to catch up with *Father Time*. It is still some four numbers behind, but by issuing small numbers will catch up ere long I trust.

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FOURTH ANNUAL CONVENTION.

The Fourth Annual Convention of the Association was held at the Relay House, Bass Point, Nahant, Mass., on Saturday, June 24.

The Convention was called to order at 2.50 p. m., by the President, Mr. B. Harvey Wares, with the following members present: G. M. Frame, Boston; Gardner R. Kennedy, Worcester, Mass.; F. H. Pinkham, Newmarket, N. H.; Charles H. Smith, Dedham, Mass.; John J. Cone, Jr., Dorchester, Mass.; Mrs. W. D. Smith, Portsmouth, N. H.; Levi A. Judkins, Boston, Mass.; Charles H. Stone, Concord, N. H.; C. S. Drake, Roxbury, Mass.; Willis D. King, Roxbury, Mass.; Charles E. Shaw, Clinton, Mass. Mr. J. Favill Capron arrived at 4 p. m. Five members were represented by proxies.

In opening the meeting, the President referred pleasantly to the completion of another year of the society's existence, and called for reports of officers.

The Secretary's verbal report was accepted. Report of Treasurer, showing receipts of \$20.64, disbursements of \$15.53, balance \$5.11, accepted and filed. Report of Exchange Manager indicated a circulation of 16 books, valued at \$142.37, since assuming office on April 1, 1899. Books are still in circulation, and total amount of sales not yet established. The Department is receiving good support, and will increase in efficiency. Accepted and filed. Chairman of Board of Trustees reported calling of special meeting on April 1, 1899, contract made with Mr. W. W. Jewett for Official Journal, call for Annual Convention, and other minor matters. Accepted and filed. Verbal report of Supt. Bureau of Information accepted. No report at hand of Counterfeit Detector.

On motion of Secretary, voted to suspend By-Laws and admit to membership the following applicants: Mr. W. D. Eldredge, Box 1352, Boston, Mass., and Mr. William F. Marquardt, Engine Company No. 27, Elm St., Charlestown, Mass., proposed for membership by Mr. John J. Cone, Jr. Carried.

Mr. Willis D. King advocated more frequent meetings, which brought forth an expression of opinion from several members that the Association should assemble

at least three or four times each year. The discussion of this matter directed attention to the need of a revised Constitution, and it was voted that the President appoint a Committee of three for this purpose, to report at next meeting. Chair appointed Messrs. Livingston of Manchester, N. H., Bacon of Lowell, Mass., and Judkins of Boston.

At this point a recess of 30 minutes was taken.

Upon re-assembling at 4.15 p. m., on motion, voted to proceed to election of officers for ensuing year. Chair appointed the Board of Trustees, as a committee, to receive and count votes, and, calling attention to his nomination for re-election, earnestly requested to be allowed to retire from the office.

Committee subsequently reported result of vote as follows: Willis D. King, President; George F. Waldron, Vice-President; Levi A. Judkins, Secretary; George Dimmock, Treasurer; George M. Frame, Exchange Manager; Mrs. W. D. Smith, Supt. Bureau of Information; F. P. Brown, Counterfeit Detector; J. Favill Capron (Chairman), Clifford S. Drake, John J. Cone, Jr., Board of Trustees.

Mr. G. M. Frame proposed the office of Attorney for the Association, and nominated Mr. Frank C. Livingston, Manchester, N. H., for that position. Voted to create such office, and Mr. Livingston declared elected.

The Secretary spoke upon the subject of a bona fide Exchange Department, outlined a plan for such, and suggested that the present so-called Exchange Department be changed into a Sales Department. This subject seemed of much interest to the members and a long discussion followed, participated in by nearly all present. On motion of Mr. Kennedy, the Board of Trustees was appointed a Committee, with power to organize a Department for facilitating exchange of stamps among members, and appoint Manager of same.

Mr. Willis D. King called attention to the financial condition of the Association, and asked for an expression of opinion in regard to raising the annual dues. Members differed on this question, but the general opinion favored no action at this time, and the matter, on motion, was laid on the table.

Time being limited, no further business was brought up. A vote of thanks was extended to the retiring officers, and to the temporary officers elected at the special meeting in April. The newly elected President was escorted to the Chair, and, at 5.35 p. m. the Convention was declared adjourned subject to the call of the President.

LEVI A. JUDKINS,
Secretary.

Notes of the Convention.

The majority of the members attending took the 9.30 boat, and stamp talk was

rampant on the passage down. Arriving at Bass Point, the party took barge to the Relay House, and spent the remainder of the forenoon in exhibiting stamps and in visiting points of attraction.

Perhaps the most enjoyable feature of the occasion was the genuine "shore dinner," served at 12 noon, to which full justice was done. The Proprietor of the Relay House endeared himself to us by first class service. This, in connection with the delightful weather, specially provided, contributed largely to the success of the Convention.

It was a pleasure also to greet Shaw, Pinkham, Wares, Kennedy, King, Mrs. Smith and others, comprising the "Old Guard" or faithful attendants at meetings.

We were honored, too, by the presence of Mr. Charles H. Smith, of Dedham, this being his maiden meeting.

Our absent members were cherished in mind, and regrets expressed that each and all could not have been with us.

The Convention was most harmonious, and the consensus of opinion leads to the belief that an era of prosperity will result from the good work accomplished. The plan proposed for a new Exchange Department is believed to be unique.

I thank members for many kind expressions, and shall serve the Association faithfully. This is hardly the season for activity in philatelic matters, but "when the days grow short," we must earnestly strive to upbuild our society.

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 " 18-8 37 ore, " 152, 1.25 .70
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 " Sp, " 12, 1.00 .35
 " 1875 33p, no gum, " 71, 1.50 .70
 Newfoundland 1876 5c blue, " 46, 2.00 .85
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From Our Regular Correspondent.
Canadian Items.
 By the time these notes are being read, the widely heralded convention of the Dominion Philatelic Association will be over. The Toronto boys have everything in readiness for what they expect will be the most successful convention in the Association's history.

Following is the list of officers of the Canadian Philatelic Press Club, recently elected:
 President, Jno. H. Lowe, Toronto.
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It may not be universally known, but W. R. Adams is the proprietor of the Cartier Stamp Co. of Toronto.

In the *Montreal Philatelist* for June the editor of that paper risks the guess that the Eureka Stamp Co., of Sherbrooke, Nova Scotia, are frauds and gives as his reason that the Nova Scotia Stamp Co. of the same place are sharks. The latter company, he goes on to say, used a typewriter and the foundation of his presumptive guess is that the Eureka company also used a typewriter. If Mr. Bach persists in his malignant assertions he may some day play an unpleasant part in a libel suit. He has no right, whatever, to impeach the honor of any person or firm until he can prove his statements.

There is some talk of a new stamp paper making its appearance from Waterloo, to be published by the Waterloo Stamp Co.

F. I. Weaver of Berlin has sold his general collection to Herman Jaeger of the same town and will hereafter specialize in B. N. A. stamps.

Dr. J. A. Williams of Ft. Wayne, Indiana, was in this city on June 27th on his way to Toronto to attend the D. P. A. convention. He made the most part of the trip on his wheel.

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23	St. Christopher 6d olive brown.....	17.50 8.75
22	St. Christopher 1sh lilac.....	8.50 4.25
40	St. Vincent 6d yellow green.....	12.50 5.50
35	France 1853 1fr lake.....	10.00 4.50
11	Nova Scotia 8 1/2c green.....	10.00 4.50
17	Nova Scotia 8 1/2c green.....	2.50 1.00
89	Persia 1876 25 blue.....	5.00 1.75
2	Surinam 1873 3c green.....	5.00 1.00
20	Madagascar 1886 1d red.....	2.50 1.00
7	Hawaii 1853 5c blue.....	6.00 3.00
4	Liberia 1860 6c red.....	3.00 1.50
7	Liberia 1864 6c red.....	2.50 1.00
8	Liberia 1864 12c blue.....	2.00 1.00
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34	Nevis 1884 1sh violet.....	16.50 8.25
4	Newfoundland 1857 3d green.....	1.50 .75
20	Newfoundland 1863 4d lake.....	.85 .40
21	Newfoundland 1863 5d.....	1.75 .85
25	Newfoundland 1863 1sh lake.....	.75 .35
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 1 5r black, .04 .03
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 13 40r yellow, .12 .08
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WHOLE No. 321.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Washington Notes.

Wednesday, July 5th.

The following stamps have been ordered for Porto Rico:

50,000	1-cent Dues.
50,000	2-cent "
5,000	10-cent "
50,000	8-cent regular issue.
10,000	1-cent Newspaper Wrappers.

This of course is the second order for the same stamps. It may be that they have decided to fill orders for Postage Dues as it seems so far as if only one dealer in the U. S. received any. All the others have received their money back with the information that it is against their regulations to sell them. I cannot for the life of me see why they don't, as it would be a source of considerable revenue for the Island, and at the same time it would be net gain, as they would never be used in any way.

The new Cuban envelopes have been sent to Havana. They were shipped from Hartford the latter part of last week. The stamps however have not been sent, nor neither will they until the 18th of this month, as the plates for the 3, 5 and 10c have not been completed.

The following is an estimate made for stamps for Cuba for the next fiscal year:

10,000,000	1-cent.
15,000,000	2-cent.
6,000,000	3-cent.
6,000,000	5-cent.
1,000,000	10-cent.
500,000	Special Del'y 10-cent.

It looks by the order as if they intended to continue selling stamps to stamp collectors and dealers. I understand that Director Rathbone has written the Department stating that there have been great demands on them for stamps by stamp dealers and ordered a very large and strong manila envelope to be used in sending stamps, so that they would be received in better condition. I just saw some stamps that were sent from Havana and they are very nicely wrapped in oil paper and in one of these large heavy manila envelopes. It would appear as if they intend to be more careful than they were at first—why shouldn't they as it is all clear gain for the Island.

Messrs. J. M. Bartels and H. F. Colman have returned from their trip. Both report business as very good, especially for this time of year.

General Merritt assumed charge of the Post Office on the 1st inst., and Mr. Madden, his successor, took charge as Third Asst. Postmaster General the same day.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Topics About Town.

FROM NEW YORK CITY.

Now, since France has announced a new issue, Germany has stepped in, with the intention of occupying second place in the line, if we can rely upon the following statement:

"Berlin, June 30.—Germany will issue new imperial postage stamps at the beginning of the next century. They will be oblong in shape like the stamps issued by the United States at the time of the Columbian Exposition in Chicago. At the Emperor's suggestion they will illustrate the history of the Hohenzollerns. The stamps were designed by an Englishman, whose fee was 10,000 marks."

According to the *July American Journal of Philately* the first form of Advance Sheets of the 59th Catalogue containing all the U. S. issues will be ready for delivery on the 10th inst.

Trade has been rather slow during the past week. Many of the dealers' best buyers have left town.

The publisher of the *New York Philatelist* announces an E. S. P. S. convention number for August.

VOLUNTEER.

From an Occasional Correspondent.

San Francisco Notes.

Tuesday, June 27th.

There have been several sales here recently that have attracted considerable attention, chief of which was the purchase of the famous Giffard collection of Hawaiian stamps by Messrs. Sellschopp & Co. Mr. Giffard was a resident of the Islands and was fortunate in being able to

obtain many rarities not frequently met with. His collection was the result of thirty years of philatelic labors, and its sale came in the nature of a surprise to the local fraternity.

While there were no "Missionaries" it was a complete collection of superb specimens. The price is understood to have been \$5,000. Among the rarities were no less than seventy-five numerals; most of them exceptionally fine copies, thirty of them being on original cover. Inside of ten days over twenty of these thirty were sold and nearly all of the loose copies. All the known errors of the provisional issue were represented, most of them being on original covers. There was a full sheet of the rare twelve-cent mauve, black surcharge, of which more than half were sold in a few days at full catalogue price. Many provisional and other issues were included in the accumulation of duplicates, most of them in full sheets or portions of sheets. The fifty-cent and dollar unsurcharged, went at full catalogue. Good copies of these values are scarce and are not long in stock. While this collection was noted especially for its Hawaiian stamps, other countries were not neglected. It was very rich in Australian among which were twenty-three Sydney views. New Zealand was almost complete, including a fine unused copy of the rare six pence, red brown, star watermark, rouletted. This stamp is not priced. The United States was well represented including fine unused copies of the ninety-cent 1861, 1868 and 1869, the ten and twenty dollar State Department and the 1875 Periodical set complete. There was a fair collection of other countries. Among the Hawaiian oddities was a two-cent numeral printed on both sides. A peculiarity of this collection was the large number of Government reprints, among which were the wood block varieties Cape of Good Hope. The "surcharged specimen" varieties were numerous; including the high value Lagos, twenty shilling red and carmine Gold Coast, five pound British Bechuanaland and Zululand and many other rarities. There were also a few unused originals only obtainable through the Postal Union headquarters at Berne. Take it all together such a collection is not frequently broken up and the San Francisco collectors have been able to fill many vacant spaces in their albums.

The Folte collection recently changed

hands, the consideration being \$3000. It was especially rich in old European.

The Herrmann collection sold for \$1000, and was well up in United States and early European issues. The Eisfeldt collection, comprising general issues of all countries, went for \$750.

Mr. Chas. Lubro, an old time collector, has again returned to the ranks. He was the purchaser of the Folte and Herrmann collections.

Dealers report business as very good considering the season.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Our Boston Letter.

Wednesday, July 5th.

The stamp business is better for so late in the season, than it has been for several years. I have seen the Cuba 2c envelope surcharged on U. S., white, with a double surcharge; and also the two lines of the surcharge in the lower left corner of the envelope. I have also seen the 1c green on buff surcharged, without any return request. It is said that only 25 of these envelopes escaped the printing of the return request. Six of these were used postally, and the other 19 are now in the possession of one of Boston's well known stamp firms.

I had the pleasure, during the past week, of making the acquaintance of Mr. J. M. Bartels, the Washington, D. C., stamp dealer, who has been here on business for a few days.

We are promised the advance sheets of the U. S. issues of Scott's 59th Catalogue on or about July 10th, and that the catalogue will be completed early in October.

The following will show what they think of us across the water, and is taken from a letter written for the *American Journal of Philately*, by Mr. Nankivell, the well known English philatelic writer and collector: "We cannot quite comprehend the true inwardness of the issue announced on your side for Guam and are asking whether separate stamps are to follow for each of the hundreds of rocks that will now fall under the sway of the stars and stripes." * * * "What with a few dollar's worth for this island of no consequence, Omahas, Periodical reprints, etc., your postal authorities are not as scrupulous as one would expect the postal authorities of a great nation to be."

In one of the stamp papers is a department conducted by H. A. Chapman. It is a review of articles from different philatelic journals and criticisms on them. In

the review that I have in mind, he mentions only articles that favor the Government's policy in regard to the Newspaper stamps, and never mentions any article that is detrimental to the issue. In one paragraph the following occurs: "Mr. Bartels well says in the *Metropolitan Philatelist* for March 18th:" and then gives the entire paragraph, which most of you have read, wherein is stated that it should make no difference to collectors whether the stamps are reprints or not. I always take a man by what he says, not by what he means, and I mentioned, in a former letter that any one who sanctioned these utterances ought to go on record. I have received the following letter:

"Concerning a paragraph penned by you to the ERA, where you say I am one of those who think it should make no difference whether the Periodicals were reprinted or not, allow me to say that I never expressed any such idea, and your giving that impression is an unfair one. I, like many others, was not able to pay \$50 for a bona fide set, as I might have done, if flush. I considered that the fac-similes were worth \$5 to me to look at and to show to others who had neither. I notice some dealers who did their best to prevent the fac-similes being placed on sale are inconsistently selling them now.

"I have never said the government was right in its action, but, having done what it did, I considered it my privilege to avail myself of the chance, and never having been a "particular collector," any attempt to "place me on record" is amusing.

"H. A. CHAPMAN."

I have not the pleasure of Mr. Chapman's acquaintance, and I have no desire to enter into any controversy with him; but he is evidently a person who writes a good deal for the philatelic press, and he should be more careful in expressing his views, if he has the well being of Philately at heart. For when one tells the collector of any article whatsoever, that the imitation is as good as the real, you knock the whole foundation out of that hobby. One of the best posted persons on postage stamps is S. Allan Taylor, and somehow or other he acquired the mistaken idea that imitations of postage stamps were just as good as the originals. If he had thought otherwise, he might have been one of the richest dealers in the United States. I see no objections to any dealer selling, or any collector buying, one of the sets of Newspaper reprints, but the dealer should tell the collectors what they are buying, and the philatelic scribes should not teach the new collector that there is no difference between a reprint and an original.

S. E. L.

A novel way of surcharging postage stamps is reported by *Timbre-Poste* as having been introduced in Pahang, one of the native states comprised among the Straits-Settlements. The five-cent stamp of 1892 has been cut in two, and one-half surcharged "2 cents" while the other half received the surcharge "3 cents." This is the first time halved stamps are surcharged with different values for the two halves.—*Philatelic Monthly*.

EXCHANGES.

One notice is allowed each subscriber free if sent with his remittance, extra notices will be inserted at the uniform price of 10 cents each insertion. Non-subscribers 15 cents each insertion. Postively cash with notice. All notices must be for exchange and limited to thirty words, exclusive of the address, and must be written on a separate piece of paper. Notices offering articles for sale for cash, or offering to purchase for cash cannot be inserted here as they do not come under this head.

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Graphophone and outfit, cost \$30, several dozen records for same; Odell Typewriter, new, lists at \$20, and a lot of good U. S. cents and half-cents to exchange. What have you to offer in the shape of books or misc.? Herbert M. Shaw, 44 Hastings St., West Roxbury, Mass. [23]

Here! I will take your duplicate stamps or job lots at ½ cat. (with few exceptions) in exchange for my stamps at catalogue. Write, Calvin C. Brackett, Garland, Me. [17]

To exchange, Kodak Camera but little used, originally cost \$22.50, prints round picture 3½ inches in diameter. Will exchange for best offer of stamps. F. N. Chapin, 100 Euclid Ave., Springfield, Mass. [22]

TRADE COLUMN.

Under this head we print all notices not properly belonging to our exchange department, such as business announcements, want and for sale notices, etc., etc., at the uniform low rate of five (5) cents per line. Eight words average a line. All notices will be set in solid 6-point type and no display allowed. Minimum charge 10 cents.

1874-80 2c vermilion Wrapper, unused, 5c; 10 for 40c. Postage extra. Stamp Specialty Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

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Two unused Canada Map stamps, 8c; 2 same used, 3c. 4 unused Newfoundland (Royal heads), 10c. 5 unused New Brunswick, 40c. 25 mixed Canadian, 3c. 100 mixed Foreign, 5c. 2 Bill stamps free. Box 355, Moncton, N. B., Canada.

1899 ¾c Johnson & Johnson, unused,	5c each
1899 1½c Castoria, unused,	5c each
1899 5c de peso Cuba, unused,	8c each
Blocks and strips same rate.	
1899 3¼c Warner, used,	5c each
H. K. MOYER CO., Easton, Pa.	

\$3.00 1898 Doc. Revenues 12c each, per 10 only 90c post paid. MEYER BRANDVIK, Farris, Minn.

I offer this week: ¾c orange, 1c I. R., small surch., 1c I. R. large surch., 3c I. R. Doc. Rev. unused, in good condition, for 17c the lot. WALTER C. ODORNE, Huntington, Pa.

Set of Periodical stamps 1c to \$100, perforated on three sides, \$4.50. WALTER C. ODORNE, Huntington, Pa.

100 mixed Foreign, 5 cents; postage 2 cents extra. H. D. WARREN, 470 K St., N. W., Washington, D. C.

Here!	Cat. No.	Cat. price.	My price
Portugal,	124	..	\$0.25
Prince Edward Island,	14	\$2.50	1.25
Prince Edward Island,	9	2.00	1.00
Prince Edward Island,	18	1.50	.75
Queensland,	65	2.00	1.00
Queensland,	27	1.75	.85
Russia,	1	2.50	1.25
Russia,	2	1.00	.50
Russia,	81	2.50	.75

* Money refunded if you are not satisfied. CALVIN C. BRACKETT, Garland, Maine.

Highest cash price paid for stamps in lots. Send lists and offers. F. P. VINCENT, L. Box 56, Chat-ham, N. Y. [26]

Approval books 60¢ discount. References required. Set of 4 Japan War stamps, new, 12 cts. Set of 3 China (Scott's 13, 14 and 15), new, 30 cts. 21] E. A. OBORNE, Jamaica, New York.

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REINSTATED.

100. Isaac Hills, Siasconset, Mass.

LEVI A. JUDKINS,
Secretary.

In accordance with the vote taken at the annual meeting of the Association, at Bass Point June 24th, which authorized the Board of Trustees (elected at that meeting) to organize a department for the exchange of stamps and appoint a manager thereof, we would respectfully submit the following report:

First: The department shall be called "Department of Stamp Trading" and we have appointed Levi A. Judkins, Superintendent.

Second: Those members wishing to participate in this department will apply to the Superintendent who will furnish them blanks on which to make out a list of stamps which they have for exchange and also a list of stamps which they desire.

Third: The Superintendent shall then circulate these lists among all the members of the Association and they are invited to correspond with the owner (whose name will be signed to each slip) in regard to the exchange.

This department was proposed by Mr. Judkins whom we have appointed Superintendent and he will supply any added information which may be desired.

Respectfully,

JOHN J. CONE, JR.,
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SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Applications for Membership.

BARNUM, W. H., 374 Giddings Ave., Cleveland, Ohio; age, 21; occupation, Book-keeper. References: H. P. Cushing, W. W. Jewett.

Reinstated.

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REPORT OF THE SALES DEPARTMENT.

GEORGE R. TUTTLE, Superintendent,
87 Nassau St.
NEW YORK CITY, July 1st, 1899.

942 books of stamps in circulation according to my report of June 24th, valued at \$29,959.30
4 books received since June 24th valued at 62.00

\$30,021.30

29 books retired since June 24th, valued at (from which has been sold \$178.83) \$735.38

Total number of books in circulation 917, valued at. \$29,285.92

GEO. R. TUTTLE,
Superintendent Sales Dept.

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IN answering advertisements please be sure to mention this paper. It is of great importance to us.

STERLING STAMP CO., BOSTON, MASS.

Our prices in last week's ERA for the Envelopes and Wrappers Surcharged Porto Rico were 45¢ less than any other advertised price. Our price for 2c Green on Amber Surcharged for Cuba was 60¢ less than the largest dealer. These are the things that count in the cost of your collection. We believe that money expended with us in the next year will add nearly double the number of specimens to your album that it will if spent elsewhere. If your name is on our Mailing List we send them on approval and you do not pay for them until you see that they are right.

We are advised by the Department that the 1c Buff and 1c and 2c Blue Cuba were surcharged for "private parties" so are not on sale. We have written for further information.

- 2c Green on Amber Surcharged Cuba, 20c (Others say this Envelope is scarce and price it 50c.)
- 2c and 5c Envelopes and 1c Wrapper
- Surcharged Porto Rico 15c
- 8c Porto Rico on U. S. 11c
- 5c Canada Numeral. 7c
- Piso and Johnson & Johnson, each .. 3c
- Block 4 10c
- C. H. Fletcher each 4c; Block 4 15c
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Watch for our prices on the new Cuban Envelopes and Stamps.
Orders under 50c Postage Extra.

Centennial 1876 UNUSED ENTIRE ENVELOPE No. 1421 - 3c red

I have exactly 100 to sell at 25c each.

One only will be sold to a customer and each customer must send with his order the name and address of a person whom he knows to be a stamp collector.

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Cuba 1899 New Design

1, 2, 3, 5, 10c, unused, - .30

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If so, write me AT ONCE. (1*)

C. A. STEGMANN,

5941 Cote Brillante Av., St. Louis, Mo.

authority for the statement that there is no truth as regards the information published in the *Metropolitan* in regard to the high values of the new set. In the first place the high values consist of 10c, 12c and 25c and not of 10c, 50c and \$1 stamps. When the present stock of the stamps on hand is exhausted, the colors of the 10c, 12c and 25c will be changed, as they conflict with the colors of the lower denominations; but the new colors have not yet been decided upon. The new five-cent blue stamp which will soon be issued, differs from the old issue in that it contains the word "cents" in accordance with the Postal Union rule on that subject. It is now probable that the use of Hawaiian stamps will continue at least one more year, Congress having failed to pass the bill providing for their discontinuance on July 4, 1899.

H. M. B.

The editor is also indebted to Mr. Ballou for a specimen of the new 1c Hawaii in a bright green color.

NEW STAMPS FOR GERMANY.

The following item from the Berlin dispatches in the *New York Tribune* of July 2 will be of interest to collectors. German stamps have never been noted for their beauty and if the news is true we may expect something out of the usual line. Whether the Kaiser will afford his subjects the opportunity of punching his sacred head will appear when we know the designs selected. A portrait of Bismark should most certainly adorn one of the values.

NEW ISSUE OF STAMPS.—The Emperor, inspired by the United States Columbian postage stamps, has ordered the issue of a new series for 1900. They will be oblong, and illustrate the history of the Hohenzollerns. The postoffice authorities here have been unable to find a native artist to do the work, and have engaged an Englishman to design the stamps, who received 10,000 marks for so doing.

Correspondence.

[The editor wishes it distinctly understood that he does not hold himself responsible for assertions made under this head, nor does he necessarily sanction any ideas or opinions expressed. All are invited to contribute to this department, with the above understanding, and all communications deemed suitable or of interest to our readers will be published.]

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From a Special ERA Correspondent.

Annual Convention of the Dominion Philatelic Association.

TORONTO, July 3rd, 1899.

When the ballots at the 1898 convention announced that the D. P. A. Convention would be held in Toronto this year, the success of the venture was an assured fact, and that the Toronto members are capable of conducting a convention has been very clearly demonstrated during the past week. While the attendance was not as large as at first expected, several members who had intended to be present being detained at the last moment, still those who were present went away satisfied that they could not have put in a more enjoyable and profitable two days elsewhere.

At two o'clock on Friday afternoon a large number of delegates having gathered together, Mr. Geo. Davenport took the chair and upon behalf of the local members, addressed the visitors, welcoming them to the city.

Mr. Chas. Bailey, President of the Association, was then introduced to the members and after a few words of welcome, proceeded with the President's annual address. Mr. Bailey commented upon the prosperous condition of the society and was confident that the D. P. A. had come to stay. He also remarked that the day was not far distant when the D. P. A. would be one of the leading philatelic influences on the American continent. In support of this argument it was shown that since the organization of the League of Canadian Philatelists, instead of the D. P. A. giving place, she had moved onward with greater strides than ever before. In retiring from the position of President, Mr. Bailey hoped the members would give as good support to his successor as they had done to him, and if this was done he felt sure that the D. P. A. would go onward and upward during the coming year.

The roll call was then proceeded with by the Secretary and a large number of members responded.

Communications were received from A. M. Muirhead, Halifax, R. S. Baker, Sackville, N. B., E. A. Marris, Windsor, W. F. Van Malder, Halifax, and F. J. Garraty, Richmond, Que., expressing regret at their inability to be present. The minutes of the last convention were then read after which the following committees were appointed: Photograph, Auditing, Constitution and By-Laws.

A discussion then took place on the application of W. A. Lydiatt for re-instatement, and a committee composed of E. B. McGillivray and G. E. Davenport was appointed to investigate and report to the Trustees.

The evening was spent in a social way and in reviewing some of the fine collections on exhibition. The collections of W. H. Thurston and G. E. Davenport were greatly admired. Mr. Thurston's collection of United States is very fine. A good collection of Entires was shown by Starnaman Bros. Mr. H. R. Wood of Montreal also showed some very fine British Colonials.

A bicycle excursion on Saturday morning to High Park was participated in by a large number of members, several of whom had wheeled to the meet. Before returning they were taken around the city and viewed the principal sights.

The first item of business which came before the members on Saturday morning was the presentation of the Secretary-Treasurer's Annual Report, which was gratifying in the extreme. It gave the total number of paid-up members to date to be 297. Number of resignations, expulsions, deaths, etc. had been 45. An increase of 128 members during the year was announced. The financial statement was then presented which showed a credit balance of \$29.22. The Secretary remarked that the expenditure during the year had been somewhat heavier than usual.

The reports of the various departments were then presented all of which were accepted. Mr. E. L. Shove of Unionville, N. Y., was complimented upon the success he had received on building up a first-class Exchange Department. The total value of stamps passing through this department during the year being \$310.

Shortly before noon the Credential Committee presented their report which was as follows:

President—Capt. E. F. Wurtele, Quebec.
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 U. S. Vice-President, F. D. Sawyer, Otisfield Gore, Maine.
 Secretary-Treasurer—G. W. Starnaman, Berlin.
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 Exchange Superintendent—E. L. Shove, Unionville, N. Y.
 Librarian—F. I. Weaver, Berlin.
 Trustees—Chas. Bailey, Toronto, (Chairman); Chas. Applegath, Hamilton; Geo. W. Hicks, Mitchell.

Official Organ—The *Philatelic Advocate*. St. Catherines, Ont., was elected for 1900 Convention, but after some discussion it was decided to try and arrange with the other philatelic societies for a joint convention at Niagara Falls. A resolution to this effect was passed and the Secretary requested to communicate with the other organizations.

The afternoon session was taken up with hearing the balance of the reports, and an auction sale was then conducted, some very fine stuff changing hands.

During the afternoon the members had a group photo taken.

Before adjourning the afternoon session, a discussion was entered into regarding an official hand-book, and it was finally decided that the society should publish same and have it ready for distribution not later than October 1st. It will contain a list of paid-up members, copy of the Constitution, Reports of past Conventions, also short sketches of the officers and leading members. The compiling of same was left to the Trustees.

The final session of the meet was passed in a social way, a unique programme entitled "A Chilly Reception and Cake Walk" having been prepared by the local members.

At 10.30 p. m. the largest gathering the society had ever known had passed into history, and the following members returned home thoroughly satisfied with the two days sojourn in the Queen City:

Chas. F. Robinson,	Modeltown, N. Y.
E. A. Corker,	Toronto.
E. B. McGillivray,	"
Chas. Bailey,	"
Mr. Lucas,	"
C. F. Mount,	"
W. A. Lydiatt,	"
C. B. Morden,	"
W. A. Starnaman,	Berlin.
G. W. Starnaman,	"
Chas. Moyer,	"
W. H. Thurston,	Flesherton.
C. S. Applegath,	Hamilton.
J. R. Seavey,	"
G. E. Davenport,	Toronto.
J. A. Williams,	Fort Wayne, Ind.
R. S. Mason,	Hamilton.
J. H. Slater,	"
Rev. S. Daw,	"
Hew. R. Wood,	Montreal, Que.
E. Marks,	Toronto.
F. A. Brerton,	"
Chas. Wrigley,	"
Jno. H. Lowe,	"
R. Newton Johns,	Oshawa.
H. R. Brerton,	Toronto.
S. E. Strome,	Berlin.
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From Our Regular Correspondent.

Montreal Notes.

In reference to the Album issued by Needham & Co. of this city it would be well to say that it is for Canadian Revenues only, and not for both Postage and Revenues as formerly announced. The album has not been put on sale here yet, the delay being due to the binders.

The editor of the *Montreal Philatelist* tells me that beginning with the July number, there will be a change in the policy of his paper, which will include the removal of the Personal and Review columns. I think this will be a change for the better as the departments mentioned were entirely unnecessary.

One of the local dealers has placed in the front of his office a large sign which bears the picture of the Canadian twelve pence and the following inscription: "Worth looking for—Priced at \$500.00."

Another long debate took place in the Senate Chambers at Ottawa, on June 26th, upon the subject of the destruction of the dies and plates. A local evening paper gives two columns of a report on the same.

One of our local stamp shops has been closed during the past week, the manager being in camp with his regiment.

The 50-cent Jubilee is still on sale here.
A. R. MAGILL.

Newspaper Clippings.

So Germany is to have a new issue of postage stamps, with designs illustrating the history of the Hohenzollerns. A view of the Kaiser hobnobbing with the Sultan might serve for one design.—*Boston Journal*, July 5th.

WEI-HAI-WEI POSTAGE STAMPS.

Philatelists will be interested in some unique stamps which have lately been in use at Wei-hai-wei. When the place first came into our possession no postal arrangements had been made. The imperial authorities appearing to be in no hurry, local enterprise organized a courier service, running twice a week to Chefoo, the nearest town with a post office. At the same time stamps were ordered from Shanghai.

In order, however, to tide over the time necessary for their manufacture, local talent again came into play, and a very rough wooden die was cut out at Wei-hai-wei itself, and about the middle of December, 1898, the first stamps were issued. They are on pink Chinese paper, without perforation or gummed back, value 2 cents,

and the stamped design much resembles an ordinary postmark. Across the back is written "Ferguson & Co.," the name of the organizers. Only about 800 of these stamps were issued, and they are already becoming valuable, 25 shillings being even now offered for them.

At the beginning of February the long-expected stamps from Shanghai arrived, of 5 cents and 2 cents value. The former is white, with a green diamond in the centre, and the value of the stamp inscribed on it; in the corners are the letters L. K. T. (Liu Kung Taw) and C. P. (courier post). The 2-cent stamp is of similar design, only pink instead of green. This second issue was all bought up within a fortnight, and about the end of March the imperial authorities took over the post office, and the issue of local stamps came to an end, the ordinary Chinese stamp taking their place.—*London Globe*.

—N. Y. *Evening Sun*, June 30th.

Plate Numbers of Periodical Stamps.

The higher values, from \$2 to \$100 are sold in half sheets of 50 stamps, each showing three plate numbers. Thus, in the entire sheets of 100 as printed there are six plate numbers, one top, one bottom, two left and two right. We think it well to make a record of the four side plate numbers, so that it can be readily told whether they come from the top or the bottom of the sheet. This is of little practical importance now, but some one will be sure to want to know about it during the next century.

TWO DOLLARS.

- Upper left. The tops of the three figures of the plate number are in a straight line.
- Lower left. The "3" is slightly below the "1" and "6."
- Upper right. The "1" is over the space between "R" and "I" of "Periodical," and stands upright.
- Lower right. The "1" is over "I" and leans a little to the right.

FIVE DOLLARS.

- Upper left. The "7" is over "A P."
- Lower left. The "7" is over "P."
- Upper right. The figures are properly spaced.
- Lower right. The "3" is much nearer to the "1" than to the "7."

TEN DOLLARS.

- Upper left. The "1" is over the "P."
- Lower left. The "1" is over the "S."
- Upper right. The number is 7 mm. from the imprint and there is a dot between "3" and "8."
- Lower right. The number is 8 mm. from the imprint and there is a dot in the lower curve of the "3."

TWENTY DOLLARS.

- Upper left. The tops of the figures are in line.
- Lower left. The "3" is below the other figures.
- Upper right. The "9" is over the "O."
- Lower right. The "9" is over the "D."

FIFTY DOLLARS.

- Upper left. The "1" is over the "S."
- Lower left. The "1" is over right of "W."
- Upper right. The "5" is over the "I."
- Lower right. The "5" is over the "I C."

ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS.

- Upper left. The "o" is over the "P."
- Lower left. The "o" is over the "P E."
- Upper right. The "o" is over the "I C."
- Lower right. The "o" is over the "D I."

—*Philatelic Monthly and World*.

The Editor's Shears.

It is pleasant to note on all hands the report that comes that young collectors are taking up their albums once more with their old interest. All the dealers in this country have been overrun with orders during this season from young people who are either beginners or who have renewed their interest in collecting. We trust that all our older friends will do what they can to encourage the young in this pursuit, for it is certain that the future value of stamps and prosperity of all collectors is dependent upon the increase in their number, which is sure to come with proper encouragement. We have often called attention to the fact that there is no way in which older collectors can do more for the good of philately in general than by giving of their surplus stamps to young collectors whose interest is thus kept alive in their collections. Young collectors grow more and more, as the years go by, into a liking for stamps, so that the collecting fever is sure to break out from time to time through their lives. Unless they are encouraged when they begin, it sometimes happens that they give up too soon and in some instances may never again take up collecting. It is perfectly evident that the whole value in stamps is dependent upon the great demand which comes from all parts of the world for stamps as specimens for collectors. Rarity is nothing in itself without a desire on the part of some one to possess. There are many things in this world that are very scarce, but no one desiring to possess them they attract no attention and have no particular value.—*Stamps* (N. Y.).

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Australian Philatelist, Vol. V. No. 10.

Ewen's Weekly Circular, (79).

Energy, Vol. I. No. 1.

Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News, Vol. XIII. No. 27, (444).

Metropolitan Philatelist, Vol. XI. No. 14.

Philatelic Journal of India, Vol. III. No. 5.

Post Office, Vol. IX. (99).

The most interesting article in the *American Journal of Philately* is that devoted to the surcharged stamps issued in Puerto Principe, Cuba, between December 19, 1898, and January 12, 1899. The various varieties are all illustrated by half tone cuts and include the forged 3 cents. In most cases the quantities printed are given. These stamps will always be of interest to collectors and from the small quantities printed, most of which were immediately used, will always command good prices.

The "Catalogue for Advanced Collectors" has now completed the U. S. section and the present number contains most of the issues of Uruguay. It looks as though the work might be completed before the close of the year. A supplement bringing it up to date will be issued before the book is ready for sale.

The first installment of the advance sheets of the 59th edition Catalogue is announced for July 10. It will include all U. S. issues.

From the *Australian Philatelist* comes the news that the $\frac{1}{2}$, 1, and $2\frac{1}{2}$ penny South Australia and the same values of Victoria are soon to be changed to the Postal Union colors. Thank goodness federation will soon be here, and then we shall get rid of some of these much mixed up sets.

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Through the kindness of a friend I have received a copy of *Energy*, the new Canadian paper which succeeds the *Canadian Philatelic Review*, etc. The following complimentary remarks concerning your humble servant are included in the philatelic columns and probably give a fair idea of the lovely temper possessed by the editor. But then he is young yet and one of these days will learn that this kind of stuff will never attract a desirable class of subscribers or advertisers:

"In Springfield, Mass., there resides a human being known to the philatelic world as Wm. C. Stone. He is the ERA's apology for a "Review Editor." This would-be-reviewer in trying to review a recent number of the *Review*, tried to ridicule a poem and a dialect letter which appeared in that paper, and ended up by making a suggestion as to what matter the *Review* should print. Now if Mr. Stone had paid the subscription price to the paper, he might have a right to dictate in a measure as to what matter should be published, but as long as the paid up subscribers do not object we think the publishers have a right to print exactly such matter as they please. If Mr. Stone can produce a poem as good as the one entitled "Conceit," which he saw fit to disparage, we are willing to pay for it as much as he got for his entire review in the ERA of the 13th inst."

The *Metropolitan Philatelist* has secured a decided scoop on all its contemporaries in being the first to illustrate the new Cuban stamps. All five values are included and they are very handsome. The Columbia chainless bicycle will get a free ad in the new special delivery stamp as it will contain a picture of a messenger boy mounted on one of these wheels. The high value revenues are said to be now ready for delivery.

The *Philatelic Journal of India* contains the first of a series of articles on fiscal stamps, those of Mysore being treated this month. It will not be the fault of the publishers of philatelic papers if fiscals do not prove more popular than they have in the past. The number of magazines which have departments devoted to these stamps is on the increase.

The continued articles are all in evidence, that on Bamra being completed. I trust that the Society will see it in their way to reissue these articles in one of their handbooks when they have gone through the list.

The *Post Office* is largely made up of reprint matter but it is all worth it. The article on the "United States Postal Service" by the Postmaster General, from the *Metropolitan*, is brought to a close and is well worth reading. A number of clippings from Canadian newspapers regarding stamps, etc., give some interesting facts.

Messrs. Morgenthau & Co. also publish a letter received from the postmaster at San Juan, P. R., stating that the sale of postage due stamps was contrary to law.

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It had been decided to withdraw the postage stamps of 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ and 7 pence from circulation in the Leeward Islands after the readjustment of the postal tariff. Yet, after second consideration, the Colonial government has decided to continue selling these values with the others, until the present stocks are used up and without surcharging them.—*Philatelic Monthly*.

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WHOLE No. 322.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Washington Notes.

The Post Office Department have decided upon what paper the Cuban stamps shall be printed. The paper will bear the regular watermark of our stamps together with the latter C. I expect now the next thing we will hear of that some of our stamps have been printed on the Cuban paper and the Cuban stamps on our paper. Of course there is not much danger of anything like that happening, but it might.

Figures given out at the Post Office Department yesterday show that the gross postal receipts for the fiscal year ending June 30th of the 50 largest post offices to be \$42,660,049. The New York office ranks first with \$8,811,315, Chicago second with \$6,264,067, Philadelphia third with 3,173,720, Boston fourth with \$3,041,863. The postal receipts of the Washington office for the fiscal year were \$631,337. The Baltimore office with \$1,064,987 and Richmond with \$240,593. The receipt for the month of June of the Washington Post Office are \$600 more than they were for the corresponding month in 1898, which is a good indication of prosperity.

There seems to be a great demand for the Omaha die proofs in two colors, both by dealers and collectors alike. They are very beautiful, hence the great demand for them. As a matter of fact the regular ones I think are much rarer than the double colored ones, as I understand that there were about twice as many issued.

The Department had 25 sets of Cuban die proofs struck off, while they are very interesting they will never command a fancy price, as most collectors who are interested in such things draw the line on foreign proofs and essays.

Strange to say the new Cuban envelopes have not reached this city yet; the Post Office Department received the registry return card last Friday, which of course is evidence that they have been received. I expect they will take their time as they do in most matters, and that the envelopes will reach the States in due time. Local dealers are expecting the Philippine stamps this month, and I would not be surprised

if they should be received on the ship which has just arrived with the Oregon volunteers. The Navy Department expect to hear from Guam in September, then we will all know whether Captain Leary intends to fill orders. I understand that the Yosemite will be sent to Hong Kong just as soon as possible after arriving at Guam, as she will be sent there for fuel, provision, etc., and the most important thing of all to us "stamp cranks" will be dispatching the mail.

Philatelic Press Review.

By WM. C. STONE.

Anales de la Sociedad Filatelica de Chile, Vol. V. No. 2.
Bric-a-Brac, Vol. XXIV. (247).
Buenos Aires Filatelico, Vol. III. (109).
Canadian Collector, Vol. I. No. 2.
Espana Filatelica, Vol. I. No. 2:
London Philatelist, Vol. VIII. (90).
Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News, Vol. XIII. No. 28, (445).
Metropolitan Philatelist, Vol. XI. No. 15.
Philatelic Advocate, Vol. VII. No. 1. (35).
Philatelite Francais, (64).
Revista Filatelica do Brasil, Vol. IV. No. 5.
Revista Postal, Vol. II. No. 8-9.
Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly, Vol. V. (124).
Stamp Collectors' Journal, Vol. XXI. (248).
Stamp Talk, Vol. II. No. 2, (8).
Stamp Tribune, Vol. I. No. 7.
Stamps (N. Y.), Vol. III. No. 6.
Stamps (Rushden), Vol. III. No. 6, (30).
Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal, Vol. IX. (108).
Tri-Monthly Collector, Vol. I. No. 12.
Timbre Poste, Vol. XXXVII. (439, 440).
Virginia Philatelist, Vol. II. No. 11.

The Santiago Society has changed its name slightly being now known as the Philatelic Society of Chile. The latest issue of its *Anales* bears the new title and is full of many official documents bearing on Peruvian postal matters. The chronicle is well compiled and fully illustrated. It is a publication well worth owning.

Another new Canadian paper! Or rather a divorced one as the editor describes it. The *Canadian Collector and Philatelic*

Punch is oblong in shape, measuring 145-x95mm. It contains eight pages and has a buff cover. It costs 10 cents a year and is published by E. A. Giller & Co., Berlin, Ont. There is one page of solid matter, a lot of funny paragraphs and two portraits.

Another new magazine is *Espana Filatelica*. This is a twenty-page publication with cover, published at Conde del Asalto, 9, Barcelona. I fail to find any mention of a subscription price. The reading matter is very good and is well arranged.

By far the most valuable paper that has appeared for a long time in the *London Philatelist* is that by A. F. Basset Hull on the stamps of New South Wales. Since the publication of the Society's work on Oceana, and Dr. Houison's history of the N. S. W. post office, etc., many discoveries have been made and many missing links have been supplied in the case of the Sydney views and later issues. From several old letter books he has compiled a great many facts about the printing and engraving of these early issues that have never been positively known before. Accounts for "repairing" the plates were also found thus settling when and by whom the various so-called retouches were made.

The annual report of the Society is presented in this number and shows that the number of members is not quite so large as it was a year ago. It is hoped that the second part of the African book may be issued the last of the year. It is about time I should think!

"Iberius" contributes an article to *Mekeel's Weekly* on the Puerto Principe surcharges which gives many valuable facts concerning these scarce stamps." Mr. Severn has been interviewing Robie on the subject of the new private proprietaries, and gives information as to which manufacturers are willing to sell them to philatelists, and which refuse to do so. He also states that "few if any collectors have seen a specimen of the Branca Bros. stamp. I have for one. There are five owned here in Springfield. Robie does sometimes get left. Concerning the Marchand stamps, I was lucky enough to secure a block from the last lot sold by the proprietor. About thirty o. g. sets are owned here.

The *Metropolitan Philatelist* says in its Washington letter that a firm manufactur-

ing corn plasters has applied for a private proprietary die. Wonder if it is Sarg's plasters?

There is some question it seems as to whether the Cuban stamps will be printed on the U. S. P. S. watermarked paper or not. They will be ready by the 18th it is said.

The *Philatelic Advocate* contains the report of the D. P. A. convention which was held in Toronto, June 30. Captain E. F. Wurtele was elected president for the ensuing year. A full report of the convention having appeared in last week's ERA further notice is unnecessary.

In an article on Honduras the writer states that the Bogert & Durbin Co. had a contract with Mr. Seebeck for certain quantities of these stamps and then says "These stamps of course never went to Honduras at all." Please give your authority for this statement. I deprecate the idea of making such contracts as the Central American Republics entered into, as much as anyone, but I do not believe in running down the stamps unless you can back up your statements. I certainly understood from Mr. Bogert himself, that the stamps were always shipped to Honduras, and that he received them from there. In fact I was in his office one year when a large shipment arrived and was unpacked.

Impuesta de Guerra stamps of Spain have served as the text for a lengthy controversy between Pierre Mahe, who upholds their claim to recognition as a postal issue, and J. B. Moens, who has proved quite conclusively to my mind, that they are a fiscal tax on mail matter, and have nothing to do with the prepayment of the cost of carriage. M. Mahe's latest letter is published in *Le Philatelistre Francais* for June and is interesting reading.

Jules Bouvez has commenced a history of the telegraph stamps of Belgium in the same number. A work on the same subject by this writer came out in the *American Journal of Philately* in 1895.

South Australian reprints are treated of in A. F. Basset Hull's article in the *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly* for June 24. Illustrations are given which show the black surcharge "REPRINT" which occurs on all except one stamp.

Another chapter of "Stamp Hunting" forms the leading article in *Stamp Talk*. This little paper gets better and better with each successive issue and I hope it will have a long life. The space given up to the article on the Columbian Exposition might however have been filled with more valuable matter.

The *Stamp Tribune* need not trouble itself about the ERA's future. Even should another paper secure the organship of the

American Philatelic Association I rather think the ERA will still hold the fort. It survived for eight years before it became the official journal, and it has most certainly not deteriorated since.

Variations in surcharges form the subject of the article on minor varieties in Mr. Capen's *Stamps* this month. Some twenty varieties are illustrated and explained. An interesting article on the Kingdom of Italy with a map, shows what has become of the former stamp issuing countries, and why they ceased to be such.

The article on the Japanese revenue stamps which is being published, in *Stamps* (Rushden) is getting more and more interesting. This month's chapter has settled for me the question whether two specimens which I recently picked up are stamps or merely labels. I trust the work will be brought out in pamphlet form.

Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal completes its ninth volume with the current number and a plump one it is. Gordon Smith commences a series of articles on the stamps of the colonies of Holland with a description of the issues of Curacao. I am not aware that these colonial issues have ever been written up with any great thoroughness before, and so these articles will be welcomed by all collectors. The editor continues his descriptions of the stamps of Bhopal and there are a host of shorter articles.

Announcement is made of the issue of two new handbooks. One on Reprints by E. D. Bacon, and the other a Color Dictionary by W. B. Warhurst. I hope to be able to notice these later when I have seen copies.

The Collectors Club.

351 Fourth Ave., New York.

Forty-second meeting of the Board of Governors held at the Club House, July 10, 1899.

Present, Messrs. Bruner, Luff, Perrin, Scott and the secretary.

Vice-President Bruner called the meeting to order at 8.20 P. M., when the minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved.

The secretary stated that he had issued a visitor's card to Mr. Charles N. Kessler, of Helena, Montana, at the request of Mr. John A. Klemann.

The treasurer's report was received, showing a cash balance in bank of \$273.22, exclusive of U. S. Bonds.

Mr. Luff, Acting Chairman of the House Committee, read his report, which was accepted.

Upon ballot, Mr. August Mack, 111 Nassau street, proposed by Mr. Albert Perrin and seconded by Mr. John N. Luff, was unanimously elected a subscribing member of the Club.

Adjourned at 8.50 P. M.

J. M. ANDREINI, Secretary.

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CHICAGO, July 10th, 1899.

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DEAR SIR:
Will you kindly make a note in the Offi-

cial Journal to the effect that I cannot accept any office in the Assn., and that I am obliged to my friends who saw fit to nominate me.

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Topics About Town.

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Humbert & Mack have dissolved partnership; the stock will probably be placed in the hands of Mr. G. R. Tuttle for immediate disposal, provided more advantageous arrangements are not made in the meantime. This comparatively new concern enjoyed much prosperity from the outset, and it caused much comment, when they announced their retirement from business. Your correspondent was informed by Mr. Mack, through a personal interview, that he has accepted a lucrative position, as an expert engineer to travel with a party of prospectors in South America. Mr. Humbert has also made other arrangements.

An instance illustrating the summer activity in stamp affairs is shown by the enormous increase of the mail order business. One dealer informs the writer that although the vacation season is now at hand, and many of his customers are sojourning at the seashore or in the country, he still enjoys their patronage through the mails, sending selections every week. This certainly proves that the so-called "dull season" will shortly be a thing of the past.

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1347	" 2c " " 2, " ".....	..	.05 .05
1348	" 2c " " 1, on orange.....	..	.05 .05
1349	" 2c " " 2, " ".....	..	.05 .05
1351	" 6c pink on white.....	..	.10 .08
1353	" 6c " on buff.....	..	.10 .07
1355	" 9c orange on buff.....	..	.25 .15
1357	" 12c red brown on buff.....	..	.30 .30
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1361	" 40c rose " ".....	..	.25 ..
1362	" 3c brown on white.....	..	.10 .10
1363	" 3c purple " ".....	..	.10 ..
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with the exception of the 5cc stamp, is all sold out. I should not be surprised if the higher values of the Canada Jubilees would be bringing a fairly good price next season. There are several stamps that will undoubtedly be advanced in the new catalogue, such as the rupee values of 1896 British East Africa, several stamps of Cuba, the medium values of 1887 Gambia, some of the Gold Coast 1884-91 issue, and several of the Hawaiian issues from 1864 to 1896, including the official set, \$2.50 is the retail price for this set here, at present, in unused condition; Finland, 1891-92 issue, especially the 35 and 50k, and the 3 rouble values; Jamaica, 1, 2 and 5sh, C. C. watermark, may be advanced, in unused condition, but they do not deserve it; there are a few of the early Lagos stamps that are hardly attainable at present catalogue prices. I know of no Newfoundland stamps that ought to be advanced unless it is a few stamps issued after the Cabots; a few of the 1893 Niger Coast will probably be advanced and some of the Philippine Islands are destined to have a rise, also Porto Rico; and some of the Queensland of 1891-95 will be advanced; Serbia, 1890, unused, the higher values. If English quotations are followed some of the Seychelles will advance; South African Republic, some of the values of the 1878 issue; Tobago, 1896, 1sh error is being sold in the market for \$2.50; whether this stamp will be advanced from the catalogue value of \$4.00 is a conundrum; Tonga, 1897 issue, ought to be priced 25% higher than what it is, owing to the length of time to import the stamp. Trinidad, 1894, 5sh is quoted in England at wholesale at \$2.50; it is under-priced at \$3.00. Uruguay ought to show some remarkable changes in advancing prices. Zanzibar stamps, with portrait of the late Sultan, are destined for a rise, as several of the values are now out of issue. Zululand, 1894-96, are now obsolete, and will no doubt be advanced in prices. You all know that Zululand stamps have been superseded by Natal. The Advance Sheets of Scott Stamp & Coin Co.'s Catalogue were received here today, and list all of the United States, including revenues, etc., up to and including part of

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EDWARD H. HALL,
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the Confederate States. As the ERA will probably quote some of the prices, I will defer until later making any comments.

In *Mekeel's Weekly* of July 13th is an article on the denominations of stamps. Two whole columns are devoted to the article, and when one has read it, he makes up his mind that it is a very nice space-filler. The time is not wholly lost in reading it, as it shows a wonderful mixing of the values of foreign money; and the great lack of knowledge in the postal rates of the United States in former years. The writer states that "The seven-cent stamp was a freak, used only for four or five years, and not largely then." A careful study of the postal business of this country will show that the mail between this country and Germany during the years 1870 and 1874 was enormous; and the 7-cent stamp was issued to meet the demand occasioned by a reduced rate of foreign postage under the postal treaty of the North German Confederation. And the General Postal Union at Berne in 1874 adopted a reduced rate of postage, and rendered the 7, 12 and 24c unnecessary. The writer also states that "The 90-cent probably suggested itself at the beginning as more advisable than a dollar value, because it was a multiple of three. The argument, however, was practically illogical." The writer of this article might have made a very interesting article of it, if he had only studied the history of the postal rates.

S. E. L.

More Confederate Fragments.

By AUG. DIETZ.

I am told that the Confederate stamp is becoming a favorite with the general collector of the North. And I am warned that my persistent "harping" on this subject will earn for me a philatelic sobriquet. However, my "harping" is confined to a legitimate and interesting—though neglected—page in our albums; and while the theme may not strike the shrill accord of popular philatelic fancy, as do the plate-number-panegyrics or the revenue-rhapsodies, I would that it touched a more tender chord—one whose echo will reverberate like the last note of the mocking-bird at sunset, down here in the South.

I am more than pleased at this growing interest in Confederates; and for the benefit of all those who would know more of their history, I am striving to gather these fragments, and in this paper would direct my readers' attention to a number of counterfeits and "fakes" all too frequently met with.

CONFEDERATE COUNTERFEITS.

The Southern collector is quite familiar

with the general issue of the Confederate States, and it is but rarely that one meets with a counterfeit Confed' in his album. But the collector North has less opportunities to secure these stamps—relying, generally, for his wants on the dealer and on exchanging, and it is there that the fraud and counterfeiter can "get in" his work.

I have seen quite a number of advanced collections containing one or more spurious stamps on the Confederate page.

As a matter of fact these counterfeits are well executed. Paper and ink seem identical with the genuine, but the design and method of printing are not the same, and by this test alone may they be detected.

It has always seemed strange to me why the counterfeiter should attempt to reproduce a steel-plate printed stamp on a lithographic stone, when the same amount of skill on metal would have resulted in a complete deception, and attained his ends more surely, and again, why a lithographed stamp should be attempted on wood, when the stone was best adapted to the work.

I am told that the entire series has been counterfeited. This may be true, though I cannot see the advantage in counterfeiting the small (London and Richmond prints) FIVE CENTS or the steel-plate TEN CENTS of 1863-'64. The genuine are too plentiful to be substituted by counterfeits.

The attention of the counterfeiter has been directed chiefly to the higher-priced stamps of the general issue—the "TEN" CENTS 1862 (Jeff Davis), the large FIVE CENTS (Davis), as well as the large TEN CENTS (Madison) 1861, have been most successfully imitated.

These counterfeits have come into my possession at odd times, and I preserve them merely as curios. A description of the differences between these and originals may serve others, in examining specimens offered.

"TEN" CENTS (1862) COUNTERFEIT.

The original of this stamp is printed from steel, and is considered the finest piece of engraving in the entire Confederate series. Its course was short-lived; hence its scarcity and value. It is found in but few shades, from a milky-blue to a grayish-blue. It is printed on stout, white wove paper.

The counterfeit presents an almost perfect imitation of the design, but it is an engraved *lithograph*. The workmanship is very fine, especially the lettering, which rivals the original. The same may be said of the scroll work. But it is in the execution of the bust of Davis that the defects are discernable. Either the counterfeiter's art failed him here, or he grew careless, but this profile shows a number of faults: the throat is somewhat thicker in the counterfeit and measures nearly 5 millimetres against 4 millimetres in the original. The eye is half closed, the nose more curved, the upper lid recedes, and the chin projects too far. The execution of the hair and

beard is very poor. The line of the cheek is too pronounced, and the ear lacks all detail.

But for these faults, and a trifle less "hard" color, the imitation would be perfect.

I have seen several copies of this counterfeit and they all have the so-called "outer line" (or cut line) on all four sides. There is no outer line on the original.

FIVE CENTS (1861-'62) COUNTERFEIT.

The original of this stamp is a lithograph, printed in a number of shades of green in 1861 and in several shades of blue in 1862.

The counterfeit is executed on wood, and is found in imitation of the 1862 variety, blue.

This intruder is readily distinguished by the crude workmanship of the engraver. The head of Davis is executed in coarse lines, the shading being almost solid. It is best noticeable in the floral ornamentation at the top. A comparatively clear copy of the *bona-fide* stamp shows a minute bouquet of flowers, while the counterfeit shows a "bouquet" of "quirleques" (any definition you find for this term will suit the case!).

A detailed description of the many differences is necessary—the color, which is too dark, and the workmanship, which is too crude, will serve as a warning.

TEN CENTS (1861) COUNTERFEIT.

The same remarks apply to this counterfeit. The original is a lithographed stamp, the counterfeit a wood-cut. Though in but rare cases very clear originals are met with, the counterfeit is less clear. The figures "10" in all four corners appear on a *solid* back-ground in the counterfeit and without shading, while in the original the triangular space consists of vertical lines with an arabesque ornament "spared out." The poor execution of Madison's features will distinguish the spurious stamp at once.

There are, besides these mentioned, a number of "fakes" on the market, labels for which it is claimed that they were ordered by the Confederate Government just preceding the end, and that the fall of Richmond alone prevented their use. Of all these it may be said that they are "fakes." The "altered" TEN CENTS (a lithographic transfer of the 1863 FIVE CENTS), the "Stonewall" Jackson stamp, the "Beauregard stamp," and others of like character, are "fakes" pure and simple, and this has been proven beyond a doubt. It is, therefore, not necessary to describe or warn against them. Collect the stamps illustrated in the standard catalogues, and do not go beyond. There were no other official issues of Confederate States postage stamps.—*Stamp Exchange*.

IN answering advertisements please be sure to mention this paper. It is of great importance to us.

From an Occasional Correspondent.

Nebraska Notes.

The only disturbance on the horizon of Philately in this state is a war being waged between Nebraska's two philatelic publications. This conflict is almost one-sided, one publisher evidently believes that "discretion is the greater part of valor" and ignores the cutting (?) remarks the other publishes.

The new western association, the Trans-Mississippi Philatelic Society, is being energetically "pushed" by its promoters. An election of officers is to be held in the near future, relieving or re-instating the temporary officers now in power.

It is stated that Omaha collectors and dealers are arranging for a philatelic exhibit at the Greater-America Exposition. As this exposition is of national interest, philatelists of the U. S. should assist them as much as possible, especially in furnishing stamps of Hawaii, Cuba, Philippines and Porto Rico, for exhibition, as the exposition especially shows the products and people of these U. S. colonies.

A local (Hastings) collector has a Dr. D. Jayne & Son private proprietary four cents green, die cut, showing traces of previous perforation at one side and end. This is an uncatalogued variety. Is it rare or common?

In the last number of the *Herald Exchange* the Canadian correspondent, or rather one of them, makes the statement that the Canadian Imperials were reprinted in blue not in lavender. One more color blind mortal; though more of a blue than the first printing, which is almost grey, I maintain they are more of a true lavender than the previous, notwithstanding the claims of this correspondent.

I have noticed lately that a number of stamp journals have been hurt by Mr. Stone's reviewing, and foolishly rush into print with imprecations against that gentleman. It is not what he says so much as the fact that it is true and needed that it hurts their feelings. Truly "the fools are not all dead yet" as evinced by these attacks.

Friend Brody of Superior is getting "roasted" considerable about his hand-writing now-a-days. It is not unjustified, as anyone who has received a message from that worthy gentleman will tell you, but the pleasure is in seeing how good-naturedly our Superior brother takes all the chaff, writing as unintelligible as ever (?). Nebraska collectors are thinking seriously of taking up a collection for the purchase of

a good type-writer and the presentation or donation if you want to call it, (the former term is probably more applicable as they are working for their own, not Brody's good) to the genial publisher of the *West*. It is the hope of all collectors that it may be soon carried out.

M. A. B.

Newspaper Clippings.

A special meeting of the Bridgeport Philatelic Club was held last evening to take action on the death of Chas. F. Washburn, a prominent member and an enthusiastic stamp collector. It was voted to attend the funeral, appoint a committee to draft suitable resolution and also to send a suitable floral offering.—*Bridgeport (Ct) Daily Standard*, June 30th.

RARE OLD STAMPS.

FIVE ST. LOUIS ISSUE OF NOVEMBER, 1845, BROUGHT \$725 AT AUCTION.

Five postage stamps, three 5-cent and two 10-cent, of the St. Louis post office issue of November 5, 1845, were sold at auction on the Court House steps, Monday and brought \$725.

The stamps were sold by the Missouri Safe Deposit Company, who held them as security for a note. The bidding started with \$100 by H. A. Diament and was run up to \$725 by James B. Moberly, who secured them.

The stamps sold are very rare, there being very few in existence. A large number of would-be purchasers were present and surprise is expressed that such a low price should have been paid. Collectors pronounce the stamps a bargain at the figure obtained.—*St. Louis Star*, July 11th.

FOR A DISTINCTIVE FLAG.

A PRETTY DESIGN SUBMITTED TO THE POSTMASTER GENERAL.

There is a proposition before the Postmaster General to adopt a flag for the Post Office Department. In other countries there is a distinctive flag for this important branch of the government service, and it is argued there is no good reason why the United States Post Office Department should not have a flag. The first design received comes from Chicago. The flag proposed has a background of white crossed diagonally red bars. In the center is a circle of blue embellish, with white stars, and inclosing a man on horseback, the emblem of the mail carrier. Underneath the design are the initials P. O. D. in white. The flag has a fringe of gold, and altogether makes a very pretty design.

THE DECLINE OF THE POST CARD.

The Post Card of official issue has been a much abused and poorly appreciated in-

stitution, and has now, after scarcely thirty years of life, begun to show the most unmistakable signs of premature demise. It came to us at a time of great need, and its appearance was hailed as the commencement of a new era of convenient brevity, a new aid to the accomplishment of life's little duties. Appreciation of the admirable little invention was at first so general, that every year of the dozen or so following its introduction, showed a quantity used double and triple that of its predecessor. People of all grades favoured it, from Prince to Ploughboy, and on its patient back were inscribed the felicitations and compliments of statesmen and school-boys. It was so convenient to have a nice clean card, ready stamped for posting, no envelope or folding process being necessary. But this affectionate admiration gradually developed into a critical wonder whether, after all, the tiffing could not be improved upon. It was rather a nuisance to have to go to the Post Office for the cards; why could not one manufacture them at home? And so we clamoured until an unwilling Post Office made one of those graceful concessions we are becoming used to, and, subject to many restrictions, plain cards, bearing adhesive stamps, would be accepted as post cards. Nearly every Post Office of importance now permit the use of these unofficial cards, and very large use indeed is made of the privilege. This inevitably means the decline, perhaps the ultimate extinction, of the official card. Already the majority of mercantile houses use their own cards, which for economical reasons, are very popular. Large users of cards for a specific purpose may still continue to use the official cards, or the stamped to order cards, but in general, it is safe to predict that the falling off will be very great. For foreign use, however, official cards are still necessary, but since the inter-Colonial penny rate for letters came into being, of course no one uses cards, which cost one penny, for Colonial correspondence at all.

Every good argument, like a good story, points some sort of a moral, or a logical inference, and if the soundness of the above reasoning be admitted, it adds much to the value as well as to the interest of post card collecting. We believe this branch of our art will soon be much more popular than it now is, and we should like to see some of our contemporaries assisting, as we are trying to do, by the publication of a little information on the subject.—*Stamps* (Rushden).

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1877	1c Blue	\$0.05
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From Our Regular Correspondent.

Montreal Notes.

One of the railroad mail clerks who resides in this city reports that he has seen several of the two-cent stamps printed in red. I also notice that the *Philatelic Advocate* says that this stamp has been put on sale at Lindsay, Ontario.

Starnaman Bros. of Berlin have found one of the current envelopes embossed but not colored (an albino), and a local dealer displays one with the embossing etc. nearly in the centre of the envelope.

The next meeting of the Montreal Philatelic Association will be held July 20th in the rooms of the Association in the Chateau du Ramezay.

A. R. MAGILL.

The two Iceland surcharges of last year, 3 aur on 5 aur, green, about the authenticity of which so much has been said and written within the last few months have now been definitely discountenanced and disavowed by the Danish Government, says Monsieur Maury. They were created without sanction of the higher authorities on the sole responsibility of an employee of the Postal Department in Iceland and he has received the punishment he deserved. M. Maury expresses great satisfaction in eradicating these stamps from the catalogue. — *Philatelic Monthly*.

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3c orange red.....	.50	..			
3c rose red.....	1.00	..			
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10c green.....	6.00	.25			
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Agriculture		Unused.	Used.
1c yellow.....		1.25	1.25
3c "		.40	.30
6c "		.73	..
10c "		2.50	1.50
12c "		3.35	2.00
15c "		1.40	1.00
24c "		1.65	1.10
30c "		1.65	1.30
Executive			
1c carmine.....		3.00	3.00
3c "		2.95	2.95
6c "		2.75	2.75
30c "		6.50	6.50
10c "		4.00	4.00
Interior			
24c vermilion.....		.35	..
30c "		.35	..
90c "		1.00	.70
Justice			
1c purple.....		.65	.65
3c "		1.35	1.35
6c "		.60	.30
10c "		.85	.25
12c "		1.30	.80
15c "		1.40	1.00
24c "		2.50	1.70
30c "		6.50	6.50
90c "		7.50	7.50
Navy			
1c ultramarine.....		.45	.45
3c "		.18	.18
6c "		.70	..
7c "		.16	..
10c "		5.00	2.60
12c "		.85	.55
15c "		.55	.55
18c "		1.30	.80
24c "		2.50	1.25
30c "		1.70	.85
90c "		5.95	2.75
State			
1c green.....		1.00	1.00
3c "		2.35	1.50
6c "		.50	.50
7c "		.45	.45
10c "		1.50	.80
12c "		1.80	.65
15c "		1.70	1.15
18c "		1.90	.80
24c "		2.30	1.25
30c "		1.75	.80
90c "		5.00	2.75
Treasury			
7c brown.....		1.00	.65
24c "		4.50	1.25
90c "		1.00	.55
War			
7c rose red.....		.70	.70
90c "		.30	.30

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" 30c50	.25
" 50c	1.00	.65
1891 30c claret.....	.50	.50
" 50c75	.75
1894 30c40	.35
" 50c	1.00	.40

Newfoundland		
1857 3p green.....	..	1.50
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1857 1p violet brown.....	1.75	..
Nova Scotia		
1851 6p dark green.....	..	5.00
Prince Edward Island		
1868 6p green.....	.85	.85
1865 1p orange.....	..	.80
op lilac.....	..	.55
New Zealand		
1855 2sh deep green (white paper).....	..	8.00
Zululand		
1890-92 5sh rose.....	..	8.50

The above stamps are a part of the very fine collection which we have just purchased, and we wish to give an idea as to the general condition and quality of our stock. There is no harm in at least seeing some of these stamps on approval, and everyone complying with the terms may see exactly what he wishes. Send at once, as these stamps will not last long at the prices quoted. Please bear in mind that you do not have to pay for them until you have seen them. One of a kind to each person only.

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From Our Regular Correspondent.

Washington Notes.

Thursday, July 20th.

The Post Office Department have just directed the Bureau of Engraving and Printing to surcharge the following stamps for the Philippines:

150,000	15-cent.
50,000	50-cent.

Director of Posts Vaile in transmitting the requisition stated that there was great demands there for higher valued stamps as there were a great many large packages sent by mail, which necessitated covering the same almost entirely with low valued stamps, hence his request for higher values. It has just been learned that the Post Office officials at Havana have refused to sell the new envelopes before the regular stamps reach there, which in all probabilities will not be much before the 1st of August, if then.

At the Post Office Department yesterday they stated that the stamps were supposed to be shipped to Havana today, but they would be satisfied if they received them by the 25th, and they suppose the Bureau would offer the excuse, as the cause of delay, that they could not get the new paper in time. It seems as if some of the low valued stamps had been struck off on the regular paper, so we will have a variety in watermarks at the very first shot unless they decide to destroy what had been printed, which is not probable.

I understand that the surcharged stamps for Cuba are in very poor condition, which are received from there now, as the stock is getting very low, especially in the 10-cent value, and it is almost impossible to get a well centered copy.

The City Post Office caught on fire last week and was damaged to the extent of about \$3,000. The Post Office Department are moving into the new building and they had some large desks packed in excelsior in the room where the painters kept their paints and oils and it is supposed that the fire originated from spontaneous combustion.

Mr. J. M. Bartels intends to take a much deserved rest at the seashore for a week or ten days. Mr. H. F. Dunkhorst always puts in a few weeks at the same place.

Mr. I. A. Mekeel of St. Louis was in our city yesterday soliciting advertisements for his paper and I think he succeeded in getting contracts from all of the dealers here.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Our Boston Letter.

Tuesday, July 18th.

Many of the criticisms that I make on notes written by others can be read with profit, if not with pleasure, by the writers. Mr. McKearin has been the only one, that I have criticised, who came out manfully in response. Those who have made the most glaring errors reply by something altogether foreign to the subject. It is surprising what statements these philatelic scribes will make and think the readers of the papers should swallow them as truths. One writer, in speaking of me, calls it, when my ideas are at variance with those of another, etc. I do not criticise because I do not agree with the writers but because the writers do not tell the facts. One writer says, "If S. E. L. would give us more notes of real philatelic value and less of his disgusting habitual criticism, his writings would be read with more pleasure and profit."

NOTES OF REAL PHILATELIC VALUE:

The 3c and 5c 1867, grilled all over, have been found grilled both ways, that is, points up, or showing on the face of the stamp, and points down, or showing on the reverse side. I think only one copy of the 5c has ever been found with the points down, and this stamp I once owned.

The highest denomination of a postage stamp issued is of the value of one hundred and twenty-five dollars, although there have been some revenues issued available for postage to the value of \$500.00.

The 5c U. S. stamp surcharged Cuba in what is called the error, where the surcharge reads "Cupa," comes perforated only on three sides. Among the Newfoundland Cabot issue is another stamp in which the top row of the sheet comes imperforate, which is the 3c stamp, this being the only denomination of the whole series that comes part perforate.

The 10c U. S. stamp surcharged Cuba

comes in a light and a very dark brown. The 10c U. S. stamp surcharged Porto Rico, I have only seen in the light brown.

The 1895-98 issue of U. S. newspaper and periodical stamps are not postage stamps in any sense of the word. Why they should ever have been put into an album or catalogue of postage stamps only the wise ones can tell.

B. L. Drew & Co. held an auction sale at Elks' Hall, Hayward Place, last Saturday afternoon. There were 50 people present, and the sale on the whole was a very successful one. I understand that Messrs. Drew & Co. are so well pleased with the success of it that they are going to have another sale some Saturday P. M. in August. Many of the stamps brought better prices than at former sales.

The Fernando Po stamps with the baby head are evidently destined for large advance in prices. 75 cents is asked by a New York firm for the 1/2c slate, which is only catalogued at 5 cents. Although there are only two dozen postage stamps listed for this country, it has never been a very popular country to collect with the average collector.

S. E. L.

Correspondence.

[The editor wishes it distinctly understood that he does not hold himself responsible for assertions made under this head, nor does he necessarily sanction any ideas or opinions expressed. All are invited to contribute to this department, with the above understanding, and all communications deemed suitable or of interest to our readers will be published.]

THE DR. JAYNE STAMPS.

TRENTON, N. J., July 18, '99.

Mr. W. W. JEWETT, Editor ERA.

Dear Sir: I see by the ERA just received, your Nebraska correspondent mentions a Dr. D. Jayne & Son 4c green, die cut, showing perforation at one side and end, and not finding it catalogued.

If he will refer to my 5th issue of Revenue Stamp Catalogue issued in 1888, page 69, he will find recorded No. 154, 4c green Jayne, Dr. D. & Son, die cut, showing perforations, size 76x23, old paper, \$3.00. The 2c black No. 153 is also found in similar condition, old paper, \$3.00; both of which I at one time possessed, but have

never seen the 1c die cut, showing perforations, old paper.

All three values exist in the uncut form with the perforations on four sides of the stamp on all four papers, old, silk, pink and watermark, with the exception of the 2c black which I have never yet seen on old paper, entire, uncut, perforate, which, as it exists in the cut form, some one may possess it in the uncut, and if so I should like very much to see it for matter of record. As the 1c blue exists in the uncut form, perforate, old paper, some one may possess or yet find it in the die cut form, showing perforations, and if so, this I should also like to see for matter of record.

The Jaynes are a very interesting line of stamps to the collector and their rarity in these conditions make them very desirable stamps to possess.

Respectfully,

E. B. STERLING.

P. O. Box 294.

From an Occasional Correspondent.

A Deal at the Canadian Capital.

OTTAWA, ONT., July 10th.

Mr. Charles N. Robertson, Business Manager for the *Evening Journal*, has purchased the collection of Mr. C. Berkeley Powell, M. L. A., of this city. The collection which catalogued within a few dollars of \$10,000, is composed mostly of B. N. A., with some West Indians and English. The West Indians (cataloguing about \$200) have already been sold to a prominent Montrealer. Among the English are the 5 and 10 shillings and the pound watermarked anchor (1882-3) unused.

The B. N. A. lot is, however, the cream of the collection and is that of a specialist, containing many shades and varieties and curios. Nor are the high-class stamps missing. In Canada the 12d is prominent on account of its very fine condition (unused o. g.). There are unused stamps of all the pence issues. The 10d o. g. on white, purchased of Sanderson for \$100, is a gem.

The British American collection in fact is complete in all but the 2½d B. C. imperforate, and all the shillings are fine. The Newfoundland scarlet shilling cost £50 of Stanley Gibbons.

Among the lot is a fine and pretty complete collection of proofs of the various issues. Particularly worthy of mention is a soldier's cover (1864) duly attested by the commanding officer. It is franked with a 2c pink.

There are also about a half dozen of the rarities of the 1859 Canada, viz.: Imperforated, some used, some unused. In B. C. are two franks and two franked envelopes of Burnards Cariboo Express and Burnards British Columbia Express.

The price paid is not known but it is well up and was a "spot cash" transaction.

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FOURTEENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., June 10th, 1899.

TO THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THE AMERICAN PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION:

Gentlemen: The Fourteenth Annual Convention of this Association for the election of officers and the transaction of such other business as may legally come before it, will be held in Detroit, Mich., Tuesday, September 12th, at 10 o'clock a. m.

I appoint Geo. O. Begg, Herbert Bowen, W. F. Fratcher, John Kay and Fremont Woodruff, residents of Detroit, Committee of Arrangements.

I appoint Hiram E. Deats of Flemington, N. J.; P. M. Wolsieffer of Chicago; W. C. Stone of Springfield, Mass.; D. T. Eaton of Muscatine, Iowa, and H. G. Smith of Winona, Minn., Committee on Credentials.

FRANK F. OLNEY, President.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Applications for Membership.

PICK, D., 406 St. Nicholas Ave., New York, N. Y.; age, 39; occupation, Patent Medicine. References: Geo. R. Tuttle, W. F. Gregory, Resident Vice-President.

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Resignation Received.

1478. NEIFERT, W. W., Nantucket, Mass.

Change of Addresses.

1322. WILLIAMS, O. H., from 35 East 17th St., N. Y. City, to 89 West Bridge St., Oswego, N. Y.

WM. N. HOWE, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

July 18, 1899.

The following additions to the Library are files that we have had for sometime and have now been bound from the Library Fund:

166. Stamp Hunting, Lewis Robie.
167. Sydney View Stamps, R. C. H. Brock.
168. Moschkau's Handbook, 6th Ed.
169. Stamped Envelopes of the U. S., Horner.
170. Postage Stamps of Australia and Oceania.
171. *Stamp Collector's Figaro*, Vols. 1-5.

Sterling Stamp Co.

BOSTON MASS.

A Correspondent Writes Us:

"I am anxious to keep up with the new issues and have noticed that I have been paying nearly twice as much for them as you have been advertising them for. I wish you would please put my name on your mailing list, etc."

This is a sample of the letters we receive almost daily and explains why our list is growing every day. If you are paying too much you know the remedy.

We hope to hear more about those specially Surcharged Envelopes for Cuba next week. It seems to us that the 1c and 2c blue dropped out of sight very suddenly.

Cuban Envelopes

- 2c Amber Surcharged..... 20c
- 2c White " perfect..... 7c
- 2c & 5c Env. & 1c Wrapper Porto Rico 15c
- 5c Canada Numeral and 5c Newfoundland, both..... 13c

We are advised from Havana that the regular issue of Envelope stamps will go on sale about Aug. 1st. Our prices will be right.

Orders under 50c postage extra.

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U. S. Rev.—50c Foreign Exch., cat. 60c, only 20c. L. O. Brosie, Lincoln & Mayflower Sts., Pittsburg, Pa.

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- Belgium 1870, No. 157a, on piece of cover, fine. \$0.15
- " 1895 5c, Unpaid..... .02
- " " 10c, "..... .02
- " " 20c, "..... .03

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- 2c Amber (2c white thrown in).... .50

U. S. ENVELOPE

- 2c Blue, Die A, 1899..... .75

Omaha Stamps

- 50c, Used and Fine..... .30
- \$1.00 " " "..... .75
- 2.00 " " "..... 1.75

New design Cuban Envelopes have not been received. Orders will be filled upon receipt of Envelopes. Will have them as soon as anybody.

H. F. Colman,

1526 O St., N. W., Washington, D. C.

Mr. A. W. Dunning kindly loans us a letter received from a missionary in Wuhu, which describes the new stamps of Nanking and from which we quote the following:

"WUHU, May 27, '99.

"Herewith the Nanking stamps promised you. They are interesting in giving some of the old landmarks of that interesting city of the Mings.

"You will find a number on the back of each and following these will try to give you a short account of each in turn:

"1/2c: Stone images representing soldiers in chain armor, they are over ten feet high; they stand not far from the tomb of the first Ming, and are among many others, also animals. It all makes one think of the sleeping beauty where the prince found everyone turned to stone.

"1c: Is the Drum Tower and is at the entrance of the city, the lower part is very ancient.

"2c: Elephants at the Ming Tombs; two stand and two are kneeling, they are of great height and made of a single block of marble.

"4c: Confucian Temple, said to be one of the largest and finest in China.

"5c: The old bell for some years after the Tai Ping rebellion unhung, and the home of beggars. The priests are fond of relating a legend connected with this and two others that are said to have fallen from heaven at the same time. Several mandarins had lost their heads in failing to fuse the metals, the last one was much troubled for fear he too was to fail. It seems his oldest daughter had a dream, saying if human blood was mixed with the metal all would be well; so while making preparations to go cast herself in the crucible, her two younger sisters insisted in knowing her affair and thereupon went too, all three casting themselves in the boiling metal, when lo, three large and beautiful bells came forth, one fell at Nanking, one in the North and one some place else."

Stamp News.

Special to THE ERA.

CANADIAN SURCHARGES.

A circular just issued by the Post Office Department states that the unissued remainders of the three-cent stamps will be surcharged two cents and issued just as soon as the 2c purple is used up and will be followed by a two-cent red as required by the International Postal Union. The date set in the circular for the issue is about July 20th, but it will be about ten days more before the last of the two-cent purples are issued. I learn that the 3c numeral and some 3c with the four maple leaves will be surcharged. The Department has redeemed the 3c stamps when required, and hoped to get rid of the quantity left on hand when the reduction to two cents was so suddenly made on Jan. 1st last, but instead of getting rid of them they have increased owing to their redemption and the quantity on hand made it worth while surcharging.

Nothing of course is yet known of the surcharge but I can state that variety hunters will probably be disappointed as the surcharge will be made in full sheets from a plate and consists of the figure two

We Must Weep Again,

but this time with joy and thanksgiving. "I wonder if we can't work off on that 'Crazy Duck' in Chicago the last of our old six-cent stamps," says a representative of the Warner Safe Cure Co., and forthwith came, at face, 140 immaculate specimens in sheets, full gum and eight plates. You can't buy them at any price in this condition elsewhere. We will divide our luck with you and knock them down,

(Scott's 3432) Each 25c; Blocks of 4, \$1.25; Blocks of 4 with Imprint, \$2.00.

L. & K. 1 1/2c, 5 cts.; 1 3/4c, 10 cts. } Uncancelled
R. R., Pair 10 cts.; Each 5 cts. } but
Chas. Marchand, 1 1/2c..... 8 cts. } No Gum.
" " 2 1/2c..... 10 cts. } Set, 35 Cents.

Try other dealers also for these stamps.

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Wilder 4c lake, watermark.....	\$1.00	\$0.30
Wilder 4c lake, silk.....	2.00	.60
Wilder 4c vermilion, silk.....	4.00	1.25
Wilder 4c vermilion, old.....	4.50	1.50
Wilder 1c green, old.....	1.50	.50
Wilder 1c green, watermark.....	.75	.20
2c I. R. Inverted.....	.20	
1898 W. C. Telegraph Co.....	.07	
The two for.....	.25	

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- 25c Protest..... .12
- 25c Warehouse Receipt..... .25
- 2c Play. Cards, blue, \$0.09 50c Passage Ticket, .06
- 2c Prop., .02 \$1.00 Life Ins., .08
- 3c Foreign Ex., .04 2.00 Conveyance, .05
- 3c Proprietary, .04 5.00, .07
- 5c Play. Cards, .33 2nd Issue, 3c, .22
- 25c Bond, .03 \$2.00, .30
- 50c Foreign Ex., .20 3rd Issue, 30c, .17
- 2c lake Playing Card "On Hand," unused.... \$0.04
- Same..... Per 10 .30
- Documentary \$3.00..... Per 10 .50
- Documentary \$1.00..... Per 10 .08
- Entire, unused, 2c, die "A" on white..... .04
- Per 10, 25c; per 100..... 2.75
- Above Envelope have business card printed in corner.
- 1883, entire, unused, 4c green on white, "A".... .08
- Same, per 10..... .55
- 1887, entire, unused, 4c carmine on blue..... .07

Postage extra on orders under 50c. All stamps in good condition; your money back and postage both ways if you are not suited.

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and word cents thus, "2 cents" in curved letters (in black). The quantity is of course not stated but it would not be a bad guess to say that there will not be any left by September.

OFFICIAL DECREE.

[COPY.]

Department Circular.

SURCHARGE OF UNISSUED REMNANT OF 3c STAMPS.

Post Office Department, Canada,

OTTAWA, 1st July, 1899.

Owing to the reduction in the Domestic letter rate of postage, the issue of the 3c letter-card, the 3c stamped envelope and the 3c postage stamp from the Department has ceased. Any unused 3c letter-cards, 3c stamped envelopes or 3c stamps, still extant, will, however, continue available for postage purposes, or may be exchanged at any Post Office, at their full face value, for postage stamps of other denominations.

The colour of the Domestic-rate postage stamp, as prescribed by the Universal Postal Union, is red, and it is intended to discontinue the issue of the ordinary two-cent purple coloured stamps as soon as the present supply on hand is exhausted. This will be about the 20th July, 1899. Thereafter the Department will issue two-cent stamps in red, first, however, surcharging down to two cents the unissued remnant of three-cent stamps in red, now in the possession of the Department, and as soon as the supply of such surcharged threes is exhausted, the issue of two-cent stamps in red will begin. The surcharged stamps will be issued to Postmasters as 2c postage stamps and be recognized as stamps of that denomination.

Postmasters are requested to exchange, as above mentioned, all unused 3c letter-cards, 3c stamped envelopes and 3c stamps which may be offered them to be exchanged for other postage stamps of an equal value.

Postmasters, who as a result of such exchange, may find the 3c stamps, &c., un-saleable, are at liberty, in the case of an *Accounting Post Office*, to send them direct to the Department for credit; and in the case of a *Non-Accounting Post Office*, to send them to the City Post Office from which it obtains its supplies, asking in lieu of those returned other stamps to an equal value.

It is especially requested that, in the case of stamps sent direct to the Department, under this authority, that is to say, by *Accounting Post Offices*,—Postmasters will be so good as to carry out the following instructions:—

(1) Each transmission should be registered, and accompanied with a brief memorandum, plainly stamped with the date stamp of the Post Office, and indicating the number and value of the 3c stamps, &c., claimed to be enclosed. If other stamps are required to replace those

returned, a separate requisition therefor (not enclosed in the package) should be sent direct to the Department in the usual way.

(2) Single stamps, and stamps that are not in complete sheets, should be pasted on alternate pages of separate sheets of paper with *not more than one hundred stamps on each page*. Any stamps that have stuck together whilst in the possession of the Postmaster, must be taken apart (which can easily be done by immersing them for a few minutes in water) and then pasted on sheets of paper as above directed.

Postmasters of *Non-Accounting Offices* are particularly asked to bear in mind that any 3c letter cards, 3c stamped envelopes or 3c postage stamps which, conformably to this instruction, they may receive from the public in exchange for other stamps and find un-saleable, *must be returned, as above directed, to the City Post Offices from which they respectively obtain their supplies*, and not to the Department.

As only the unissued remnant of 3c stamps now in the Department will be surcharged, Postmasters must not send in, with a view to their surcharge, any 3c stamps in their possession, nor accept 3c stamps from the public for that purpose.

Postmasters must distinctly understand that the exchange of stamps herein permitted applies *only* to the 3c letter-card, the 3c stamped envelope and the 3c postage stamp.

R. M. COULTER,
Deputy Postmaster General.

The Italics above are used same as in copy of Circular.—ED.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Montreal Notes.

The five-cent stamp of the Numeral issue is out at last. They were put on sale at the general post office here last Thursday and have been received on mail coming from Quebec and other large cities.

The five-cent stamp completes the numeral issue up to the ten-cent stamp making the series the same as the Maple Leaf issue.

Although Scott's Supplement lists 15, 20 and 50-cent stamps of this series, none have been issued as yet and it is quite unlikely that they will be for some time to come as there seems to be quite a supply of the old issues and Jubilees of these denominations still on hand.

An album will soon be issued from Quebec that will be for collectors who specialize in British North American stamps only. The album will be a first class one, printed on one side of the paper, and illustrated. It will be bound in cloth and will contain blank pages for future issues.

It is reported that two of our local dealers will issue a philatelic almanac early next fall.

A. R. MAGILL.

EXCHANGES.

One notice is allowed each subscriber free if sent with his remittance, extra notices will be inserted at the uniform price of 10 cents each insertion. Non-subscribers 15 cents each insertion. Postively cash with notice. All notices must be for *exchange* and limited to thirty words, exclusive of the address, and must be written on a separate piece of paper. Notices offering articles for sale for cash, or offering to purchase for cash cannot be inserted here as they do not come under this head.

Three Consecutive Insertions of Same Exchange Notice, 25 Cents.

Have an India proof of 5c 1875 "Taylor" and 10c 1885 "Special," also a pair of 1c, 2c and 6c Executive on India to exchange. What have you in proofs to dispose of and what do you particularly desire? Albert E. Chase (A. P. A. No. 1717), Brunswick, Me.

When John Bull wanted stamps for Zanzibar in 1895 he ordered the current issue of India to be surcharged, either the number surcharged was small or they were taken in "strong hands." At any rate I can't afford to collect them at catalogue prices. I have one each No. 7 (cat. \$5.00 unused) and No. 8 (not priced) both used, with postmark legible. What will you offer in exchange? Stamps cataloguing under 5 cents not considered, unless by the bushel, freight prepaid! Haviland, 446 Willoughby Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y. [24c]

I have 176 unused Envelopes, not stamped, each one having a picture or design relating to the war of the Rebellion, printed, lithographed or engraved and no two alike. What am I offered in exchange? Herbert M. Shaw, 44 Hastings St., West Roxbury, Mass.

Here! Wanted a Scott's latest International Album 2 Vol. Edition, in exchange for stamps. Write, Calvin C. Brackett, Garland, Maine. [1c]

Will exchange: Lady's gold Watch (filled case) + A. T. Cross Fountain Pen, Chamber's Encyclopedia, 9 vols., cloth, fine condition; good 2nd hand Bicycle, 2 in. drop frame; for best offer in Stamps, C. S. A. Money, Autographs, or Typewriter. C. S. Mason, 218 Indiana Ave., Toledo, Ohio. [24]

Graphophone and outfit, cost \$30, several dozen records for same; O. Jell Typewriter, new, lists at \$20, and a lot of good U. S. cents and half-cents to exchange. What have you to offer in the shape of books or mds.? Herbert M. Shaw, 44 Hastings St., West Roxbury, Mass. [23]

Here! I will take your duplicate stamps or job lots at 3/4 cat. (with few exceptions) in exchange for my stamps at catalogue. Write, Calvin C. Brackett, Garland, Me. [1c]

TRADE COLUMN.

Under this head we print all notices not properly belonging to our exchange department, such as business announcements, want and for sale notices, etc., etc., at the uniform low rate of five (5) cents per line. Eight words average a line. All notices will be set in solid 6-point type and no display allowed. Minimum charge 10 cents.

\$50 Documentary! You probably have secured a copy of the \$10 at a cost of from 75c to \$1.25, but when will you get a \$50 to top off with? I have one, some fellow punched a 5 1/2 mm. hole in it cutting out the "Do" of right hand Documentary, a good Samaritan, however, transfused some "do" from the left hand of another copy and it makes a mighty nice space filler, it is yours for \$1.50. By the way, the pair of Zanzibar Provisionals described in my Exchange ad may be purchased for \$5.00 cash. HAVILAND, 446 Willoughby Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y. [24c]

U. S. Rev. all Perf: 5c Proprietary, 60c; 50c Pro. of Will, 40c; 50c Foreign Exch., 20c; 50c Lease, 20c. Picked copies. Set '95 N. & P., with \$50 Original, \$5.75. LOUIS HARRIS, Belfast, Maine.

Piso's Cure 3/4c, .03 Proprietary 3 1/2c, .05 Johnson & Johnson 1/2c, .03 Fletcher's 1 1/2c, .04 ROYAL EXCHANGE STAMP CO., Winona, Minn.*

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Make me the best offer for the following used 1898 Revenues, by the lot, or in such quantities as suits you: 150 1/2c grey, 150 1c, 200 2c, 30 3c, 30 4c, 50 5c, 45 10c, 2 25c, 6 40c, 1 50c, 93 1c I. R., 55 2c I. R. And Proprietary: 15 1/2c, 48 1/2c, 30 3/4c, 12 1c, 5 1/2c, 5 2c, 13 2 1/2c, 5 4c. WALTER C. ODIORNE, Huntingdon, Pa. [25c]

Approval books 60% discount. References required. Set of 4 Japan War stamps, new, 12 cts. Set of 3 China (Scott's 13, 14 and 15), new, 20 cts. E. A. OBORNE, Jamaica, New York. 25)

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Topics About Town.

FROM NEW YORK CITY.

The official ballot of the Empire State Philatelic Society containing all errors that may have crept in, as published in the official journal, appears as follows:

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The Committee on Arrangements have selected the Park Avenue Hotel, 33rd street and Park Avenue, as the headquarters for the meet. The Hotel manager has been very generous in reserving a commodious room opposite the palm garden in which to hold the convention. There will be four sessions. The first will be called to order by President Evans at 10 A. M. on the first day of the meet. The final dates selected are August 23rd, 24th and 25th. Among those who will probably come are Wm. Evans, Westtown, N. Y., E. L. Shove, Unionville, N. Y., J. H. Beattie, Warwick, N. Y., Geo. S. McKearin, Hoosick Falls, N. Y., C. W. Brown, Syracuse, N. Y., and H. A. Chapman, Rocky Hill, Conn., from out town. A large contingent of Brooklyn collectors will be present, likewise quite a number locally situated.

Mr. Krassa showed the writer a book of vertiable rarities which he takes to Europe for disposal. He also expects to replenish his stock, and he carries enough ready cash for that purpose. None of the new issue of Cuban stamps have arrived on letters as yet. They are eagerly awaited and dealers have large advance orders for them from local collectors. There is many an inquiry for the eight centimes, Belgium newspaper stamp of the 1869 issue. Speculators are paying full catalogue for fine copies. The four centimes France 1876 issue is also commanding a pretty choice figure, considering the catalogue quotation.

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Philatelic Press Review.

BY WM. C. STONE.

Buenos Aires Filatelico Vol. III., (111).

Collectionneur de Timbres Poste, (224).

Ewen's Weekly Circular, (80).

Juniors Collector, Vol. I. No. 4.

Madrid Filatelico, Vol., III., (30).

Herald Exchange, Vol. VI. No. 5, (35).

Illustriertes Briefmarken Journal, Vol.

XXXVI., No. 13.

Mitteldeutsche Philatelisten Zeitung,

Vol. VIII., No. 7.

Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News, Vol. XIII.

No. 29, (446).

Metropolitan Philatelist, Vol. XI. No.

16.

New York Philatelist, Vol. VI. No. 4.

Philatelic Chronicle, Vol. VIII. No. 9.

Philatelic Record, Vol. XXI. Nos. 5, 6.

Revue Philateligue Francaise, Vol. X.,

(103).

Revue Postale, Vol. II. No. 6.

Ewen's Weekly Circular issues a supplement with its current number, containing a long account of the opening of the Manchester exhibition taken from the *Manchester Guardian* of June 30th and comprising a good abstract of Henniker Heaton's address, and a list of the more prominent exhibits and awards.

Arthur Maury has been holding a competition for an allegorical representation of Philatelia, and the prize winner's design is shown in the June number of *Le Collectionneur de Timbre Poste*. It represents a young lady seated, with one arm resting on a globe, while she looks over a stamp album. A locomotive, steamboat and some telegraph wires show the various methods of communication. The design is by no means as good as that on the seal of our own association.

New stamps have been decided upon for France for 1900, and there will be three types. Well, I shall believe the news when I see them. We have had them promised so often that I am a little conservative about it.

La Revue Postale is full of good things this month, but I will refrain from enumerating them all. The review of the month's doings is particularly interesting. Made up of the cream of the world's philatelic news, it contains several pages of items from all parts of the globe. I note that in one paragraph, it is announced, that in 1896 the Tonga post office sold postage stamps to the value of 11,000 francs to stamp dealers, and 3,650 francs worth to the general public, presumably for postal uses!

The *Philatelic Record* is trying to catch up with Father Time, and so we get the May and June numbers by the same mail. Both of them are as interesting as

ever. The Persian article is brought down to the 1882 issue, and the prospectus of the Manchester exhibition fills several pages. The fiscal notes are mostly short ones but all on pertinent subjects.

Le Timbre Poste evidently intends to take a vacation next month for the July and August issues are received together. There is no diminution in the number of pages however.

The July number contains the chronicle and the conclusion of the article on the early issues of Haiti, while the August issue is given up to solid reading matter. The article on the stamps of the Netherlands takes up eight pages and includes among the illustrations some of the essays for the Wilhelmina sets. Some Greek forgeries are described and there is also a short list of the Puerto Principe surcharges. The article on jubilee and commemorative stamps is brought to a close with a tale showing in handy form just what countries have issued such stamps etc. and how many of each. I am going to ask Mr. Jewett to reproduce the list, although it is quite lengthy, as it is sure to be of considerable interest. [It appears complete elsewhere in this issue, and to Mr. Stone we are indebted for its translation.—Ed.]

*(Continued next week.)***The New England Philatelic Association.**

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By WM. C. STONE.

- Antwerpia et Scaldis Philatelique*,
Vol. II. No. 22. July.
Philatelic Society Reports.
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Miscellaneous Notes.
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- Herald Exchange*,
Vol. VI. No. 5, (35). July.
Chicago Notes.
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- Intermediaire de la Timbrologie*,
Vol. VII. No. 72. June.
Discoveries!!!
France, 1 fr. Orange Forgery.—Postal
Reforms.—Reduction of Postal Rate.
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- P. J. of G. B. Advertiser*,
Vol. III. No. 34. July.
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Philatelic Monthly and World,
Vol. XXV. No. 7, (295). July.

Change in Bogert & Durbin Co.
Notes.
N. F. Seebeck.

Tri-Monthly Collector,
Vol. I. No. 15. May 23.
Sunday School Postage.
Prize Scripture Conundrums.
Sons of Philatelia Official Matter.

For some little time I have had it in mind to include in this department an idea which was much appreciated in the *American Philatelist* of days gone by. I shall give at the head of the column the names of the various papers received, with titles of the leading articles in each, omitting mention of such regular features as chronicles, press reviews, editorials and trade notes. It will enable the reader to see at a glance just what each paper has to offer and will be a makeshift for the general index which we need so much.

I suppose that I had ought to get "hot" over the fact that the "Collector" (?) who wrote the Springfield notes in the *Herald Exchange* saw fit to write me down as "Stove." But I will wait till he comes around on his next tour before I roast him.

All or nearly all of the articles mentioned among the contents of *L'Intermediaire de la Timbrologie* are reprints but they are all fine specimens, so to speak, and well worth reading. The forgeries of the French 1 franc stamp are described minutely in such a way as to render it easy to detect them. Among the postal reforms proposed for the near future will be the reduction of the cost of pneumatic cards from 50 to 30 centimes, for the sealed, and ordinary cards respectively, to 30 and 20 centimes. This will probably mean surcharges and then new issues.

Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News has the best article on Canadian revenues that I have seen for many a day. It is something more than a mere list of the stamps issued. These are given, to be sure, but the valuable part of the article is in the information given concerning the uses of the stamps. It ought to be easy for anyone who has access to the legislative reports and acts to write up such an article as Mr. Hutchison gave concerning the U. S. reve-

nues in the *American Philatelist* some years ago.

Lewis Robie has had the good luck to have a lot of the old 6-cent stamps of H. H. Warner & Co. sent him at face value, in sheets with plate numbers etc. No dream about it either. Chicago is said to be about to issue a 1/2-cent private proprietary stamp. I thought the windy city always went in for the biggest thing she could get.

Mr. Bartels states that the 1-cent postal cards with PORTO RICO below the head of Jefferson are not known to the Post Office Department and no record can be found that any were asked for or sent. The Department has written for information and hopes to hear in about two weeks. Another item in his letter in the *Metropolitan* is a long list of unpublished revenue plate numbers.

It is with great regret that I learn from the *Philatelic Monthly* of the retirement from active service of R. R. Bogert. Mr. Bogert has been in the business since 1873 and it has been my great pleasure to have been acquainted with him during most of that time. He has certainly earned a vacation and I am glad to see that he is still to remain in our ranks as a collector if not a dealer. My best wishes go with him on his European trip. His place as manager of the Bogert & Durbin Company will be taken by Arthur E. Tuttle, who is well known to us all as the able manager of the Philadelphia store.

The *Monthly* has raised its subscription price from 25 cents to \$1.00 per year. It seems to me that this is rather high for an eight-page paper. While the contents of the magazine are always valuable, it is still a fact that collectors will not pay such a price for so small a magazine. Possibly second class postal rates have something to do with it.

One item in the July number is of especial interest. Nicaragua is just through with her ten year Seebeck contract this year, and now she has entered into another with a Doctor Maximo Asenjo which is of a similar character. He is to furnish 3,400,000 stamps, (postage, officials, un-paids, telegraphs, cards, envelopes and wrappers,) each year and will receive in return 50,000 complete sets of all varieties, cancelled. "Each year 1000 stamps will

be issued to commemorate some historical event and they shall be current for one day only." Unless the above figures are a mistake the doctor will hardly get his quota of these "jubilees." The stamps will probably be made in Germany.

Brother Dodge feels badly because I do not review his *Tri-Monthly Collector*. When he makes it as good a paper as the *Columbian Philatelist* was in its best days then there will be something to review. But when it consists mainly of short items of no particular interest except to philatelic politicians, what is there to review? Take the current number for example. The first page is devoted to the "Contemporary Review" conducted by Albert Hall. This is good and well written. The next page is devoted to editorial items. Mr. Dodge has been sick it seems, and so explains the delay in the issuing of the paper. The third page of reading matter is taken up by two articles, the first devoted to a letter from W. A. Carver who has found a stamp inscribed Sunday School Postage which he says has passed through the mails. Perhaps it has. At a church fair most likely. The other article is composed of four prize scripture conundrums. The last page of reading matter is devoted to the official reports of the Sons of Philatelia. I have no grudge against the editor for cutting my name off his list for Mr. Jewett always sends me his copy which will explain the mystery as to how I receive it regularly. Now don't get mad again Brother Dodge, for I know you can get out a good paper if you try. Make it a monthly and as good as the *C. P.* and I will review it every time.

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An interesting account is given in the *Philatelic Chronicle* of the early use made in the Spanish West Indies of British stamps. Havana was the first office established, in 1865, while later, other offices were established in Santiago and several Puerto Rico towns. "Non-Lex" contributes a page and a half description of some Nova Scotia counterfeits.

Madrid Filatelico contains an editorial tribute to Emilio Castelar the well known Spanish republican statesman, and ex-president of the republic of 1874. It would be well for Spain if she had more men in office of the type of the deceased. She would stand better in the eyes of the world than she does now with her Blancos, Weylers etc.

The Societe Francaise de Timbrologie published a *Bulletin* at intervals during the twenty years 1875-95, which contained the reports of the meetings, important papers read, the catalogue compiled etc. etc. The four volumes comprising this work have been sold for a long time for 40 francs, but

the society now offers in the *Revue Philatologique Francaise* to sell thirty sets of the *Bulletin* for 10 francs each plus postage. There is very little doubt but what they will be soon snapped up as the work is a great bargain. At the Casey sale last winter a set bound in half morocco brought \$5.60 which was a bargain.

An interesting article in the *Revue* is the compilation of the more important "errors" that occur in stamps. They are classed under errors of color, reversed centers, and miscellaneous. The list is by no means as complete as the series of articles which were prepared for the *American Philatelist* by C. B. Corwin some ten years ago or so, but arranged as it is, it makes a very good reference list.

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From Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly.

Australian Reprints.

BY A. F. BASSET HULL.

NEW SOUTH WALES—Continued.*

Nine hundred sets bore the cancellation above described, and 100 were obliterated with G. P. O. in three concentric ovals,

for gratis distribution to other postal administrations. The issue took place in August, 1895. Owing to the representations made both in Sydney and England by advanced philatelists, it was decided in March, 1896, to cease the sale of these sets, and the stock on hand was destroyed.

The remainder of the sets prepared for gratis distribution were overprinted "Specimen" in addition to the obliteration.

The following is a list of the reprinted varieties found in the celebrated set:

ADHESIVE STAMPS.						
Value.	Colour.	Type.	Watermark.	O. S. in.	Perf.	
1d.	Red	Queen's Head	Large Crown N. S. W.	Black	12	
2d.	Blue	"	"	"	11x11 1/2	
3d.	Green ...	"	"	Red	10	
4d.	Brown ...	"	"	Black ...	11x11 1/2	
5d.	Green ...	"	"	Red	10	
5d.	"	"	"	Black ...	10	
6d.	Lilac ...	"	"	"	10	
8d.	Yellow ..	"	"	Red	11	
8d.	" ..	"	"	Black ...	10	
9d.	Brown ..	"	Small Crown N. S. W.	"	12	
10d.	Lilac ..	"	10	"	10	
1sh.	Black ..	"	Large Crown N. S. W.	Red	11x11 1/2	
5sh.	Purple ..	"	5/-	Black	12	
5sh.	Lilac & Green	"Postage" surcharged	N. S. W.	"	11	
*10sh.	" carmine	"	"	"	10	
20sh.	" "	"	"	"	11	
5sh.	Violet ..	Map	5/-	Red	12	
20sh.	Blue ...	Centennial	5/-	Black ...	11 1/2	
20sh.	" ...	"	20sh. N. S. W. in circle	"	10	
1/2d. ...	Grey ...	Surcharged	Large Crown	"	11x11 1/2	

POST CARDS.		
Value.	Colour.	Description.
1d.	Pink	Small size, without waratah.
1d.	"	Large size, with waratah
1d.	Purple	With arched inscription.

STAMPED ENVELOPES.		
Value.	Colour.	Description.
1d.	Red	O. S. overprinted in black
2d.	Blue	" "
1d.	Red	O. S. inserted in four angles
1d.	Purple	O. S. overprinted in black
2d.	Blue	" "
1d.	Purple	O. S. inserted in upper angles
6d.	Lilac	" "
6d.	Rosine	" "
2d.	Blue	" "
4d.	Brown	" "
5d.	Green	" "

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When John Bull wanted stamps for Zanzibar in 1895 he ordered the current issue of India to be surcharged, either the number surcharged was small or they were taken in "strong hands." At any rate I can't afford to collect them at catalogue prices. I have one each No. 7 (cat. \$5.00 unused) and No. 8 (not priced) both used with postmark legible. What will you offer in exchange? Stamps cataloguing under 5 cents not considered, unless by the bushel, freight prepaid! Haviland, 446 Willoughby Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y. [24c]

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Will exchange: Lady's gold Watch (filled case), A. T. Cross Fountain Pen, Chamber's Encyclopedia, 9 vols., cloth, fine condition; good and hand Bicycle, 2 in. drop frame; for best offer in Stamps, C. S. A. Money, Autographs, or Typewriter. C. S. Mason, 218 Indiana Ave., Toledo, Ohio. [24]

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5 var. Japan, 100 Omega Hinges, 25 var. Foreign, 25 mixed Foreign, 5 good Foreign, all for 1 cent, postage 2 cents. H. D. WARREN, 470 K, N. W., Washington, D. C.

25 fine assorted steel Writing Pens, 10 cents post paid. F. L. HOOPER, Sta. D, Baltimore, Md.

Wanted: All responsible postal card collectors to give me their address. Also collectors of philatelic literature. Edward S. Jones, 1108 Fatherland St., Nashville, Tenn.

\$50 Documentary! You probably have secured a copy of the \$10 at a cost of from 75c to \$1.25, but when will you get a \$50 to top off with? I have one, some fellow punched a 5/8 mm. hole in it cutting out the "Do" of right hand Documentary, a good Samaritan, however, transfused some "do" from the left hand of another copy and it makes a mighty nice space filler, it is yours for \$1.50. By the way, the pair of Zanzibar Provisionals described in my Exchange ad may be purchased for \$5.00 cash. HAVILAND, 446 Willoughby Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y. [24c]

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AUTOMOBILES FOR POSTMEN.

OTTAWA, July 19.—The Postmaster-General has decided to give the automobile a test in the work of collecting letters and in carrying mail to and from the general post office in Toronto to the branches. Mr. Mulock has had a sum inserted in the supplementary estimates, and within a short time an automobile will be purchased for use by the Toronto postal authorities.—*Star*.

THE DUKE'S HEAD.

The new five-cent Newfoundland postage stamp bears the likeness of the Duke of York, who is an enthusiastic stamp collector and president of the London Philatelic Society. This is the fifth of a series of royal portrait stamps issued by England's oldest colony during the last year, the series being as follows: Half cent (Prince Edward of York), one cent (the Queen), two cents (Prince of Wales), three cents (Princess of Wales), and five cents (Duke of York).—*Montreal Metropolitan*.

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\$28,968.90
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I am expecting them inside of a week when all orders will be filled. Can also supply dealers with these envelopes at wholesale.

Surcharged Cuban Stamps

I can supply dealers with these stamps wholesale at 15% above face, with the exception of the 2 1/2c.

H. F. Colman,
1526 O St., N. W., Washington, D. C.

and 2c green on oriental buff, same size. They are offered here at 75 cents for the set.

The stamps of Uganda, 1898 issue, are bringing very high prices. The officials there refuse to fill any orders for these stamps on the ground that their stock is very small, and as it would take about a year to acquire a new supply, they do not propose to run short. Can it be that we have struck a strictly honest official? Or is it because they have not yet learned how to work the collectors for all they are worth, by supplying them with some make shift?

I see that the Washington correspondent of the *Metropolitan Philatelist* seems to be very much worried over my statement that "The only time that a used stamp is worth anywhere near as much as an unused copy is when it is on the original cover." He states that it is surprising that anyone of experience can make such a preposterous statement. "There are hundreds of stamps worth more used than unused, a number of which would be cheap at ten times the price of the unused, even if they be not on the original cover," he says. And he says, if the correspondent of the ERA will only refer to the catalogue he will see the absurdity of his statement. Any one would suppose that a man of as much experience as Mr. Bartels would know that catalogue prices and market prices are different. Among other stamps he refers to Baden Land Post. I doubt if anyone could tell whether one of these stamps had been postally used or not, unless it was on the original cover. This also applies to Prince Edward Island stamps. I have them on the original covers that were received by friends of mine, and if the stamps were taken off the original covers, there is no stamp dealer or collector living that could state positively that they were used postally. Although some one's price list might quote them at several dollars, in the market they might bring about 1c%.

Thursday, July 20th.

Hugo Von Hagen of New York City is in Boston looking for a valuable collection of stamps belonging to him, which was left with Humbert & Mack, the stamp dealers of N. Y., for sale. It seems Mr. Mack has disappeared with most of the stock and above collection during his partner's absence on a vacation. It has been found where he sold here for \$200 cash unused stamps of a face value of over \$250.

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Wilder 1c green, watermark.....	.75	.20
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From Our Regular Correspondent.

Montreal Notes.

The Post Office Department has decided to surcharge all three-cent stamps now in the possession of the Department "Two Cents" and issue them to postmasters as soon as the present supply of two-cent purple is exhausted. [See Official Circular in last week's ERA.—ED.]

Needham's Canadian Revenue Album was received from the binders last Thursday and it is safe to say that no one was disappointed with it as the album is first-class in every respect.

One of the local dealers in speaking of the withdrawal of the 6c stamp for a short time, said, that it was his opinion that the department had withdrawn these stamps to push the sale of the 3c stamp so as to get rid of the large stock they had on hand.

The *Montreal Philatelist* will not appear during the month of July as Mr. Bach, the editor, tells me that his printers were so busy with other work that they were unable to print his paper although he had his copy upon the regular date.

The meeting of the Montreal Philatelic Association which was held July 20th was well attended, considering the number of collectors who are spending the summer in the country. During the evening quite a number of stamps changed hands.

A. R. MAGILL.

AUSTRALIAN REPRINTS.

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The other O. S. stamps which became obsolete just before the issue of the obliterated set were also included, but as they were then in stock, and specimens were subsequently sold in quantity, unused, at face value, those in the set were really originals. They consisted of the 3d. (Queen's Head, black O. S.), the Centennial 1d., 2d., 4d., 6d., 8d., 1sh., and 5sh. with black O. S.; the Postal Union series of ½d. (permanent type), 2½d., 7½d., and 12½d., and the 1d. post card.

In order to arrive at a decision as to the status of any doubtful O. S. stamp, the following points should be taken into consideration:

1.—All O. S. reprints, without a single exception, were obliterated with "N. S. W." or "G. P. O." in three concentric ovals in black, placed in the centre of each block of four stamps. Every reprint, therefore, will bear some portion of one of these obliterations in one of the corners.

2.—Uncancelled O. S. stamps are necessarily originals.

3.—Many of the varieties of the reprints are infinitely rarer than the originals of the same types; for instance, the 1d. red, 2d. blue, 4d. brown, 6d. lilac, 8d. yellow (black surcharge) and 1sh. black.

4.—On the other hand, originals of the "Postage" surcharged series, the 5sh. Centennial (Map) with red surcharge, and the 20sh. blue with either watermark, are rarer than the reprints, and any copies should be regarded with suspicion and carefully examined.

5.—Fraudulent postmarks may be placed over the official obliteration, but it is difficult to entirely conceal its presence without a very heavy cancellation which would spoil the appearance of the stamp.

6.—The presence of the original gum, together with a cancellation is suspicious.

7.—Even if a postcard or envelope were "completed" by the addition of an address, &c., the obliteration, which consists of one of the above-described marks in its entirety, would proclaim its character, as if properly posted it would bear a date stamp in addition.

NEW ZEALAND.

So far as I am aware, none of the stamps of this Colony have been reprinted. Copies of the 1d. brown, 2d. vermilion, 6d. blue, and 1sh. green of 1871-2, with watermark star, and the 4d. yellow without watermark, are still met with in an unused condition or marked "Specimen," but these are stated to be remainders unissued on the appearance of the 1873 series, and subsequently distributed as specimens.

QUEENSLAND.

About the middle of 1895, reprints were made from Perkins and Bacon's steel plates

of the 1d., 2d., 3d., 6d., 1sh. and registered stamps. These are printed on the paper watermarked with a small (truncated) star, and the word "QUEENSLAND" in single lined Roman capitals, repeated four times across the sheet of 240 stamps. The impressions all show signs of wearing in the



plates, the colouring is rich, and the perforation is 12½. The following are the shades:

- 1d. orange-vermilion.
- 2d. dull blue.
- 3d. light brown.
- 6d. grass-green.
- 1sh. purple (with slight reddish tinge).
- Registered, orange-yellow.

With regard to the registered stamp, the watermark is quite a sufficient test, as originals were never printed on the truncated star paper. In the case of the other values the perforation should be an indication, if carefully gauged, as the originals were perf. 13 or 12.

Attention may be called to the fact that about the same time as the above described reprints appeared, some sheets of the same values, excepting the Registered, were discovered. These were said to have been rejected on account of their colour not being in accord with the accepted shades. They should have been destroyed upon rejection, but in some manner they were overlooked. It is believed that they were printed in 1877 or 1878; they are on Crown Q paper, and perforated 12. The values and colours are:

- 1d. rose-vermilion.
- 2d. dull-blue.
- 2d. ultramarine.*
- 3d. light-brown.
- 6d. emerald-green.
- 1sh. grey-lilac.*

I have never seen originals in the shades of those marked*, but the others are not distinguishable from some of the originals. These stamps appear to have been transferred to "Specimen" stock for presentation to other postal administrations, and I have seen the set both uncanceled, and obliterated with a small single-line ring in black, placed in the centre of each block of four stamps. While these stamps cannot be called reprints, they are hardly entitled to the term originals, at least so far as the shades marked * are concerned. The others, perhaps, might be passed as remainders.

There are also some perforated and obliterated proofs of the same series sometimes met with. I have seen the 1d. vermilion, 3d. deep brown, 4d. yellow (lithographed), 6d. yellow-green, and 1sh. purple, together with several of the Stamp Duty series, on thick, soft, white unwatermarked paper, perf. 13, and obliterated either with the number 214 in the centre of a series of parallel bars, or with a ring ob-

literation, similar to that found on the "rejected colours."

These two latter series are merely mentioned here because collectors who meet with the actual reprints will in all probability find the others not far off, and may feel inclined to class them all as reprints.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

While this Colony has indulged in the production of reprints on more elaborate lines than any other, it is a matter for congratulation that, with one exception, such reprints are unmistakably branded with an overprint proclaiming their "posthumous" nature.

Evidently there has been a philatelist behind the scenes—one who knew the meaning of the words "imperforate" and "roulette," so mysterious to the average postal official, and this expert's advice and directions have been followed as closely as possible in producing the reprints, so far at least as the outward and visible part of the stamps is concerned. In the matter of watermarks—whether he was equally skilled as in perforations or not I cannot say,—but either the exigencies of the printing office required the printing to be all on one kind of paper, or else the printer considered he had pandered sufficiently to the vicious tastes of philatelists in regard to modes of separation. The fact remains that all the reprints are on Crown S. A. (type I.) paper. This peculiarity is sufficient test for the greater portion of the stamp, even were there not the black surcharge "Reprint" to emphasise their origin.

Two separate printings, or rather re-printings, have been made: the first in 1884, consisting of 500 sets, and the second within the last year or two.



The first set contains:

- ½d. on 1d. (type II.)* green, perf.
- ½d. brown., perf.
- 1d. (type I.)* green, imperf.
- 1d. " yellow-green, rouletted.
- 1d. (type II.) green, perf.
- 2d. (type I.) blood red, imperf.
- 2d. " orange-red, rouletted.
- 2d. " pale orange-red, rouletted.
- 2d. (type II.) red, rouletted.
- 2d. " perf.
- 3d. blue, red surch., perf.
- 3d. " black surch., perf.
- 4d. deep mauve, perf.
- 4d. dark slate, "
- 4d. grey, perf.
- 6d. deep blue, imperf.
- 6d. lilac, rouletted.
- 6d. blue, rouletted.
- 6d. " perf.
- 8d. brown, perf.
- 8d. reddish brown, perf.
- 9d. grey-lilac, rouletted.
- 9d. purple, perf.
- 10d. orange, blue surch., rouletted.
- 10d. yellow, "
- 10d. canary, black surch., perf.
- * Type I. is Perkins & Bacon's. Type II. is De-la-Rue's.

- 1sh. yellow, rouletted.
 1sh. brown, "
 1sh. brown, perf.
 2sh. carmine, perf.

All of these stamps are on Crown S. A. paper, type I., with S. A. wide apart. They are overprinted with the word "Reprint" in Roman capitals in black. It will be seen that several of the set were in current use at the time, the only difference between the so-called reprints and the originals being in the paper, which in the latter was Crown S. A., type II.

The second series contains the same varieties as the first, but some of them differ



more or less in shade, and there are several additions. The following is a list of differences in color and new varieties not contained in the first series:

- 1d. (type I.), imperf., intense green, blurred in printing.
 1d. (type I.), perf. (add).
 2d. (type I.) blood-red, and bright brick-red, imperf.
 2d. (type I.) orange-red, rouletted, three shades, none of which exactly resembles either of the 1884 prints.
 3d. red and black, surch., both paler blue than before.
 4d. purple-black, rouletted (add).
 6d. ultramarine, perf. (add).
 8d. warm sepia, and dull brown, perf., both new shades.
 9d. pale grey, rouletted.
 10d. orange-red, blue surch., roul.
 10d. canary, "
 10d. " " perf. (add).
 10d. chromo-yellow, black surch., roul. (add).
 10d. " " perf.
 1sh. dull yellow, imperf. (add).
 1sh. deep yellow, roul. (new shade).
 1sh. very pale yellow, roul. (new shade).
 1sh. lilac, imperf. (add).
 1sh. reddish-brown, two shades, both perf.
 2sh. carmine, rouletted (add).

This series is also on the Crown S. A. paper, type I., and each stamp bears the overprint "Reprint" in Roman capitals in black.

In 1892 a supply of the then current stamps, not represented in the "reprint" series of 1884 was printed on Crown S. A. paper, type I., and each stamp was overprinted with the word "Specimen" in small block letters in black. All are perf. 11½ except the 2½d., which is perf. 10.

The following is a list of the values and colors:

- ¾d. dark brown.
 1d. green (1875).
 2d. yellow-brown.
 2½d. (on 4d.) chocolate on green.
 3d. olive-green (1887).
 4d. mauve (1890).
 5d. (on 6d.) carmine on brown.
 6d. blue (1887).
 9d. red-lilac.
 2sh. carmine.
 2sh. 6d. deep violet, dotted with silver specks.
 5sh. deep pink.
 10sh. pale green.

- 15sh. orange brown.
 £1 bright blue.
 £2 Indian red.
 £2 10s. dark red.
 £3 olive green.
 £4 lemon yellow.
 £5 very pale grey.
 £10 bronze.
 £15 light silver.
 £20 marone.

The colors in italics show where these "specimen" stamps differ from the originals.

A few sets of the latter were surcharged "specimen," but they are on Crown S. A. paper, type II.

The above-described stamps are of that nondescript class that it is so difficult to find a name for in philatelic terminology. They are not originals because they were not intended for postal use, the employment of old and discarded paper and the overprint testifying to the fact, and they cannot be described as reprints because they were struck from plates actually in use. "Specimen prints" is perhaps the only name to give them, but that is not wholly satisfactory.

Finally, some time ago, we saw a few impressions from the 1sh. stamp, printed in lilac on rather thick white wove paper. These were claimed to be "proofs," but the worn state of the plate and the fresh look of the paper branded them as reprints. They were uncanceled, but could not be described as dangerous. The abnormal color and the absence of watermark were sufficient evidence of their irregular origin.

TASMANIA.

In the early days of the stamp collecting madness the demands of foreign postal administrations for samples of other countries' emissions were by no means frequent, and were generally acceded to without hesitation by the Tasmania postal authorities, the stamps being taken direct from stock, and authority obtained to expend a sum equal to the face value from petty cash—thus conforming to the stern requirements of the Audit Department which demanded a strict account of all stamps issued to the Post Office. As the 60's waned and the 70's waxed and the new issue of Tasmanian stamps appeared, the demands for specimens increased, and in order to provide a handy stock from which to supply requirements, and at the same time avoid all the "demnition detail" of passing small accounts, four sheets were struck from the new plates on "plain" *i. e.*, unwatermarked paper, for specimen purposes. At the same time prints were made from the plates of the 1858, 6d. and 1sh. stamps, which were then (1871), the current stamps of those denominations.

The reason for thus using unwatermarked paper was that when any stamps were required, a requisition was made for so many sheets of watermarked paper for printing (say) 1d. stamps, and the paper was debited to the Post Office by the Audit

Department (which issued the sheets) at the value of such number of stamps of the denomination mentioned in the requisition, as could be printed on the stated quantity of paper. As all paper (except that for the 6d. and 1sh.) was in sheets containing 120 repetitions of the watermark TAS, and paper would be charged at the rate of 10sh. for the sheet if 1d. stamps were requisitioned for, 20sh. if 2d. stamps, and so on. When printed and received by the Post Office these stamps had to be accounted for in cash, or in case of spoiled or damaged printings by a return of such faulty stamps, which were destroyed and the face value credited to the department. The impressions on unwatermarked paper were not charged in any way, and therefore could be given away without ceremony.

The supply was not a very large one, consisting of 480 of each denomination, and yet it is not quite exhausted even at the present day. In 1879 a similar number of impressions were struck from the obsolete plates, viz.: 1d. and 4d. of 1853; 1d., 2d. and 4d. of 1855; 3d., 2sh. 6d., 5sh., and 10sh. ("St. George and Dragon" fiscals) of 1863-4, and also from the then current plates of the 8d. and the 4d. in yellow, the 1871 color having been blue.

The stamps printed in 1871 were on soft white wove unwatermarked paper, perf. 11½. As they were of current types, and the paper only different from the originals, they were not in the full sense of the term "Reprints," but come under the category of stamps for specimen purposes. Perhaps an exception should be made in the case of the 6d., which was printed in red-lilac, a shade current in 1868-9, and which had given way to a purple tint in 1871.

The printings of 1879 were on thin handmade white unwatermarked paper, perf. 11½, except the fiscals which were imperf. The plates of 1853 had been defaced by two vertical or horizontal chisel cuts struck on each stamp, but the other plates were not defaced in any way.

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BOSTON, July 24, '99.

MR. W. W. JEWETT, Editor ERA.

Dear Sir: We notice that Mr. Bartles in his "Washington Notes" in the current number of the *Metropolitan* expresses grave doubts as to the legitimacy of the Porto Rico Postal, which we advertised a short time since, and that the department officials at his request have spent much valuable time searching in vain for an excuse for its being in our possession. In regard to the matter will say that the postals in question were received with a lot of wrappers, envelopes and stamps direct from the Post Office at San Juan and are duly noted in the memorandum signed by W. K. Landis, Acting P. M., which accompanied the package.

We beg to inquire if a "certain firm" can furnish as good a pedigree for the 1c and 2c blue envelopes surcharged for Cuba advertised by them. Whether anyone had authority to print the postals or not we cannot say, but would suggest that the price at which we offered them (3c each) would not seem to mark the issue as "speculative," for had it been the result of a "scheme," we should probably have advertised them as "sure to be scarce" and priced them at least 50c each.

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On account of the immense growth of the business with its increasing cares Mr. Bogert has now decided to retire from active participation in its management and hand over the reins to younger hands.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Bogert & Durbin Co., held in June, the office of President was made honorary with no duties attached to it and Mr. Bogert was chosen to fill the office, and Mr. A. E. Tuttle was elected Secretary and Treasurer and appointed General Manager of both the New York and Philadelphia offices. His headquarters will be in Philadelphia, while Mr. Percy G. Doane will have charge of the New York office.

Early in September Mr. Bogert will begin a well earned rest in Europe, but it is not his intention to give up philately entirely, for he will at least remain a collector if not a dealer.—*Philatelic Monthly and World.*

It is announced from Washington that a person in that city has a \$5,000 revenue stamp on the original document. In this connection we wish to publish the following official document which we have had in our possession for over thirteen years.

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In reply to yours of the 11th inst., requesting to be informed how many \$500 and \$5,000 Internal Revenue stamps were issued, sold to the public or used, the date first issued and how long current, have to say that the first \$500 stamp was issued July 31, 1872. There were no stamps issued of this denomination after 1877. The total number of stamps issued was 505.

The \$5,000 stamp was never issued or sold to the public.

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WHOLE No. 325.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Our Boston Letter.

Tuesday, August 1st.

The stamp business here is better than it has been for several years, at this season, and if present trade is any indication of what it will be in the fall, then stamp business will be booming. There is an unusually good demand for Cuba, Porto Rico and Philippine Islands, and the stamps of Finland, Fernando Po, Orange Free State and South African Republic are rapid sellers, in unused condition. There are a great many stamps that can now be bought at a reasonable price, that, for various reasons, will sell for more during the coming season. I find on investigation that the late English catalogues priced a great many stamps so low that none of the firms will now fill orders for certain stamps at even catalogue value. The same thing is likely to occur in any catalogue issued in this country; and within thirty days after a catalogue is issued, there will be a few stamps that it will be difficult to purchase at catalogue prices. The best parties to be able to judge of the values of certain stamps are the large dealers who are in touch with the market and know something of the supply and demand for certain stamps. There are a few collectors who are almost equally as well posted on the scarcity of some stamps as some of the dealers are. There are some who advertise as dealers who know very little about the real value of stamps. The Advance Sheets of Scott Stamp & Coin Co.'s new standard catalogue have been received up to and including British Honduras. The cut in some of the prices of the English Colonies has been quite severe. The 5sh Barbados of 1892 has been reduced to \$5.00; the 6d of the same issue to 90 cents. Several of the stamps of British Honduras are also cut in price. The stamps of Bechuanaland Protectorate are listed, with the exception of the 3d. As stamp importers here have received the 3d directly from there we know that there is such a stamp, notwithstanding all reports to the contrary.

Frank P. Brown, the well-known dealer, is on a vacation in Maine. B. L. Drew is also on a vacation; and Mr. Carpenter of the New England Stamp Co. sailed from Europe on his way home last Thursday.

The Canada 3c numeral surcharged 2c was received here Saturday; it is really an artistic job of surcharging.

In a former letter to the ERA, I had something to say about a 1sh. Great Barrier Island stamp. It was told to me that these stamps were used by a pigeon post, that was used in case of emergency to send messages.

Within the last ten days, I find there has been sent to parties in this country large quantities of them, said to have been used for postage. I have been shown by different parties over four hundred copies of this stamp. The pigeon post seems to be doing what would be called a lucrative business. In my estimation, there is about as much philatelic value to these labels as there would be to a label off a spool of silk.

Wednesday, August 2nd.

I have just seen a letter received by the New England Stamp Co. from Major Rathbone in which he states he has received a cablegram from Washington saying the new stamps for Cuba will be shipped on Aug. 15th, they will, therefore, not be on sale until Sept. 1st.

The Advance Sheets for the new catalogue up to and including Cuba 1898-99 issue arrived this morning. Cuba 1891 20c blue not priced. This is a stamp in good demand in unused condition and has been sold as high as \$3 in mint state. 4c orange 1898-99 quoted at \$1.

S. E. L.

From an Occasional Correspondent.

OTTAWA, CAN., 27th July, 1899.

The five-cent numeral was first issued from the stamp branch of the Canadian P. O. D. on Monday the third of July. This is official and may be accepted despite the assertions of numerous enterprising correspondents of small philatelic monthlies, who have been issuing it at regular intervals since March last. The same fry have issued the 2c red numeral, but as a matter of fact none are yet issued, if they are printed, and none will be issued until the surcharged three cents are exhausted.

The supply of surcharged 3c adhesives will probably be begun today or tomorrow, whenever the purple twos are exhausted, and there are sufficient to last about three weeks under normal conditions. There will however undoubtedly be sufficient philatelic demand for them to appreciably curtail the duration of the supply, and we may therefore count on selling the first of the red twos within a fortnight.

The quantity of surcharged 3c is variously stated to be 9,000,000 to 11,000,000 so that they will not be extremely rare. I have not found out if both types are surcharged, but there could not be many of the 4 maple leaves available for surcharging, and I should advise investment in any of these types found surcharged. The Department are not surcharging any of the 3-cent stamps called in from local post offices, but only the stock which had never been distributed by the postal branch; this makes one think they will all be of the numeral type. It was found that stamps returned into stock had drawn out of flat and that it was impossible to make the surcharge plate fit them. It is a great pity the whole of the small stock was not burned, instead of inflicting us with one or possibly two undesired surcharges.

I have seen a sheet of the surcharged stamps and the work is neatly done, from a prepared plate, in black ink, horizontally across the bottom of the stamp. I cannot detect any varieties.

The surcharge consists of the imprint "2 CENTS" in light block, almost skeleton, type. The figure "2" is higher than the word cents, and the latter is higher at the ends than in the middle, the upper edge of the word being concave. This will prevent typographic forgery. The length of the surcharge is 13½ mm.; the 2 is nearly 5 mm. high, while none of the letters are more than 3½ mm. high. The surcharge is neat enough and clear enough, but alas! that we should have once more fallen from our high philatelic estate.

We have not yet got statistics respecting the number of surcharged Canadian envelopes and letter cards that were issued, but there is no doubt that the 1877 envelope, surcharged or unsurcharged, must be rarer than the 2c purple, and I notice none of the dealers are throwing even the letters around as premiums with 25-cent maga-

zines. The fact is we will never hear much about any of the late Canadian entires or adhesives, of which there were only limited issues, because the big dealers did not get loaded upon the ground floor.

W. P. A.

From an Occasional Correspondent.

Nebraska Notes.

Friend Gregory in his New York column of *Mekeel's Weekly*, dated June 29 and issued June 22, excels himself in a neat play of words on our signature, translating M. A. B. into "May-be." Many thanks for the correction of our grammar Bro. Gregory, you see we don't speak English in Nebraska exactly as "she is spoke" in Nassau St., New York.

On all hands is evident proof that Nebraska is an enthusiastic philatelic state. One Omaha dealer who does no advertising whatever, reports an average counter business of \$200 per month, nine months in the year, and with him philately is only a side line.

By the way, the *Nebraska Philatelist* man is now being called "Canada Surcharge" Kennedy. Sad, isn't it?

Clarence Thurston, the son of Senator Thurston, once so active in Philately, is now attending Harvard University. He still retains his interest in Philately.

In the July *Philatelic West* I notice the ad of "Southern Stamp and Pub. Co., Birmingham, Alabama" offering \$1.00 Omaha, used, at 30 cents; \$1.00 Columbian at 50 cents, and other of the dollar values of that set at as ridiculous prices. Is not this another case of the deal worked by the "Monarch Stamp Co." of Georgia? It is good advice to wait awhile before taking advantage (?) of these bargains.

A local collector possesses the 2-cent violet of the 1891 issue of Hawaii in the same color as the 5-cent "black blue" of the same issue. Side by side the colors are identical, the 2-cent possessing such a black tinge that there is no doubt that it is *not* a changeling, but the result of the mixing of the ink.

The postmark on a specimen of the 3-cent on ribbed paper 1868 issue of Canada, bears the date of "May 2 68" in two lines. This is the earliest date I have seen recorded for the use of this stamp.

The annual convention of the Nebraska Philatelic Society meets the last of August in Omaha.

No effort is being made to have an exhibit of stamps at the Greater America Exposition this year. However, in the Colonial Building a youthful local dealer has placed three frames of stamps (?), such as Heligoland, Hamburg, Roman States. One frame is devoted to "Stamps of Our Colonies," being the cheaper stamps of Cuba, Porto Rico, Philippines and Hawaii.

M. A. B.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Canadian Items.

It is said that a certain Canadian monthly is to be included in the grand combination of stamp papers announced in the July *Stamp Exchange*.

R. G. Widdicombe announces in his Canadian Notes in the *Stamp Exchange* that the *Philatelic Advocate* is filling the unexpired subscriptions of the *Stamp Reporter*. News nearly three months old cannot be enjoyed very much by the readers.

Old 3c stamps surcharged 2c have been on sale at the Berlin P. O. since July 29th.

The D. P. A. secretary received ten applications for membership during July. And still they come.

Energy for July has appeared. It has resumed the old shape of *Canadian Philatelic Review*, which is certainly an improvement on the unwieldy shape in which the first two numbers appeared. In the stamp page is given an article taken from the *Outlook*, entitled "The History of a Stamp." It tells of a 12d Canada selling as high as \$1,500. This, however, can scarcely be credited when every philatelist knows that the stamp can be bought now for less than one-third this amount. The publishers of *Energy* say that the next number will have sixteen pages and that the stamp department is to be enlarged.

Mr. F. W. Snyder, a dealer of Trenton, Ont., is under the ban. This gentleman has claimed to be a married man 34 years of age, still he is a member of the Stamp Club of the *Toronto Mail and Empire* which does not accept as members, collectors over eighteen years of age. He has had trouble with philatelists in Berlin, Hamilton, Montreal and other places and legal action may be taken against him shortly by R. C. Bach of Montreal.

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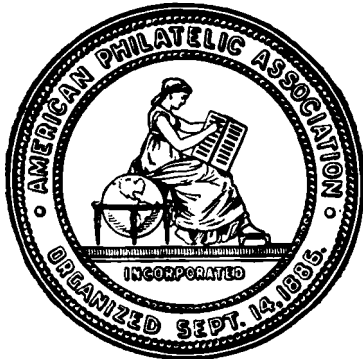
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Resignation Received.

370. **MAYER, EMIL**, New York City.
1017. **MEKEEL, G. M.**, St. Louis, Mo.

Change of Addresses.

945. **ROSENTHAL, EDW. M.**, from
Summit Ave. & 161st St., New York City,
to 529 44th St., Chicago, Ill.

19. **PHILLIPS, H. B.**, from 1315 Henry
St. to 1311 Grove St., Berkeley, Cal.

WM. N. HOWE, Secretary.

To the Members of the American Philatelic Association:

It will not be possible for me to be a candidate for office at the coming election.

WM. N. HOWE.

Portland, Me.

REPORT OF THE SALES DEPARTMENT.

GEORGE R. TUTTLE, Superintendent,
87 Nassau St.
New York City, July 29th, 1899.

858 books of stamps in circulation
according to my report of July
22nd, valued at \$27,729 61

7 books received since July 22nd
valued at 296.08

..... \$28,025.69

34 books retired since July 22nd, valued
at (from which has been sold
\$126.55) \$756.03

Total number of books in circulation
831, valued at \$27,269.66

GEO. R. TUTTLE,
Superintendent Sales Dept.

NOMINATION.

BOSTON, MASS., Aug. 3, 1899.

W. W. JEWETT, Portland, Me.

Dear Sir: At the request of a number
of Boston members, I desire to place in
nomination for the Board of Directors of
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J. M. Bartels of Washington, D. C.

Very truly yours,
A. W. BATCHELDER.

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" " " 1, 2, 5, 10c, used.....	.25
" " " 2c, used.....	.02
" " " Dues 1, 2c, used.....	.15
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" 1898-99 3c, used.....	.03
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From Our Regular Correspondent.

Topics About Town.

FROM NEW YORK CITY.

In my notes in a recent number of the ERA, I mentioned the fact that the firm of Humbert & Mack has dissolved partnership and stated the reasons as interpreted to me by Mr. Mack. I now learn that this gentlemen grossly misrepresented the facts in the case, which would wholly change the color of the "story."

The stock was offered to me by Mr. Mack for \$800.00 cash, gave his reasons for selling as previously mentioned in the ERA. I now learn that the senior partner of the firm—Mr. Humbert, was out of town at the time Mr. M. was so anxious to sell out. It now appears that Mr. Humbert had secured a position on a steamship, and upon his return was surprised to find the office vacant and his partner decamped for parts unknown. He had evidently secured a purchaser for the stock. I am unable to say to whom it was disposed, but it is claimed some out of town dealer invested a few hundred dollars in part of the unused stock.

This is the latest phrase to the story as given to the writer by a person who knows whereof he speaks.

Mr. I. A. Mekeel, publisher of the *Weekly Stamp News*, was in town last week. He reports stamp business booming in the various cities he passed through.

Messrs. J. C. Morgenthau & Co.'s publication the *Post Office* for July contains quotations from the United States installment from the "Advance Sheets" of Scott's 59th edition Standard Catalogue. Many surprises awaits the collector, U. S. have dropped on an average of 20%; among the most notable is the 90c 1869, from \$20 to \$14; 24c 1869, \$7 to 5; 90c 1856, \$40 to \$33. Among the Departments the 90c Justice has dropped only \$12.50—a mere trifle. The 1 and 24c Post Office on gray surface paper are now quoted for the unused, at \$1 and \$5 respectively. The \$5 (original) value of the last issue of Newspaper stamps is priced at \$25, and all the other values from \$1.50 down to 5 cents.

In revenues some prices have been cut nearly in two: for instance, the 2c orange Proprietary is now \$1, was \$2; hardly a stamp has escaped a cut.

Besides the foregoing this month's issue contains the address of Mr. Henniker Heaton, M. P., at the opening of the Manchester Philatelic Exhibition, and is quite a lengthy speech. Among the "Notes and Comments", which are always interesting and instructive, I note the following:

"Philippine Islands.—Another lot of surcharges has recently appeared on the stamps of 1898-99 issue. The old surcharge of over ten years ago was used, and strange

OUR ADS

Pay us great, but have been unfortunate in our advertising lately. We only had 12 sets of Chas. Marchand's and orders now run into the hundreds. Last week, either from our error or Brother Jewett's, L. & K. 36c was inserted 1½c. We have never seen this stamp, and, as we have on file want lists for it by the score, our trouble begins. It shows, however, the great demand for the New Private Proprietaries. A collection complete, of which our friends can be assured of from us, if they will have a little patience, at prices averaging as low as our competitors.

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Wilder 1c green, old.....	1.50		.50
Wilder 1c green, watermark.....	.75		.20
2c I. R. Inverted.....			.20
1898 W. C. Telegraph Co.....			.07
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Regret to say that the new design Cuban Envelopes will not be placed on sale before Sept. 1, 1899.

H. F. Colman,

1526 O St., N. W., Washington, D. C.

to say the value *reales* does not seem to awaken suspicion, whereas in the last issue the high values were *pesos*, and we understand that the *real* has been obsolete as a coin for some time. Probably the Madrid factory that was so prolific of fake Porto Rico surcharges has been at it again."

VOLUNTEER.

Philatelic Press Review.

By WM. C. STONE.

- Bric-a-Brac*, Vol. XXIV. No. 8, (248), August:
The Historic Strand.
- Deutsche Briefmarken Zeitung*, Vol. X. No. 7, July:
Mauritius Post Office Stamps.
Original Gum.
Miscellany.
- Ewen's Weekly Circular*, No. 81, July 22:
Advertisements largely.
- Filatelic Facts and Fallacies*, Vol. VII. No. 8, (80), May:
Rarity and Prices.
Brazilian Reprints.
Sale of Costa Rica Stamps.
- Lone Star State Philatelist*, Vol. VII. No. 11, (111), July:
Ante Convention Notes.
- Metropolitan Philatelist*, Vol. XI. No. 18, July 29:
South African Stamp Collectors.
- Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News*, Vol. XIII. No. 31, (448), Aug. 3:
Notes from Chicago, New York, Washington, Boston, and Canada.
Autaugaville Confederate Locals.
Mauritius Postal Rates.
- Nebraska Philatelist*, Vol. I. No. 5, July:
Omaha and Canadian Notes.
F. W. Rothery (with portrait).
Philatelic Items.
Miss Philatelia Tells Us.
Trans-Mississippi Philatelic Society.
- Philatelic Bulletin and Eastern Philatelist*, Vol. XXII. No. 11, (37), July:
Stamps of Schleswig Holstein.
Toronto Notes.
Old Dominion Notes.
Projection of Stamps Upon a Screen in Their Natural Colors.
- Philatelic Journal of India*, Vol. III. No. 6, June:
Reprints of Postage Stamps of British India.
Kashmir.
Notes from Home.
Handstamped Surcharges for Perak.
Stamps of the Native States—Alwar, Bamra.
New Discoveries in Portuguese India.
Stamps of Iceland.
Austria and Austrian Italy.
Poonch.
Notes and Extracts.
- Philatelic Literature*, Vol. II. No. 1, (7), July:
Brief Notes, Auction Catalogues and Advertisements.
- Der Philatelist*, Vol. XX. No. 7, (256), July:
In the Philatelic World.
Postal Matters on the Rhine 1814-16.
Postal System of the U. S. A.

Post Office, Vol. IX., (100), July:
Thirty-Cent Orange U. S. Imperforate.
Standard Catalogue 1900.
Manchester Philatelic Exhibition.
Notes and Comments.

Revue Postale, Vol. II. No. 7, July:
Future of Philately.
Polychromatic Stamps and the Essays for Andorra.
The Philatelic Month.
The Post in Mid Ocean.

Stamp Exchange, Vol. I. No. 4, July:
Notes on U. S. Colonials.
Talk About Stamps.
Our Exchange Notes.
Philatelic Pointers.
Annual Convention of the D. P. A.
Bundles of Contradictions.
Notes from Australia, Washington, England, and Canada.
Used or Unused.
Value of Stamps.

Tri-Monthly Collector, Vol. I. No. 16, June 3:
Facts and Fancies.
S. of P. Official Matter.

From a circular recently received I see that we are to have a new paper from Chicago in September. It will be called the *Chicago Philatelist*.

Wm. Sellschopp has been ill for a number of weeks which explains the late appearance of *Filatelic Facts and Fallacies*. The June and July issues are promised at intervals of one and two weeks.

The article on Costa Rica stamps is about an advertisement in a Central American paper concerning the recent sale of a lot of used stamps that were found in the post office. It is surmised that they were used on telegrams. There are from 43,000 to 72,000 each of the 5, 10 and 20-cent values but the others are in smaller quantities. No bids less than 1000 pesos would be considered.

The Autaugaville locals are the subject of a very interesting article in *Mekeel's Weekly*. An illustration is given of the recently discovered 5-cent envelope and there is also given an affidavit by the son of the postmaster who issued them. This gentleman is still in possession of the dies which were used by his father.

The Trans-Mississippi Philatelic Society has been fairly launched and has held its first election. Oney K. Carstarphen was elected president and C. E. Hussman vice-president. They are both of them hustlers and if anyone can make the Society succeed they can. Six new members have been admitted, bringing the total number up to 48. The *Nebraska Philatelist* was chosen official journal. The editor informs us that only persons residing west of the Mississippi are eligible to membership.

That is right and proper. I always have to laugh when I think of the D. P. A. with its Massachusetts attorney. Philatelic lawyers must be scarce in Canada.

About eighteen months ago the *Philatelic Journal of Great Britain* commenced the publication of a series of articles on the stamps of Schleswig Holstein. It was a most excellent work and on a subject which was new to most collectors. And now the *Philatelic Bulletin* has commenced publishing a series of articles on the same subject, which, while they will of course contain considerable matter which was in the others, also contain much new matter. It is one of the best articles that has appeared in the *Bulletin*.

Another good article is that describing the way of using a magic lantern in projecting pictures of stamps on a screen in their true colors.

It has been over a year since we have had the pleasure of chronicling the appearance of a number of *Philatelic Literature*. The one now at hand contains very little except auction lists and advertisements, but as most of the latter are of stamp papers it will be most welcome to literature collectors.

The *Stamp Exchange* announces a big consolidation in stamp papers within two months with a subscription list of over six thousand. I think I have a dim idea what it is.

The report of the D. P. A. convention is fully as good as that published in the official journal, barring the verbatim official reports. The correspondence in the *Exchange* is of a high order and contains very little gossip, and a great deal of news and information.

J. C. Morgenthau & Co. have the honor of being the first to publish quotations from the Advance Sheets of the new catalogue. Seven pages of the *Post Office* are devoted to it and they are mighty interesting. Only those stamps which have been changed in price are given and among those many reductions have been made. The pruning knife has been used quite liberally. One improvement in the catalogue will be welcomed by all. Minor varieties of shades etc. are now included under the chief variety, bearing the same number, but called a, b, c, etc., and are given in smaller type. I shall await the arrival of the book with some impatience.

The *Philatelic Journal of India* has a host of good things this month. The article on Indian reprints is particularly valuable for it describes some stamps which most of us never before heard of and will probably never see, much less own. The present paper describes the reprints of the

provisional service stamps and the stamps with "Service" in small type. Of the former there were eighty stamps surcharged in black and the same number (one sheet) in green. This last color does not exist in the originals. Of the long fiscals with surcharge there were 200 reprints of each value and the same number of the ½ anna receipt stamp. The notes on the stamps of Poonch are quite interesting for they reveal the existence of a hitherto unlisted stamp dating from 1876 as the first issue. Under the heading "Notes and Extracts" is found a tremendous mass of valuable clippings from various papers, all of more or less value.

Two plates which accompany *La Revue Postale* show eight essays for the Principality of Andorra printed in several colors by a new polychromatic process. They are not noted for clearness and it is to be hoped we shall be spared any permanent issue like them.

Chicago Philatelic Society.
651 Marquette Building.

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577 38th St.
- CHAS. SCHLIECKERT, Treasurer,
106 Seminary Ave.
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- CHAS. S. SMACK, Librarian.

CHICAGO, July, 1899.
The 301st regular meeting was held July 6th, 1899, in Society's room, 651 Marquette Bldg. Meeting was called to order at 8.30 P. M., with Mr. C. E. Severn, President, in the chair. Present: Messrs. C. E. Severn, Schlieckert, Massoth, Pierce, Lefever, Smack and Doncyson. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

Mr. Severn was requested by the Governing Board to ask Mr. Edgar Nelson if he would kindly exhibit his collection at our room some evening during his intended visit to Chicago.

A motion prevailed that we have a "Donation Auction" for the benefit of the Society, in September. Lots to consist of stamps contributed by members. Mr. F. N. Massoth was appointed custodian (to whom all contributions should be sent).

There being no further business the remainder of the evening was passed in trading etc.

S. T. S. DONCYSON, Sec'y.

The 302nd regular meeting was held July 20, 1899, in Society's room, 651 Marquette Bldg. Meeting was called to order at 8.10 P. M., with Mr. C. E. Severn, President, in the chair. Present: Messrs. C. E. Severn, Massoth, Oesch, Smack, Schlieckert, Lefever and Doncyson. Visitor present: Mr. E. C. Dodd of Chicago. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

Motion prevailed that we make arrangements to ship philatelic papers etc. to Mr. F. Doughty as soon as possible. The following named members were appointed as a committee to have all papers packed and shipped at an early date: Messrs. Lefever, Schlieckert and Doncyson.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9.00 P. M.
S. T. S. DONCYSON, Sec'y.

Correspondence.

[The editor wishes it distinctly understood that he does not hold himself responsible for assertions made under this head, nor does he necessarily sanction any ideas or opinions expressed. All are invited to contribute to this department, with the above understanding, and all communications deemed suitable or of interest to our readers will be published.]

August 2nd, 1899.

Editor of the PHILATELIC ERA,
Portland, Me.

Dear Sir: I notice in last week's issue a letter from the Sterling Stamp Co. in regard to the Porto Rico postal card, and am pleased to learn that they were sold at the office at San Juan. There is no reason why the statement of these gentlemen should be doubted and the reply which the Department will probably receive in a few days will doubtless explain the history of its issue which was without the knowledge of the authorities in this city. A specimen was sent me with the request to investigate its history, which I did as far as possible and the result I published in my regular notes without any intention of harming anyone.

In regard to the Cuban envelopes in blue paper, I beg to state that our firm is not offering them for sale at present. When it was rumored that there was a possibility of the issue being speculative we withdrew our advertisements, but were unfortunately too late in one instance. We have considerably less than a package of each in our possession.

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Facts and Fancies.
S. of P. Official Matter.

From a circular recently received I see that we are to have a new paper from Chicago in September. It will be called the *Chicago Philatelist*.

Wm. Sellschopp has been ill for a number of weeks which explains the late appearance of *Filatelic Facts and Fallacies*. The June and July issues are promised at intervals of one and two weeks.

The article on Costa Rica stamps is about an advertisement in a Central American paper concerning the recent sale of a lot of used stamps that were found in the post office. It is surmised that they were used on telegrams. There are from 43,000 to 72,000 each of the 5, 10 and 20-cent values but the others are in smaller quantities. No bids less than 1000 pesos would be considered.

The Autaugaville locals are the subject of a very interesting article in *Mekeel's Weekly*. An illustration is given of the recently discovered 5-cent envelope and there is also given an affidavit by the son of the postmaster who issued them. This gentleman is still in possession of the dies which were used by his father.

The Trans-Mississippi Philatelic Society has been fairly launched and has held its first election. Oney K. Carstarphen was elected president and C. E. Hussman vice-president. They are both of them hustlers and if anyone can make the Society succeed they can. Six new members have been admitted, bringing the total number up to 48. The *Nebraska Philatelist* was chosen official journal. The editor informs us that only persons residing west of the Mississippi are eligible to membership.

That is right and proper. I always have to laugh when I think of the D. P. A. with its Massachusetts attorney. Philatelic lawyers must be scarce in Canada.

About eighteen months ago the *Philatelic Journal of Great Britain* commenced the publication of a series of articles on the stamps of Schleswig Holstein. It was a most excellent work and on a subject which was new to most collectors. And now the *Philatelic Bulletin* has commenced publishing a series of articles on the same subject, which, while they will of course contain considerable matter which was in the others, also contain much new matter. It is one of the best articles that has appeared in the *Bulletin*.

Another good article is that describing the way of using a magic lantern in projecting pictures of stamps on a screen in their true colors.

It has been over a year since we have had the pleasure of chronicling the appearance of a number of *Philatelic Literature*. The one now at hand contains very little except auction lists and advertisements, but as most of the latter are of stamp papers it will be most welcome to literature collectors.

The *Stamp Exchange* announces a big consolidation in stamp papers within two months with a subscription list of over six thousand. I think I have a dim idea what it is.

The report of the D. P. A. convention is fully as good as that published in the official journal, barring the verbatim official reports. The correspondence in the *Exchange* is of a high order and contains very little gossip, and a great deal of news and information.

J. C. Morgenthau & Co. have the honor of being the first to publish quotations from the Advance Sheets of the new catalogue. Seven pages of the *Post Office* are devoted to it and they are mighty interesting. Only those stamps which have been changed in price are given and among those many reductions have been made. The pruning knife has been used quite liberally. One improvement in the catalogue will be welcomed by all. Minor varieties of shades etc. are now included under the chief variety, bearing the same number, but called a, b, c, etc., and are given in smaller type. I shall await the arrival of the book with some impatience.

The *Philatelic Journal of India* has a host of good things this month. The article on Indian reprints is particularly valuable for it describes some stamps which most of us never before heard of and will probably never see, much less own. The present paper describes the reprints of the

provisional service stamps and the stamps with "Service" in small type. Of the former there were eighty stamps surcharged in black and the same number (one sheet) in green. This last color does not exist in the originals. Of the long fiscals with surcharge there were 200 reprints of each value and the same number of the 1/2 anna receipt stamp. The notes on the stamps of Poonch are quite interesting for they reveal the existence of a hitherto unlisted stamp dating from 1876 as the first issue. Under the heading "Notes and Extracts" is found a tremendous mass of valuable clippings from various papers, all of more or less value.

Two plates which accompany *La Revue Postale* show eight essays for the Principality of Andorra printed in several colors by a new polychromatic process. They are not noted for clearness and it is to be hoped we shall be spared any permanent issue like them.

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Mr. Severn was requested by the Governing Board to ask Mr. Edgar Nelson if he would kindly exhibit his collection at our room some evening during his intended visit to Chicago.

A motion prevailed that we have a "Donation Auction" for the benefit of the Society, in September. Lots to consist of stamps contributed by members. Mr. F. N. Massoth was appointed custodian (to whom all contributions should be sent).

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Motion prevailed that we make arrangements to ship philatelic papers etc. to Mr. F. Doughty as soon as possible. The following named members were appointed as a committee to have all papers packed and shipped at an early date: Messrs. Lefever, Schlieckert and Doncyson.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9.00 P. M.

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From Our Regular Correspondent.

Washington Notes.

Thursday, August 3rd.

I have just received information from Havana that the new envelopes and wrappers are not to be put on sale there until the new stamps arrive, so we shall probably have to wait until about September 1st for them according to present indications. I also learned that the surcharged envelopes are almost entirely exhausted at Havana and that the Postmaster has ordered a new lot including new sizes and colors, just what I don't know yet. The object being to test the demand for various grades there. It seems probable that the Cuban envelopes will eventually include a much larger variety than was at first anticipated.

I just received the copy of the 2c surcharged on buff from a friend in Havana. This bears the heading of Miro y Otero. The firm who got the 1c buffs and my correspondent states that they ordered these quite recently, expecting to get the new issue, and were much surprised to get these. It makes a very handsome envelope, their heading being done in red. It begins to look as if you can get almost anything down there now, blue, buff, white or amber. The most peculiar thing about this business to me is this: What are they holding back the new issue envelopes for, and surcharging envelopes of the same denomination as the new ones unless it is being done for the benefit of stamp dealers, or it may be they have decided at Havana to work dealers and collectors alike.

W. H. Elliott, Director of Posts for Porto Rico, arrived in Washington this week and reported at once at the Post Office Department to confer postal matters and to submit a report of the operations on the postal service on the Island. After transacting his business with the Department he will go to New Castle, Ind., where he will complete arrangements for moving his family to Porto Rico.

Yesterday the Navy Department was informed that the Yosemite sailed Monday from Manila for Guam, where Capt. Leary will be installed as Governor of the new American possessions, succeeding Lieut. Kaiser, who has been acting Governor on the appointment of the Admiral. I think if we get the stamps of Guam before the 15th of October we will be fortunate.

Mr. H. F. Dunkhorst and J. M. Bartels have just returned from Atlantic City, where they have been for some days.

HERE! I will sell any stamp in stock at 50% discount from catalogue or better. Calvin C. Brackett, Garland, Me.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Montreal Notes.

The 3-cent numerals surcharged 2 cents were put on sale here last Saturday and I believe that there is a good supply on hand. I fear that some of the Ottawa dealers have secured some sheets with the surcharge inverted—how?

As yet no surcharge on the Maple Leaf issue has been seen here. The only plate number of the surcharge I have seen is No. 6.

During the four months of April, May, June and July, some 70 new post offices were opened in Canada. A large number of money order and saving bank offices were also added to the list.

Dealers report that business is on the increase and that each day brings in more orders.

Energy, of Berlin, Ontario, has been changed again and now appears monthly. No. 3 consists of eight pages and cover, pages are the same size as those of the Advocate.

Mauritius and British North Borneo are added to the list of countries which have adopted the 2-cent Imperial letter-rate.

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WHOLE No. 326.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Washington Notes.

Thursday, August 10th.

A most extraordinary order for surcharged Cuban envelopes has just come to light. It seems as if this order did not come through the regular channel as the previous orders have, and the Post Office Department were not aware that these stamps had been ordered until I sent a 2c buff to the Department asking if it were an authorized issue. In reply I received the following:

"In reply to your inquiry of the 31st ulto. I have to inform you that the records of this office indicate that no number 13 2c envelope have been made by direction of the Department for the Cuban postal service. The envelope submitted has been sent to the contractors for an explanation.

"There is authority for the issue of the 1c, 2d quality No. 13 envelope herewith returned.

"Yours respectfully,
"EDWIN C. MADDEN,
"3rd Asst P. M. General."

The Department received a reply from the contractors giving the number of envelopes which had been surcharged for Cuba as follows:

June 23—15,000 No. 13 1c buff.
5,000 No. 13 2c buff.
July 18 — 5,000 No. 1 2c white, 1st qual.
5,000 No. 2 2c buff.
5,000 No. 5 1c white.
5,000 No. 5 5c white.
5,000 No. 6 1c manila.
5,000 No. 7 4c white.
5,000 No. 7 2c buff.
2,000 No. 10 2c white.
2,000 No. 13 2c blue.
July 20 —50,000 No. 8 2c white.
50,000 No. 8 5c white.

Special request envelopes by S. F. Smith, Olrapia 127, Havana:

June 26— 2,000 No. 5 2c buff.
1,500 No. 5 2c blue.
1,500 No. 5 2c amber.

The contractors at Hartford, had no business to supply this lot of surcharged envelopes without first having authority from the Post Office Department, as the dies belong to the United States and therefore they have no right to use them without such authority, and have in all probability been called down by the Department.

It looks very strange indeed that the Officials of Havana would order surcharged envelopes of the same denomination, size and quality as they have in stock and refuse to sell to the public of their new de-

sign envelopes unless it is a money making scheme. I have presented the facts as they exist and you can draw your own conclusion.

They have not commenced printing the new stamps for Cuba as yet, as they have not been supplied with the new paper unless it has been supplied within two days. W. F. Neeley, Chief of the Finance Division of the Department of Posts of Havana was in town Monday, and expects to return to Havana about the 1st of September with the new Cuban stamps. He left here Tuesday evening for his old home, Muncie, Indiana. He came on to the States to purchase supplies for Cuba, such as letter-boxes and all sorts of things connected with post office matters.

The Department has just been informed by Director Vaillat that he has placed the surcharged stamps on sale, as he had run short of some denominations of the old stock and thought he might as well open up, so in all probabilities they will be on sale in this country within 10 days at the latest. He also ordered the following stamps and envelopes:

Postage Dues: 10,000 1-cent.
20,000 2-cent.
10,000 5-cent.
10,000 10-cent.
1,000 50-cent.

Envelopes: 50,000 No. 5 2-cent white.
50,000 newspaper wrappers.

The surcharged 15c and 50c stamps were sent to the Island about ten days ago. I forgot to mention that matter in my last week's notes.

H. F. COLMAN.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Topics About Town.

FROM NEW YORK CITY.

Since August has set in dealers report a decided falling off in receipts. However, it is expected that with the advent of the fall season the dealers will again experience a boom in the business.

I have been shown several copies of the present issue two-cent stamps without horizontal lines in the triangles in the up-

per corners. Two varieties were shown—no lines in right triangle, and, none in the left triangle. Another copy, the traces of but two faint lines could be perceived. To all appearances the varieties are caused by a worn plate, and not a new issue.

The new die of the four-cent envelope was first shown to me by Mr. J. H. Petersen. It comes in a new color, chocolate. The profile of Lincoln shows no improvement over the first die. One thing noticeable is the sedate look of "Honest Abe;" his hair is neatly combed and the absence of the night-mare expression is lacking. In regard to the resemblance, I must say it is a poor copy of this illustrious personage

It appears as though the *Stamp Exchange* is about to form a philatelic magazine trust. According to the full page announcements in the last issue of the *S. E.*, they will consolidate some of the leading philatelic papers with the *Stamp Exchange* in the near future.

I notice that the Pan American Exposition has received some recognition from the Post Office Department in the way of a postmark. Stamps leaving the Buffalo P. O. bears the following cancellation:

PAN AMERICAN
—1901—
EXPOSITION

VOLUNTEER.

From an Occasional Correspondent.

Springfield (Mass.) Notes.

The correspondent to last number of *Herald Exchange* must have been somewhat twisted when he wrote his notes, especially when he stated that our local stamp club would adjourn for the summer season. Our stamp club doesn't adjourn. It is in full blast with increased interest manifested at each meeting.

The last meeting of the club was held on August 4th at the residence of Mr. J. W. Prevost, and after the business and a lively auction sale, the "cranks" were royally entertained with a delicate collation prepared and served by his estimable wife. The whole was topped off with a luscious watermelon. It would make anyone smile to see how dexteriously the apparently sedate Dr. C. could bury his face in a huge slice of the delicious pulpy fruit.

We hear very little in the philatelic press regarding Springfield collectors or their collections, yet I doubt very much if any town can produce a greater number of real philatelists in proportion to its size than can this "city of homes."

Aside from Mr. W. C. Stone, who is known nationally to philately, we possess several other authorities in their lines, among them being Mr. H. D. Bartlett, who is an authority on U. S. postage and revenues, and who possesses one of the finest collections of the same in this section and does not stop at single specimens, but collects shades, and minor varieties, and has them in strips and blocks, many of them with plate number.

Mr. John W. Prevost takes a deeper interest in the stamps of France and her colonies than in other countries although he is a general collector. He is a recognized authority on French stamps and his opinion is frequently asked concerning those stamps by dealers in different parts of the United States.

Mr. E. B. Woodin's collection is specially fine in Chinese.

Mr. J. W. Witty's collection is not a large one, but what it lacks in size, it makes up to a certain extent in quality. His favorite countries being U. S. and British North America, and in these countries he is almost complete. He also possesses one of the much written about stamps viz.: a used 24-cent lilac imperforate with good margins.

Our popular secretary, Mr. Ed. D. Curtis, spent a couple of week's vacation in the vicinity of New Haven, but he evidently wasn't on a stamp hunt because he didn't bring back any New Haven locals.

The boy trade has evidently dropped off locally, because our local dealer has closed his shop and taken a vacation.

Mr. Stone ought not to be surprised to see his name appear as "Stove" in *Herald Exchange* because he is quite a "warm baby."

By the way, we local "cranks" hadn't heard of Mr. Stone's appointment as City Librarian, as recorded by *Herald Exchange*. You never told us, Willie. How could you slight us so?

It is to be hoped that somebody here will take interest enough in the philatelic press to write regularly. We ought to let the philatelic world know that we still live.

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Newspaper Clippings.

CUBAN POSTAL SERVICE.

Colonel Charles F. W. Neely, Director of Finance in the Department of Posts, at Havana, is in the city to purchase furniture for the new postoffice there. When seen yesterday at the Waldorf-Astoria Colonel Neely said: "The Postoffice Department in Cuba is now in first rate condition, thanks to the untiring efforts of E. G. Rathbone, the Director General of Posts. When we took charge there were no stamps in Havana. Letters were simply marked 'three cents' on one corner, and the officials at the Postoffice put the money in their pockets. If it was delivered at the other end of the line the carrier charged another three cents. General Rathbone laid in a supply of stamps at once, and turned his attention to revolutionizing things. There were one thousand stations in the island where mail was delivered. These were abolished, and two hundred and fifty regularly organized postoffices, with bonded postmasters, were installed to take their place. They are far more efficient. Next the General turned his attention to the system of transporting mail from town to town on the trains. No baggage cars are run on Cuban railroads, and it was customary to carry the mail in the ordinary passenger coaches under the care of a mail conductor. He would turn two seats together and spread out the packages for each town en route. It was carried in bags without any locks, and if the car happened to be crowded passengers might squeeze into the mail seats and jumble the packages all up in a heap. Incidentally, I might remark that the Spanish mail conductors paid from \$30 to \$60 a month for the privilege of having a train route. Of course they stole much more than that. General Rathbone lost no time in remedying this evil. He fitted the cars with mail compartments and distributing cases. The clerks are in uniform, and there is the same privacy as in a mail car in the United States. We pay clerks in this service \$40 a month. One of these resigned recently because he said he could not afford to work for that salary. He said that under the old Spanish administration he averaged \$300 a month.

"I wish you would say, for the benefit of the stamp collectors, that the new issue of Cuban stamps will not be ready for distribution before September 1. I am going to Washington Sunday to look after them. The plates are now being made in the Bureau of Engraving. The stamp collectors are worrying me to death. I have now at my office in Havana more than \$1,000, in sums ranging from 20 cents to \$300, waiting for the new issue to be put on sale."

FOREIGN MAILS FROM HAVANA.

At the Waldorf-Astoria, with Colonel Neely, is John B. Newman, superintendent of mails at Havana. He is here to consult

with Postmaster Van Cott and John W. Fiedemann, assistant superintendent of foreign mails, about the foreign mails from Havana. "We have as great a diversity of foreign mails as New York," said Mr. Newman, "although nothing like the quantity. Heretofore all the foreign mail from Havana has been going through the New York office, but this will be changed. It will now be started for its destination direct from Havana. In this way a great deal of time can be saved and the New York office will be relieved of much needless work in handling the mails in transit.

"When I went to Havana on February 1, the postoffice was in a delapidated old church that was filthy and infected with disease. There were no pens, no ink, not even a cancelling stamp. Thirty days before I arrived some small separating cases were received from New York. These constituted the entire equipment of the office. On April 30 we moved into the new building, in O'Reilly-st. I consider the new building modern in every respect. Even in the United States I have never seen one better equipped. It is plenty large enough for the present demands, but if the business goes on increasing as it has in the last six months the building will have to be enlarged in two years. The military and civil departments are kept entirely separate. In the military department none but Americans are employed. In the civil department only the heads are Americans. The subordinates are Cubans. I have found the natives very quick to learn, efficient and faithful. They make good clerks. We receive hundreds of applications daily from men in the United States who want places in the Cuban offices. All the places are filled, however, and there will be no more appointments from this country.

"We are sometimes hampered in the delivery of mail throughout the island on account of the lack of transportation facilities. The building of the Cuban Central Railroad would be a great thing for us as well as for the country generally."—*New York Tribune*, Aug. 6, 1899.

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Last week I mentioned that the three-cent stamp surcharged "2 cents" had been seen on plate No. 6. Since that time I have seen the surcharge on plate No. 5.
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Correspondence.

ANENT PHILIPPINES.

DEAR ERA:
A friend of mine in a letter from the Manila, Luzon, post office, under date of June 27, says: "The surcharged stamps will not be put on sale for several weeks to come because the present supply will not be exhausted until then or thereabouts and therefore I cannot send you the stamps requested until they are on sale." He also adds that nothing but stamps were with the consignment.

Respectfully,
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WATERLOO, IOWA, August 7, 1899.

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To Attend the Convention.

The following have signified their intention to attend the Convention in Detroit next month. Do YOU expect to go? If so we would be pleased to receive word to that effect.

- J. F. Johnson, Roxbury, Boston, Mass.
- W. H. Barnum, Cleveland, Ohio.
- H. C. Crowell, Cleveland, Ohio.
- E. R. Aldrich, Benson, Minn.
- Lewis Robie, Chicago, Ill.
- W. Kelsey Hall, Peterboro, Ont., Can.
- D. T. Eaton, Muscatine, Iowa.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Montreal Notes.

I notice that Mr. Giller heads his notes in last week's ERA with the assertion that one of our monthlies will join in the much talked of combination of philatelic papers announced by the *Stamp Exchange*. As Canada has only two philatelic monthlies, the *Philatelic Advocate* and the *Montreal Philatelist*, neither of which seems likely to change their present position, I am afraid the statement as made in last week's paper is not correct.

The Montreal Philatelic Association held its regular meeting on August 3rd at the rooms of the Association, seven members being present. Among other things discussed, was the advisability of the Association holding a public auction sale of stamps in the fall. Nothing definite was decided but it is expected that the matter will be settled later and that a first class auction will be arranged.



REPORT OF THE SALES DEPARTMENT.

GEORGE R. TUTTLE, Superintendent,
87 Nassau St.
New York City, Aug. 5th, 1899.
831 books of stamps in circulation according to my report of July 29th, valued at \$27,269 66
14 books received since July 29th valued at..... 1,523.34
\$28,793.00
33 books retired since July 29th, valued at (from which has been sold \$195.86) \$954.83
Total number of books in circulation 812, valued at. \$27,838.17
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" 10c "	30.00	
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" 5c gray lilac	250.00	
" 10c "	200.00	

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	1851-56	
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1c dark blue, type II	2.50	.25
1c blue, type III		10.00
1c dark blue, type III		10.00
3c dull red	1.50	
3c rose	2.50	
5c red brown	12.00	
5c brown	14.00	
10c green	.75	
10c yellow green	.75	
12c black	20.00	1.50
30c orange	150.00	
	1855-60	
1c blue, type II	1.00	
1c dark blue, type II	1.00	
1c blue, type III	.12	
1c dark blue, type III	.12	
3c rose, type II	.03	
5c brick red, type I	11.00	
5c red brown, type I	6.00	
5c brown, type I	3.50	
5c orange brown, type II	4.00	3.00
5c brown, type II	3.00	
5c orange brown, type III	4.00	2.00
5c brown, type III	—	2.00
10c dark green	2.50	.35
12c black	2.00	.75
24c lilac	6.00	4.00
24c gray lilac	6.00	4.00
30c orange	10.00	6.00
90c blue	22.00	33.00
Set of Reprints, perf. 12,	100.00	
	1861 August	
3c brown red	60.00	
10c dark green	75.00	10.00
	1861 September	
1c blue	.30	.04
1c ultramarine	1.00	.15
1c dark blue		.15
5c buff	7.00	

IF SOME ONE

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10c dark green	2.50 .10	<i>1870-71 National Print, Embossed</i>		3c green	.06 .05
12c black	1.50 .30	2c red brown	.10	4c ultramarine	.02
24c red lilac	10.00 1.00	6c carmine	3.00	5c chocolate	.10 .03
30c orange	5.00 .45	7c vermilion	6.00	5c pale brown	.10 .03
90c blue	15.00 3.00	30c black	20.00	6c purple	.07
90c pale blue	3.50	90c carmine	6.00	6c red violet	.07
		<i>Same, Without Embossing</i>		8c magenta	.04
2c black	1862-66 .45 .04	2c red brown	1.50 .02	10c black brown	.03
3c scarlet	80.00	3c green	.03	10c gray black	.03
5c brown	4.00 .30	6c carmine	3.50 .12	30c orange brown	.30
15c black	5.00 .45	7c vermilion	6.00 .50	50c slate blue	.50
24c lilac	4.00 .30	10c brown	6.00 .15	\$1.00 salmon	3.25 2.50
		10c yellow brown	6.00 .15	\$2.00 brown red	2.50 1.75
<i>1867 Wove Paper, Embossed</i>		12c dull violet	8.00 .40	\$3.00 yellow green	3.00
3c rose, covering entire back	35.00 15.00	15c bright orange	5.00 .40	\$3.00 olive green	3.00
3c rose, same imperforate	50.00	24c purple	12.50 1.50	\$4.00 crimson lake	4.75 4.00
3c rose, 13x16mm.	20.00 6.00	30c full black	12.00 .25	\$4.00 rose carmine	4.75 4.00
3c rose, " imperf.	25.00	90c carmine	15.00 1.25	\$5.00 black	6.00 5.00
2c black, 12x14mm.	30.00				
1c blue, 11x13mm.	5.00 1.00	<i>1873 Continental Print</i>			
2c black, "	.20	1c dark ultramarine	1.00 .03		
3c rose, "	5.00 .04	1c ultramarine	.08	1894	
3c lake red, "	.20	1c gray blue	.08	1c pale ultramarine	.10
10c green, "	.60	2c brown, ribbed paper	.25	2c pink, triangle I	.07
12c black, "	.40	3c green, "	.50	4c dark brown	.01
15c " "	4.00	6c dull pink	.05	6c dark red brown	.03
1c blue, 9x13mm.	4.00 .75	7c orange vermilion	.50	8c puce	.03
1c pale blue, 9x13mm.	4.00 .75	10c brown	5.00 .05	50c orange	.80 .35
2c black, "	.10	10c yellow brown	5.00 .05	\$1.00 black	1.50 1.50
3c rose, "	2.00 .05	12c blackish violet	10.00 .40	\$2.00 sapphire	3.00
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10c yellow gr'n, "	.50	90c rose carmine	6.00	<i>1895 Same as 1894 Watermark U. S. P. S.</i>	
10c dark green, "	.50			2c carmine, triangle I	.12 .02
12c black, "	.40	<i>1875</i>		2c carmine, triangle II	.10
15c " "	1.00	2c vermilion	.04	3c purple	.01
24c gray lilac, "	5.00	<i>1879 American B. N. Co. Print</i>		4c dark brown	.08
30c orange, "	3.50	1c ultramarine	.05	5c chocolate	.08
90c blue, "	12.00	5c blue	1.00 .04	6c dark red brown	.12 .02
		6c pink	.03	8c puce	.02
<i>1875 Reissue, Without Embossing</i>		10c yellow brown (Nat'l plate)	.07	10c dark green	.15
1c blue	10.00	10c black br'n (Cont'n'l plate)	.50	15c dark blue	.25
2c black	12.50	15c red orange	.15	50c orange	.10
3c brown red	20.00	15c orange	.25	\$1.00 black	.45
5c light brown	12.50	30c full black	.08	\$5.00 dark green	5.75 1.75
10c green	15.00	30c greenish black	.15	<i>1898-99 Same as 1895 Wmk. U. S. P. S.</i>	
12c black	20.00	90c carmine	.75	1c dark yellow green	.02 .01
15c black	30.00			4c lilac brown	.06 .01
24c deep violet	30.00	<i>1882</i>		5c blue	.07 .01
30c brownish orange	40.00	5c yellow brown	.50	6c magenta	.08 .02
90c blue	40.00	5c brown	.05	10c yellow brown	.12 .01
		1c ultramarine, re-engraved	.02	15c olive	.18 .03
<i>1869 Embossed</i>		6c rose, "	2.50 .06		
1c buff	1.25 .60	10c brown, "	.30	<i>Trans-Mississippi Issue</i>	
1c brown orange	1.25 .60	10c yellow brown, "	.35	1c dark yellow green	.02 .01
2c brown	1.00 .12	10c black brown, "	.25	2c copper red	.04 .01
2c yellow brown	1.00 .12	<i>1883</i>		4c orange	.06 .13
3c blue	.75	4c blue green	.12	5c dark blue	.08 .05
6c blue	.55	<i>1887</i>		8c violet brown	.12 .06
10c yellow	6.00 .75	3c vermilion	.12 .10	10c gray violet	.15 .05
12c green	4.00 .50	1c ultramarine, new design	.06	50c sage green	.65 .45
15c brown & blue	3.00	<i>1888</i>		\$1.00 black	1.30 1.00
15c " (picture framed)	6.00 1.50	4c carmine	.12 .02	\$2.00 orange brown	2.60 2.00
15c dark brown & blue	6.00 1.50	5c indigo	.03	<i>(Continued next week.)</i>	
24c green & purple	12.50 5.00	30c orange brown	.65 .35		
30c blue & carmine	15.00 2.50	90c purple	2.25 .90		
90c black & carmine	35.00 14.00				
		<i>1890-93</i>			
<i>1875 Reissue, Without Embossing</i>		2c carmine, cap on left "2"	.10 .03		
2c brown	7.00 7.00	2c " cap on both "2"	.15 .05		
3c blue	12.00 12.00	3c purple	.02		
24c green & purple	12.50 12.50	6c brown red	.12 .04		
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Postal Card Society of America.
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Mobiles Not Typographs.
New York, Boston and Canadian Notes.

The "Catalogue for Advanced Collectors" in the *American Journal of Philately* finishes up Uruguay this month. The varieties of perforation in the issues of the last few years are enough to make a saint swear, to say nothing of the poor stamp collector who has to measure them to see whether his specimen is the 13x14 or the 13½x14 variety. It makes us sigh for the old style catalogues which ignored all those distinctions. But for an encyclopedic work like this catalogue, it is perfectly correct to include them. To my mind, however such variations should have been given as minor varieties in small type.

The history of the Eagle and Franklin Carrier stamps is ably presented in Mr. Luff's article. From the official records it would appear that only 300,000 of the latter were issued, but probably very few of them were sold to the public, as they were withdrawn after being in use from Sept. 29 to Nov. 17, 1851. They were, however, good for postage after that date.

The *Australian Philatelist* in its leading editorial, gives a brief review of the progress made by the federation movement and also takes a backward view of the colonial history.

At the beginning of the century New South Wales comprised the whole of the territory now divided into New South Wales, Queensland, Victoria and Tasmania. In 1825 Tasmania, (then called Van Diemen's Land,) was erected into a Crown colony. In 1851 Victoria was formerly erected into a separate province, and in 1859 Queensland. South Australia was settled independently in 1836 and Western Australia became a Crown colony in 1829 and autonomous in 1891. The present situation is this. Victoria, New South Wales and South Australia have by popular vote approved of the bill for federation and Queensland has passed the bill through both houses of the legislature and it will be voted on by the people September 2. Tasmania's legislature has also approved the bill and it will be submitted to the people at an early date. Just what the situation is in Western Australia I have not been able to learn, but as this colony has already voted once for federation, it will no doubt do so again. With these six different series of stamps replaced by a single set for the Commonwealth of Australia it will not be so difficult to keep track of the stamps of this land. Let us hope that the uniform perforating machines will be used on the new issues!!

I thought I had seen the last of the list of the "Hundred Rarest Stamps" that has been going the rounds of the papers, but *O Coleccionador de Sellos* reprints it with prices from Senf's latest catalogue. It shows some rather queer inconsistencies. For example; No. 17 is the 1 real Spain 1859 unused, 800 marks; No. 52 is the Zurich 4 rappen, unused, 4000 marks, and No. 95 is the same stamp, used, for 2000 marks. Just about one-half of the list is unpriced.

Did you know that there had been a stamp exhibition at Manchester, England? Fact. The *Monthly Journal* and the *London Philatelist* are full of it this month. On the whole I think the report in the *Journal* is the best as it gives the full report of the various banquets, etc. that formed part of the exhibition. As most of our papers will probably give reports of the exhibits, I will not attempt to review them, but will content myself with stating that there were no less than 180 Cape of Good Hope "wood blocks" exhibited by one man, and six Canada 12 penny stamps by another. Don't you wish you had been there?
(Continued next week.)

Extra, Special.

[From a Regular ERA Correspondent.]

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10, '99.

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News of New Stamps.

NOTE.—Readers of the WEEKLY ERA are invited to send us any early information they obtain regarding new issues of stamps. We shall also be pleased to receive the loan of specimens of newly issued stamps (for purpose of illustration), which will be promptly returned, or equivalent value sent in United States stamps if preferred.—THE EDITOR.

HOLLAND.—Mr. A. W. Dunning informs us that the new issue for Holland is out, and favors us with specimens showing the two new designs, which we illustrate:



The issue contains the following denominations: $\frac{1}{2}$ c purple, 1c red, 2c brown and $\frac{1}{2}$ c green, of the $\frac{1}{2}$ c type; 3c orange, 5c rose, $7\frac{1}{2}$ c brown, 10c slate, $12\frac{1}{2}$ c blue, 15c red brown, 20c yellow green and 25c brown with green medallion, of the 3c type as given above.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Washington Notes.

Thursday, August 17th.

Up to date the surcharged Philippines have not reached the city, which is rather strange, as I noticed that they have been received in Boston. The surcharged Dues and Envelopes were sent yesterday to the Philippines and now we will all have an opportunity to see if they will refuse to sell the Due stamps to collectors and dealers as is the case in Porto Rico.

After writing my notes last week and sending same to the paper I was at the Department and they informed me that the following postage dues had been ordered and surcharged for Cuba:

100,000	1-cent.
100,000	2-cent.
20,000	5-cent.
10,000	10-cent.

This information was however published in the ERA of last week on page 407. I am under the impression that these stamps will be sold to stamp collectors and dealers. While I know nothing about it, it looks very much as if the officials in Cuba are

willing to increase their revenue by accommodating stamp people. The new issue stamps for Cuba will be ready the 20th, but they will not be shipped directly to the island, as Charles F. W. Neely, Director of Finance Department of Posts, will take them with him on his return to Havana the last of this month. In any event these stamps will not be placed on sale before the first week in September, as Mr. Neely will not leave the U. S. until the 31st inst.

Mr. Guy A. Camp correspondent for *Meekel's Weekly* is spending two weeks' vacation at St. George's Island, and J. M. Bartels is also spending a few days down the river.

H. F. COLMAN.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Our Boston Letter.

Tuesday, August 15th.

The Canada 3c, with maple leaves in the four corners, surcharged 2 cents, was received here last Thursday. It is said that there will not be a great many of them obtainable that are well centered. They are selling here at from 6 to 10 cents each for fine copies, and some speculation is being made in them. The Hawaii 5c red of the 1894 set, is also in good demand, and selling at 8 cents each in quantities. There seems to be considerable speculation lately in stamps; where formerly it was U. S. and revenues, it is now other lines. I have been shown a type-written letter, said to be issued weekly here, giving points on what stamps to buy for investment, and at what prices they can now be obtained. A weekly letter giving points on the stock market is nothing new; but I never knew before that there was one on the stamp market.

The 1890 issue of Serbia has for some time past been very scarce in the market. About the only way to obtain a set was when some one broke up a collection. In that case, the set readily brought from 75 cents to \$1.00. The remainders have now been put upon the market. The set is quoted by one of the leading English dealers at 62 cents. The set is offered in this country at 35 cents.

I have seen the 18c of Mauritius, 1897 issue, surcharged 6 cents. It is also

rumored that the Government is to surcharge U. S. stamps with the official number of the post office which carries the stamps in stock. The object is said to be the identification of the stamps in case of burglary.

I notice that one of the leading stamp papers also publishes the clipping from the *London Philatelist*, mentioned in my letter last week, about the so-called Great Barrier Island stamp; and in said paper there are four different advertisements advertising this mythical postage stamp. Every collector, who has bought one of these stamps, should insist upon having his money refunded. In the Advance Sheets of the new Catalogue this stamp is chronicled and illustrated. The question is "Why?"

S. E. L.

From an Occasional Correspondent.

Noted by the Way.

The new Canada 2c surcharge is in great demand among collectors generally and the large number issued, both numeral and maple leaf type, makes the ruling price low, within reach of every collector, many ordering in blocks. The demands for blocks of these stamps seems to equal that for single copies. In fact it seems to me that during the past two years there has been a growing tendency among many collectors to collect, particularly one's favorite country or countries, in blocks as well as singles. I have especially noted this, among general collectors as well as specialists, in the matter of Canada and Newfoundland. The general beauty of design, color and engraving found in the stamps of these northern neighbors makes them deservedly popular and the opportunity of collecting in blocks afforded by the quite numerous issues of the past two years, which can be secured at a comparatively small advance over face, has led many collectors to exercise their fancy in this direction. Mint blocks make a beautiful showing, adding greatly to the attractiveness and value of ones collection. While too expensive a side line for the collector of average means to pursue generally, still he can at a moderate outlay follow it to some extent in the matter of a favorite country. For the specialist in color and shade varieties these show up more beauti-

fully and distinctly in blocks, and make a very fine and interesting display if one has the means to indulge his taste along this line.

However, to return to the subject of Canada's latest contribution in the line of a surcharge. The total number is estimated at from nine to eleven millions of which a correspondent in Ottawa informs me, as near as he has been able to learn, about three millions are of the maple leaf type. In plate numbers I have seen 5 and 6 of each type. The surcharge being from a prepared plate the chances are that no distinct varieties will reward the searcher after such. However the specialist who goes in for slight variations from the normal can find a few. I have noticed on some specimens quite a variation in the thickness of the figure and letters which make up the surcharge. I have seen this on different parts of the same sheet and it is doubtless due to a little variation in the quantity, or spreading, of the ink. I have also before me some sheets showing quite a pronounced minor variety in the left hand stamp of the bottom row. In these the figure 2 slopes abruptly backward and downward from the second curve instead of slightly curving outward and downward as in the normal type. The C of cents shows perhaps an even more marked variation and might be termed "flat topped." The upper line of the letter instead of curving up and over as in the normal type extends straight across with a slight downward slant. The difference is quite marked and the stamp showing this slight double variation really gives quite a distinct minor variety. In every sheet that I have examined I have also found in the sixth row from the top a strip of four stamps each showing a slight variation from each of the others in the letter E. The strip comprises the 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th from the left side. Slight variations in the various dimensions of the letter E are found in these four stamps and in the fifth stamp the upper bar is quite apparently longer than in any of the others and also has a slight curved appearance between the ends instead of sloping downward as in the normal type. The height of the letter is also a trifle less than in the adjoining stamp on each side. In the sixth stamp the upper bar of the letter is a trifle shorter than in the fourth and fifth and the downward slant is more pronounced than in any of the other three stamps of the strip. In the seventh stamp there is scarcely any downward slant to the upper bar which is almost perfectly straight across. The strip of four stamps would probably prove of interest to the specialist. A few other very slight variations might be noted in a sheet but these I think are the most pronounced.

I have the Canada 2c purple numeral in five quite distinct shades, three are very distinct and comparatively might be designated as purple, red-purple and mauve.

The ½c, 1c and 8c numeral also are each found in two shades.

I see in a recent number of the ERA S. E. L. in his Boston notes speaks of the 3c Newfoundland Cabot coming with the top row of the sheet imperforated. It also comes with the bottom row the same way.

I note the two shades of the Puerto Rico 8c on U. S. recently mentioned. The two shades, are distinct and I also have seen two distinct shades of the 1c, one having a grayish cast as compared with the other, and two of the 5c. Has anyone seen the 2c in the salmon shade? Speaking of these what a pretty little showing one can make in shades of our current 2c stamp from a pale pink to the salmon and handsome lilac-pink which appeared not long ago and is certainly a very distinct shade from any other printing of the stamp.

GEO. S. MCKEARIN.

The Editor's Shears.

BRITISH STAMPS USED IN THE SPANISH WEST INDIES.

Previous to 1877 the native post offices of the Spanish West Indies carried only internal correspondence; foreign mail matter was forwarded either by the steamship companies, or else through the consulates. Branches of the British post offices were established in 1865. The same conditions and regulations applied to the conveyance of letters from these branches as to those posted from home offices. As ordinary British stamps were used, the postmarks are the only means of determining where they were used.

At Havana stamps were first put on sale. The letter rate was 1sh per ½ oz., and the stamps used was the 1sh green, wmk. heraldic emblems, which only catalogues 8d (when posted in Great Britain). For book postage was 1d per oz., but the only known stamp of smaller denomination than the shilling is the 4d of 1862. The stamp in its ordinary use is another common value, but in 1867 three other denominations, and another shilling issue, which catalogues somewhat higher are known to have been put on sale. They were the rod red-brown, the 1sh green, and the 2sh blue, wmk. spray of rose, and the 5sh wmk. Maltese cross. The best of these, singly, is only worth 2sh 6d, but an entire envelope with this stamp and the Havana postmark, though many doubtless were used during the next ten years, would be prized at many times this price.

Simultaneously with the opening of the British post office branch in Havana stamps were put on sale at the consulate in the capital of Porto Rico. Lower denominations than the above-mentioned, it is known, were sold at this and other places, though the rates were the same as those in Havana.

At that time the place was not commonly called San Juan, and Porto Rico is the name found on the postmarks.

Santiago was thirty years ago another important harbour for British sailors. It is therefore probable that many letters bearing British stamps left what was then the post office of St. Jago de Cuba. The stamps discovered to have been used at this port are of a common variety; but there are others than philatelists who would be glad to possess a set with the mark of the Santiago post office.

Eight years after this system had been established in these Spanish colonies, at four other places in Porto Rico were branches opened. These were the ports of Ponce, Aguadillo, Arroyo and Mayaguez. The stamps used were of the variety sold at the home offices from 1873 to 1877.

In the latter year the Spanish West Indies joined the Postal Union, the same year that Porto Rico, which had hitherto used surcharged Cuban stamps, issued adhesives of her own.

As to stamped envelopes of Great Britain, there is no record of any ever being sold at these ports, but it is possible that some were used.

The above seven branches were the only ones known to have been established by the post office department of the United Kingdom. Hence letters from the interior, or other outside places, which went through the British offices were franked with a native stamp, as well as with the postage for foreign correspondence.—*Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser*.

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ANOTHER NOMINATION.

EDITOR WEEKLY ERA:
I notice by your paper that Mr. P. M. Wolsieffer of Chicago, and W. N. Howe of Portland have declined the nomination as

candidates for members of the Board for the ensuing year, for which I am sorry, as they are both capable and worthy of the honor, if such it can be called.

Now I am informed that Mr. J. M. Bartels of Washington, D. C., is being urged to accept the nomination in place of Mr. Howe which I think is a good one, but have not heard anyone mentioned for Mr. Wolsieffer's place.

Now I think this place should be filled by a western man and I desire to nominate Mr. D. W. Osgood of Pueblo, Colo., as one of the members of the Board. There is no doubt but that Mr. Osgood will accept and if elected will do his share for the good of the society.

D. T. EATON.

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To Attend the Convention.

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Maple Leaf ½c to 10c, complete; Numeral ½c to 10c, complete; 16 stamps; 2 shades Imperial 2c; surcharge Maple Leaf and Numeral 2c on 3c red, and Maple Leaf 2c Post Card; The Set, post paid, One Dollar. Without the 10c, 75 cts. [28
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Unused Snaps . . .

Newfoundland 1897, Jubilee 5c.....	\$0.06
" " 2c orange.....	.03
" " 1898 ¾c olive.....	.01
" " 1c yellow green.....	.02
" " 2c carmine.....	.03
" " 3c orange.....	.04
British Guiana 1889-91 1c green.....	.02
" " 2c mauve and orange....	.03
India 1897 1a maroon.....	.03
Jamaica 1889-91 1p lilac and mauve.....	.03
Cape of Good Hope 1893-96 1p red.....	.03
Trinidad 1896 ¾p lilac and green.....	.02
" " 1p lilac and carmine.....	.03
Bermuda 1884-93 ¾p green.....	.02
" " 1p carmine rose.....	.03
New Zealand 1893 1p rose.....	.03
" " 1p lilac.....	.05
Leeward Islands 1890 ¾p green and mauve.....	.02

All above unused and fine. Postage 2c extra.
DEALERS' SNAP:
 6 fine copies \$1.50 Inland Exchange,
 6 " " 2.00 Mortgage,
 6 " " 3.00 Charter Party,
 6 " " 1899 Western Union,
The Lot Post Paid for a Dollar.

1c Express, imperf., fine, lightly cancelled, horizontal strip of four..... **\$3.00**
\$1.00 Lease, Imperf.

This stamp isn't found on the Bargain Counter very often. I will send a lightly cancelled copy, good margins all around for an even dollar, or a good specimen, not so well margined, for 75c. Will make special price for 5 or 10 copies, cash or good exchange.

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Unused Stamps.

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" " 1897 ½, 1, 2, 2½.....	.17
Rhodesia 1898 1 pound, re-engraved	6.50

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Agriculture 1c yellow	3.50	3.50
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3c "	.30	
10c "	6.00	
12c "	8.00	
15c "	3.50	
Executive 1c carmine	8.00	8.00
2c "	8.00	8.00
3c "	6.50	6.50
6c "	15.00	15.00
10c "	10.00	10.00
Interior 2c vermilion	.10	.10
12c "	.50	
Justice 1c purple	1.50	1.50
" 2c "	3.00	3.00
" 10c "	3.00	
" 12c "	3.00	
" 15c "	6.00	6.00
" 24c "	17.00	17.00
" 30c "	20.00	20.00
" 90c "	37.50	37.50
Navy 1c ultramarine	1.25	1.25
" 2c "	.50	.50
" 6c "	.50	
" 12c "	1.50	1.50
" 15c "	3.00	
Post Office 1c black, grayish p	1.00	*
" 6c " white p	.20	
" 6c " grayish p	.30	
" 10c " white p	1.35	1.35
" 15c " "	1.00	
" 24c " "	1.00	1.00
" 24c " grayish p	5.00	
" 30c " white p	1.00	
State 1c dark green	2.50	2.50
" 2c "	5.00	5.00
" 6c bright green	.75	.75
" 7c dark green	3.00	
" 10c "	3.00	
" 12c "	4.00	4.00
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" \$2 black and green	22.50	22.50
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Treasury 1c brown	.15	
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" 10c "	.50	.25
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60c Inland Exchange.....	.15	.07
70c Foreign Exchange.....	.12	.06
\$2.00 Conveyance.....	.15	.07
\$3.00 Charter Party.....	.25	.10
5c third issue.....	.10	.04
24c 1870, used.....	2.00	.70

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OR A 2c Canada Surcharged Envelope, unused and entire.

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Canada Surcharged

2c on 3c Maple Leaf 3c each
 2c on 3c Numeral 3c "
 Bl'ks of 4 or more either of above 2½c "

Did you pay three hundred per cent. more for your Maple Leaf? When will you learn wisdom? It costs you nothing to get your name on our mailing list but it costs you good money every day you neglect to do so.

The New Issue of Cuba
 All the Adhesives including Special and all the Envelopes entire and unused,
50c Postpaid.

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War 1c rose	.50	
" 24c "	.20	.20
(Only rose color given in place of two colors in 98th.)		
1879—American B. N. Co. Print		
Interior 2c vermilion	.08	
" 6c "	.08	
Treasury 90c		1.00
War 12c rose red	.20	.20
" 30c "	.20	.20
POST OFFICE SEAL STAMPS.		
Registered		
1872 green	.25	.25
Officially Sealed		
1877 brown (Post Obitem)	3.00	3.00
1879 brown	.10	.10
1888-89 Typogr'd, brown, imperf.	.50	
" " perf	.05	
" light " "	.05	
Type Set, black, imperf	.05	.05
1891 " '79, brown, roul.	.05	.05
SPECIAL DELIVERY.		
1885-94 10c blue (at any office)	.06	.06
10c orange	.06	.06
10c blue	.04	.04
1895 10c blue, wmkd. U.S.P.S.	.02	.02
NEWSPAPER STAMPS.		
1865—Colored Border		
5c dark blue	15.00	
5c light blue	25.00	
10c blue green	5.00	
10c green	7.50	
10c pelure paper	7.50	
25c carmine red	5.00	
25c orange red	6.00	
1875—Continental Print		
2c black	.50	.50
3c "	.75	.60
9c "	10.00	10.00
10c "	1.00	
12c rose		1.50
24c "	2.00	
36c "		1.50
\$1.92 dark brown	5.00	
\$3 vermilion	7.00	
\$6 ultramarine	12.00	
\$9 yellow	20.00	
\$12 blue green	25.00	
\$24 dark gray violet	35.00	
\$36 brown red	45.00	
\$48 red brown	60.00	
\$60 violet	75.00	
1879—American B. N. Co. Print		
2c black		.35
3c "	.60	
4c "	.40	.40
6c "		1.00
10c "	.40	.40
1885		
1c black		.25
24c carmine	2.00	
36c "	2.00	
48c "	5.00	
60c "	5.00	
72c "	8.00	
84c "	10.00	
96c "	8.00	
1894—Bureau of Engraving Print		
10c intense black	1.00	
1895		
2c black	—	
5c "	—	

25c carmine	—	
50c "	—	
Same as 1895 Type Wmkd. U.S.P.S.		
1c black	.05	
2c "	.10	
5c "	.15	
10c "	.30	
25c carmine	.65	
50c "	1.25	
\$2 scarlet	1 50	
\$5 dark ultramarine	25 00	
\$10 green	1.50	
\$20 slate	1.50	
Set	30.00	
UNPAID LETTER STAMPS.		
1879—American B. N. Co. Print		
1c yellow brown	.15	
2c "	.15	
5c "	.40	
1c brown	.10	
30c "	1.00	
50c "	5.00	
1889		
2c red brown	.01	.01
3c "	2.00	.75
5c "		.10
10c "		.05
30c "	.75	.60
50c "	1.50	.60
1891-93		
1c bright claret	.03	
2c "	.01	
3c "	.05	
5c "	.10	
10c "	.08	
30c "	.75	.50
50c "	1.25	1.00
1894—Bureau of Engraving Print		
1c claret	.12	
2c "	.25	
3c "	.25	
5c "	.40	
30c "	1.00	
50c "	2.00	
2c vermilion	—	
3c deep claret	.18	
10c "	—	
30c "	.60	.50
50c "	1.00	1.00
1895—Wmkd. U. S. P. S.		
3c deep claret	.08	.03
5c "	.12	
30c "	.60	.40
50c "	1.00	.65
ENVELOPES.		
White Paper		
1853-55		
3c red, die 1	1.50	.20
3c " " 2	1.25	
3c " " 3	25.00	
3c " " 4	7.50	
3c " " 5	.25	.05
6c "	2.00	2.00
6c green	5.00	
10c green, die 2	20.00	6.00
10c " " 4	8.00	5.00
Buff Paper		
3c red, die 1	1.50	.15
3c " " 2	3.00	.75
3c " " 3	5 00	2.00
3c " " 4	10.00	
3c " " 5	.25	

6c red	2.50	2.00
6c green	4.00	3.00
10c " die 2	6.00	2.00
10c " " 4	4.00	2.00
1857-61 White Paper		
3c red	.75	.20
4c blue and red	10.00	8.00
6c red	—	—
10c green	—	—
Buff Paper		
3c red	.50	
4c blue and red	10.00	
6c red	—	—
10c green	—	25.00
1c blue, period after Postage		.75

(Continued next week.)

Philatelic Press Review.

By WM. C. STONE.

Das Blaue Blatt, Vol. I No. 2, August 1: Advertisements only.

Der Briefmarken Sammler, Vol. IX No. 8, August: St. Thomas and Prince Islands.

Buenos Aires Filatelico, Vol. III No. 112, June 22: The Argentine Philatelic Society. Bolivian Surcharges. The Value of Stamps. The Secret of Jose.

Filatelic Facts and Fallacies, Vol. VII No. 10, (82), July: The Market. Notes on the History of the Hawaiian Post Office. Canadian Postal Regulations. Luxemburg 1 s. g. Stamp of 1852.

Herald Exchange, Vol. VI No. 6, (36), August: Pony Express. Pertinent Paragraphs. U. S. Notes. Fourth Annual Convention D. P. A. Errors and Omissions. Canadian Letter. Advance Prices 1899-1900 Catalogue.

Madrid Filatelico, Vol. III No. 31, July: Philatelic Statistics. What a Catalogue Teaches. Forgeries—Carlist Stamps.

Metropolitan Philatelist, Vol. XI No. 20, August 12: Washington Notes. San Francisco Notes. Great Barrier Island. English Letter. Post Office Files to be Burned.

New York Philatelist, Vol. VI No. 5, August: Second Convention of the E. S. P. S. C. W. Brown (with portrait). William M. Verbeck (with portrait). Inside History of the Rise and Fall of the 1891 Due Stamps. Philatelic Abuses. Great Tallapoosa Fraud.

Philatelite Francais, No. 65, July: Postage Stamps of the U. S. Telegraph Stamps of Belgium. Echos from Round About.

The first paper on my list *Das Blaue Blatt* is a new one to me. It is enclosed in a bright blue cover to be in keeping with its name, and I suppose all the advertisers are true blue. I hope that the

patrons of the paper do not feel blue after answering the numerous announcements! A large number of the "ads" are those of dealers in view postal cards.

Buenos Aires Filatelico, commencing with July 15th, will be changed from a weekly to a monthly magazine, lack of time being the principal reason for the change. It has been a good weekly and ought to make a first class monthly. I hope it will drop its fiction department however, and be a philatelic paper pure and simple.

The first installment of the extracts from the letter books of the Hawaiian post office that were alluded to in the last issue of *Filatelic Facts and Fallacies*, are given in the July number of the paper. They are decidedly interesting and show how the postage was paid on foreign mail matter and also give some facts concerning the 1859 numeral stamps. The extracts and notes cover a period of some thirty years, from 1850 to 1880. A list of the postmasters is given, and from it we learn that King Kalakaua held the office for two years from 1863-65.

A very readable account of the famous Pony Express is found in the *Herald Exchange*. A list of the stamps is given, but aside from that, it does not go into any detail concerning them.

Quotations from the advanced sheets of the new catalogue are given covering the general issues and the officials.

Madrid Filatelico contains a description of some forgeries of the Carlist ½ real stamp issued for Valencia. The differences are shown very clearly by means of measurements given in parallel columns.

Eight pages more of the addenda to M. Galvez catalogue are given as a supplement this month.

The English letter in the *Metropolitan Philatelist* contains a list of the English railways that have adopted letter fee stamps, and the Scottish and Irish list will follow next time. An account is given of the accumulation of papers etc. in the post office department at Washington that have been ordered destroyed.

The *Philatelite Francais* contains another chapter of the history of the Belgian telegraph stamps, and it is very full in all its descriptions of the different types. When completed it will leave but little to be wished for.

A retired collector tells in the *New York Philatelist* how he broke the market price of the 30 and 50 cent postage due stamps of the 1891 issue. His method was to send bricks to himself with insufficient

postage on them, and by an arrangement with the post office folks received lightly cancelled stamps of the above denominations. Why bless you, we pretty near wore out one brick here, putting it through the mill over and over again. I have a very pretty strip of the 30-cent pinks, as well as specimens of the stamps mentioned above.

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Stamps contains a full report of the legal proceedings that are being taken against Harry Hilckes & Co. A provisional liquidator, or receiver as we should say, has been put in charge of the store pending the result of the proceedings.

Grant Francis is commencing a series of papers on the stamps of Western Australia which bid fair to be of great value. They are full, without being so terribly scientific that the ordinary collector cannot grasp them. I shall await the remainder with considerable interest.

The *Virginia Philatelist* completes its second volume with the August number. A title page and very good index accompany it. I consider this paper as one of the best that I receive and most certainly is from a typographical point of view. Its contents are always well selected, well written, and on interesting topics. There is an absence of that "know it all" spirit which is found in so many of our periodicals. As the official journal of the Southern Philatelic Association, Virginia Philatelic Association and the Postal Card Society of America it reaches a good constituency and I trust it has a long life before it. I wish I were going to be able to be in Richmond when the S. P. A. holds its convention there next month.

A good historical sketch of the Argentine and its early republican rulers is given in the *Philatelic Advocate*. Philatelists ought to be pretty well acquainted with the faces of some of the Argentine statesmen, but I guess information beyond what we get in the catalogue will be of interest to all. I trust the rest of the portraits will be written up some day in this paper. On pages 129-131 of the *American Philatelist* for February, 1894, will be found a list of portraits that had appeared on postage stamps up to that time with brief mention of each person. Over twenty of the Argentine portraits are described in the list.

A very interesting article in *Die Post* describes and illustrates the hand-stamps that were in use in the Ottoman Empire prior to the issue of postage stamps. The article is supplementary to one which appeared in 1897.

Stamp Talk has a good article by Wm. M. Verbeck on "U. S. Revenues Old and

New." It is written in such a way that it is not a mere dry statement of facts but gives the story of the various issues so that without wading through a long list of statistics, etc., one can see just why and when the various issues were put forth. It is not of course for the advanced collector, but even he will not sneer at it. It is illustrated with a ½-cent revenue pasted on the page. Quite a novel idea, and how dreadfully expensive! Or has it been discovered that philatelic papers should pay a tax of ½-cent each? Some of them ought to pay more! It would be a good way to thin them out some.

Wm. Sellschopp has just purchased a very fine collection from Mr. Giffard of Honolulu which is described at length in the last number of *Filatelic Facts and Fallacies*. It is of course rich in Hawaiians, but Australia shows up with twenty-three Sydney Views, and other rarities in profusion. One feature of the collection is the large number of "Specimen" stamps and government reprints that it contains. With the collection, was also acquired a lot of extracts from press copies of letters from the Honolulu general post office which are to be published in the next number of *F. F. and F.*

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Stamps on Approval at 50% discount. H. D. WARREN, 470 K St., N. W., Washington, D. C.

Cash paid for collections, duplicates, stamps in lots. F. PUTNEY, JR., Box 944, Providence, R. I. [30]

Ink, one pint, any color, 10c; Camera Cigar Holder, 10c; Cigar Pipe, 10c; Keen Edge for Razors, 10c; 10 pieces Sheet Music, vocal or instrumental, 20c; Circular free. AMERICAN SUPPLY CO., Dept. 22, Fitchburg, Mass.

Two Bargains: 5c black N. Y., on cover, double line at bottom, not priced by Scott, beauty, \$17.50. Set reprints 1856, all priced copies, a beautiful set, \$80.00. H. L. Whitney, Care B'ham Nat'l Bk., Derby, Conn.

Oddities Wanted! Dealers and collectors are requested to send me on approval, all kinds of oddities in U. S. Adhesives (Postage and Revenue), and entire Envelopes. Some of the things wanted are: Mistrikes, double strikes, albinos, partial albinos, proofs, essays, double perforations, stamps and envelopes surcharged "Canceled," "Specimen," "Sample," etc. No fancy prices paid! Register valuable letters. Reference 1st Nat. Bank of Cambridge, Mass. A. W. DUNNING, Newton, Mass. Member of A. P. A., B. P. S., S. I. P. S., Etc. [7c]

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WHOLE No. 328.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Washington Notes.

Wednesday, August 23rd.

Third Assistant Postmaster General Mattern has just made the first shipment of the new Cuban postage stamps to the Director of Posts at Havana. It consists of the following stamps:

1,500,000	1-cent.
2,000,000	2 "
400,000	3 "
1,800,000	5 "
400,000	10 "
50,000	Spec. Del'y 10c

He also shipped at the same time the postage due stamps, which are the same as the ones used in this country with the word "Centavos" printed on them. The lot consists of the following:

100,000	1-cent.
100,000	2 "
20,000	5 "
10,000	10 "

The new Cuban stamps which correspond in size and color to the stamps used in this country are more showy and will undoubtedly be in great demand by collectors.

Postmaster General Smith yesterday issued an order declaring that the use of the words "private mailing cards" on printed matter or cards, which do not conform to the prescribed size and quality of cards, is unauthorized, and that such cards, accordingly, are unmailable. He also authorized the New York and Porto Rico Steam Ship Co. to deviate from the course prescribed by its postal contract in order that the steamers which are to carry relief supplies may go direct to San Juan.

The Post Office Department have most of their records moved to their new quarters. After reading the editorial in the *Metropolitan* I decided to go down and see if I could not gaze at some of the old files, which it is alleged would have a great many locals and various other stamps attached to papers and letters contained in the files. A friend who had charge of moving the files looked over a great many letters from 1845 to 1851 in my presence and there was not a stamp on a single letter, as in almost every case they were marked free. I don't know but as far as I am concerned I would not give a \$10 bill, (especially if I had to look for them myself) for all the stamps found on letters

in the Post Office Department. It may be that there was a time when the files contained valuable stamps, if so, I think they have been taken.

I met Mr. Chas. F. W. Neely, Director of Finances, Department of Posts of Havana, at the Post Office Department the other day and had quite a nice interview with him. He said that the receipts for stamps in Cuba amounted to about \$1600 a day, but that included however the stamps sold to dealers in the U. S. He further stated that he had more than a barrel of orders for the new Cuban stamps and envelopes. These stamps will not be placed on sale until Mr. Neely arrives in Havana, which will be about the 1st of September, as he sails from New York on the 26th of this month. He will have to receipt for these stamps to General Rathbone, so if they arrive there before he does they could not be placed on sale, as he has entire supervision over the stamp supplies.

H. F. COLMAN.

From an Occasional Correspondent.

Springfield (Mass.) Notes.

I had no idea that my few notes from this interesting town would cause so much talk. Judging from the number *suspected* of being "gully" of penning the notes, about one-half of the local collectors contributed to that column. The real culprit has not been discovered yet, and the curious ones are entitled to another guess.

From present appearances there will be no representative from this city to the A. P. A. convention to be held in Detroit.

The stamp club met on the 18th with Mr. J. W. Witty and after the usual routine business, "stamp swaps" and sale, refreshments in the shape of ice cream, cake and lemonade were served. There were about twenty present, including ladies. During the evening there was shown by the host a stamp, quite unique if a genuine. The stamp in question is the 13c red 1853 Hawaii. It cannot be a reprint because it has the characteristics of the originals, viz: the two small dots in upper right hand corner square and the flattened "3" in upper left hand corner. The paper, however, is very

decidedly *vertically laid*, the lines being about two millimeters apart. If a genuine original it must have been an early printing from the plates, because the impression is cleaner and the lines finer than on an original on wove paper reposing beside it in the same collection.

Can anyone throw any light on the question? Are any of those stamps known to exist on laid paper?

Springfield has a merchant who can neither read nor write and who dabbles in stamps as a side issue, yet he can buy stamps for less money and get better prices for worthless stuff than can our regular dealer. This merchant is not a collector either.

Dame rumor has it that our local stamp dealer is about to retire from the business and locate in Bridgeport, Ct.

Wm. B. Hale, the philatelic rambler, paid a flying trip to this town last week, but his sales were not numerous this time.

One of our members, Dr. C., boasts of having purchased a bundle of common entires from a Boston dealer (one F. P. B.) for 50 cents. It is quite evident that the same bright young dealer did not carefully examine his stock before selling, because one of those entires contained a block of 17 unused 3c 1879 U. S. The doctor was quite satisfied with his purchase.

STAMP CRANK.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Our Boston Letter.

Tuesday, August 22nd.

B. L. Drew & Co. held their 38th auction sale last Saturday P. M. The attendance was rather small, but the prices realized were fairly good, considering what was offered. Some lots were sold at bargain prices, and some brought seventy-five per cent. and upwards of catalogue.

The advanced prices of the new catalogue for unused Hawaiians show that the 1853 50c stamp will be quoted at \$6.00; the \$1.00 stamp of the same issue at \$8.50; the official set at \$2.50.

The U. S. stamps surcharged for the Philippines reached here, in large quantities, last Saturday. The various dealers report that the stamps arrived all stuck together, and a great many of them are wretchedly centered. A perfect set, well centered, with original gum, is rather a scarce article. Out of one lot of one thousand sets, not one set is perfect. A fine set ought to be worth at least 50 cents.

I am pleased to note the ERA's new departure in illustrating new stamps. I think the illustrating of new issues is one of the most interesting features of a stamp paper. The new issue of the Netherlands was received here to-day, and is a very attractive set. The ERA's chronicling these new stamps is a decided scoop upon the other weekly papers. One paper, in its so-called chronicle of new issues, often lists stamps after they have been on sale for months.

Mr. Bartels, the Washington correspondent for the *Metropolitan*, in his notes of Aug. 14, states that "Two specimens each of the 1887 1c blue were found on blue and oriental buff with 1890 watermark," and that "The specimens are entire and unused, without any kind of printing on them," and "The present owner values them at \$100 and \$150 each."

Mr. Bartels claims to get "inside information." Will he investigate and inform us if these envelopes were issued for use? It looks very much to me as though they were "samples," that had been kept by some one who could tell us more about them. Before accepting these envelopes as regular issues, let Mr. Bartels prove that they were issued for use, and not secured by favor.

There are many things about Mr. Bartel's Washington notes that would "puzzle a Philadelphia lawyer" to explain. In June, he states that Postmaster-General Smith says our postal authorities have no longer any connection whatever with postal affairs in Cuba. Hereafter all envelopes will be ordered from the Hartford contractors. Any order given by the Director General will be recognized and filled, as it will no longer need the approval of the U. S. Postoffice Department. Now, on Aug. 9, Mr. Bartels states: "The Director General has been ordering all kinds of envelopes directly from the contractors in Hartford without the knowledge of the Department in this city." "The Department has reprimanded the contractors, stating that they had no right whatever to use the U. S. envelope dies without the consent of this government." In regard to the 2c green on amber, that Mr. Bartels refused for a long time to recognize, (Mr. Bartels stated that Major Rathbone said that only white envelopes were surcharged); but under Aug. 9 he says that the 2c green on

amber was properly authorized. Will Mr. Bartels kindly explain these apparent inconsistencies to the Philatelic public?

S. E. L.

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[The editor wishes it distinctly understood that he does not hold himself responsible for assertions made under this head, nor does he necessarily sanction any ideas or opinions expressed. All are invited to contribute to this department, with the above understanding, and all communications deemed suitable or of interest to our readers will be published.]

ST. LOUIS, MO., Aug. 17th, '99.

W. W. JEWETT,

Portland, Me.

Dear Sir: In your valued paper of August 12th, I see under "Correspondence," that the surcharged Philippines would not be used for some weeks to come. I wish to state that I received the 1c, 2c and 5c surcharged to-day on newspapers and a letter sent to me.

I also wish to state that "Indianapolis" cancels to order; each stamp cancelled with circular cancel mark "Indianapolis" at top and "Ind." at bottom in curved lines, and "U.S.A." in straight line in the center.

Very truly,

FRED G. FUESSEL.

JUSTICE TO MR. GREGORY.

KINGSBRIDGE, N. Y. CITY,

August 24, 1899.

MR. W. W. JEWETT.

Dear Sir: Mr. W. F. Gregory, president of the New York Branch A. P. A., for several terms president of the National Philatelic Society, father of an interesting family of, I believe, twelve children, a prominent and active member of the Collectors Club, and an all round good fellow, whose character is assailed by the insinuations of your New York correspondent, is unfortunately in Europe, and not likely to return for some six or seven weeks, when no doubt he will personally give our friend "Volunteer," the dressing down he richly deserves.

In the meantime I beg to state that, we philatelists, including "Volunteer," are a small coterie indeed as compared to the general philatelic public, *who know*, that

not the slightest thought of any doubtful dealings can attach to the name of Mr. W. F. Gregory.

Respectfully yours,

M. C. BERLEPSCH.

EXCHANGES.

One notice is allowed each subscriber free if sent *with* his remittance, extra notices will be inserted at the uniform price of 10 cents each insertion. Non-subscribers 15 cents each insertion. Positively cash with notice. All notices must be for *exchange* and limited to thirty words, exclusive of the address, and must be written on a separate piece of paper. Notices offering articles for sale for cash, or offering to purchase for cash cannot be inserted here as they do not come under this head.

Exchange desired with collectors for medium or high priced stamps. Can use some common Foreign stamps. Send 50 or more and receive the same catalogue value in U. S. stamps. E. A. Kelly, 713 La Salle St., Ottawa, Ills.

I wish to exchange a few unused Centennial 3c green envelopes, with printed return request, for Rebellion revenue stamps of the larger denominations. What can you offer for them? M. Littlefield, Woburn, Mass.

I have a very fine used specimen of the \$5.00 Documentary surcharged on \$5.00 Newspaper and Periodical, to exchange for \$7.50 worth of good stamps, catalogued from 10c to 50c. Also stamps for stamps. Geo. D. Weeks, Jr., Cr. Garfield Nat'l Bank, N. Y. City.

I am a portrait artist and I also collect stamps. Will make you a fine portrait for fine stamps. For particulars, reference, etc., address, R. E. Edmunds, 518 New Era Bldg., Chicago, Ill. [30]

The 3c "Scarlet" 1861 is usually conspicuous by its absence. A thin proof makes an excellent "space-filler" for this rarity. I have one that has been neatly gummed and perforated, also a pair in same condition, to exchange for best offer in U. S. or Proofs. A. E. Chase, Box 1173, Brunswick, Me. [29]

Here! I will take your duplicate stamps or job lots at ½ cat. (with few exceptions) in exchange for my stamps at catalogue. Write, Calvin C. Brackett, Garland, Me. [16]

Old coins, stamps and plate Nos. to exchange for Omaha top plate Nos. 653, 67, 71, 79, 85, 87, 91 and 94. Also Periodical bottoms \$5 and \$50 for same in tops. J. B. Holmes, Bloomington, Ill. [29]

Here! Wanted a Scott's latest International Album 2 Vol. Edition, in exchange for stamps. Write, Calvin C. Brackett, Garland, Maine. [16]

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Job lots: 1000 mixed Revenues, 50c; five 7c vermillion for \$1.00; six 90c orange for \$1.00. CHARLES KING, 214 East 11th St., New York City.

Beautiful Canada Revs., 20 var., 10 cents post-paid. F. L. HOOPER, Sta. D., Baltimore, Md.

Notice. I am prepared to examine, bid on and purchase stamps offered at the New York Auctions. Commission: 20% cata. value of the stamps purchased. References. J. F. Duhamel, 220 Broadway, N.Y. City.

1000 U. S. postage stamps from 1851 to 1894 inclusive, for 70 cts; 500 for 45c. A good mixture. E. A. KELLY, 713 La Salle St., Ottawa, Ill. [30]

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ABOUT PROXIES.

As proxies are not used in the election of officers it is the opinion of one of the Association's Vice-Presidents that it is not necessary they should bear a 10c Documentary stamp. Therefore let no member fail to send his proxy on this account.

To Attend the Convention.

The following have signified their intention to attend the Convention in Detroit next month. Do YOU expect to go? If so we would be pleased to receive word to that effect.

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The attention of Resident Vice-Presidents of Branch Societies is called to Article XI. of the By-Laws relating to reports. They should be sent to the Secretary not later than September 5th.

Respectfully,
WM. N. HOWE, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE SALES DEPARTMENT.

GEORGE R. TUTTLE, Superintendent,
87 Nassau St.
New York City, Aug. 19th, 1899.
821 books of stamps in circulation according to my report of Aug. 12th, valued at \$28,019.62
14 books received since Aug. 12th valued at 347.29
Total number of books in circulation 835, valued at \$28,366.91
GEO. R. TUTTLE,
Superintendent Sales Dept.

ANOTHER NOMINATION.

BROOKLINE, MASS., Aug. 21st, '99.
Mr. Wm. N. Howe,
Secy. Am. Phil. Asso.,
Portland, Me.

Dear Sir: It gives me great pleasure to be able to nominate for one of the Directors of the American Philatelic Association, to be voted for at the election to be held in Detroit, Mich., in September, Mr. Hiram E. Deats, of Flemington, N. J. Mr. Deats is too well known as an ardent and thorough philatelist to need any introduction to the members and I bespeak for him their hearty support at the election.

Very truly yours,
GEO. L. TOPPAN.



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 " " " 2c on 3c 1877, verm., " " " 15c
 " " " purple, entire, unused..... 40c
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 Brazil 1894 700 reis, 16c; 1000 reis, 7c; 2000 reis. . 20c
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59th "Standard" Prices.

We quote the following new prices from the Advance Sheets of the Scott Stamp & Coin Co.'s 59th Catalogue, and include all prices that have been changed from the 58th Edition—all prices not given remain the same as before, and where a stamp that was priced in the last edition and will not be in this, a dash appears. This year minor varieties are given in smaller type and lettered a, b, c, d, etc., but we shall not follow this style for various reasons.

ENVELOPES. *New. Used.*
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 1861

Inscriptions in open letters and figures of value at sides in small circles.
 3c pink, buff p 10
 3c " orange p —
 Value and U. S. POSTAGE in smaller inner oval.
 Large figures of value at sides.
 10c green, white p 1.00
 10c " buff p 1.00
 12c brown & red, buff p 5.00 5.00
 20c blue " 7.00 7.00
 24c green " 7.00 7.00
 40c red & black, " 8.00

1863
 U. S. POSTAGE above. Large figure 2.
 2c black, buff p. 1.25 1.25
 2c " orange p. — —

1864
 U. S. POST above.
 2c black, die 1, buff p 50 .40
 2c " " 2, " 40 .40
 2c " " 1, orange p 30 .30
 2c " " 2, 2.00 2.00

Head of Washington.
 6c pink, white p 75 .75
 6c " buff p 50 .50
 9c yellow, buff p 6.00 6.00
 9c orange, " 2.00 2.00
 12c red brown, buff p 3.00
 18c red, buff p 2.00
 24c blue, " 2.00
 30c green, " 2.00
 40c rose, " 2.00
 6c purple, white p 75 .75
 3c brown, buff p 75 .75
 6c purple, " 75 .75

1870 *Reay Issue White Paper*
 1c blue 50 .40
 2c brown 30 .20
 3c green 10 .03
 6c carmine 50 .50
 10c brown 2.50 2.50
 12c plum 3.00 3.00
 15c orange 4.00 4.00
 24c purple 4.00 4.00
 90c carmine 5.00 5.00

Amber Paper
 1c blue 1.00
 2c brown50 .15
 3c green15 .03
 6c carmine50 .40
 7c vermilion 1.50 1.50
 10c brown 2.50 2.50
 12c plum 3.50
 15c orange 4.00 3.00
 24c purple 4.00 4.00
 90c carmine 5.00

Cream Paper
 3c green20 .05
 6c carmine75 .50
 12c plum 4.00
 24c purple 5.00 5.00
 90c carmine 5.00

Orange Paper
 1c blue50 .10
 2c brown25 .10
 1874 *Plimpton Issue White Paper*

1c blue, die A 3.50
 1c dark blue, die B 1.00

It is better

to have been born lucky with nothing but condensed milk and poverty in sight, and raise in after years a fine crop of Peruvian bark, pulchritude whiskers, than it is to have a gold draped cradle and a silver spoon in your gills, but through life unlucky and forever shy on whiskers. Our luck in getting stamps where others fail is recorded now in history. Branca Bros. expected daily. What else in these stamps do you want?

LEWIS ROBIE,
430 N. State St., CHICAGO, ILL.

Western Union Telegraph Co.

Cat.		Cat.	
1872	\$6.00	1895	\$0.15
1893 .....	.50	1896 .....	.15
1894 .....	.50	1897 .....	.15
1898 and 1899, the two.....			.10
The lot..... \$2.50 net.			

Fall will soon be here with a great rush for stamps. We trust all our old customers will remember us and thousands of new ones. We wish to thank all our many customers for the trade you have given us. Now is a good time to send in want lists while it is a little quiet. Orders are coming in fast for 1900 catalogues and we should not be surprised if the first edition was exhausted. Price 58c delivered and can put on either Omaha, Columbian or 1899 regular issue as postage.

STAR STAMP CO. Coldwater, Mich.

THE 3c green, Confederate States stamp is hard to find in satisfactory condition. I have PERFECT used copies for sale at 25 cents each Postage extra.
 * **C. BERGHOLZ, Onalaska, Arkansas.**

Here! Wholesale lots for small dealers. [1*]
Calvin C. Brackett, Garland, Me.

Unused U. S. Stamps Wanted.

We will buy any quantity of unused U. S. stamps, Columbians, Omaha or current, also 1898 Documentary at following discounts from face value:
 All values 1c to 30c at 4 per cent. discount.
 " " 50c to 1.00 " 10 " "
 " " 2 to 5.00 " 25 " "
 \$3 & \$5 Documentary " 10 " "
 We don't care about centering, tears etc., as long as stamps have gum. A uniform rate of 15c will be charged on lots less than \$3.50.

British Colonials.

We will buy unused current British Colonials at 10 to 20 per cent. discount from face: shilling figured at 24c. We buy other Foreign at reasonable rates. The thousands of people that have sent us stamps to cash in can testify as to the promptness in sending checks. We handled over \$40,000 worth during last twelve months.
F. N. WISSOTH & CO., [1*]
631 Marquette Bldg., CHICAGO, ILL.

DO YOU KNOW THAT WE ARE GIVING AWAY

many good stamps? If you don't, write for our descriptive circular which tells all about it.

MICHIGAN STAMP COMPANY,
176 Selden Ave., [cows*] DETROIT, MICH.

WANTED!

Anything in large or small lots of U. S. or foreign. Always quote prices on anything you have to sell Let us know what you have. Enclose postage for reply.

Guarantee Stamp Co.,
27 East 128th St., [1*] NEW YORK CITY.

Agents Wanted!

50 Per Cent. Commission.
Best and Cheapest Sheets on the Market.
 A trial only solicited. Price lists free.

Golden Gate Stamp Co., [1*]
12 Montgomery St., San Francisco, Cal.

Please mention ERA when answering ads.

1c light blue, die B	.08	.02					
2c brown, die A	3.00	—					
2c brown, die B	1.25	1.25					
2c brown, die B2	5.00	5.00					
2c brown, die B3	50.00						
3c green, die A		.15					
6c carmine		.15					
10c brown, die A	3.00	3.00					
10c brown, die B	.30	.20					
15c orange	1.50	1.50					
30c black	1.50	1.50					
90c carmine	2.00						
5c blue, die A	.40	.40					
5c blue, die B	.25	.25					
<i>1876 Centennial Issue</i>							
3c green, Hartford die	.30						
3c green, Philadelphia die	.30						
<i>1876 Regular Issue</i>							
2c vermilion, die D	75.00						
3c green, die C		4.00					
<i>1874 Amber Paper</i>							
1c dark blue, die B	1.50	1.50					
1c light blue, "	.08						
2c brown, die A	3.00						
2c brown, die B3	50.00						
3c green, die B		.02					
6c carmine	.50						
7c vermilion	4.00						
10c brown, die A	3.50						
10c brown, die B	.30	.30					
12c plum	3.50	3.50					
15c orange	10.00						
24c purple	10.00						
90c carmine	7.00						
<i>1875</i>							
5c blue, die A	.40						
5c blue, die B	.25	.25					
<i>1880-82</i>							
2c vermilion, die D	125.00	—					
3c green, die C	10.00	5.00					
5c brown	.20	.20					
<i>1874 Cream Paper</i>							
3c green, die A		.50					
12c plum	4.00						
24c purple	6.00	6.00					
30c black	10.00						
<i>1875-80</i>							
1c blue, die B	.20	.10					
2c vermilion, die C	1.50	1.00					
5c blue, die A	3.00	—					
<i>1874 Orange Paper</i>							
1c dark blue, die A	.35	.25					
1c " die B	.15						
1c light blue, "		.05					
2c brown, die B3	1.50						
<i>1874-75 Blue Paper</i>							
5c blue, die A	.50	.50					
5c " die B	.40	.40					
<i>1880-82</i>							
1c blue, die B	.30	.25					
2c vermilion, die C	1.00						
2c pink, die C	.75						
3c green, "		125.00					
<i>1875-79 Fawn Paper</i>							
1c blue, die B	.50	.50					
6c carmine		1.00					
<i>1880-82</i>							
3c green, die C		150.00					
<i>1883 October</i>							
2c red, amber p	.15	.08					
2c " fawn p	.25						
2c " blue p	.25	.25					
<i>1883 November</i>							
2c red, amber p	.20	.05					
2c " blue p	.25						
4c green, die A, white p	.15	.15					
4c " die B, "	.15	.15					
4c " die A, amber p	.15	.15					
4c " die B, "	.15	.15					
<i>1884 May</i>							
2c brown, fawn p	.25	.25					
2c " blue p	.40	.40					
<i>1884 June</i>							
2c red, amber p	.20	.20					
2c " fawn p	.75	.75					
2c " blue p	.75	.75					
2c brown, fawn p	.75	.75					
2c " blue p	1.00	1.00					
2c brown, die B, white p	10.00						
2c " die B, amber p	.50	.50					
2c " die A, fawn p	.03	.03					
2c " die B, "	1.00						
2c " die B, blue p	20.00	15.00					
2c red, blue p	25.00						
<i>1886</i>							
2c brown, die A, or. buff p	.10	.08					
10c " oriental buff p	.30	.30					
10c " blue p	.40						
1c blue, manila p		.05					
4c green, die A, manila p	.40						
10c brown, manila p	.35						
1c blue, amber manila p	1.00	1.00					
2c brown, die A, amb. manila p	.10	.10					
<i>1887</i>							
30c chocolate, white p	1.25						
90c purple, "	2.50						
30c chocolate, amber p	1.25						
4c carmine, oriental buff p	.20	.20					
5c dark blue, die A, or. buff p	.15	.15					
30c chocolate, oriental buff p	1.25						
90c purple, "	3.00						
4c carmine, blue p	.15						
5c dark blue, die A, blue p	.15	.15					
30c chocolate, blue p	1.25						
90c purple, blue p	3.00						
4c carmine, manila p	.20	.20					
30c chocolate, "	1.50						
90c purple, "	2.50						
4c carmine, amber manila p	.20	.20					
30c chocolate, "	1.50						
90c purple, "	2.50						
<i>1895</i>							
1c dark blue, white p	.10						
1c " amber p	.50						
5c blue, die B, amber p	.20						
<i>1899</i>							
1c green, white p	.03						
2c red, die A, white p	.06						
2c red, die B, "	.05						
4c brown, white p	.08						
5c blue, white p	.10						
1c green, amber p	.03						
2c red, die A, amber p	.25						
2c " die B, amber p	.05						
4c brown, amber p	.08						
5c blue, "	.10						
1c green, oriental buff p	.03						
2c red, die A, "	.25						
2c red, die B, "	.05						
4c brown, "	.08						
5c blue, "	.10						
1c green, blue p	.03						
2c red, die A, blue p	.25						
2c " die B, "	.05						
4c brown, blue p	.08						
5c blue, "	.10						
1c green, manila p	.03						
<i>WRAPPERS.</i>							
<i>1863</i>							
2c black, manila p	3.00						
<i>1864</i>							
2c black, die 1, straw p	.50	.50					
2c " die 2, "	5.00						
2c " die 1, manila p	2.00	2.00					
2c " die 2, "	.65	.65					
<i>1870</i>							
2c brown, manila p	.60	.60					
<i>1874-80</i>							
2c brown, die B, manila p	2.00						
2c " die B3, "	2.00	2.00					
2c vermilion, die D, manila p	10.00						
<i>1883 November</i>							
2c red, manila	.15	.15					
<i>1884 June</i>							
2c red, manila p	75.00						
<i>1884 July</i>							
2c brown, die B, manila p	1.00						
1894 1c dark blue, " p	.40						
1899 1c green, manila p	.03	.01					
" 2c red, "	.05	.01					
<i>LETTER SHEETS.</i>							
1886 2c green	.05	.03					
<i>OFFICIAL ENVELOPES.</i>							
<i>Post Office</i>							
1873 6c black, lemon p	.20						
<i>Postal Service</i>							
1878 blue, blue p	.10	.10					
<i>War</i>							
1873 1c dark red, white p	6.00						
" 2c " " "	8.50						
" 3c " " "	—						
" 12c " " "	—						
" 24c " " "	3.00						
" 10c light red, " "	15.00						
" 12c " " "	2.00						
" 30c " " "	5.00						
1875 6c " " "	.50						
" 12c " " "	1.00						
" 15c " " "	5.00						
" 12c " " amber p	35.00						
" 15c " " " "	35.00						
" 6c " " cream p	10.00						
" 12c " " " "	15.00						
" 2c " " orange p	.30						
<i>OFFICIAL WRAPPERS.</i>							
<i>War</i>							
1873 2c light red, manila p	6.00						
<i>REVENUE STAMPS.</i>							
<i>For Documents.</i>							
1c Express, red, imperf.	.75						
1c " " old p	.04						
1c Proprietary, red, old p	.04						
1c Telegraph, " imperf.	7.50						
1c " " old p	.12						
2c Bank Check, blue, imperf.	.04						
2c " " part perf.	.10						
2c Certificate, blue, imperf.	.20						
2c " " old p	.60						
2c " " orange, old p	.40						
2c Express, blue, imperf.	.25						
2c " " old p	.04						
2c " " orange, old p	.06						
2c Playing Cards, blue, old p	.20						
2c " " orange, old p	.40						
2c Proprietary, blue, old p	.06						
2c " " orange, old p	1.00						
3c Foreign Exchange, green, old p	.05						
3c " " " silk p	.25						
3c Playing Cards, green, old p	6.00						
3c Proprietary, green, old p	.10						
3c Telegraph, green, part perf.	.25						
3c " " old p	.25						
4c Inland Exchange, brown, old p	.04						
4c " " " silk p	1.00						
4c Playing Cards, violet, old p	8.00						
4c Proprietary, violet, silk p	.35						
5c Agreement, red, old p	.03						

30c Inland Ex., lilac, imperf.	.60	5c blue and black	.08	1c dark green	.02	.02	
30c " " part perf.	.75	6c " "	2.00	1 1/2c dark purple	.03	.03	
30c " " old p	.06	10c " "	.02	1 1/2c brown violet	.08	.08	
40c " " brown, part perf.	.35	15c " "	.40	1 1/4c dull blue	.04	.04	
40c " " old p	.05	20c " "	.15	2c violet brown	.04	.04	
50c Conveyance, blue, imperf.	1.50	25c " "	.02	2 1/2c lake	.04	.04	
50c Entry of Goods, blue, part perf.	2.00	30c " "	.75	3 1/2c olive gray	.06	.06	
50c Foreign Ex., blue, imperf.	1.25	40c " "	.60	4c purple	.06	.06	
50c " " part perf.	.75	50c " "	.02	5c chestnut brown	.07	.07	
50c " " old p	.40	60c " "	.75	<i>Documentary</i>			
50c Lease, blue, imperf.	1.25	70c " "	.65	1/2c orange	.08		
50c " " old p	.40	\$1 " "	.10	1/2c gray brown	.01	.01	
50c Life Insurance, blue, imperf.	2.50	\$1.30 " "	5.50	1c pale blue	.02	.01	
50c " " old p	.05	\$1.50 " "	.25	2c rose	.04	.01	
50c Mortgage, " imperf.	1.25	\$1.60 " "	14.00	3c dark ultramarine	.05	.03	
50c " " old p	.03	\$1.90 " "	3.50	4c pale rose	.06	.02	
50c Original Process, blue, imperf.	.30	\$2 " "	.60	5c lilac	.07	.01	
50c " " old p	.01	\$2.50 " "	.30	10c dark brown	.12	.01	
50c " " silk p	.10	\$3 " "	1.25	25c purple brown	.30	.03	
50c Probate of Will, " imperf.	2.00	\$3.50 " "	5.00	40c blue lilac	.50	.06	
50c " " old p	.75	\$5 " "	.75	50c slate violet	.60	.05	
50c Surety Bond, " part perf.	.75	\$10 " "	3.00	80c bistre brown	.90	.15	
50c " " old p	.07	\$25 " "	20.00	\$1 yellow green	1.10	.02	
60c Inland Ex., orange, imperf.	1.00	\$50 " "	12.00	\$3 brown lilac	3.25	.15	
60c " " part perf.	1.00	\$500 " "	300.00	\$5 red	5.50	.25	
60c " " old p	.10	<i>Third Issue</i>			\$10 black	10.50	1.50
60c " " silk p	.25	1c black and claret	1.40	\$30 red	31.00		
70c Foreign Ex., green, imperf	4.00	4c " brown	1.00	\$50 bistre brown	51.00	3.00	
70c " " part perf.	1.00	5c " orange	.07	<i>(Continued next week.)</i>			
70c " " old p	.08	6c " "	1.00				
70c " " silk p	.25	15c " brown	.40				
1d Conveyance, red, imperf.	.30	30c " orange	.30				
1d " " old p	.15	40c " brown	.75				
1d Entry of Goods, red, imperf.	.75	60c " orange	.75				
1d " " old p	.04	70c " green	.55				
1d Foreign Exchange, red, imperf.	.75	\$1 " "	.06				
1d " " old p	.02	\$2 " vermilion	.50				
1d Inland Exchange, " imperf.	.15	\$2.50 " claret	.50				
1d " " silk p	.08	\$3 " green	1.50				
1d Lease, red, imperf.	2.00	\$5 " vermilion	.75				
1d " " old p	.08	\$10 " green	3.00				
1d Life Insurance, red, imperf.	3.00	\$20 " orange	16.00				
1d " " old p	.15	2c " inv't'd medal'n	3.00				
1d Manifest, " imperf.	1.50	15c " brown	—				
1d " " old p	.60	\$1 " green	75.00				
1d Mortgage, " imperf.	1.00	<i>Fifth Issue</i>					
1d " " old p	3.00	2c blue, rouletted	.25				
1d Passage Ticket, " imperf.	8.00	<i>Sixth Issue</i>					
1d " " old p	6.00	Playing Cards 2c lake, "On Hand"	.08				
1d Power of Attorney, red, imperf.	1.00	" 2c ultramarine, "Act of Aug., 1894"	.15				
1d " " old p	.06	" 2c ultramarine, wmk'd U. S. I. R.	.06				
1d Probate of Will, " imperf.	1.50	<i>Proprietary Stamps</i>					
1d " " old p	1.25	1871-75					
1d 30c Foreign Ex., orange, old p	.75	1c black and green	.07	Violet P'r.	Green P'r.		
1d 50c Inland Ex., blue, imperf.	.15	2c " "	.07	.07	.07		
1d 50c " " old p	.12	3c " "	.35	.35	.35		
1d 60c Foreign Ex., green, imperf.	10.00	4c " "	.10	.10	.10		
1d 60c " " old p	2.00	5c " "	3.00	3.00	4.00		
1d 90c " " mauve, old p	1.00	6c " "	1.25				
2d Conveyance, red, old p	.10	10c " "	7.50	2.00	2.00		
2d " " silk p	.25	\$5 " "	350.00	350.00	350.00		
2d Mortgage, " old p	.12	3c " " inv't medallion	75.00	75.00			
2d Probate of Will, red, imperf.	40.00	1878					
2d " " old p	.85	3c orange	.06	Silk P'r.	Watermarked		
2d 50c Inland Ex., violet, old p.	.07	4c red	.12	.12	.12		
2d 50c " " silk p	.50	4c red brown	.06	.06	2.50		
3d Charter Party, green, imperf.	1.25	5c black	3.00	3.00			
3d " " old p	.10	1898					
3d Manifest, " imperf.	1.50	1c dark yellow green, red	.10	.10	.10		
3d " " old p	.15	surch. I. R. block letter	.03	.03	.03		
3d 50c Inland Exchange, blue, old p	1.50	1c dark yel. gr'n, red surch.	.03	.03	.03		
5d Charter Party, red, old p	.15	cond. Roman letter	.50	.50	.50		
5d Conveyance, " "	.75	Same, surcharge inverted	.04	.04	.04		
5d Mortgage, " "	.75	2c carmine, blue surch., cond.	.30	.30	.30		
10d Conveyance, green, " "	2.00	Same, surcharge inverted	7.00	7.00	7.00		
10d Mortgage, " "	1.00	Periodical Stamp Surcharged	4.00	4.00	4.00		
15d " " blue, old p	6.50	\$5 dark blue, red surcharge from top to bottom	7.00	7.00	7.00		
20d Conveyance, orange, imperf.	2.00	\$5 dark blue, red surcharge from bottom to top	7.00	7.00	7.00		
20d " " old p	1.50	<i>Proprietary</i>					
25d Mortgage, red, old p	4.00	1/2c yellow green	.01	.01	.01		
50d U.S. Int. Rev. green, imperf.	7.50	1/2c pale brown	.01	.01	.01		
50d " " old p	3.00	3/4c deep orange	.02	.02	.02		
200d " " & red, old p	16.50	3/4c deep ultramarine	.02	.02	.02		
<i>Second Issue</i>							
1c blue and black	.75						
2c " "	.02						
3c " "	.35						
4c " "	.55						

The Editor's Shears.

The general postmaster of Egypt has issued a circular decree announcing the early sale of a large lot of cancelled Egyptian postage stamps for the benefit of the Postal Employees' Charity Fund. These postage stamps have been taken off from the letters and parcels returned to the Egyptian dead letter office after having been kept there for a number of years. There are among the lot 10,000 of the 10 piaster, 95,000 of the 5 piaster and 2,300 of the 2 piaster of 1879, a large number of the 1893 series, in all about 300,000 stamps. The general postmaster invites bids for the whole lot or for parts of it, stating the price per 1,000 of each kind. Conditions are delivery at Alexandria, unpacked, in the present condition payment on delivery to purchaser.—*Philatelic Monthly and World.*

A Newspaper Clipping.
VALUE OF PORTO RICAN PESO.
FIXED AT SIXTY CENTS, BUT ISLANDERS REFUSE TO RECOGNIZE IT.

Charles Z. Landreau, the American postmaster at Mayaguez, Porto Rico, who is here on his vacation, saw Secretary of the Treasury Gage yesterday with regard to the financial situation on the island, especially in reference to the rate of exchange. He says the Porto Ricans refuse to recognize the value of the peso fixed by this government. Its value was fixed by Secretary Gage at 60 cents, the value of the Porto Rican peso having fluctuated for years between 45 and 70 cents.

The quantity of the coins is only about 5,000,000 pesos, and the comparatively small amount of coin in circulation enables the banks to secure and hold them at higher figures than the rate fixed by the United States. Lately they have exchanged at 61 to 63 cents in American currency. Mr. Landreau suggested that the government recoin the pesos, stamping them 60 cents on one side and peso on the other. Secretary Gage agreed to take the matter under advisement. This is, however, a subject with which Congress will have to deal.

HERE! I will sell any stamp in stock at 50¢ discount from catalogue or better.
 [S] Calvin C. Brackett, Garland, Me.

Bilateral Press Review.

By WM. C. STONE.

- Buenos Aires Filatelico*, Vol. III No. 113, July 15:
New Issue for Uruguay.
Brazilian Surcharges—Collectors Protest.
Forgeries.
Lucia Avila.
- Collectionneur de Timbres Poste*, No. 225, July:
Secret Marks in Postage Stamps.
"Une Vocation Tardive."
Necrology—N. F. Seebeck.
French Post at Jerusalem.
Postal Innovations.
- Ewen's Weekly Circular*, No. 82, Aug. 5:
Postmark Numbers.
North Eastern Railway Stamps.
Cost of Postage Stamps.
- General Anzeiger fur Philatelie*, Vol. XVII No. 320, August 5:
Some Thoughts Concerning Stamped Envelopes and Wrappers.
English Postal Service in 1677.
- Melita Philatelic Chronicle*, Vol. II No. 8, August:
Catalogue for Collectors.
Stamp Collecting for Beginners.
Manchester Stamp Exhibition.
- Metropolitan Philatelist*, Vol. XI No. 21, August 19:
Washington Notes.
- Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News*, Vol. XIII No. 34, (451), August 24:
Chicago Notes.
Canada's Latest.
California, Washington, and New York Notes.
Egyptian Auction Sale.
Curacao.
- Nebraska Philatelist*, Vol. I No. 6, August:
Notes on Revenues.
Denver Nuggets.
Chicago Echos.
Study Your Stamps.
Omaha Notes.
- Revue Philatelique Francaise*, Vol. X No. 104, August:
International Philatelic Exposition, Paris 1900.
Manchester Philatelic Exposition.
Belgian Postal Jubilee.
Blue 20-Cent Stamp of France 1849.
Stamps of Thurn and Taxis.
Uruguay Service Stamps.
- Stamps* (New York), Vol. III No. 7, July:
The 59th Catalogue and Future of U. S. Stamps.
Advance Prices of the 59th Catalogue.
Letter from Palestine.
Perry and His Victory on Lake Erie.

I am disappointed with the first monthly number of *Buenos Aires Filatelico*. It does not contain any more matter than one of the former weekly issues, and three pages and a half out of the eight are given up to a story. The philatelic matter is good, what there is of it, but there should be twice as much.

M. Maury presents a very readable editorial in *Le Collectionneur de Timbres Poste* dealing with the secret marks found in stamps, and gives illustrations showing what a few of them are like. The article entitled "Une vocation tardive" is decidedly interesting, showing as it does how much there is in the collecting and study of

stamps. I fail to satisfy myself with any good translation of the title of the article.

Mr. Ewen proposes to enlarge his *Weekly Circular* next month, and may include British colonial stamps within its columns. Good.

Mr. Bartels is back from his vacation and has a goodly amount of news in his weekly letter in the *Metropolitan Philatelist*. The information concerning the \$1000 revenue stamps will be of interest to all, as we are not apt to see many of these for some time yet. A document was filed at our registry of deeds the other day that had seventeen of the \$500 value on it, but I am not aware of the higher value being used here.

Egypt has gone into the stamp business with a vengeance. In the last number of *Mekeel's Weekly* is a translation of a government order which has been sent to stamp dealers, inviting bids for a large quantity of used Egyptian and Foreign stamps. The sale is to be for the benefit of the post office pension and mutual aid fund.

The article on Curacao which was recently published in the *Monthly Journal* is reprinted in the *Weekly*, and I am glad it is to be given a good circulation this side of the water. It is not one of the fashionable countries but it is an interesting one and comparatively easy to complete.

The *Nebraska Philatelist* has some "Notes on Revenues" by John Peltz which I am glad to see. Revenue stamps are steadily growing in favor and will some day be esteemed as much as postal issues. The issue of the "Maine" revenues has done much to popularize these stamps.

The committee in charge of the proposed 1900 stamp exhibition at Paris desire to raise 20,000 francs as a guarantee fund and in the *Revue Philatelique Francaise* publish the list of subscribers so far secured with the amounts pledged, totalling 18,175 francs.

Belgian philatelists held a banquet July 1st to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the introduction of postage stamps into the kingdom, and M. Coyette gives a good account of what took place there. One pleasing feature was the presentation to J. B. Moens of a beautiful bronze.

One of the best posted men in the country on United States stamps is Crawford Capen, and his article in *Stamps* on the future of United States stamps will be read with interest by all. He predicts a steady increase in the values of unused stamps, and I think he is right. Most of the increases in the new catalogue are on this line of stamps. The decreases are largely on cancelled specimens.

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1, 2, 3, 5, 10c No.....	\$0.35
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H. F. Colman,

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IN THE INTERESTS OF STAMP COLLECTORS.

VOL. XIII. No. 49. PORTLAND, ME., SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 1899. WHOLE No. 329.

From an Occasional Correspondent.

Noted by the Way.

I note in the last number of *Meeke's Weekly*, Mr. Wylie in his Boston notes, speaks of the scarcity of the 1c I. R. inverted surcharge, which is priced in the advance sheets of the new catalogue at 50 cents. I had looked for an advance to 75c or \$1.00 in the catalogue price of this stamp, as its scarcity in both wholesale and retail market seem to justify it. Mr. Wylie asks: "Where is the large holding of the I. R. inverted that fixes its value at 50 cents." I would also like the same information or at least information as to where any can be bought wholesale at a reduction from catalogue. This is one stamp which I am inclined to believe the "stickler" for 50 per cent. will wait for a long time before getting at fifty off. If the cataloguers are prepared to supply it at 50 cents that certainly fixes a market price for the time being, and at that figure it should prove a good purchase for any collector.

The 2c I. R. inverted, however, seems to be another story, and at the present time is easily obtainable, wholesale or retail, at a lower figure than twelve months ago. Fifteen to twenty cents is a fair retail price for this stamp according to condition.

One of the ERA's correspondents recently mentioned poor centering in connection with the Canada 2c on 3c maple leaves in four corners. Anyone who has handled a considerable quantity of Canada maple leaf and numeral issue knows how they run in the matter of centering. Only about fifty per cent. I should say, are what can be termed nicely centered, and the 2c on 3c numeral and maple leaf are no exception. About half of them are more or less off centre. I have seen some sheets in which nearly all were off, some in which every stamp was fine, and some about half and half. The part in which centering and other points of condition have to do in fixing the selling prices of stamps is steadily and generally growing greater. There still is, and doubtless always will be to some extent, a certain class who never consider the fact that catalogue prices are for good average copies only and expect to be able to buy extra fine copies of almost everything at whatever the prevailing discount may be on the former. However, it seems to me that this class of collectors is grow-

ing smaller and a very large percentage are not only seeking fine specimens but growing to appreciate the increased value of such and willing to pay accordingly. It may not be a great many years before we see some of our leading catalogues or price lists pricing stamps in at least two classes on the basis of condition.

Not long ago, in looking over some Bolivia 1894 issue, I ran across two stamps of a variety entirely new to me and which I have never seen listed. Each was a ten-cent yellow brown, perforated 14, and watermarked a double lined 10. Does any one know of any other values of this issue watermarked double line numerals? Collectors have doubtless noted that the stamp of the 1894 issue, perforated 14 and 14½, are on thinner paper and slightly different in shade than those perforated 13 and 13½. Gibbons' lists only those perforated 14 and 14½ and the following note taken from that catalogue may be of interest to collectors who have not the book:

"These stamps may also be found on a thicker paper, and with a different perforation. It is said that during the absence of the Bolivian Minister from the Embassy in Paris, a member of the staff obtained possession of the plates, and perpetrated an immense fraud on his own government by printing off therefrom, and circulating the stamps in Bolivia. We have not, however, sufficient information to enable us to say whether these stamps are fraudulent or not."

Whatever the facts may be and should these stamps ever be conclusively proven to be fraudulent, as the case with the Hayti 1886 issues, perf. 16 and 14, in the light of the recent researches of Messrs. Mahe and Moens (article in August *Post Office* translated from *Le Timbre Poste*) they will doubtless be sought and collected, at least by specialists. It seems as though postally used the Haytian stamps have a certain claim to recognition. As counterfeits which completely deceived the post office officials and during a period of years performed regular postal duty, they have a peculiar interest. To return to the subject of the Bolivia 1894 issue, the stamps themselves, not any discussion as to the standing of the issue perforated 13 and 13½, I have absolutely no information on that point save the paragraph above quoted. The only varieties which I have on hand of the issue perforated 14 and 14½ are the 1, 5 and 10c. These show practically no variation in the matter of shade. Those perforated 13 and 13½ however show quite

pronounced shade varieties and I append a reference list taken from my own collection:

Issued 1894. Perf. 13, 13 1-2.
1c pale yellow.
1c " bistre.
2c reddish orange (two tints).
2c orange vermillion.
5c blue green.
10c light brown.
10c yellow-brown (not as bright in shade as that perf 14).
10c light lilac brown.
20c slate blue (two tints).
20c dark blue (two tints).
*20c black green blue.
50c violet brown (two tints).
100c brown rose (two tints).
*It is possible that this stamp may be a changeling but it does not have that appearance.

The 5-cent of this issue seems quite scarce. I have only one copy at hand and although I have during the past two years seen quite a number of 5c 1894, this is the only copy on the thicker paper perforated 13 which I recall.

Shade and color designation is a difficult thing to do correctly. The same shade will be differently designated by different persons. One has but to glance through various contemporary catalogues and note the different color designations of the same stamps to illustrate this. In the above list I have endeavored to designate the colors as near correctly as possible, but undoubtedly others would give to some a different designation, but I trust the list will answer its purpose and be intelligible.

The new Uruguay 1c green is not hard to distinguish from that of the 1889 issue, same type. The latter is a yellow-green and the new issue in a green, dark by contrast.

The new 2c is also of the type of 1889 but in what I should call a shade of orange.
GEO. S. MCKEARIN.

To Advertisers!

DON'T FORGET

That the ERA will issue a Special Convention Number containing full report of the Detroit Convention, and the number will receive an extra large circulation. Advertisers to take advantage of the opportunity *must* have their copy in *before Thursday, September 14th.*

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HARRY BROWN,

226 W. 5th St., Los Angeles, Cal.

Philatelic Press Review.

By WM. C. STONE.

- Antwerpia et Scaldis Philateliq.*, Vol. II No. 23, August: Sale of Belgian Stamps. Notes, etc. English Correspondence.
- Australian Philatelist*, Vol. V No. 12, July: Great Barrier Island. Van Diemen's Land, 1857-70. Mr. Undooley on Stamp Collecting.
- Ewen's Weekly Circular*, No. 83, Aug. 19: Scottish Postmark Numbers.
- Madrid Filatelico*, Vol III No. 32, August: Obituary. Manuel Galvez y Molina. The Postal Card. Its History and Importance in International Relations. Habitados of Puerto Principe Stamps of the Philippines. Postal Service in Japan in 1875-76.
- Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News*, Vol. XIII No. 35, (452), August 31: Chicago, Boston, New York, California, and Washington Notes. Birmingham, Eng., Philatelic Society. Postmasters' Handstamps. Our Manila Post Office. Comments from Jersey. Mania in Germany for Picture Cards.

Metropolitan Philatelist, Vol. XI No. 22, August 26: Washington and San Francisco Notes. Chinese Medal. Correspondence—Cuban Envelopes.

Mitteleutsche Philatelisten Zeitung, Vol. VIII No. 8-9, August-September: Forgeries—Colombia, Spain, Turkey. Provisionale Guatemala 1897-99. Ship Handstamps of the Mediterranean. Envelopes of the Moscow City Post. The XI German Philatelic Day in Dresden, July 22-24.

Montreal Philatelist, Vol. II No. 2-3 (14), July-August: Official Documents Relating to Nova Scotia Stamps. Great Barrier Island. Notes from New Zealand.

Philatelic Chronicle, Vol. VIII No. 10, July: Postman's Knock. Some Rare Canadians. Manchester Philatelic Exhibition. Frauds—French Colonies, France, Japan, Saxony.

Philatelic Journal of India, Vol. III No. 7, July: Bussahir State Postage Stamps. Obliteration of the Poonch Dies. Is the Ideal Catalogue Attainable? Kashmir, Die I. Servia. Stamps of Persia. Bhopal. Austria and Austrian Italy. Stamps of Holland. Notes and Extracts.

Philatelic Monthly, Vol. XXV No. 8 (296), August: Notes. Post Office Mauritius. Great Britain 1d 1864.

Post Office, Vol. IX No. 101, August: Counterfeit Stamps of Haiti. Standard Catalogue 1900. Surcharged Cuban Envelopes.

Schweizer Briefmarken Zeitung, Vol. XII No. 7, July: Study on the Postage Stamps of Belgium. Survey of the Year 1898. The Post Office Mauritius. *Stamp Tribune*, Vol. I No. 8, August: Model Publisher. Interesting Stamps. Don Vasco de Gama.

Last week I had the news of the sale of a lot of Egyptian stamps by that government, and now Belgium invites bids for the sale of 100,687 postage and due stamps. *Scaldis Philateliq.* publishes the notice and the stamps are as follows:

- 3900 1 franc, old type.
- 4950 1 franc, label detached.
- 10700 1 franc, with label.
- 49330 2 francs, old type.
- 6200 2 francs, label detached.
- 24830 2 francs, with label.
- 234 50 cent due stamps.
- 65 1 franc due stamps.
- 402 1 franc, 1870.
- 38 25 cents, Antwerp Exposition.

All the above stamps are used, and presumably with band cancellation, although that is not stated. Bids were to be opened August 18.

Another history of the pigeonram post of Great Barrier Island is given in the *Australian Philatelist*. It is in the shape

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- 1, 2, 3, 5, 10c, No. 2..... .28
- Cuba 1, 2, 2½, 3, 5, 10c..... .35
- Porto Rico 1, 2, 5, 8, 10c..... .35
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GEORGE R. TUTTLE, Superintendent,
87 Nassau St.
New York City, Aug. 26th, 1899.

835 books of stamps in circulation according to my report of Aug. 19th, valued at \$28,366 91

3 books received since Aug. 19th valued at 102.18

..... \$28,469.09

67 books retired since Aug. 19th, valued at (from which has been sold \$503 90) \$1,878.15

Total number of books in circulation 771, valued at \$26,590.94

GEO. R. TUTTLE,
Superintendent Sales Dept.

REDUCED RATES FOR CONVENTION.

DETROIT, MICH., Aug. 26, 1899.

THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA,
502 Congress St., Portland, Me.

Gentlemen: We have made application to the several passenger associations for a rate of one and one-third fare for the round trip for attendance at the conventions, on the certificate plan.

This rate has been granted so far as the Michigan Passenger Association is concerned, and we expect to hear from the other associations by Monday or Tuesday of next week. In order to secure this rate at least one hundred persons will have to take advantage of the same by the following method:

Purchase a single fare ticket to Detroit, and at the same time ask for a certificate of attendance at the American Philatelic Association Convention. This certificate,

when properly countersigned at Detroit by an officer of the Association, and a representative of the Passenger Association will entitle the holder to a return trip ticket at one-third of the first-class limited fare. These certificates can also be procured for wives or friends of delegates accompanying them to Detroit. It must be distinctly remembered that this certificate is available only when there are not less than one hundred persons holding said certificates, nor unless the certificate is asked for at the time the ticket is purchased.

I give you the above details of the plan, and will wire you just as soon as I receive advises from the other passenger associations as to whether the request is granted, upon receipt of which telegram, I wish you would publish in the ERA the fact of the reduced rate of fare, giving particulars as set forth above.

We are doing everything possible at this end of the line to secure a large attendance at the conventions and hope to see a big representation of stamp collectors.

I neglected to emphasize that delegates to either of the conventions, whether members of the A. P. A. or not, should ask for certificates to the American Philatelic Association, as we found it impracticable to cover all three associations on one certificate. I am,

Very truly yours,
HOWARD C. BECK.

(Telegram.)

DETROIT, MICH., Aug. 29, 1899.

WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA,
Portland, Me.

Central Passenger Association grant rate; Trunk Line and New England probably also. Authorize rate affective seventh.

HOWARD C. BECK.

Ask for Certificate of Attendance to the American Philatelic Association Convention, regardless of distance you travel. It may not mean much to you but much to those at great distance who attend.

ABOUT PROXIES.

As proxies are not used in the election of officers it is the opinion of one of the Association's Vice-Presidents that it is not necessary they should bear a toc Documentary stamp. Therefore let no member fail to send his proxy on this account.

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A NEW COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Aug 29, 1899.

To the Members of the A. P. A.:

Owing to the declination of Messrs. Deats, Wolsieffer and Stone, and the fact that H. G. Smith is a candidate for office, I hereby appoint the following named gentlemen as a Committee on Credentials: J. F. Johnson, Boston, Mass.; W. F. Fratcher, Detroit, Mich.; Lewis Robie, Chicago, Ill.; D. T. Eaton, Muscatine, Ia.; E. R. Aldrich, Benson, Minn.

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Second Annual Convention of the Empire State Philatelic Society.

[From a Regular ERA Correspondent.]

The second annual convention of the E. S. P. S., held at the Park Avenue Hotel, August 23rd to 25th, was a decided success. It was one of the best—in point of attendance and jollity—that has been held in the metropolitan city and was a genuine old-time philatelic gathering and good fellowship prevailed throughout.

The writer noted the following in attendance: Dr. Wm. Evans, Westtown, N. Y.; C. W. Brown, Syracuse, N. Y.; Jacob Weigel, New Brunswick, N. J.; E. L. Shove, Unionville, N. Y.; J. H. Miller, Elizabeth, N. J.; Ross D. Breniser, Johnstown, Pa.; O. B. Sherman, New Brunswick, N. J.; C. W. Parker, Meriden, Conn.; T. P. Hyatt, Geo. W. Ring, W. J. Coleman, Brooklyn, N. Y.; S. Schachne, F. Schachne, I. Schachne, A. Herbst, Wm. A. McDonnell, Otto Von Besser, L. Beringer, S. Beringer, B. Cohen, Edw. Stern, Jos. Frank, A. Goldsmith, M. Tausig, and M. A. Bettman, of New York City.

The first session (Aug. 23rd) was called to order at 11.30 A. M., President Evans in the chair. After the usual opening formalities, the following Committee on Credentials was appointed: A. Herbst, Otto Von Besser, M. A. Bettman. Recess was taken for half an hour, and at 12 M. the chairman announced the polls closed, and an adjournment was taken until 8 P. M.

The second session was called to order at 8.30 P. M., President Evans in the chair. In a few well chosen words the chairman addressed the convention, and ordered the Committee on Credentials to submit their report, which was as follows:

President—Wm. Evans, M. D., 76 votes.
Vice-President—Wm. M. Verbeck, 48;
Geo. S. McKearin, 14; F. P. Gibbs, 9;
Geo. C. Hartung, 5.

Secretary-Treasurer—A. Herbst, 76.
Exchange Superintendent—C. W. Brown, 64; H. Smith, 12.
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J. H. Petersen, 12.

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Counterfeit Detector—J. H. Petersen, 60;
O. H. Williams, 12.

Supt. Bureau of Information—Wm. J. Coleman, 53; J. W. George, 22.
Librarian—E. L. Shove, 74.

Trustees, N. Y. City—A. Goldsmith, 62;
L. Beringer, 56; A. M. Trujillo, 41; J. F. Farrell, 27; Dr. M. H. Block, 21; Jos. A. Frank, 13; B. Cohen, 5.

Proxies held as follows: A. Herbst 40, M. A. Bettman 1, and W. A. McDonnell 3: Total 44. After many hand-shakes and congratulations, the chairman proceeded to appoint the following committees: Standing Rules—W. A. McDonnell, S. Schachne, A. Goldsmith; Finance—M. Tausig, I.

Schachne, J. Frank; Library—B. Cohen, L. Beringer, M. A. Bettman; Exchange Department—J. H. Miller, W. J. Coleman, B. Cohen; Official Journal—Edw. Stern, A. Goldsmith, J. Frank; Branch Societies—W. J. Coleman, B. Cohen, A. Goldsmith; Constitution and By-laws—A. Herbst, M. A. Bettman, A. Goldsmith, L. Beringer, Wm. Evans, *Ex Officio*. The Secretary then read a number of communications and telegrams from some of the absent members. Mr. W. J. Coleman was heard on Branch Societies: he stated that he had in mind the formation of a Brooklyn Branch of the society, and that Mr. Geo. J. Carter would assist him in forming such a branch.

Mr. Herbst in behalf of the Manhattan collectors (and those especially, residing in the up-town district) called for a list of those present who would join a Harlem Branch. Twelve of the members present immediately affixed their names. The case of Mr. C. W. Parker was then taken up, and as he was there in person, he was called upon to submit his side of the case. After Mr. Parker had explained his indebtedness to Mr. Beardsley, and under what circumstances it was contracted, the convention was unanimous in their opinion that Mr. Parker was a much abused person. His evidence clearly showed that Mr. Beardsley had no claim against Mr. Parker. After little discussion the matter was put to a vote and Mr. Parker was at once elected a member. Dr. Evans then resigned the chair in favor of Mr. Herbst.

Mr. Evans moved to have the constitution amended so that only members residing in the state of New York can hold any office. As those present in person and by proxy constituted a majority the motion was carried by acclamation. President Evans then distributed souvenirs bearing the illustrations of some of the Westervelt Locals of which he possesses several of the original plates from which these locals were printed; at the request of the members Mr. Evans related how he came in possession of the plates and stamps, and gave a full history as told to him by Mr. Westervelt. The President held the interest of the members for fully a half hour with this subject. When he had finished it was moved by Mr. S. Schachne and seconded by Mr. L. Beringer that Dr. Evans furnish the official journal with a concise history of the stamps. Motion was carried, and Dr. Evans promised to carry out the wishes of the convention for the benefit of the members who were not in attendance. A vote of thanks was extended President Evans for his interesting remarks. Dr. Evans then stated that although he regretted the fact very much he would be compelled to return to Westtown on the following morning. These remarks were received with much regret and a vote of thanks was immediately extended the President for his services during the past year. The rules were then suspended and

several new members were admitted into the society. After the members had indulged in a few remarks on various subjects, the session adjourned to meet again at 8 P. M. on the following evening.

The third session (Aug. 24th) was called to order at 8.45 P. M. by Mr. L. Beringer, who officiated as chairman in the absence of President Evans. Secretary-Treasurer Herbst read his report which showed that the society had 103 members in good standing. The Secretary stated that he also had a list of 49 members who failed to pay their dues for the current year. Mr. Herbst also stated that he had not as yet published these names as suspended in the official journal. After the names of the delinquents had been read it was moved and seconded that the parties be notified that the convention had taken action to suspend them from membership unless their dues were forthcoming within thirty days from date of notification. The motion was carried. Mr. E. L. Shove then read his report as Librarian. A recess of ten minutes was then taken in order to give the various standing committees a chance to submit their reports. After the recess Mr. Coleman stated that he wished to address a few words on the subject he had discussed on the previous evening. Mr. Coleman spoke for some time on the Brooklyn Branch, and remarked that Brooklyn has no society that affords the average collector a means to meet and exchange his duplicates. Mr. Coleman mailed 200 invitations to collectors in his city inviting them to attend the convention.

Mr. Coleman was extended the thanks of the convention for his untiring efforts in behalf of the E. S. P. S. Mr. Herbst then called for a few remarks anent a Brooklyn Branch, from Dr. T. P. Hyatt, President of the Section on Philately of the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences. Dr. Hyatt delivered a very interesting speech; he related the workings of the "Brooklyn Section," what it has accomplished in the past, and its objects in the future. The Doctor finished his speech amid loud applause. A vote of thanks was extended Dr. Hyatt for his address. Mr. Herbst then moved that a committee be appointed to make arrangements for a collation for the evening following. Chairman Beringer then appointed the following gentlemen on said committee: A. Goldsmith, W. A. McDonnell and J. H. Miller.

As the official journal committee recommended that the *New York Philatelist* be continued as the official journal of the society the motion was put to the members. Same was carried by acclamation, and the publication was extended a vote of thanks for its prompt appearance and efficient service to the organization. Mr. Coleman then moved that the constitution be again published in the official journal. Mr. Herbst replied that it would be unnecessary as most of the members had seen the con-

stitution published in a former number of the *New York Philatelist*. Mr. Herbst further stated that in order to save the society the expense of again printing the constitution he would willingly mail a copy of the official journal, containing the constitution to any member requesting it. Mr. Schachne stated it would be more advisable to have the constitution printed in pamphlet form and a copy mailed to every member. This was seconded by Mr. Coleman. The motion was carried. It was then moved and seconded that an adjournment be taken until the following evening in order to give the members present an opportunity to admire the stamps some of the members had with them. The chairman then called the session adjourned until 8 P. M. Friday 25th. After the session had adjourned a number of stamps changed hands and many rarities were shown.

The fourth session was called to order by Chairman Beringer at 8.45 P.M. Friday, Aug. 25th. Mr. S. Schachne recommended that the Department now known as the "Exchange Department," be amended to read "Sales Department" unless said Department be conducted by "Exchange." He then requested the chairman to call for a few remarks from Mr. C. W. Brown, the newly elected Exchange Superintendent. Mr. Brown stated that he had a plan in mind to run the Department purely on an Exchange basis. Mr. Schachne again requested to be heard and advised that the Exchange Dept be conducted on the same plan adopted by several private concerns including "Mekeel's Stamp Exchange." Mr. Brown then remarked that he had at one time formed an "Exchange" of this kind, and had had some experience in this line; he further stated that this was the idea he had in view if elected. Mr. Schachne then remarked that Mr. Brown could conduct both an "Exchange" and a "Sales" Department—the former to be run on the plan suggested by Mr. Brown and the latter on the same system as adopted by the former superintendent. Mr. Shove, who is at present Exchange Supt. of the Dominion Philatelic Association, advised that one department only be conducted as it would be quite impossible to run both an Exchange and a Sales Dept. It was then moved by Mr. Herbst to leave the matter in the hands of Mr. Brown and that he furnish the rules of his department before the fifth of September, in order to have the new rules appear in the next number of the official journal. This was seconded by Mr. Miller; the motion was put to a vote which was carried by acclamation.

Mr. Coleman then inquired if the Committee on Branch Societies had been discharged, and if such was the case he suggested that a new one be appointed to encourage the formation of Branches in various sections of the country. The chairman replied that said committee had

been discharged. Mr. Herbst then moved that Mr. Coleman be appointed a Supt. on Branch Societies, and that all committees be appointed by Mr. Coleman and that he is to encourage the formation of branch societies. Same was seconded by Mr. Wm. A. McDonnell. The motion was carried by acclamation. The chairman then called for nominations for next convention seat. Mr. Shove nominated Niagara Falls, Mr. Goldsmith placed New York City in nomination and Mr. Herbst named Unionville. A vote was then taken with the following result: New York City, 29; Niagara Falls, 17 and Unionville 10. The chairman then announced that the Third Annual Convention would be held in New York City. Mr. Wm. A. McDonnell then distributed to every member present a U. S. one-cent 1856 on the entire original cover. A vote of thanks was extended Mr. McDonnell. It was then moved that the session adjourn to the Banquet Hall. Chairman Beringer then announced the Second Annual Convention adjourned *Sine Die*.

At the Murray Hill Assembly Rooms a collation was served that was partaken of by everyone of the attending members. Several photographs were taken by Mr. Coleman by flash-light, after which the "boys" sought their homes all satisfied that they had thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Everyone present agreed that it was one of the most enjoyable conventions they ever attended. Harmony prevailed throughout and they all promised to be on hand in 1900.

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Notes and Comment.

By THE EDITOR.

At a late moment we find it absolutely necessary to appear in twelve-page form this week. This is caused both by a generous amount of advertising and receipt of an abundance of matter from members of our contributing staff.

It is a good sign of the arrival of the 1899-1900 season, and an enthusiastic revival of interest in stamps. We are prepared and hope this size may become practically our regular one for some months to come. It remains with our advertisers and readers to say. We shall endeavor to give the greatest amount possible at all times for value received.

There are doubtless many members of the American Philatelic Association who are interested in amateur photography, and the approaching convention to be held in Detroit, a city of famed beauty both natural and architectural, affords an excellent opportunity for attending members to secure many lasting mementoes of the trip. One of our old subscribers, Mr. Herman W. Boers, calls our attention to this fact and suggests that all so interested should bring their cameras, and he adds he is in a position to be of service to those wishing to take pictures and can be found at 156 Woodward Ave., Detroit. We trust some of our readers may take advantage of the thoughtful suggestion and kind invitation of Mr. Boers, and we feel sure they will have no cause to regret it.

There is but little time remaining before the date of the American Philatelic Association convention and it is the earnest desire of every well-wisher of the Association that a full voting membership be present and represented this year, in order that no obstruction of any necessary change in the By-Laws or other legislation may occur. Remember that it requires two-thirds of one-third the total membership to make such a vote valid, and if unable to attend in person send in your proxy to someone.

Friends of the ERA are advised to use care in placing their proxies. It now appears virtually certain ye editor will be unable to attend, but the ERA will have supporters there to see that it gets its dues. If you have not sent in your proxy heed remarks made in preceding paragraph, and send your proxy to Mr. J. F. Johnson, 5 Cedar St., Roxbury, (Boston,) Mass., Mr. D. T. Eaton, Muscatine, Iowa, or to this office and we will see that it is properly transferred and used.

The latest section of Advance Sheets of the forthcoming Scott's Catalogue, just received, include up to and part of Madagascar. Hereafter in quoting prices we shall limit same to a certain extent in order than we can give a more general idea of the advances of more countries. Had we expected to appear in 12-page form this week we would have given a larger installment, but the haste necessary to add the extra pages (not becoming urgent till late in the week) made it impossible.

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A few weeks ago reference was made in this column to the failure of a certain advertiser to fill orders received in reply to an ad appearing in a July issue. Since then we have received a number of additional complaints, and have endeavored to obtain some settlement of the same, but, with the exception of receiving word that two of the claims have been settled, have received little satisfaction and was on the point of placing the matter in the federal officials' hands when we received the below, which explains itself. In accordance we have submitted all unsettled claims in our hands and fully believe they will be satisfactorily settled within a short time.

BOSTON, August 29th, 1899.

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Yours truly,
ARTHUR S. TUCKER, Assignee.

We are indebted to our New York correspondent "Volunteer" for specimens of the souvenir cards, bearing impressions of the Westervelt local stamps, presented by William Evans, M. D., to attending members at the E. S. P. S. convention.

The 39th auction sale of B. L. Drew & Co. occurs in Elks' Hall, 24 Hayward Place, Boston, Wednesday evening, September 27th. Catalogue has been received and lists upwards of 550 lots.

News of New Stamps.

NOTE.—Readers of the WEEKLY ERA are invited to send us any early information they obtain regarding new issues of stamps. We shall also be pleased to receive the loan of specimens of newly issued stamps (for purpose of illustration), which will be promptly returned, or equivalent value sent in United States stamps if preferred.—THE EDITOR.

ZANZIBAR.—A new issue of a slightly altered type has appeared, of which we give below a reproduction of the 1/2 anna value:



This series is comprised of the following denominations and colors: 1/2 anna yellow and green, 1 anna black and blue, 2 annas red and brown, 2 1/2 annas ultramarine, 3 annas slate, 4 annas black and green, 4 1/2 annas orange, 5 annas bistre, 7 1/2 annas lilac, 8 annas olive and bistre, 1 rupee ul-

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	Cat.	\$2.00	\$0.75
3c dull red, 1851-56.....			
3c " 1855-60.....	.10	.10	.04
1c blue, 1861.....	.35	.15	.15
3c rose, 1861.....	.15	.06	.06
10c yellow green, 1861.....	1.75	.75	.75
5c black, 1867, 9x13.....	1.25	.60	.60
3c red, 1867, 9x13.....	1.00	.50	.50
3c brown, 1869.....	1.25	.60	.60
3c blue, 1869.....	1.00	.40	.40
Pair 1c 1869.....	3 00	1.50	1.50
15c orange.....	2.00	.60	.60

Canada 1899 surcharge, unused, 2c Numeral and 2c Maple Leaf—5c for two with other orders.

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	1st.	2nd.
1890 2m, unused.....	\$0.04	\$0.03
1890 1/2m, 1c, 3c, 5c, 20c, used.....	.18	.13
1890 3c steel blue, used.....	.08	.05
1891-93 1/2, 1, 2, 4, 6m, 1, 5 yellow green, & 6c, unused.....	.25	.20
1891-3 1/2 & 2m, 2, 3, 5, 5, used.....	.13	.09
1894 1/2, 1, 2 & 4m, 4, 20 & 40c, unused	.50	.40
1894 1/2m, 1, 2, 3 & 20c, used.....	.16	.18
1894 8c dk violet, telegraph cancellation	.02	..
1895 1/2, 1, 2, 4m, 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8c, unused	.28	.23
1896 20c olive grey, unused.....	.18	.14
1896 40c salmon, " ".....	.35	.28
1896 3c blue, used.....	.61	..
1897 3c & 80c, unused.....	.78	.66
1898-99 1, 2, 3, 5m, 2, 3, 5, 6, 15c, unused	.42	.32
1898-99 20c, telegraph cancellation.....	.04	..
1898 y 99 Habitados 1, 2 & 4m, 1, 2, 3, 5, 4, 6 & 8c, unused.....	.65	.50
1898 y 99 Habitados 5c yel. gr'n, unused	.15	.12
1898 y 99 " 20c, unused.....	.30	.25
1898 y 99 " 40c, ".....	.45	.35
1898 y 99 " 80c, ".....	1.50	1.23
Impuesta de Guerra, 5 var., unused.....	.30	.22
" " 2c lilac rose, in- verted surcharge.....	.50	..

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tramarine, 2 rupees green, 3 rupees violet, 4 rupees lilac and brown, and 5 rupees black and brown.

We are indebted to Mr. E. A. Holton of Boston for first specimen of the new type, from which our cut was made.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Our Boston Letter.

Tuesday, August 29th.

Thousands from various parts of New England celebrated here to-day the 400th anniversary of the return to Lisbon of Vasco da Gama, after his discovery of the route to India. There are more Portuguese in Boston than in any other locality in New England, so the celebration took place in this city. One of the features of the celebration was a procession, in which there was a float representing the ship Santo Gabriel, in which da Gama sailed. Stamp collectors who own a set of the Vasco da Gama stamps can see this ship portrayed on one of them. Very few collectors would have known much about this noted navigator, if it had not been for this issue of stamps. This shows that postage stamps have an educational value, to the old as well as the young.

The 2c Canada stamps in the new color, red, were received here by the Colonial Stamp Co. last Saturday.

Mr. Flagg, of the Liberty Stamp Co., has returned from his vacation, and is again ready for business.

It is not generally known among collectors that there are two varieties of watermarks in the new U. S. envelopes.

The difference consists in the figures 99. In one watermark they are double lined, and in the other they are not. Envelopes can be found showing both watermarks in one envelope, but this occurs very seldom. Many envelopes will show the watermark in two or three different places, but they are usually all alike. The watermark that seems to be scarcest in Die A is the double line numeral.

I wonder what has struck Mr. Hopkins, of the new issue chronicle of *Mekel's Weekly*. He has accepted a statement from the Boston correspondent of the ERA in regard to a new issue of the 5d New Zealand, without a murmur. I think I ought to send him a sample copy for his collection.

An enterprising Massachusetts dealer advertises the new Philippine Island stamp surcharged on U. S., with original gum. Although part of the set have most of the gum on the wrong side of the stamp, he states that fills the bill.

S. E. L.

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Anything in large or small lots of U. S. or foreign. Always quote prices on anything you have to sell. Let us know what you have. Enclose postage for reply.

Guarantee Stamp Co.,
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59th "Standard" Prices.

We quote the following new prices from the Advance Sheets of the Scott Stamp & Coin Co.'s 59th Catalogue, and include all prices that have been changed from the 58th Edition—all prices not given remain the same as before, and where a stamp that was priced in the last edition and will not be in this, a dash appears. This year minor varieties are given in smaller type and lettered a, b, c, d, etc., but we shall not follow this style for various reasons.

(Continued from page 423.)

New. Used.

CONFEDERATE STATES

General Issue

1861	10c blue				
	10c light blue	2.00			.75
1862	2c green	2.00			
	5c blue	.50		.50	
	5c dark blue	.50		.75	
	5c light blue	.50			
	10c rose	5.00		3.00	
	10c carmine rose			4.50	
1863	2c brown red	.25			
	10c blue, type A7	.03			
	10c greenish blue, type A8,	.15		.15	
	10c blue, perf.,				
	10c " laid paper, "	—			
	20c green	.12		2.00	
	20c yellow green	.12		2.00	
1864	1c orange	.75			

ABYSSINIA

1894	1g blue				.06
	4g lilac brown				.35
	8g violet				.40
	16g black				.50

AFGHANISTAN

1870	1sh black, type A2			2.50	
	1sa " "			4.50	
	1ab " "			4.50	
	1ab " type A3	12.00		6.00	
1871	6sh mauve	70.00			
	1rup " "	75.00			
1873	1sh black	60		.25	
	½rup black	8.50			
	1rup " "	8.50			
	1sh purple	35.00			
1874	1sa black	15.00			
	1ab " "	25.00			
	1sa mauve	7.50			
	1ab " "	7.50			
1875	½rup gray	3.00		3.00	
	1rup " "	3.75		3.75	
	1sh green			3.75	
	1ab yellow			—	
	½rup yellow	25.00			
	1sh mauve			3.75	

1878	1sa gray	.75			
	1rup gray	7.50			
	1sh black	1.00			
	1sa green	4.50			
	1rup " "	8.50			
	1sa yellow	.75			
	1sh gray, type A11	.50			
1881	1ab violet	1.25			
	1ab black brown	3.50		2.00	
	1ab rose	1.00			
	2ab black brown				
	1rup " "				
1883	1rup violet				
	1rup black brown				
1884	1ab vermilion	.75		1.25	
	1ab carmine	.75			
	2ab vermilion	1.25			
	1rup " "	2.00			
	1rup carmine	1.50			
1886	2ab red, yellow laid p	2.00			
	1ab lake, lilac "	1.50			
	2ab " " "	3.00			
	1rup " " "	5.00			
	1ab puce, orange wove p	6.00			

1889-90	1ab rose	1.00			
	1ab purple	2.00		2.00	
	1rup " yellow p	5.00			
1892	2ab slate blue				
	1rup " "				

1893	1ab green p	.75			
	1ab orange p	.75		.50	
	1ab yellow p	.75			
	1ab pink p	.60			
	1ab lilac rose p	.75		.60	
	1ab blue p			1.25	
1894	2ab green p	1.00			
	1rup " "	1.50			

ANGOLA

1870-76	5r black	.06		.12	
	10r yellow	.40		.50	
	20r straw	.03		.15	
	25r rose	.15		.15	
	50r green	.60			
	100r mauve	.05			
	200r orange	.10		.60	
	300r chocolate	.12			
1881-85	10r green	.04		.15	
	20r carmine	.06		.15	
	25r violet	.03		.15	
	40r yellow	.18			
	50r blue	.20		.20	
1886	40r chocolate			.50	
	200r lilac	.50			
	300r orange	.75			
1894	10r reddish violet	.04		.04	
	50r light blue	.12			
	80r light green	.18		.18	
	100r brown, buff p	.20		.20	
	150 carmine, rose p	.30		.30	
	200 dark blue, light blue p	.40		.40	
	300r " buff p	.60		.60	

ANNAM AND TONKIN

1888	1 on 2c br'n, buff p, type A1	.15			
	1 on 2c br'n, buff p " A2	.25			
	1 on 4c claret, lav. p, type A1	.15			
	" " " " A3	.20			
	5 on 10c, lavender p	.25			
	5 on 10c, " type A5	.30			
	5 on 10c, " " A6	.08			

ANTIGUA

1862	6p blue green	6.00		6.00	
	6p yellow green, imperf.	10.00			
	6p blue green, 11 to 13	30.00			
	6p " 11 to 13 & 14 to 16	20.00			
1863	1p lilac rose	1.75			
	1p vermilion	1.25		.40	
	6p blue green	4.50		.50	
	6p yellow green	—		1.00	
1873	1p vermilion, perf. 12½	3.50		2.00	
	6p blue green, "			.75	
1873-79	1p red, perf. 14	.45		.25	
	2½p brown, "	15.00		11.50	
	4p blue, "			3.50	
1882-85	½p green, perf. 14	.05		.05	
	2½p brown, "			.50	
	4p blue, "			5.00	
1886	1p red, perf. 12	.75		.30	
	2½p blue, perf. 14	.18		.12	
	4p brown, "	.30		.25	
	1sh mauve, "	5.50		6.00	

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC

1858-61	5c red	.06			
	10c green			2.00	
	15c blue			2.50	
	5c red, type A2			3.50	
1862	5c pink, accent on U			.75	
	10c green			5.00	
	15c blue, with accent on U			6.00	
1864	5c carmine	3.50			
	10c green	30.00			
	5c rose, perf.	1.50			
	5c lake, "	1.50			
	5c carmine, unwmk., imp.	5.00			
	5c rose, " " "	5.00			
	15c blue, " " "	—			
1868-69	5c vermilion, hor. lines	2.50		.75	
	10c green, "			.12	
1873	30c orange	1.75		.75	
1877-80	8c lake			.01	
	25c carmine			.30	
1882	1c red	.06		.06	
	12c blue	.75		.12	
	12c " engraved			.25	
1884	1 on 15c blue, red surch.	.75			
	4 on 5c vermilion, bl'k sur.			.25	
1884-87	¼c brown	.03		.03	
	12c blue	.30		.04	

1888	2c yellow green	.20
	3c green	.06
	5c carmine, type I	.15
	5c " " II	.20
	10c brown	.02
	30c chocolate	.08
	40c slate	.18
	50c blue	.15
1888-89	1/2c ultramarine	.01
	1c brown	.01
	3c blue green	.03
	5c red	.01
	6c blue black	.12
	12c blue	.20
	20c green	.05
1890	2c violet	.01
	40c olive green	.04
	50c orange	.08
	60c black	.12
1890	1/2c on 12c blue, black sur.	.04
	1/2c on 12c " red "	.03
1891	1p deep blue	.60
	5p light "	8.00
1892	2c light blue	.30
	5c dark "	.30
1892-96	1/2c blue	.01
	1c brown	.01
	2c yellow green	.01
	3c orange	.02
	10c rose	.02
	12c deep blue	.02
	16c gray	.04
	24c gray brown	.04
	1p deep carmine	.20
	2p dark green	.35
	5p " blue	.60
1896-98	1/2c blue	.01
	1c brown	.01
	2c yellow green	.01
	3c orange	.02
	10c carmine rose	.02
	12c deep blue	.02
	16c gray	.18
	50c blue green	.50
	80c dull violet	.25
	1p deep carmine	.20
	<i>Corrientes</i>	
1856	1r blue p	3.00
1864-80	(3c) blue p	.25
	(3c) dark blue p	.35
	(2c) rose p	1.00
	(2c) mauve p	.35
	AUSTRIA	
1850	1kr yellow	.12
	1kr orange	.10
	2kr black	.08
	3kr red	.01
	3kr " ribbed p	—
	6kr brown	.01
	6kr " ribbed p	—
	9kr blue	.01
	9kr " laid paper	—
1858-59	2kr orange	3.00
	3kr black	7.50
	3kr green	3.00
	10kr brown	17.50
	15kr blue	20.00
1861	2kr yellow	.08
	3kr green	.08
1863	5kr rose	.02
	10kr blue	.04
	15kr brown	.04
1867	25kr lilac	.12
1877	2kr yellow	15.00
	3kr green	12.50
	5kr rose	7.50
	10kr blue	15.00
	15kr brown	12.00
	50kr flesh	.50
1883	20kr gray	.01
	50kr violet	.07
	2kr brown, 11 1/2, 12 1/2, 13, 8 00	8.00
	3kr green, " " " " 7.50	7.50
	10kr blue, " " " " 7.00	7.00
1890	10kr blue	.08
	12kr dark red	.01
	15kr carmine	.01
	20kr olive green	.03
	24kr gray blue	.04

	30kr dark brown	.01
	50kr violet	.12
	2gld carmine	.18
1891	20kr olive green	.15
	24kr light blue	.18
	30kr brown	.22
	50kr violet	.03
1896	1gld pale lilac	.05
	2gld gray green	.15
	<i>Austrian Post Offices in the Levant</i>	
1867	2ald yellow	.03
	3ald green	.04
	5ald rose	.06
	10ald blue	.02
	15ald brown	.15
	50ald flesh	.75
1885	2ald brown	.03
	3ald green	.04
	5ald rose	.06
1886-88	10 par on 3 sld green surch. 16 mm.	10.00
	10 par on 3kr green	.03
	1pia on 10kr blue	.10
	2pia on 20kr gray	.18
	5pia on 50kr violet	.45
1890-92	8 par on 2kr brown	.03
	10 par on 3kr green	.03
	20 par on 5kr red	.05
	1 pia on 10kr blue	.10
	2 pia on 20kr olive green	.25
	5 pia on 50kr violet	.45
1892	2 pia on 20kr olive green	.03
	5 pia on 50kr violet	.10
	20 pia on 2 gld red	1.75
1896	10pia on 1 gld pale lilac	.70
	20 pia on 2 gld gray green	1.40
	<i>Lombardy Venice</i>	
1850	5c yellow	12.00
	5c " impr'n on 2 sides	3.00
	5c orange	12.00
	10c black	.25
	15c red	8.00
	15c " laid p	50.00
	30c brown	12.00
	30c " ribbed p	.25
	45c blue	35.00
	45c " ribbed p	.50
1858-59	2s yellow	.35
	3s black	.50
	3s green	3.00
	10s brown	1.50
	15s blue	3.00
	5s red	6.00
	10s brown	12.00
1863	2s yellow, perf. 14	.45
	3s green, " "	.25
	5s rose, " "	5.00
	10s blue, " "	20.00
	15s brown " "	8.50
	2s yellow, perf. 9 1/2	1.00
	3s green, " "	.12
	10s blue " "	.10
	AZORES ISLANDS	
1868	20r straw	6.50
	50r green	7.50
	80r orange	8.00
	100r lilac	8.00
1868-70	5r black	1.50
	10r yellow	2.00
	20r straw	3.50
	50r green	5.50
	80r orange	8.00
	100r lilac	8.50
	120r blue	2.00
	240r lilac	10.00
1869	25r rose	6.00
	25r " "	6.00
	25r " surc. inverted	12.00
	80r orange	7.50
	5r black	6.00
1871	5r black	.18
	5r " vermillion surc.	2.00
1871-75	10r yellow	.25
	20r straw	.40
	25r rose	.08
	50r green	1.00
	80r orange	1.50
	100r lilac	1.25
	120r blue	2.50

1875-80	10r yellow green	.50
	15r lilac brown	.20
	50r blue	1.50
	150r blue	3.00
	300r violet	1.00
1880	25r violet	.60
1881	5r black	.35
1882	5r black	.25
1882-85	5r slate, black surc.	.06
	10r green, " "	.50
	15r red brown " "	.10
	20r straw " "	.25
	25r brown " "	.10
	50r blue " "	.25
	80r orange " "	.12
	100r lilac " "	.10
	150r blue " "	35.00
	150r yellow " "	.35
	5r slate, red surc.	.03
	500r black, red surc.	1.75
1887	25r lilac rose	.02
	25r purple	.02
1894	10r rose	.04
	15r brown	.06
	20r violet	.08
	25r green	.08
	50r blue	.15
	150r light carmine	1.50
	300r d'k blue, sal'n buff p	1.00
	500r brown violet, pale mauve p	1.25
	100r blue black, grayish p	2.00
	<i>(Continued next week.)</i>	

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From Our Regular Correspondent.

Washington Notes.

Thursday, August 31st.

The Post Office Department sent to Cuba Saturday the balance of their order for stamps. It would seem now as if these stamps ought to be on sale in the U. S. within a week or ten days. A friend, who had seen the stamps, told me that it took four stamps to a plate number. Director General Vaile of the Philippines has notified the Department that he has changed the local rate of postage on the island of Negros from 2 to 1c an oz.

I fully agree with what the correspondent of the ERA says in reference to the Philippines stamps, and speaking from personal experience I would say that 50c was not too high for a perfect set of these stamps, providing that all the dealers in the country received them in the same condition I received mine.

It has been stated in various papers that the Post Office Department has been destroying papers and files of historic interest because they are useless as records and furthermore they have no room for them. Such however is not the case as it is found upon examination of the laws that no Government records and files can be destroyed without a special act of Congress. There is no question but what there are tons and tons of files of no earthly use, such as requisitions for stamps which are absolutely of no use excepting for waste paper.

Dealers report business as excellent considering the hot weather during the last month; and we all look forward to a booming business this fall.

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SURCHARGED CUBAN ENVELOPES

1c 1899, Green on Blue,
No. 5..... 25c.
2c 1899, Red on Blue,
No. 5..... 25c.

I have sent to Havana for a supply of all the surcharged envelopes and will quote prices as soon as received. (It is alleged by some that these envelopes are speculative, but I will leave that for collectors to decide.)

Money back if you are not satisfied.

H. F. Colman,
1526 O St., N. W., Washington, D. C.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Topics About Town.

FROM NEW YORK CITY.

The most important event the past week was the Second Annual Convention of the Empire State Philatelic Society. The attendance came fully up to expectations, and the sessions were all well patronized. Among the out-of-town members I noticed, Mr. Clark W. Brown of Syracuse, N. Y., Mr. C. W. Parker of Meriden, Conn., Mr. E. L. Shove, Unionville, N. Y., Dr. Wm. Evans, Weatstown, N. Y., Mr. J. H. Miller, Elizabeth, N. J., Messrs. Sherman and Weigle of New Brunswick, N. J., and Mr. Breniser of Johnstown, Pa. Dr. Hyatt and Mr. Ring of the Section on Philately of the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences were also among those present. The next convention will be held in New York City. A full report will be found elsewhere in this issue.

The new 2c Canada stamps in red are now coming in on the mails quite plentiful. The 2c surcharge on the 3c red with maple leaves in all four corners are being taken care of by speculators. The writer has had several inquiries regarding this stamp, and from present indications the supply will shortly be bought up, unless some dealer "unfortunately" blocks the intentions of this gentry.

In the "Correspondence" of the ERA of last Saturday, I noted a letter signed by M. C. Berlepsch, in which he takes offence to my query regarding a certain statement which Mr. Gregory had published in a western contemporary.

I am well aware Mr. W. F. Gregory is the President of the New York Branch A. P. A., I am well aware he has been for several terms President of the National Philatelic Society, I am also well aware he is the father of an interesting family, and an active member of the Collectors Club, I am also well aware Mr. Gregory is now in Europe, but all this is not answering my query: Why the revenue officers should call on Mr. Gregory in quest of beer stamps, when we all know that Mr. Gregory does not deal in such. Mr. Berlepsch takes it unto himself to reply to something which he knows nothing about.

A great many stamps changed hands at the E. S. P. S. Convention. Among the better grade shown were three complete sets of the newspaper and periodical stamps bearing the imprints and plate numbers. These were in the possession of Mr. C. W. Brown of Syracuse, N. Y.

Mr. Herbet showed a beautiful used copy of the Hawaiian Islands, Scott's, No. 22. Mr. E. L. Shove, Exchange Supt. of the Dominion Philatelic Association, displayed

a number of scarce stamps on his "Exchange" books.

Up to the present time the writer has nothing new to report regarding the proposed stamp trust mentioned in these notes in a former number.

It is stated on good authority that Jas. G. Stickney the "Tallapoosa fraud," who had been advertising Columbian stamps at very low prices and never filled orders, is now located elsewhere and has succeeded in having his "ads" published in several stamp papers. The publisher of the *New York Philatelist* evidently "caught on" to his game for this fraud is well written up in the August *N. Y. P.*

Speaking about "frauds" reminds me that a well known Brooklyn dealer recently had one of his letters returned from Lima, Peru. The letter was addressed to the "late" firm of Williams & Co. and requested "an early settlement for stamps sent about six months ago." I remarked to the dealer that he should keep the envelope as a "relic." "That 'relic' cost me over one hundred dollars" remarked my friend. Let those who were "done" console themselves with the thought that "there are others."

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPORT.

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees held on the 23d inst. the resignation of Mr. Levi A. Judkins as Secretary and Superintendent of Stamp Trading Department was considered and accepted.

It is with much regret that we were obliged to accept Mr. Judkins resignation, but the condition of his health makes it necessary for him to leave this part of the country. We shall retain his membership, however, and he assures us his hearty cooperation.

We have, and do hereby appoint, Mr. J. J. Cone of No. 4 Russell Park St., New Dorchester, Mass., to fill the offices (left vacant by the resignation) for the unexpired term, feeling sure that his services will be devoted to the best good of the Association.

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The Editor's Spears.

STAMP TRADE ON THE PACIFIC COAST.

The past season the market has been exceedingly satisfactory in the stamp business, a report that seems uniform all over the country; and although a great many dealers, including our publishers, are selling very nice stamps even now at the large discount of 50%, a strengthening in prices can be felt, and quite a number of the scarce varieties command prices that in some cases reach full catalogue. The fall trade is almost sure to bring an increase of value and of cost in a great many lines, but it is not so much the prices as the general tendency of buyers that we want to speak about.

One thing especially noticeable in the local market during the past season has been the awakening of philatelic inclinations with a comparatively large number of substantial business men. People who had laid their collections aside, or given up collecting entirely for a good many years, became aware of the fact that philately was a splendid thing to relieve and occupy the mind after the hard work of the down-town office. With our publishers the

season has been a prosperous one, and although four clerks are steadily employed they were not able to cope with the business, and the services of the well known philatelist, George Washburn, had to be engaged for over a month, principally to get the fine stock in shape, which the head of the firm will take with him to Europe. As it is Mr. Sellechopp's intention to test the European market thoroughly, this stock is a general one, arranged in twelve of Wolsieffer's books, besides a fine collection arranged in a German album. Even such a large assortment taken out leaves the variety of our local stock practically undiminished.

An event exceedingly interesting to philatelists has been the appearance of the first advance sheets of the 59th edition of the Standard Catalogue. The material cuts in this catalogue, notwithstanding a strong market, show plainly the intention of the large New York firm to do away with the 50 per cent. business of the smaller dealer. They also show the wisdom of the catalogues in withholding this book for a whole year. What would have created a panic in the stamp market last year is accepted with the greatest equanimity in a prosperous season. Anyone who handles stamps to a fair extent will observe at a glance that it is entirely impossible to sell according to the new catalogue with 50 per cent. discount. Doubtless some small dealers, who like the sensational in their advertisements, will continue to try to make the public believe that they are selling at 50 per cent, even at the new prices. In order to strengthen the market and to prevent such an impression, we think it would be to the interest of the stamp business in general if a large number of important dealers would go before the public, advertising that they are willing to buy any number of certain stamps at half catalogue. Every dealer who does any kind of business will be able to pick up quite a number of stamps that he could well use for his stock at such a rate, and if announcements to this effect become frequent it cannot but have a most encouraging effect on collectors. After all it is the collector who ought to be interested in the upholding of values more than the dealers. The dealers did quite well when they sold at 50 per cent. discount, being able to buy in many cases at 25 per cent., thus making a clean profit of 100 per cent.

Without being optimistic we believe we can predict for the coming winter one of the best seasons in the stamp business that has ever been. Even the month of July, which generally is the dullest month in the year, shows hardly any falling off, and we believe that stamp collecting is once more the old popular hobby which it was before the recent depression.—*Philatelic Facts and Fallacies.*

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PHILATELIC PRESS REVIEW.

(Continued from page 426.)

of a communication from Mr. Fricker the manager of the post and gives a full history of the enterprise. The stamps used are two in number, and are three cornered, with a homing pigeon in full flight within a circle. The blue stamp is of the value of 6 pence, and is used on messages from the island, while the red stamp is of the value of 1 shilling, and is used from Auckland to the island. According to this account, the stamps illustrated in our papers are frauds, for they do not correspond to the description given. More light is needed on this point.

Madrid Filatelico reprints from *Curioso Americano* of Havana quite an extended account of the Puerto Principe provisionals. These stamps are getting pretty well advertised just now and it is advisable to pick them up as soon as possible for the supply of some of the varieties is very limited.

Senor Galvez has suffered a bereavement recently in the death of his father July 29. A fitting tribute to the deceased occupies the first page of the paper.

From the Chicago letter in *Mekel's Weekly* I see that numbers one to nine of the \$1000 revenue were used in Rock Island recently, numbers two to eight being on one document.

Dr. Cottlow has a very interesting account of the handstamps used by postmasters prior to the introduction of postage stamps. While they have no postal value they are decidedly interesting and I for one always retain any that come my way.

Plate number friends will be interested in the following list of Philippine plates which J. N. Makins reports in the *Metropolitan Philatelist*: 1 cent, 795, 824, 822, 825, 772. 2 cents, 758, 759, 761, 804, 805, 775, 776. 3 cents, 428, 447, 450, 449. 5 cents, 390, 392. 10 cents, 519, 520.

The *Mitteldutsche Philatelisten Zeitung* has had running for some little time a series of illustrated articles dealing with the various handstamps used on the mail steamers and packets doing business in the Mediterranean Sea. It is quite voluminous and contains a large number of cuts.

The *Montreal Philatelist* makes the following announcement: "We shall in future omit short notes as much as possible, and leave them to our three excellent weeklies. Personals shall in future be entirely omitted. This rule we shall carry out in spite of all baiting in other papers." A most excellent stand, Friend Bach, and one which will make the *Montreal Philatelist* increase in popularity among

serious collectors. The article on Nova Scotia documents, printed this month, is reprinted from the *Halifax Philatelist*, the best paper Canada ever had.

The *Philatelic Journal of India* gets better and better every number. The articles on the native stamps are of especial value for they are written for the most part by men who are on the spot and who are in a position to get official information regarding these little understood stamps. The day will come when they will not be as much despised as they are now. The dies of the Poonch stamps have been defaced and a certificate from witnesses to the act, with impressions from the dies, are given.

The *Philatelic Monthly* gives the result of sorting over 47,243 of the 1 penny red Great Britain, 1864. The number found of each plate is given. Of number 225 only 4 specimens turned up, while of 132 there were 135 specimens. There were 1087 of plate 140. The article recently published in *Le Timbre Poste* giving the pedigree of all known specimens of the Post Office Mauritius is given in this paper in a condensed form.

So far as enterprise is concerned the weekly papers are not in it with the *Post Office* when it comes to publishing the new prices from the advanced catalogue. No less than ten pages of small type are filled with these quotations, taking the prices through France. Next month a still larger installment is promised. It ought to prove a big boom for Mr. Morgenthau's subscription list, for none of these quotation numbers will be sent out as "samples." An article is translated from *Le Timbre Poste* dealing with the Haiti stamps of the 1886 issue perf. 14 and 16. Quite conclusive evidence is given to show that these varieties are forgeries gotten out in Cape Haytien to cheat the government.

The *Schweizer Briefmarken Zeitung* has visited me after a long vacation and I trust will come regularly henceforth. It contains two valuable articles among others. The first deals with the stamps of Belgium and the other is entitled "Review of the Year 1898." It is in effect a review of the leading articles published in the philatelic press, arranged under the names of the countries thus:

South Bulgaria—*Deutsche B. Z.*—Comparative study of the genuine and forged lion surcharges.

East Roumelia—*Mitteldutsche Ph. Z.*—Study of the R. O. surcharge.

References under our own country fill quite a space. Unfortunately the pages are not given with the above references, so that it is not quite as valuable as it should be.

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First, or Nesbitt Series—Issued 1853-55.						
No.	Color.	Die.	Paper.	Size.	Unused.	Used.
1	3c red	1	white	1	..	\$0.60
2	3c "	1	"	3	..	.20
3	3c "	1	buff	3	..	.20
5	3c "	2	white	3	..	1.50
8	3c "	3	white	3	..	20.00
9	3c "	3	buff	3	..	2.25
10	3c "	4	white	1	..	12.00
11	3c "	4	"	3	..	8.00
12	3c "	4	buff	3	..	10.00
14	3c "	5	white	1	.50	.15
14	3c "	(aE Horner 3)	1	..	..	.60
15	3c "	5	white	3	.50	.08
15	3c "	(aE Horner 18)	3	..	..	.75
16	3c "	5	white	3	..	5.00
17	3c "	5	"	3	5.00	1.00
18	3c "	5	buff	3	.75	.05
18	3c "	(aE Horner 19)	3	..	..	1.40
19	3c "	5	buff	3	..	1.25
20	3c "	5	"	3	5.00	.75
21	6c green	6	white	3	5.00	..
22	6c "	6	buff	3	5.00	3.00
23	6c red	6	white	7	8.50	..
24	6c "	6	buff	7	8.75	3.00
25	10c green	7	white	3	80.00	6.00
26	10c "	7	buff	3	7.50	2.00
27	10c "	8	white	3	7.50	..
28	10c "	8	buff	3	7.50	2.00

Second Series—Issued 1860-61.						
No.	Color.	Die.	Paper.	Size.	Unused.	Used.
29	3c red	white	1/2	2.00	1.00	..
30	3c "	"	1	..	..	1.00
31	3c "	"	2	1.00	.50	..
32	3c "	"	2	..	..	.50
33	3c "	"	3	.75	.25	..
34	3c "	buff	2	1.00	.40	..
35	3c "	"	2	..	..	.40
36	3c "	"	3	.60	.15	..
47	1c blue	"	3	1.50	1.50	..
48	1c "	"	3	.75	.75	..
50	1c "	"	3	5.00	1.50	..
58	4c blue and red	white	3	12.00	..	..
61	4c blue and red	buff	3	12.00	..	..
1902	1c blue	"	Wrap.	..	..	1.00
1906	1c "	salmon	"	..	..	1.00

Third Series—Issued 1861-63						
No.	Color.	Die.	Paper.	Size.	Unused.	Used.
63	3c rose	white	1/2	3.00	1.25	..
64	3c "	"	1	1.00	.35	..
67	3c "	"	2	2.00	.30	..
68	3c "	"	3	.50	.15	..
71	3c "	"	3	1.00	.40	..
74	3c "	"	5	125.00	..	..
75	3c "	buff	2	2.00	.25	..
76	3c "	"	3	.50	.15	..
79	3c "	"	3	..	..	.50
81	3c "	white	7	5.00	..	..
85	6c "	buff	7	5.00	..	..
88	6c "	white	7	1.00	..	..
91	10c green	white	3	1.00	..	..
94	10c "	buff	3	1.00	..	..
95	10c "	"	3	1.00	..	..
98	10c "	"	3	1.00	..	..
99	10c "	amber	3	5.00	..	..
107	2c black	1	buff	3	.75	..
112	2c "	2	"	3	125.00	..
113	2c "	2	orange	3	125.00	..
1920	2c "	1	manila Wrap.	3	3.00	..
1921	2c "	1	"	3	5.00	4.00

Fourth Series—Issued 1864						
No.	Color.	Die.	Paper.	Size.	Unused.	Used.
115	2c black	1	buff	3	.40	..
117	2c "	2	amber	3	.40	.25
120	2c "	2	"	3	.50	..
121	2c "	2	orange	3	.50	.15
122	2c "	1	buff	3	.50	.35
123	2c "	1	"	3	1.00	..
128	2c "	1	orange	3	.35	.30
128a	2c "	1	yel. orange	3	1.00	1.00
1922	2c "	2	buff Wrap.	3	3.00	..
1925	2c "	2	d'k buff	3	5.00	..
1929	2c "	1	manila	3	.75	..
130	3c rose	white	1	..	..	.10
131	3c "	"	3	..	..	.05
132	3c "	"	3	.25	.05	..
134	3c "	buff	3	..	..	.05
135	3c "	"	3	..	..	.05
138	3c "	amber	3	..	..	.10
139	3c "	"	3	..	..	.05
143	3c "	white	7	.75	.75	..
143	6c "	buff	7	.40	.40	..
144	6c "	amber	7	1.00	..	..
145	3c brown	white	7	1.00	.75	..
146	3c "	buff	7	1.00	..	..
148	6c purple	white	3	.75	..	..
149	6c "	buff	3	.60	..	..
150	6c "	amber	3	.60	..	..
153	9c orange	buff	7	3.50
155	12c claret	"	7	4.00
158	18c red	"	8	3.00
159	24c blue	"	8	2.50

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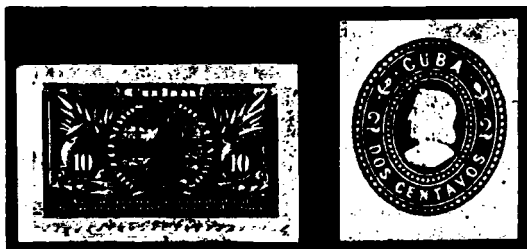
News of New Stamps.

NOTE.—Readers of the WEEKLY ERA are invited to send us any early information they obtain regarding new issues of stamps. We shall also be pleased to receive the loan of specimens of newly issued stamps (for purpose of illustration), which will be promptly returned, or equivalent value sent in United States stamps if preferred.—THE EDITOR.

CUBA.—The entire series of new stamps of special design issued for this country by our own government have at last appeared. Mr. Colman, our regular Washington correspondent, was the first to favor us with a complete set, comprising the regular postage issue, the Special Delivery, and three envelopes, which were received by us in our Friday morning mail. Our noon mail brought us a set of the adhesives from Mr. E. A. Holton.

The regular postage series has been illustrated by two of our contemporaries and is comprised of five values, as follows: 1 centavo green, 2c carmine, 3c purple, 5c dark blue and 10c brown.

The Special Delivery is of 10 centavos value, color orange, and a reproduction is given below.



There are three denominations of the envelopes, being 1 centavo green on amber, 2c carmine on amber, and 5c blue on white. The design is herewith illustrated, and, except the numeral of value, the same for each value. There is also a 1c wrapper of same design and color as the 1c envelope. The paper has the '99 U S P O D watermark.

GERMANY.—Stamp collectors have a novelty before them, whether a pleasant one or not remains to be seen. The Kaiser himself has made the design for the new issue of German postage stamps. Their crudity may be relieved somewhat by the English engravers who are to prepare them for printing, but those who remember the Kaiser's other artistic experiments must await the new issue with forebodings.—*Boston Journal*.

SAMOA.—We are indebted to Mr. Ross O'Shaughnessy for specimens of the current Samoa stamps in the new colors: $\frac{1}{2}$ p green and 1p brown.

The collector who wishes to see how much pleasure can really be derived from specializing in varieties of color, shade, perforation, etc. could hardly find a field better combining productiveness with moderate expense than the stamps of Holland. The issue of 1891-97 form a very attractive series, the different printings giving pronounced varieties of shade and tint. Gibbons' lists a few more than Scott's 58th, and there are a few other distinct shades, quite likely representing in some instances distinct printings, which are not listed in either catalogue. The 1872-88 issue also comes in distinct shade varieties, as well as the numerous varieties of perforation and neither are the earlier issues lacking in varieties of shade. From the standpoint of investment I think a well specialized collection of the stamps of Holland made at present prices would not prove a losing venture for any collector. For that matter it is a good country for any general collector to fill up and the set now giving way to the new issue should prove a fair purchase in unused condition.

The English catalogues pay more attention as a rule to shade and color varieties than our American publications, but then I think our fellow collectors across the water go in more generally for such than we American collectors. Moreover it is not to be expected that our catalogues can devote the necessary time and space to listing the minor varieties of shade and color to be found to more or less extent in the stamps of nearly every country, the number of collectors to whom such cataloguing in each country would appeal is too limited. The collector who would like it in the stamps of Canada would not care a rap about it in Mexico or Belgium and so on. It doubtless serves the interests of the specialist better that it is as it is. Shade and other minor varieties are doubtless picked up at far more reasonable prices because so many of them are not listed. Moreover it leaves open to the collector to a greater extent the joy of discovery. It is a pleasure to be always watching out, picking up and arranging these varieties for one's self.

The Hayti 2c on 20c brown 1898 is found with the surcharge sideways.

I have what might be termed a "broken type" variety of the 8c Puerto Rico on U.

From an Occasional Correspondent.

Noted by the Way.

During the past week I have received some Bolivia 50c 1894, perf. 13, 13½ showing pronounced difference in shade from those including in the reference list of the stamps of this issue published in last week's notes. With these at hand I would add two varieties to that list making it as follows:

- 50c violet brown (two tints).
- 50c violet violet brown.
- 50c red violet.

The last is an unmistakable red violet entirely distinct from any other shades of this stamp.

Mr. Nankivell in his English letter to

the *A. J. of P.* this month, speaking of the new issue of Holland, says "The new series of Dutch stamps has come out at a rather unfortunate time, for in such a quiet season there cannot be the demand for it that there would be, say, in the winter season. The result will be that many specialists who look sharp after first printings of important new issues will miss them. In this case I am inclined to think that it will be more than usually interesting to label the first printing, for some of the colors are so delicate that it will be impossible for the printers to avoid the making of shades. Already I have seen two distinct shades of the 10c, one a very pale lilac and the other a much darker shade, but both lilac." The stamps of Holland are, I think, growing in popularity and offer a splendid and not expensive field for the specialist.

S. in which the C shows a break in the upper portion and the O is entirely missing, the surcharge reading "PORTO RIC".

GEO. S. MCKEARIN.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Our Boston Letter.

Tuesday, Sept. 5th.

The 2½d, 6d, 8d and 2sh stamps of New Zealand, of local printing, have been received. They are on unwatermarked paper, of a different texture from that of the London printing, and perforated 11. The 2½d is poorly printed, and at first glance looks similar to a lithograph. A lot of the 1d, in two colors, brown and blue, received with the above mentioned stamps, are much darker in both colors, than any of the former London prints. Whether they are New Zealand or London print is a question. Three new stamps of Uruguay have also been received here, the 1 and 2c of the 1889 type, but a change in colors; a 10c of the 1897 issue, color, light purple.

The Washington correspondent of the *Metropolitan* states, in the last number of that paper, that the Boston correspondent of the ERA "seems to be worried about what constitutes an envelope regularly issued." Mr. Bartels avoids answering the question, which is, Were the two 1887 1c blue on blue and oriental buff, with 1890 watermark issued for use, or secured by favor? He has a great faculty of telling us that which we know, and keeping silent about that which we would like to know. He promises to give a list of the envelopes which are listed cut square, which do not exist at all without the surcharge specimen on face of envelope. He can save time by copying the list which appears in Vol. 11 and 12 of the *American Journal of Philately*, as it contains a list of all known "specimen" envelopes which are *not known* to exist without "specimen." He says: "The 4c and 5c 1887 die on blue and oriental paper were never placed on sale in the ordinary sense of the term." This is one of his "straw" statements. I know of an office where they were bought by the piece and by the thousand. Speaking of the present time, he says: "Every envelope issue can be obtained through any postmaster." There are several envelopes of what we call present issues that cannot be obtained in any such way. The 1c blue on blue and oriental buff, 1887 die, are not entitled to recognition. They were manufactured for a private purpose; were not regularly authorized by the Government.

The Philippine Island stamps surcharged on U. S. are meeting with a ready sale, and Cuba stamps surcharged on U. S. Porto Rico does not seem to be so popular as either of the above named. Hawaii,

1883, \$1.00, unused, o. g., has been sold here, during the past week, for considerably over catalogue. A well known collector here, who trades with all the dealers, says that only 5 sets of the Hawaii Official stamps are in stock in Boston. There is a good demand for Zanzibar stamps, of the 1896 issue, with portrait of the late Sultan.

The advance sheets of the new catalogue have been received up to Natal. They have listed and illustrated a set of Montenegro stamps, that have not been listed before, even among the speculative issues. Why they never have been listed, is one of the mysteries. The advance sheets that are looked for with much interest are those containing the stamps of Philippine and Porto Rico.

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CHICAGO, Sept. 2nd, '99.

The 303rd regular meeting of the Chicago Philatelic Society was held Aug. 3rd, 1899, in Society's room, No. 651 Marquette Building. Meeting was called to order at 8.10 p. m. with Mr. C. E. Severn, President, in the chair. Present: Messrs. C. E. Severn, Michael, Massoth, Oesch, Schlieckert and Doncyson. Visitor present: Mr. E. M. Rosenthal of Chicago.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read. Mr. Lefever, not being present no report was made by committee appointed to pack and ship philatelic papers.

Letter from Mr. J. A. Cook of Waterloo, Ia., was read and referred to Governing Board. After recess the Governing Board instructed the Secretary to write Mr. Cook and inform him that we had disposed of our library. They ordered posted the application (for Active Membership) of Mr. E. M. Rosenthal of Chicago, proposed by Mr. C. E. Severn.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8.45 p. m.

S. T. DONCYSON, Secretary.

The 304th regular meeting of the Chicago Philatelic Society was held Aug. 17th, 1899, in Society's room, 651 Marquette Building. Meeting was called to order at 8.15 p. m. with Mr. C. E. Severn, President, in the chair. Present: Messrs. C. E. Severn, Schlieckert, Oesch, Smack, Michael, Massoth and Doncyson.

Visitor present: Mr. E. M. Rosenthal. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Committee appointed to pack and ship philatelic papers reported that all papers had been shipped to Mr. Fred Doughty of Saginaw, Mich., as directed. Motion prevailed that committee be discharged with thanks.

Communication from Mr. C. C. Johnson of Milwaukee was read and referred to Governing Board.

Upon ballot Mr. E. M. Rosenthal was elected Active member No. 469. Motion prevailed that Mr. Rosenthal retain his old

number (347) as well as the new one.

After recess the Governing Board asked Mr. Severn to write Mr. C. C. Johnson and request him to exhibit his collection at one of our meetings in the near future.

There being no further business the remainder of the evening was passed in discussing our coming Auction Sale which takes place on Sept. 21st. Have you sent your contribution to Mr. F. N. Massoth, Custodian? (See minutes of 301st meeting.)

S. T. S. DONCYSON, Sec'y.

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Fine U. S. and Canada Revs., cat. 5c to \$3.00, to exchange for a fine perf. copy of the \$200.00 1st issue, or \$30.00 3rd issue Rev. Also a lot of philatelic papers to exch. for U. S. Revs. Jas. Mikolasek, 721 W. 19th St., Chicago, Ill. (Member C. P. S.)

I am a portrait artist and I also collect stamps. Will make you a fine portrait for fine stamps. For particulars, reference, etc., address, R. E. Edmunds, 518 New Era Bldg., Chicago, Ill. [30]

Here! I will take your duplicate stamps or job lots at ½ cat. (with few exceptions) in exchange for my stamps at catalogue. Write, Calvin C. Brackett, Garland, Me. [17]

Here! Wanted a Scott's latest International Album 2 Vol. Edition, in exchange for stamps. Write, Calvin C. Brackett, Garland, Maine. [16]

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\$50 Documentary ('98), fine copies, only \$2.25. \$3 Doc., 8c. H. K. MOYER, Easton, Pa.

1899 ½c blue, Pisco Company, unused,	\$0.04
1899 ½c Johnson & Johnson, unused,	.04
1899 ½c black, Fletcher, unused,	.07
1873 12c Interior Dept., unused,	.20

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I want to buy cancelled 3c, 5c and 6c Columbians, 3c vermilion, 4c carmine, yellow Special Delivery, also other issues of U. S. and Foreign stamps. Send on approval with lowest cash price. CARL YOUNG, 112 N. 5th St., Phila., Pa. [32]

Best Onion-Skin Stamp Mounts, 10 cts. per 1000; first 25 orders mailed in a die A envelope. JOEL H. DU BOISE, Huguenot, Georgia. [30]

Omahas 1c to 10c inclusive, o. g., in pairs with Plate Nos. 80c. Ulster Stamp Co., Sta. R, Kingston, N. Y. [31]

Cuba on U. S. 1, 2, 2½, 3, 5, 10c, extra fine, 30 cts.; good, 22 cts.; set without 2½c value, extra fine, 24 cts.; good, 18 cts.; 5c per 10, 20 cts. Superb and beautiful copies of the \$50.00 '89 Rev. only \$2.30. Orders below 50 cents postage extra. WENDELIN WEBER, 904 Eagle St., Buffalo, N. Y. [30c]

1000 U. S. postage stamps from 1851 to 1894 inclusive, for 70 cts.; 500 for 45c. A good mixture. E. A. KELLY, 713 La Salle St., Ottawa, Ill. [30]

Cash paid for collections, duplicates, stamps in lots. F. PUTNEY, JR., Box 944, Providence, R. I. [30]

HERE! 600 stamps at ½c each. List free. [17] Calvin C. Brackett, Garland, Me.

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The eighty-eighth regular meeting of the Society will be held in Elks' Hall, 24 Hayward Place, Boston, on Tuesday, Sept. 19, at 8 o'clock P. M.

The Entertainment Committee desire me to announce that they have arranged for a phonographic entertainment upon a new and novel plan and that it is expected that one of our members will contribute to the pleasure of the evening by recounting some of his recent European experiences.

And now a few words as to the Revenue List. The book is in press and good progress has been made upon it, but unfortunately, the last lot of notes, upon which the authors confidently counted, has been delayed considerably beyond the time expected and, consequently, work had to be suspended for some little time.

It is hoped that the book will be out by October first and it will now be pushed as rapidly as possible.

The response to the appeal for subscriptions has been most prompt and satisfactory, for which we desire to thank our good friends all over the country.

There are, however, plenty of copies unsold, and the undersigned is still gladly receiving subscriptions for the same.

GEORGE L. TOPPAN,
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SECRETARY'S REPORT.

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Resignations Accepted.

370. **MAYER, EMIL**, New York City.

1017. **MEKEEL, G. M.**, St. Louis, Mo.

WM. N. HOWE, Secretary.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

FLEMINGTON, N. J., Sept. 4, 1899.

I have received from Mr. S. M. Craiger, Linden, Md., 250 miscellaneous philatelic journals.

H. E. DEATS, Librarian.

REPORT OF THE SALES DEPARTMENT.

GEORGE R. TUTTLE, Superintendent,
87 Nassau St.
NEW YORK CITY, Sept. 2nd, 1899.

771 books of stamps in circulation according to my report of Aug. 26th, valued at \$26,590.94
1 book received since Aug. 26th valued at..... 68.79

58 books retired since Aug. 26th, valued at (from which has been sold \$275.37) \$1,637.58

Total number of books in circulation 714, valued at \$25,023.15

GEO. R. TUTTLE,
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Calvin C. Brackett, Garland, Me.

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1898 Document Stamps NEW PRICES.

1c, used, Per 100	\$0.20	Per 1000	\$1.50
2c, " "	.15	"	1.00
3c, " "	.30	"	2.50
4c, " "	.35	"	3.00
5c, " "	.15	"	.80
10c, " "	.15	"	.90
25c, " "	.25	"	1.75
40c, " "	.30	Per 100	2.25
50c, " "	.40	Per 1000	3.00
80c, " "	.15	Per 100	1.20
\$1.00, " "	.10	Per 100	.60
\$5.00, " "	.25	Per 100	1.40
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Unused, Original Gum.

FULLY PERFORATED.

Philippines on U. S.	1, 2, 3, 5, 10c	\$.40
Cuba	" " 1, 2, 2½, 3, 5, 10	.40
Porto Rico	" " 1, 2, 5, 8, 10c	.35
" Envelopes on U. S.	2, 5c	.12
Cuba Envs. on U. S.	2c gr'n on buff	.25
" " " " 2c red on blue		.25
" " " " 2c red on amber		.25
" " " " 2c gr'n on white		.05
Netherlands 1899 ½ to 7½, 7 var		.15
Seychelles, 5 var		.20

Postage 2c extra with all orders.

COLONIAL STAMP CO.,

J. H. LYONS, Manager,

345A Washington St., BOSTON, MASS.

Sterling Stamp Co.

BOSTON MASS.

Somebody told us once that there was no sale for stamps in July and August, we don't think. Our business has increased every month and August was the best yet. We put new names on our mailing list every day. If you will follow our ads for a month you will see the reason.

WE OFFER:

- Canada 2c red (block of 4, 10c) each, \$0.03
- Philippines on U. S. 1, 2, 3, 5 & 10, (Seconds 25c)..... .30
- Porto Rico on U. S. 1, 2, 5 & 10, (Seconds 20c)..... .25
- Cuba on U. S. 2½ Error (Per 10, 35c); each..... .04
- We have secured another lot of the much advertised **Porto Rico Postal: Per 10, 25c. Each, 3c.**
- 4c brown U.S. 1899 Envelop, entire and unused, 4 var..... .40
- 5c blue U. S. 1899 Envelop, entire and unused, 4 var..... .30
- Die B later.

SEPTEMBER SNAPS.

- *Unused.
- Austria 1890 2g rose..... \$0.10
- " 1890 2g gray green..... .10
- Belgium 1867 40c rose..... .06
- Canada 1897 8 Maple Leaf and Numerals, 6 var. Congo 1894 1fr lilac and black..... .15
- Guatemala Exposition 25c on 12c..... .12
- " " 1898 Provisionals comp. set of 20 var. 1c on 12c..... 3.50
- Hawaii, 14 varieties..... .50
- *Lagos 1885-6 6d olive..... .50
- *Mexico 1884 2 pesos, blue..... .35
- New So. Wales Unpaid, complete set ¼d to 20sh 5.00
- Russia 70kop brown and orange..... .18
- *Sarawak 1c on 3, 2c, 3c, 4c, 6c, 8c, 12c, 7 var..... .75
- *Trinidad 1896 ¼d, 1d, 2½d, 4d, 5d, 6d, 1sh, 7 var..... .80
- *U. S. 50c Columbus 1893..... .65
- " " 1898 2c R.I. instead of I.R. (shifted type)..... .50
- " " War Revs., 14 Proprietary..... .50
- " " 8 Document..... .40
- " " 1895 2c, triangle II. and triangle III., pair 100 different postage and envelope stamps, cat. over \$6.00, only..... 1.00
- 25 varieties Calif. and Nevada state Revenues .. 3.50
- The California Philatelist Free.

B. F. GAMBS,
P. O. Box 2631, San Francisco, Cal.

Unused U. S. Stamps Wanted.

We will buy any quantity of unused U. S. stamps, Columbians, Omaha or current, also 1898 Documentary at following discounts from face value:
All values 1c to 30c at 4 per cent. discount.
" " 50c to 1.00 " 20 " "
" " \$1 to 5.00 " 25 " "
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We don't care about entering, tears etc., as long as stamps have gum. A uniform rate of 15c will be charged on lots less than \$3.50.

British Colonials.

We will buy unused current British Colonials at 10 to 20 per cent. discount from face; shilling figured at 54c. We buy other Foreign at reasonable rates. The thousands of people that have sent us stamps to cash in can testify as to the promptness in sending checks. We handled over \$40,000 worth during last twelve months.
P. N. FROST & CO.,
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Here! Wholesale lots for small dealers.
Calvin C. Brackett, Garland, Me.

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To all applying for our Approval Sheets, a packet of all different stamps, to induce some friend to collect, and we will allow you to select 10c worth free.

Stamps as Premiums for Every Remittance.

GENESE PACKETS.

- Packet No. 6—10 unused..... 10c
- " " 11—50 good stamps..... 15c
- " " 16—100 "..... 25c
- " " 19—100 fine stamps..... 50c
- " " 21—100 extra stamps.... \$1.00

Satisfaction guaranteed or money refunded.

Genese Stamp Co.,

Box 109, CHARLOTTE, N. Y.

Bilateral Dress Review.

By WM. C. STONE.

American Journal of Philately, Vol. XII

- No. 9, September:
- Postage Stamps of the U. S. Special Delivery Stamps.
- English Letter.
- History of Belgian Postage Stamps and Entires.
- Counterfeits of South Bulgarian Surcharges.
- New Varieties of United States Stamps.
- Great Barrier Island Stamps.
- Brooklyn Institute.

Bric-a-Brac, Vol. XXIV No. 9 (249), Sept:

- Halfpenny Post.
- Cape Colony and Penny Postage.
- Used Telegraph Stamps.
- Spread of Stamp Collecting.
- Holland's New Stamps.

Illustriertes Briefmarken Journal,

- Vol. XXVI No. 16, August 19:
- Eleventh German "Philatelic Day" in Dresden.

Some Thoughts Concerning Envelopes and Wrappers.

Forgeries—Persia, Hungary.

Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News, Vol. XIII

- No. 36 (453), September 7:
- A Circumnavigator.
- Historical Covers.

Chicago, New York, California, Boston, Canadian, and Washington Notes.

Ideal Catalogue.

Monthly Philatelic Letter—Austrian Watermarks.

Metropolitan Philatelist, Vol. XI No. 23,

- September 2:
- Washington Notes.
- Great Barrier Island.

Philatelic West and Camera News, Vol.

- X No 2, August:
- Revenue Stamps of Mexico.
- Varieties of Queensland.
- Dog Pony Express.

Notes from the Sunflower State.

Stamp Notes from Western Australia.

Argentine Stamps of 1892.

Brief General History of Stamps.

Hastings Notes.

Argentine Notes.

Conventions of 1899.

Der Philatelist, Vol. XX No. 8 (257),

- August:
- Frank Stamps of the German Imperial Post.
- Provisionals of Guatemala 1897-99.
- The Manchester Exhibition.
- XI "German Philatelic Day."

Revista Philatelica do Brazil, Vol. IV

- No. 7, July:
- Commemorative Stamps of 1900.
- Album of Brazilian Philatelic Miseries.

Rival Philatelist, Vol. I No. 2, September:

- Editor's Ravings.
- A Few Pertinent ??
- Oh!! Gee!!
- Let Them All Come.
- Up North.

Stamps (N. Y.), Vol. III No. 8, August:

- Collecting in Quantity.
- New Zealand and its Stamps.
- Advance Prices of the 59th Catalogue.

The account of our Special Delivery stamps which Mr. Luff gives in his history in the *American Journal of Philately*, is by all means the fullest account of these stamps that I have yet seen. It contains the Act of Congress authorizing the stamps and the circulars sent out to postmasters

Special!

Just Received:

FOUR COMPLETE SHEETS
F. Mansfield & Co. Match Stamps on Pink, Full Gum and Absolutely Perfect.

Latest Net List Price, 30c Each.

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Entire Sheet of 20 Stamps, Six Plates, \$30.00.
JUMP AT US!

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Blocks of Four with Imprint, \$1.00.

UNUSED UNITED STATES

	Cat.	\$2.00	\$0.75
3c dull red, 1851-56.....	\$2.00	\$0.75	
3c " 1855-60.....	.10	.04	
10c blue, 1861.....	.35	.15	
3c rose, 1861.....	.15	.06	
10c yellow green, 1861.....	1.75	.75	
5c black, 1867, 9x13.....	1.25	.60	
3c red, 1867, 9x13.....	1.00	.50	
5c brown, 1869.....	1.25	.60	
3c blue, 1869.....	1.00	.40	
Pair 1c 1869.....	3.00	1.50	
15c orange.....	2.00	.60	

Canada 1899 surcharge, unused, 2c Numeral and 2c Maple Leaf—5c for two with other orders.

STAMP CO Coldwater, Mich.

MY ENTIRE SUPPLY

of used, off-the-cover, copies of the 5c green Confederate States stamps has been sold. There remain, however, a few finely postmarked, perfect specimens on entire original covers, which I will sell at 30 cents each, postage extra.

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- Hawaii 1882 5c ultramarine..... \$0.03
 - " 1883 2c rose..... .02
 - " 1889 2c red, Govt. counterfeit .35
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STAMPS AND ENVELOPES

have arrived and you will all want a set of each:

- 1, 2, 3, 5, 10 & 10c Special Delivery, picked copies, 45c
- 1, 2 & 5c Envelopes, 20c

Can supply the above wholesale.

H. F. Colman,

1526 O St., N. W., Washington, D. C.

explaining their use, etc. All the various plate numbers are given and also the quantities sent out each quarter down to June 30, 1898. Sixteen plates would give a collector a complete collection, but unfortunately (?) No. 682 has never been put to press. The whole number of the stamps sent out, up to the above date, is 40,784,600.

Mr. Nankivell announces that the new Transvaal stamps will not be ready for some five or six months at least. They are to bear a bust of Oom Paul on the shilling value and under, while the higher values will have the arms of the state.

A new variety has been discovered in the re-engraved types of the 1 and 3 cents United States 1882. It seems that a lot of these stamps were printed on double paper, the thin surface paper being punched with eight small holes for each stamp. Any attempt to erase the cancel mark would tear this paper and spoil the stamp, and soaking it would separate it into two parts.

From the *Metropolitan Philatelist* I see that some one by the name of Williams (!) is going to get out a private Proprietary stamp to use on "Pink Pills for Pale People." Also that nothing more has been heard from Lewis Roberts, who wanted a corn plaster stamp, since he asked for an estimate of cost. The cost of a special die and plate is about \$120. An article taken from the *New Zealand Graphic* gives a good account of the Great Barrier Island post with its stamps, and in the *American Journal of Philately* which also reprints the same article, is given an illustration of the triangular stamp which is said to be the only genuine design.

It does seem a pity that the *Philatelic West* with all the good matter it contains should be so slovenly written. It speaks badly for the editor, who should most certainly see to it that articles should be put into decent shape before being printed. I have hesitated to speak of the above failing, for I do not wish to offend, but the number before me is so terribly full of grammatical errors that I can keep still no longer. Do stir your editor up, Brodstone.

Der Philatelist contains illustrations of the Cretan stamps issued by the Russian authorities (?) during the recent international occupation of the island. As they will in all probability be illustrated soon in our own papers I will refrain from taking space to describe them closely, but will content myself with stating that the double-headed Russian eagle forms the central design of the first type which consists of two values, while the second issue contains a large trident in an oval.

Not having been favored with a copy of *Stampic America* I was greatly pleased to receive today a copy of *The Rival Phi-*

latelist which is published by the editor, edited by the publisher, whenever convenient, wherever he finds himself. Guaranteed circulation of this number: paid up subscribers, 2, for review, 11, samples, 7. No more samples are to be sent out. I trust my copy was one of the 11, for in that case I may expect to see it again. The paper contains 8 pages and is printed on a hectograph, I should judge. As to where it comes from, even the postmark fails to reveal that. Come again soon.

Stamps has for its frontispiece a half-tone of a full sheet of the triangular 3 pence Newfoundland. The other full-page illustration is of the current New Zealand set, with a few others of older issues. The paper has been somewhat late recently, and is not quite up to what it has been. Perhaps, however, the editor has been on a vacation and has not recovered yet. It is a paper one could ill afford to lose, however.

I have this afternoon received my copy of the long looked for book on the stamps of Great Britain, brought out by the London Society and written by the late Hastings E. Wright and A. B. Creeke. It is a magnificent work and should be in every library. Next week I hope to be able to give an extended review of it when I have had a chance to look it over carefully.

Correspondence.

[The editor wishes it distinctly understood that he does not hold himself responsible for assertions made under this head, nor does he necessarily sanction any ideas or opinions expressed. All are invited to contribute to this department, with the above understanding, and all communications deemed suitable or of interest to our readers will be published.]

BOSTON, Sept. 1st, 1899.

Editor ERA:

In reply to Mr. Bartels' attack in the *Metropolitan* on the Cuban envelopes I have, I wish to call attention to the conflicting statements he has made.

August 5th he writes: "Envelopes bearing the return card of one Smith probably never saw Cuba, but are simply fakes."

August 26th he writes: "All I have written is true to the best of my knowledge without prejudices against any one individual." Does he not say envelopes bearing the return card of "one Smith" and August 12th gave a list showing there is only one such lot?

August 12th he writes: "Inquiry at headquarters reveals the fact that the Director General has been ordering envelopes direct from Hartford without the knowledge of the Department in Washington."

June 10th he wrote: "Any order given by the Director General will be filled as it no longer needs the approval of the United States Post Office Department," also "Postmaster General Smith said our postal

authorities have no longer any connection with postal affairs in Cuba, all envelopes will be ordered direct from Hartford." July 1st he wrote: "No one had authority to change any order given by the Director General."

According to this, what the Director General ordered from Hartford, he had a right to order, and no one could change his order, hence anything he ordered was "properly authorized." Also permission to order from Hartford carried with it, permission to use the U. S. dies, so what he writes, Aug. 26th about "dies being Government property, and never should have been used without permission," is all bosh. Aug. 26th he writes: "When a stamp dealer living in this country orders stamped envelopes for his own speculative purposes, it is time to call a halt, etc." Let us see what he has done. June 15th his ad in the *Metropolitan* reads: "Cuban Envelopes. 1c on buff 25c each. 2c on amber, (only 3000 printed,) 50c each. The 1c and 2c both surcharged on blue. We have sent an order for a supply and will sell as cheap as anyone."

It seems he ordered some envelopes. I wonder if they were for his "own speculative purposes."

He sees 25c value in 1c buff, (1000 issued,) 50c value in 2c amber, (3000 issued,) but when other envelopes of which 1500 only were issued, are offered at 25c, he howls "speculation," "fakes," says they are of "little philatelic value," and advises collectors to leave them "severely alone."

Mind you, envelopes issued by the same office, and same officials as those he advertises.

Strange that his list Aug. 12th of "properly authorized" envelopes contains the varieties he has had, no more and no less. Aug. 26th, he writes: "U. S. envelopes can be bought any time in various offices and speculation by private parties is entirely out of the question."

July 22nd he writes: "The baronial sizes on amber are worth \$5.00 each." Aug. 19th he writes: "1c blue 1887 on blue and oriental buff, are worth \$1.00 and \$1.50 each." What offices had these on sale? Was there any "necessity" for the issue of them? Were they "properly authorized?" Any "speculation" in them or in die A on blue and amber? He is on record as favoring the reprinting of Newspaper stamps, by the Government, and Jan. 21st wrote: "It would be no discredit to our Government to take a step of this kind."

When the Cuban office issued a few envelopes he wrote Aug. 12th: "It is a most discreditable state of affairs and cannot but reflect on those in power in Havana. Gentlemen, I submit that his attack on Cuban envelopes is unwarranted, his notes and advertisements show that he is not consistent or sincere. He makes untrue statements, evidently intending to mislead the reader. He ordered envelopes himself and offers all he can get for sale.

Cuban envelopes if ordered by the Director General are a *government issue, properly authorized, good for postage*, and of as much or more philatelic value than the many varieties of U. S. envelopes Mr. Bartels makes a specialty of dealing in and says are worth from 50c to \$1.00 each.

There was nothing underhanded about the issue of Cuban envelopes, but to get a special kind the order had to be for 5000 and the cash paid when ordered. Anyone could get them. I claim I had a perfect right to order envelopes and it was a legitimate business transaction.

Yours respectfully,
FRED S. SMITH.

59th "Standard" Prices.

(Continued from page 426.)

Quotations henceforth are restricted to stamps cataloguing 10 cents or more each—except in case no extra space is required to give price. We only quote new prices, that is those that are different from the 58th edition. A dash (—) signifies that no price is given in the 59th although one appears in previous edition.

New. Used.

BADEN.

1851	9kr, lilac rose p	1.25	
1853-57	1kr black	5.00	.08
	6kr, yellow p	12.00	
	3kr, blue p		.10
1861	1kr black	1.50	
	3kr ultramarine	.75	
	6kr red orange		.25
	6kr yellow orange	.25	.25
	9kr rose	.75	
1862	1kr black	.75	.18
	6kr blue	1.00	.30
	9kr brown	1.00	.35
	3kr rose	35.00	.75
1864-65	1kr black	.40	
	3kr pale rose	.60	
	3kr dark rose	1.00	.02
	6kr blue	20.00	
	18kr green		3.50
	30kr orange		4.00
	7kr bright blue		.35

BAHAMAS.

1859	1p pale lake	2.50	15.00
1861	1p " 14 to 16	—	4.00
	4p rose " "	—	6.00
	6p violet " "	—	5.00
	1p pale lake, 11½ to 12	—	7.50
	4p rose, " "	—	9.00
	1p carmine, 13	—	5.00
	4p rose " "	—	4.50
	6p violet " "	—	6.00
	6p lilac " "	—	6.00
1862-67	6p violet	1.00	.50
	1sh green	30.00	
1875	1p vermilion		.50
	4p rose " "		.50
	1sh green	.60	.25
1882	1p vermilion, 14	3.00	
	4p rose " "		1.00
	1sh green " "		.15
	1p vermilion, 12	.35	.20
	4p rose " "		.35
1884-90	6p mauve	.22	.15

BARBADOS.

1852	(½p) green, blued p	3.00	
	(1p) blue " "	1.50	
	(1p) slate blue " "	1.50	
	(4p) red " "	2.50	4.50
1859	6p red	—	2.50
	(½p) pale yellow green, pin perf. 14	3.00	
	(1p) blue, pin perf. 14	2.50	
	(½p) pale yellow green, pin perf. 12½	3.00	
1861	(½p) dark blue green	4.50	1.25
	(1p) blue " "	2.00	.18
	(½p) yellow green		
	(½p) blue green	1.25	.08
	(1p) blue " "	.45	
	(4p) red " "	5.50	1.50
	(4p) rose " "	8.50	2.50
	6p rose red	12.00	.60
	6p vermilion	7.00	.75
	6p orange vermilion		.60
	1sh black	1.75	
1871	(½p) yel. gr'n, 14 to 16	1.00	.25
	(1p) blue " "		3.00
	(4p) red " "	30.00	
	6p vermilion " "		1.25
	(1p) blue, small star, (4p) rose red " "	4.00	.10
	6p vermilion " "		6.00
	6p vermilion " "	14.00	1.00
	1sh black " "	22.00	
	(1p) blue, clean cut perf.	11.00	.08
	6p vermilion " "	22.00	1.50
	1sh black " "		3.00

(½p) 11 to 13x14½ to 16,	25.00	2.50	
(4p) " " "	15.00	4.00	
1873	3p claret	7.00	4.00
	(½p) blue green	12.50	1.00
	(4p) rose red	40.00	6.00
	6p vermilion	20.00	2.50
	1sh black	15.00	.50
	5sh pink	25.00	12.00
1874	½p blue green		.40
	1p blue	1.50	.20
	½p yellow green		.40
	4p scarlet		1.50
	6p orange		6.00
	1sh purple		1.00
1874-78	½p yellow green	.12	.06
	1p ultramarine	.60	.05
	4p rose red	4.00	.45
	4p scarlet	4.50	.45
	4p lake		3.50
	6p chrome yellow	1.50	
	1sh purple	2.00	
	1sh violet	2.00	
1878	1p on half of 5sh pink large surch., slanting serif.		40.00
	1p on half of 5sh pink, large surch., straight serif		45.00
	1p on half of 5sh pink, small surch.		40.00
1882-85	2½p blue	.12	.03
	3p magenta	.20	.20
	4p slate	6.50	.18
	4p brown	.18	.06
	6p olive gray	.90	.90
	1sh red brown	.60	.60
	5sh ochre	5.00	5.00
1892	½p on 4p brown		.10
1892-96	2½p blue		.10
	5p olive		.12
	6p mauve and red		.18
	8p orange and blue		.25
	10p green and red		.30
	2s 6p slate and orange		.90

BAVARIA

1849	1kr gray black	3.50	
	1kr deep black	6.00	
	6kr brown	.35	
1850-58	12kr red	2.00	.85
	18kr yellow	2.00	.75
1862	1kr yellow	.40	.04
	12kr green		.35
	18kr vermilion red	2.00	.60
	18kr pale red	6.00	1.50
1867	1kr yellow green		.50
	3kr rose	1.00	
	3kr " laid p		.10
	6kr blue	5.00	.12
	9kr stone	5.00	
	12kr lilac	5.00	1.00
	18kr red	5.00	
1868	6kr stone	4.00	
	7kr blue	5.00	
1870-73	1kr green, wove p		.10
	3kr rose	.25	
	6kr stone	.35	
	12kr lilac		8.50
	18kr red		.04
	18kr " wove p		.12
1874	1m violet, imperf., 1m " perf. 11½	15.00	.75
		5.00	.15
1875	3kr rose		.10
	7kr blue		.05
	10kr yellow		.40
	18kr red		.08
1876	5pf dark green		.50
	10pf rose		.25
	20pf blue		.75
	50pf scarlet		5.00
	1m violet		.25
1881	10pf carmine		.20
	25pf pale brown		1.50
	1m violet		.45
1891	2m orange		.85
1888	3pf green		.12
	50pf deep brown		2.50
1890	25pf orange		.10
	50pf red brown		.22

(Continued next week.)

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February list just issued, cheapest in the world. Every dealer should have one. Sent gratis and post free to dealers only. [11]

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Washington Notes.

Wednesday, Sept. 6th.

At last the long-looked-for Cuban stamps and envelopes have arrived in this city. The stamps are very attractive and Cuba can boast of having as gaudy a set as any country. The stamps I received are in fine condition in every respect and if it is a sample of what they have, there will be no kick coming as to centering, etc. The envelopes also present a very attractive appearance. The 1 centavo and 2 centavos are on amber paper and the 5 centavos is on white paper. There is also a 1 centavo newspaper wrapper.

I submit a copy of an article published in the *American Journal of Philately* in reference to a new variety in U. S. stamps. **NEW VARIETIES IN UNITED STATES STAMPS.**

Mr. H. F. Colman has shown us two varieties of the 1882 issue, which, so far as we are aware, have not hitherto been listed, at least not as stamps. These varieties are of the re-engraved types of the 1 and 3 cents. Like some of the stamps of the Continental Bank Note Co., they are printed on double paper, a very thin surface paper backed by a thicker and stouter paper. The peculiarity of these varieties is that, before printing, eight small round

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Will offer you a variety this week at prices that are right as compared with quality. Look over your back numbers for bargains which you missed by being away on your summer vacation.

CANADA

No. 2	6p violet, used.....	\$3.25
5	6p purple black, used.....	3.25
13	10p blue, used.....	5.00
17	10p blue (proof).....	2.00
25	10c red violet, used.....	.35
30	7p blue, used, off centre.....	.75
41	10c blue, new.....	.60
43	15c red lilac, o. g.....	2.00
54	3c red, laid paper.....	.04
59	2c green, o. g.....	.08
61	3c rose, o. g.....	.10
82	20c vermilion, used.....	.20
83	50c blue, used.....	.25

JUBILEE
Set of 11, 1/2c to 50c, o. g..... 2.25

MAPLE LEAF
Set of 8, used, for..... .25

JUST ARRIVED

Mauritius	15c on 30c brown, o. g.....	\$0.10
"	6c on 18c green, o. g.....	.05

BAHAMAS

No. 1	1p lake, o. g.....	1.50
1	1p lake, o. g., pairs.....	2.75

BARBADOS

No. 2a	1p slate blue.....	.75
2a	1p slate blue, pairs.....	1.50

TRINIDAD

No. 2	1p brown red (Gibbons \$7.50).....	2.50
2	1p brown red, pairs.....	4.50
4	1p blue.....	1.00
4	1p blue, pairs.....	2.00
11	1p purple.....	1.00
11	1p purple, pairs.....	2.00

U. S.

Have you a fine \$5.00 green, used, in your collection? If not, better have one.

1898 REVENUES 1898		
1/2c orange, o. g.....	.05	\$1.00 green, used..... .05
1c green, small surcharge.....	.10	\$3.00 brown, used..... .15
2c carmine, surch. inverted.....	.25	\$5.00 bistre, used..... 3.00
2c carmine, surch. inverted, block 4.....	1.00	
4c and 50c, used.....	.10	
80c bistre, used.....	.15	

PROPRIETARIES

Set of 14 var., unused.....	.40
Set of 13 var., used.....	.25

Trans-Mississippi

1c to \$2 inclusive, o. g.....	\$4.50
1c to \$2 inclusive, used.....	3.50

How are Your Entire Envelopes?

I have just received the new die of the 4c brown on white 1899, which I suppose will be called Die B, and am expecting the ambers every day. Let me have your order.

Six Varieties, - - - - - 50 Cents; or
Twelve Varieties, including old die, now obsolete, for \$1.00

2 Varieties Die A on White.....	\$0.15
1 Variety Die A on Amber.....	.15
1 " Die A on Buff.....	.15
1 " Die A on Blue.....	.75
1c green on Buff, surcharged for Cuba.....	.25
2c red on amber, surcharged for Cuba.....	.50

Above Lot Sent in 4c Wells Fargo 1890 Envelope for \$2.75.

Your collection of 1899 Entires is not complete without a pair of Amber baionals:
1c Green, Size 11, on Amber..... \$5.00
2c Red, Size 10, on Amber..... 5.00
69 Varieties Unused 1899 Entires, including Cuba Surcharge on Amber and Buff, Also a 4c Red Wells Fargo 1890..... 4.00

I have other good Envelopes and Wrappers. Write me

U. S. Periodicals

1c to \$100.00 selected.....	\$6.00
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holes, arranged in a circle, were punched out of the surface paper. These groups of holes were arranged at intervals corresponding to the size of the stamps, so that a group should fall on each stamp. After printing, the appearance was that of the ordinary stamps but, of course, the ink had passed through the holes and portions of the design were thus printed on the backing paper. Any attempt to erase a cancellation would result in tearing the thin paper, while the application of water would cause the stamp to separate into two parts, one showing a circle of small holes and the other a blank surface with a circle of colored dots.

Mr. Colman has a letter from the Third Assistant Postmaster General which says in regard to these stamps:

"In 1882 or '83 there was an issue of one-cent and three-cent stamps on double paper, like the samples submitted, after designs by two persons named Douglas and Steele. Quite a number of these stamps were issued on this paper, but upon trial, the Department did not con-

sider it advisable to permanently adopt the plan, and the issue of that kind of stamps was discontinued."

From the foregoing it would appear that these stamps were in actual use and, therefore, are entitled to a place in catalogues and collections.

H. F. COLMAN.

Cash Paid for Unused U. S. Postage.
1c, 2c & 3c..... 5% disc.
Other denominations below 50c..... 6% disc.
50c and \$1.00, 10% disc.; \$1.00 and up.... 15% disc.
Check sent same day stamps are received. I also buy unused Documentaries, used Revenues, stamp collections, single stamps, job lots, etc. Whenever you want quick cash for your stamps send them to me naming lowest price. [31*
C. B. MERRILL, 130 West 14th St., New York.

"The Cat Came Back."

Not so with the selections of M. & M. stamps which I send out to collectors, they always send "the mon" instead. Want a selection? Get in line with a good reference.

ED. H. HALL, Fort Collins, Colo.

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The 1899 Conventions at Detroit.

**The American Philatelic Association, Philatelic Sons of America,
and Sons of Philatelia.**

[Special to the WEEKLY ERA.]

DETROIT, Sept. 12, 1899.

The Queen City of the Straits has given a glorious reception to the stamp fiends, who have come in fair numbers to the three conventions. The City Hall displays the legend in illuminated letters:

*Welcome
to the
National Philatelic
Associations.*

The Detroit Philatelic Society, true to the spirit it displayed in its invitation, has done all in its power to make the occasion a success. A beautiful souvenir book, with half-tone cuts of local scenery and attractions, giving also the program for the week, has been given to all the visitors.

The American Philatelic Association's headquarters, are at the Cadillac and the P. S. of A., chaperoned by Clif. Kissinger, are at Hotel Barclay. Mr. Kissinger says the P. S. of A. men who have come to town outnumber the A. P. A.'s. So many, however, belong to both associations that it is a little hard to draw the line.

A fine exhibit of United States stamps has been placed in the beautiful Museum of Art, and one of the spacious halls in the building given over to the use of the societies. No such quarters were ever before provided for American philatelic meetings, and the quiet room and the elegant artistic treasures were a marked contrast to the noisy rooms in New York last year.

Philatelic Sons of America.

The P. S. of A. led off the procession this year, being bound not to get caught in the lurch with no quorum. So they opened the ball yesterday and in so doing "scooped" the addresses of welcome. The President and Vice-President being absent, Howard C. Beck was made chairman *pro tem* at the opening session Monday evening.

Mayor Maybury made a capital address of welcome for the city, evincing careful preparation and a good deal of knowledge and appreciation of stamps and their importance. Director A. B. Griffith spoke the welcome of the Art Museum, while Mr. Beck voiced the hospitality of the Detroit Society.

The report of Secretary Kissinger, showed the following figures:

Total paid up membership August, 1898,	608
Re-instated,	27
New members,	103
	738
Dropped for non-payment of dues,	59
Resigned,	30
Expelled,	1
Died,	4
	94

Membership August, 1899, 644

The report of the Trustees stated that all the accounts of H. D. Ruhlman and the late T. L. Green as Exchange Superintendents have been settled, and all matters placed in the hands of the Trustees have been settled in full to date.

The Treasurer reported as follows:

Receipts,	\$190.46
Expenditures,	174.49
	15.97

Cash Balance, 15.97

The Exchange Superintendent reported that the books in the Exchange Department last year had amounted to about \$8,000.00, very few of which remain unsettled for. Only two accounts are due the association, which are not at this time collectable. W. M. Waterbury, formerly of Ithaca, Mich., but lately of Chicago, one of the delinquents, on account of various complaints, was expelled from the association.

The Credentials Committee, consisting of C. W. Kissinger, W. H. Barnum and E. L. Fischer, reported at the afternoon session, the result of the election to be as follows:

Directors.	No. of Votes.
C. W. Kissinger, (Secretary)	249
W. H. Barnum, (Vice-President)	232
E. L. Fischer, (International Sec'y)	228
D. E. Hazen, (President)	221
L. T. Brodstone, (Treasurer)	125

And above declared elected.

Eastern Exchange Superintendent.	
F. D. Sawyer, Maine,	240
W. Webber, Buffalo,	14

Western Exchange Superintendent.	
B. J. Bishop,	10
S. H. Barnes,	227
Auction Manager.	
Charles E. Babcock, Indianapolis,	226
S. H. Barnes,	21
Purchasing Agent.	
H. L. Ambrose, Charlotte, Mich.,	130
L. Berry,	110
Librarian.	
Fred Doughty,	131
H. L. Ambrose,	30
Canadian Exchange Superintendent.	
W. Kelsey Hall, (unanimously elected)	250
Canadian Vice-President.	
W. G. L. Paxman, Quebec,	230
F. Garraty,	13
Advertising and Subscription Agent.	
S. J. Petree,	226
J. W. Stowell,	15
Counterfeit Detector.	
Geo. Carion,	111
F. P. Richardson, Salem,	116
New York Auction Agent.	
A. R. Grady, Brooklyn,	106
A. Herbst,	89
Chicago Auction Agent.	
C. E. Severn,	269
Trustees.	
C. W. Kissinger,	239
J. Harry Leippe,	237
J. O. Glace,	227
Information Bureau.	
C. W. Parker, Meriden, Ct., for East,	181
J. E. Sohn, Cincinnati, for Central,	147
D. T. Eaton, Muscatine, Ia., for West,	206
James L. Long, Hopkinsville, Ky., for South,	107
They also reported the number of proxies held, to be as follows:	
C. W. Kissinger,	61
D. T. Eaton,	22
W. H. Barnum,	32
C. E. Babcock,	26
J. E. Sohn,	22
E. L. Fischer,	23
E. R. Aldrich,	19
L. T. Brodstone,	48
A. C. Stuart,	2
D. E. Hazen,	16
Total,	271

Invitations for the next convention were received from Chicago, Cleveland, Niagara Falls and Milwaukee, and for the 1901 Convention, from the Management of the Pan-American Exposition at Buffalo.

The convention adjourned to meet again after the American Philatelic Association has determined upon its place of meeting.

American Philatelic Association.

FIRST DAY.

The A. P. A. convened in the Art Museum this (Tuesday) morning, some 50 or 60 people being present. As happened a year ago, neither the President nor first Vice-President was present, and Vice-President George L. Toppan assumed the chair. Hitting the table with his fist in lieu of a gavel he called the meeting to order, and after asking Mr. Krauth to take the chair he read his brief and pointed address, a synopsis of which follows:

OPENING ADDRESS.

To the Members of the American Philatelic Association:

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN: Another year has been enrolled upon the archives of the past and again we are gathered together in annual convention. It has been said that "history never repeats itself," but the old adage will have to give away this time, for, as was the case last year, in the absence of your President and First Vice-President it devolves upon me to do my best to fulfill their duties and to preside over your deliberations.

The year just past has been a notable one, philatelically speaking, in many respects. Probably the most important and interesting event, at least to American philatelists, has been the issuance by our own government of the various series of surcharged stamps for use in the different islands which have fallen to us as the spoils of war.

Cuba, Porto Rico, the Philippines, and even our one small island in the Ladrões, have been fully provided for; indeed! in the case of the former, they have been *too* well taken care of and we are forced to see Uncle Sam sit by and play a part, though I believe an unwilling one, in the manufacture and sale of many varieties of stamped envelopes which, while they "are perfectly good for postage at any time," as their sponsors claim, were, nevertheless, entirely unnecessary and, in some cases at least, they never were intended to perform postal duty.

It is, to my mind, an unfortunate and much to be regretted state of affairs when those who claim to be philatelists will allow themselves to be so influenced by mercenary motives as to become blind to the best interests of our hobby and, for the sake of a few extra dollars' profit, flood the already over-burdened market with a lot of stuff, which, though purporting to be legitimate, and doubtless according to the strict definition of the word it *is* so, is, in reality, about on a par with the issues of the Chinese Treaty ports and others of their ilk.

But, after all, the matter of their collection is one upon which each individual will exercise his own judgment. Worthier pens than mine have spoiled reams of

paper in discussing the pros and cons of this question.

Societies have been formed for the express purpose of combating this growing evil; heated debates have taken place over it; stamps of this class have been omitted from our standard catalogues. But what effect has it had? Simply none at all, for it is an unwritten law that you shall not say to me: "So far shalt thou go and no further." In short, the undisputed right of the individual to demand that any stamp which is, or at any time has been, available for postage shall be duly listed and chronicled has prevailed and we are right where we were when we started.

Another matter of almost universal interest is the recent issue by our own country of the higher values of Revenue stamps; those of a face value of one hundred, five hundred, and one thousand dollars; this last denomination being the highest value ever issued by the United States. I am aware that some parties claim that a stamp of the face value of five thousand dollars was included in the issue of 1871 to 1875, but I am in a position to state *positively* that the said stamp was never issued; furthermore it was never even *printed* excepting in proof form.

And now I desire to touch upon a matter which, it seems to me, is worthy of more than passing consideration at your hands. I refer to the objects and scope of our Association.

In some former years politics have seemed to be the all engrossing subject at the conventions, and, indeed, for the greater part of the period between them. The Association was split up into cliques, and its objects were lost sight of in the wild struggle for personal supremacy. This state of affairs is now, fortunately, ended; and the white-winged dove of peace now controls our destinies. For this reason, it seems to me, this is a most opportune time for us to evolve some methods by which our conventions may be made not only more interesting, but instructive to us; some plan of action by which the benefits conferred upon the individual member shall be greater than at present.

To be sure, with this object in view, we appointed, at the last annual convention, two committees: those upon Philatelic Literature and Philatelic Aids and Appliances, from both of whom I expect interesting reports. But this is not enough: we want these committees to report at regular intervals through the columns of our Official Journal as well as at the annual convention. We want more committees, who shall cover other fields and lay the results of their investigations before us. The suggestions upon this line as made by Dr. Mitchell at the last convention and published upon pages 45 and 46 of the Year Book for 1898, seem to be very pertinent to the occasion and to deserve more consideration than they received at that time.

I would specially urge your re-consideration of them and will, therefore, request the Secretary to read them to you at some later time.

Another thing which would, in my estimation, add to the value of our conventions, is the presentation of original papers bearing either upon some particular subject or upon philately in general. We have among us students and authors of unquestioned ability and I have no doubt that, if requested so to do, many would favor us in this manner.

A very important and far-reaching step in the right direction would be the publishing of our own official journal, and, while I hardly think that the time is yet ripe for us to undertake it, I sincerely hope that it will come in the near future.

In reviewing the work of the past year, I have only to say that, so far as I am aware, the different departments of the Association have been conducted in a most satisfactory manner and are all in good working order.

In conclusion I desire to extend to all of you the heartiest of welcomes to this our Fourteenth Annual Convention; to thank you for the attention, with which you have favored me, and to express the hope that the coming year may be replete with success and prosperity, both to the Association and to each individual member thereof.

GEO. L. TOPPAN.

Detroit, Mich., Sept. 12, 1899.

In the absence of the Secretary, H. E. Deats was appointed Secretary *pro tem*. Frank H. Burt was for the seventh time appointed stenographer.

F. J. Johnson read the report of the Committee on Credentials, which showed the following result of the ballot for Directors:

*George L. Toppan,	131
*C. P. Krauth,	127
*H. B. Phillips,	126
*H. G. Smith,	125
*P. F. Bruner,	118
*J. W. George,	113
*Alexander Holland,	111
*H. E. Deats,	94
*J. M. Bartels,	83
D. W. Osgood,	66
W. N. Howe,	15
P. M. Wolsieffer,	11
E. M. Carpenter,	9
W. C. Van Derlip,	8
F. F. Olney,	7

And a great number of scattering votes.

* Signifies elected.

The proxy holders were reported as follows:

D. T. Eaton,	60
H. E. Deats,	43
J. F. Johnson,	36
E. R. Aldrich,	32
C. W. Kissingner,	9
W. N. Howe,	2
A. W. Batchelder,	1
W. H. Barnum,	1
John Kay,	1

COMMITTEES.

The following Committees were appointed:
On Standing Rules—H. G. Smith, D. T. Eaton, E. R. Aldrich.
Finance—E. M. Carpenter, C. W. Kissinger, G. W. Rode.
Library—A. Platz, E. C. Althen, W. H. Barnum.
Sales and Purchasing Department—J. W. Scott, J. N. Luff, W. F. Gregory.
Official Journal—F. H. Burt, Nathan Cobe, T. O. Bailey.
Branch Societies—F. J. Bescher, L. T. Brodstone.
By-Laws—Geo. L. Toppan, C. P. Krauth, H. E. Deats, J. M. Bartels, E. M. Carpenter.

Treasurer H. G. Smith read his report, which was notable as being accompanied not only by the vouchers for payments but also by a certified check for the cash on hand, so that the Finance Committee might properly audit the accounts. There was also a small quantity of stamps, mostly \$2 and \$3 Columbians, which had been carried as cash since the last administration. Some of this lot, Mr. Smith said, had been sold, and he hoped the rest might soon be converted into cash. The following is the

REPORT OF TREASURER.

To the President and Directors of the American Philatelic Association:

I hereby submit my report as Treasurer, for the current year, July 31st, 1898, to August 31st, 1899.

GENERAL FUND.

Receipts.

Cash on hand last annual report,	\$242.96
August dues collected,	3.80
September " "	53.00
October " "	374.40
November " "	139.20
December " "	56.60
January " "	16.80
February " "	9.60
March " "	7.20
April " "	7.20
May " "	1.20
June " "	3.60
July " "	2.40
August " "	26.90
Bogert Durbin Ad Year Book,	3.50
D. T. Eaton Ad Year Book,	3.50
	<u>\$951.86</u>

Expenditures.

W. W. Jewett, Subscriptions, Printing, etc.,	\$46.54
W. N. Howe, Expenses to Convention,	66.50
J. W. Scott, Circulars, Postage, etc.,	23.92
H. G. Smith, 1000 Stamped Envelopes,	21.60
Frank H. Burt, Convention Report,	68.00
Jones & Kroeger, Printing, Treas.,	7.50

H. E. Deats, voted by Convention,	100.00
H. E. Deats, Library Expense,	12.65
E. M. Carpenter, Board of Vice Presidents,	15.04
F. A. A. Robertson, Treasurer Bond,	20.00
W. W. Jewett, on acc't ERA,	100.00
W. N. Howe, Expense Sec'y,	15.13
H. G. Smith, Stamped Envelopes, etc.,	15.19
W. W. Jewett, Printing, etc.,	4.05
W. N. Howe, Postage, etc.,	5.67
W. W. Jewett, Year Book and Mailing,	214.00
W. W. Jewett, Printing, ERA Postage, etc.,	32.61
W. W. Jewett, Balance Subscription to ERA,	62.87
W. W. Jewett, Postage, etc.,	12.68
W. N. Howe, Postage and Expense,	18.00
	<u>\$861.95</u>
Cash on hand Aug. 31, '99,	89.91
	<u>\$951.86</u>

STOCK FUND.

Am't at Credit July 31, '98,	\$1514.00
Received during year,	45.00
	<u>\$1559.00</u>

ENTERTAINMENT FUND.

Am't at Credit last report,	\$125.89
Respectfully submitted,	H. G. SMITH, Treasurer.

The report of the Board of Vice-Presidents was read. They had nothing to tell of except routine business and the satisfactory adjusting of practically all matters coming before them. Accepted.

International Secretary C. P. Krauth reported a net gain of one foreign member and an invitation to co-operate in the philatelic exhibition in Paris in 1900; regretted that the Association offered so few inducements to foreign collectors to join; and commented on new philatelic works that have appeared in Europe. The year will be memorable, he said, for the introduction of British Colonial penny postage, and the practical covering of the globe through China's entering the U. P. U. "The use of speculative stamps still goes merrily on, unchecked by the moribund S. S. S. S. . . . I venture the hope that the future may find our influence outside of the United States greatly increased, and that a large influx of new blood may flow from our fellow Americans of Cuba, Hawaii, Porto Rico, the Philippines and Guam."

George R. Tuttle made the following

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SALES DEPARTMENT.

NEW YORK, Sept. 1st, 1899.

MR. PRESIDENT:
 I beg to submit herewith my second Annual Report. The business of the Sales Department has shown a gratifying increase this year over last.

Total number of books on hand Aug. 20th, '98, was 1124, valued at	\$38,090.47
Received during the year 1139 books, valued at	37,020.31
	<u>\$75,110.78</u>
Retired during the year 1549 books, valued at (from which has been sold \$9,211.88)	50,088.63

Total number of books on hand 714, valued at	\$25,022.15
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I have endeavored to keep our members in different sections of the country amply supplied with circuits, they of course faring best that are prompt in returning them. The class of stamps sent in has been for the most part of the medium grade and taking this into consideration, I think the sales really large and have reason to believe that those members who have kept me well supplied with books, renewing them just as soon as they are retired, have been well pleased with the results.

Now that the general business of our country is improving there is no reason why our hobby should not increase in popularity and activity, and I think our members can from now on rely on sales being made from a better grade of stamps if sent in.

Some complaints of substituting has been made but the amount that has been brought to my notice is small, nevertheless I do sincerely hope that the persons who have stooped to this method of adding to their collections will not run the risk of detection by repeating the offense, as stamps obtained in such a manner must ever prove an eyecore to their false owners.

The weekly reports to the Official Journal have kept the members well posted as to the doings of this Department throughout the year and my quarterly balance sheets to the Official Board have given, I believe, all desired information of the Sales Department.

All books received by me from Sept. 1st, 1897, to Oct. 5th, 1898, have been retired with the exception of three books which are still out on circuit.

The only losses made that I have to report for the two years amount to \$150.05 and I deem this very small considering the amount handled, \$94,000.90. This loss will be settled with owners out of the Insurance Fund, which shows a balance on hand of \$556.56.

The following is a summary of the business of the Sales Department for the past two years:

Year Ending August 20th, 1898.	
Books received 1600, value	\$57,000.30
Books retired 476, value	18,909.83
Books on hand 1124, value	38,090.47
Sales from books retired,	3,199.64
Circuits sent out 389.	
" returned 344, sales	6,404.02
Blank books sold,	202.90
Control stamps sold,	36.50

Year Ending August 31st, 1899.

Books received 1139, value	\$37,020.31
Books retired 1549, value	50,088.63
Books on hand 714, value	25,022.15
Sales from books retired	9,211.88
Circuits sent out 350.	
Circuits returned 333, sales	8,193.48
Blank books sold,	120.05
Control stamps sold,	19.10

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. R. TUTTLE,

Supt. Sales Dept.

Librarian Deats reported that there had been practically no calls for books during the year, but 98 donations had been received. The bound volumes have all been sent to Pittsburg. The local societies at San Francisco, Chicago, and Springfield, have placed their books in the local libraries, and this is the course which is now recommended to all societies to follow, so that the collections of philatelic literature may be made accessible to the general public.

The Committee on Permanent Location of the Library recommended that Mr. Anderson, Librarian of the Carnegie Library, be appointed Librarian of the Association.

The Literary Exchange Department had no transactions to report during the year. No report came from the Counterfeit Detector or the Collecting Agent.

Brief oral reports were made by or on behalf of the Resident Vice-Presidents for Reading, St. Paul, New York, Boston and Pittsburg.

Adjourned to Wednesday at 10 a. m.

EXCURSION.

The first trolley trip of the convention week was given the visiting members and their friends this afternoon. The party started from the Art Museum and rode out Jefferson avenue to the Water Works Park, where they admired the beautiful grounds and the big pumping engines. Taking the cars again they traversed the city to the extreme western border, where some time was spent in a pretty park. Lunch was served at the picnic grounds, where a long table was quickly spread with a generous supply of sandwiches and doughnuts. By everybody's place was set a large glass jar of the richest kind of milk, which had somehow been kept ice-cold through the long ride.

To the appetites whetted by the keen autumn air nothing could have been more acceptable, and the simple yet delicious lunch vanished like leaves before the wind.

A visit was made to the "Log Cabin," once the summer home of ex-Governor Thomas Palmer, now part of the city's possessions in its park system. Here are kept a quantity of antique furniture and china and other curiosities. After looking these over and amusing themselves by feeding the ducks in the little pond near by, the company returned to the city.

WHO ARE HERE.

This is the list of entertainers and guests, so far as it could be gathered on the trolley ride, in which nearly all of them participated:

Mr. & Mrs. Howard C. Beck, Detroit.
 W. H. Beck, "
 John Kay, "
 A. F. Fernald, "
 W. H. Kessler, Jr., "
 A. B. Young, Shelby, Mich.
 Dr. Geo. F. Heath, Monroe, Mich.
 Camille Cools, Detroit.
 W. F. Fratcher, "
 I. M. Bates, "
 H. K. Major, "
 C. J. Mason, "
 Irving Patterson, "
 H. W. Boers, "
 S. W. Jackson, "
 C. P. Krauth, Pittsburgh.
 Geo. W. Rode, "
 A. Platz, "
 Mr. & Mrs. A. G. Burgoyne, Pittsburgh.
 P. J. Kranz, Toledo, O.
 Edward C. Althen, Elgin, Ill.
 Charles E. Babcock, Indianapolis.
 F. N. Massoth, Chicago.
 George L. Toppan, Brookline.
 Mr. & Mrs. E. M. Carpenter, Salem.
 J. F. Johnson, Boston.
 Frank H. Burt, Newton, Mass.
 Nathan Cobe, Waltham, Mass.
 Mr. & Mrs. Albert C. Stewart, and two daughters, Toledo.
 J. Edward Sohn, Jr., Cincinnati.
 E. L. Fischer, "
 H. C. Crowell, Cleveland.
 W. H. Barnum, "
 T. O. Bailey, "
 C. W. French, "
 B. F. Egan, Indianapolis.
 C. E. Babcock, "
 H. E. Deats, Flemington, N. J.
 J. M. Bartels, Washington.
 C. W. Kissinger, Reading, Pa.
 Mr. & Mrs. E. R. Aldrich, Benson, Minn.
 Mr. & Mrs. H. G. Smith, Winona, "
 Randolph Smith, "
 F. J. Beacher, Kansas City.
 Mr. & Mrs. D. T. Eaton, Muscatine, Ia.
 L. T. Brodstone, Superior, Neb.

NOTES.

Mr. Toppan is a fine presiding officer and it will be of great advantage to the Association when he steps into the office of President.

The Directors are holding a meeting for organization tonight, having just a quorum present.

The young men are numerous and the P. S. of A. are running in lots of new members.

Among the almost constant attendants who are much missed this year are "Papa" Doebelin, whose business detains him, and W. C. Stone, who is kept at home by his mother's illness.

U. S. and Foreign Stamps.

Packet No. 1.
 Contains 1000 mixed Foreign stamps.
 Zechmeyer's continentals, price 15 cents

Packet No. 2.
 Contains 10 varieties of unused Foreign Stamps.
 1 packet 10c; 3 packets 25c; 6 packets 45c

Packet No. 3.
 Contains 5 varieties of used Foreign stamps.
 1 packet 5 cents; 5 packets 25 cents

Packet No. 4.
 Contains 10 varieties of used Foreign stamps.
 1 packet 10c; 3 packets 25c; 16 packets \$1.15

Packet No. 5.
 25 varieties of Foreign stamps for..... 5 cents

Packet No. 6.
 50 varieties of Foreign stamps for..... 10 cents

Packet No. 7.
 75 varieties of Foreign stamps for..... 15 cents

Packet No. 8.
 100 mixed Foreign stamps for..... 5 cents

Packet No. 9.
 200 varieties of Foreign stamps for..... 30 cents

Packet No. 10.
 500 varieties of Foreign stamps for..... \$2.00

Packet No. 11.
 100 Mixed United States Stamps, including Postage, Department, Revenues, Telegraph and cut Envelopes;
 Not less than 25 varieties,
 Not more than 8 of one kind.
 Price 20 cents

Packet No. 12.
 100 Mixed United States Stamps;
 Not less than 15 varieties,
 Not more than 10 of one kind.
 Price 10 cents

All packets excepting Nos. 8, 11 and 12, contain stamps in average good condition.

Packets Nos. 8, 11 and 12 contain some stamps which are in good condition, and some which are damaged. They always were quick sellers.

When more than one packet of one number is mentioned I can furnish as many varieties as the largest number of any packet; for instance, if you should order 16 of No. 4 packets you would receive 160 stamps no two alike.

None of the packets are returnable. Some contain scarce stamps, all are sealed. By not taking any back it protects you as well as myself from anyone taking his pick from any packet and returning the ones most common.

Terms: Cash with order. Postage extra on orders under 50c. Please remit by Bills or P. O. M. O. and not by check or unused stamps.

C. F. Rothfuchs,
 3118 Washington St., Boston, Mass.

Mr. Krauth came over last night from Pittsburg, just in time for the opening session, giving up an important engagement in West Virginia to be present. He was never in better health, his friends are glad to know.

Cincinnati is represented for the first time this year.

The Detroit papers have been generous in their reports of the convention, and have sent their prettiest girl reporters to the sessions. Pictures of leading collectors have been printed daily, among which the picture of "Farmer" Deats was the most startling to the victim.

Brodstone's cameras are much in evidence, likewise his long string of decorations commemorating century runs, which suggest a piece of antique chain armor.

Mr. John Kay has just sold four extremely rare Hawaiian stamps to a purchaser whose name is not given. The price paid was private, but is understood to have been well up in the thousands. One of the dealers at the convention says he has a standing offer of \$2500 for one of these stamps.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Applications for Membership.

BECK, HOWARD C., 176 Selden Ave., Detroit, Michigan; age, 31; occupation, Deputy City Controller. References: H. G. Smith, J. F. Johnson.

BECK, WM. H., 22 Bagley Ave., Detroit, Michigan; age, 35; occupation, Real Estate. References: H. G. Smith, J. F. Johnson.

CROWELL, HENRY CLARK, 208 Superior St., Cleveland, Ohio; age, 24; occupation, Attorney at Law. References: H. E. Deats, Frank H. Burt.

Resignation Received.

900. **BROWN, A. N.**, Annapolis, Md.

Change of Address.

1493. **MOHN, N. C.**, from 47 Sotheby Road, to 71 Aberdeen Road, Highbury Park, N., London, England.

H. E. DEATS, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE SALES DEPARTMENT.

GEORGE R. TUTTLE, Superintendent,
87 Nassau St.

New York City, Sept. 9th, 1899.

714 books of stamps in circulation according to my report of Sept. 2nd, valued at... \$25,022.15
4 books received since Sept. 2nd valued at..... 51.24

\$25,073.39
52 books retired since Sept. 2nd, valued at (from which has been sold \$294.21) \$1,530.35

Total number of books in circulation 666, valued at..... \$23,543.04

GEORGE R. TUTTLE,
Superintendent Sales Dept.

Table showing the business of the Sales Department of the American Philatelic Association for the past six years:

Year.	Value of Stamps Received.	Sales.	Superintendent.	Percentage of Sales
1894	\$22,828.41	\$ 4,028.20	Geo. D. Mekeel	18%
1895	37,151.11	8,392.04	Geo. D. Mekeel	23%
1896	59,675.63	14,716.03	Geo. D. Mekeel	25%
1897	31,879.05	6,349.52	Geo. D. Mekeel	20%
1898	57,000.30	6,404.02	Geo. R. Tuttle	11 1/2%
1899	50,088.63	9,211.88	Geo. R. Tuttle	18%

The above is not included in the Superintendent's annual report but may be found of interest.

From an Occasional Correspondent.

Nebraska Notes.

Western dealers report an unprecedented demand for the postal emissions of Hawaii and in consequence are asking and receiving full 58th catalogue for these labels.

The advance sheets of the 59th have not caused the excitement expected. The prices so far received are still considered far above the actual value of the stamps. Local dealers report that 33 1/3% will be their standard discount this season.

Quite a discussion has arisen here regarding the catalogue price of the 1-cent buff 1869. It is priced higher than either the 6-cent blue or 12-cent green and yet here that denomination is more common than the latter two combined.

A local dealer offers cash for the three higher values of the Omaha issue in fine condition at the rate of 66 2/3% catalogue.

The present membership of the Nebraska Philatelic Society is 230. The 1899 convention and annual election will be held the latter part of August or first of September the nominations for each office average five each. Several of the present incumbents have been re-nominated.

Hastings, following the lead of a number of western cities, is to have the hottest street fair and carnival that ever came down the pike, Sept. 18 to 23. Local collectors are arranging for a considerable stamp exhibition. Notable among the various countries exhibited will be Sweden and Norway complete, Hawaii complete from 1862 to date, and U. S. and Colonials. Local collectors extend invitations to all philatelists in United States and Canada to attend. The street fair itself will be greater than the Omaha exposition.

Our local philatelic magazine warns dealers against one M. B. Fall hailing from this city. There is no one of that name in the city and all dealers receiving requests for approval selections from this party should turn same over to the editor of the *Nebraska Philatelist* who desires all evidence.

M. A. B.

NEARLY ALL COLLECTORS have missed a chance to buy choice stamps at low prices. You now have a chance to buy at prices as low if not lower than any offer which you may have had. My assortment of U. S. envelopes is one of the largest to be found in this or any other country. In order to reduce the number of the ones addressed below and to induce you to buy I have made these

Special Reductions

... IN ...

U. S. Stamped Envelopes.

Unused, Cut Square with Large Margins.

No.	Description	58th Catalogue Price.	My Price.
1328	1857 3c red on buff.....	\$0.60	\$0.25
1328	1857 1c blue on buff.....	1.00	.40
1344	1863 3c black on buff.....	1.50	.60
1341	1864 6c pink on white.....	1.00	.40
1353	1864 6c pink on buff.....	.60	.30
1361	1864 4oc rose on buff.....	2.50	1.20
1364	1864 3c brown on buff.....	1.00	.40
1368	1870 3c green on white.....	.15	.07
1370	1870 3c green on amber.....	.15	.07
1389	1870 3c green on cream.....	.30	.12
1396	1870 1c blue on orange.....	.75	.20
1397	1870 3c brown on orange.....	.40	.10
1407	1874 3c green on white.....	.70	.04
1411	1874 1oc brown on white.....	.40	.15
1415	1874 3oc black on white.....	2.00	.75
1416	1874 9oc carmine on white.....	2.50	1.10
1420	1874 3c blue on white.....	.50	.15
1421	1876 3c red on white.....	.60	.30
1426	1876 5c brown on white.....	.20	.08
1430	1874 3c green on amber.....	.10	.04
1441	1874 1oc brown on white.....	.50	.15
1448	1874 5c blue on amber.....	.35	.12
1451	1880 5c brown on amber.....	.25	.08
1455	1874 3c green on cream.....	.35	.10
1462	1879 1c blue on cream.....	.10	.05
1463	1880 3c vermilion on cream.....	2.50	.35
1468	1874 1c blue on orange.....	.10	.03
1470	1874 3c green on blue.....	.15	.07
1471	1874 5c blue on blue.....	.75	.35
1473	1880 1c blue on blue.....	.40	.17
1474	1880 3c vermilion on blue.....	1.50	.60
1478	1879 1c blue on fawn.....	.75	.25
1480	1875 3c green on fawn.....	.15	.07
1488	1883 3c red on fawn.....	.50	.15
1489	1883 3c red on blue.....	.40	.15
1490	1883 3c red on white.....	.10	.05
1491	1883 3c red on amber.....	.15	.07
1492	1883 3c red on fawn.....	.25	.10
1493	1883 3c red on blue.....	.40	.15
1494	1883 4c green on white.....	.30	.08
1495	1883 4c green on white.....	.20	.08
1496	1883 4c green on amber.....	.30	.08
1502	1884 3c red on white.....	.30	.15
1504	1884 3c red on fawn.....	1.00	.25
1505	1884 3c red on blue.....	1.00	.40
1508	1884 3c brown on fawn.....	1.50	.50
1509	1884 3c brown on blue.....	1.30	.35
1511	1884 3c brown on white.....	20.00	9.00
1513	1884 3c brown on amber.....	2.00	.50
1515	1884 3c brown on fawn.....	5.00	.75
1519	1886 3c brown on oriental buff.....	.20	.10
1526	1886 1oc brown on oriental buff.....	.50	.20
1527	1886 3oc black on oriental buff.....	5.00	2.25
1530	1886 1oc brown on blue.....	.50	.20
1503	1887 4c carmine on oriental buff.....	.25	.10
1504	1887 3c blue on oriental buff.....	.25	.10
1509	1887 4c carmine on blue.....	.25	.10
1570	1887 3c blue on blue.....	.25	.10
1576	1887 4c carmine on manila.....	.25	.10
1582	1887 4c carmine on amber manila.....	.25	.10
1585	1893 1c deep blue.....	.03	.02
1586	1893 3c violet.....	.04	.03
1587	1893 5c chocolate.....	.10	.06
1 88	1893 5c slate brown.....	15.00	15.00
1589	1893 1oc slate brown.....	.20	.11
1590	1893 1c dark blue.....	.15	.07
1700	1861 1c blue on buff.....	1.50	.70
1706	1864 3c black on straw.....	1.00	.30
1707	1864 3c black on manila.....	.50	.25
1719	1874 3c vermilion on manila.....	.10	.05
1722	1883 3c red on manila.....	.20	.07
1723	1883 3c brown on manila.....	.25	.10
1724	1884 3c brown on manila.....	.25	.10
1728	1884 3c brown on manila.....	5.00	.75
1801	1873 Post Office, 3c on lemon.....	.10	.05
1804	1874 Post Office 3c on lemon.....	.10	.05
1805	1874 Post Office 3c on lemon.....	.25	.07
18 0	1878 Post Office 2c on white.....	1.00	.50
1810	Postal Service, black on white.....	.10	.05
1811	Postal Service, black on amber.....	.50	.20
1812	Postal Service, blue on amber.....	.30	.25
1813	Postal Service, blue on blue.....	.20	.05
None.	Postal Service, black on cream.....		2.00
1834	1873 War 3c, dark red.....	5.00	1.50
1843	1875 War 12c on white.....	1.25	.60

Numbers at left refer to 58th Catalogue. Postage extra on orders under 50 cents. Unused stamps not accepted in payment. Please remit by Bills or P. O. Money Order.

C. F. Rothfuchs.

3118 Washington St., Boston, Mass.

From an Occasional Correspondent.

Springfield (Mass.) Notes.

The most interesting piece of news to local philatelists is the recent formation of a new stamp concern in this city, known as the Home City Stamp Co. The firm is composed of four prominent members of our stamp club. They have started with a bran new stock of stamps in the old stand occupied for many years by Mr. Wentworth, who has removed to Bridgeport, Ct. The young firm is showing great enterprise by making their place of business attractive to patrons. They have already placed on file for the benefit of visitors, the three philatelic weeklies and three leading monthly papers. The plan seems to be highly appreciated by local collectors, for the papers are read with interest and I suspect that many extra nickels find their way in consequence into the exchequer of this young but accommodating firm.

The stamp club met on the 7th at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Clark, where I understand they were very royally entertained. I am very sorry the "Stamp Crank" couldn't attend, but learning that the doctor was lying in wait for me with a hyperdermic syringe, your correspondent thought discretion the better part of valor and absented himself.

We had the pleasure of meeting our old philatelic friend, J. Arthur Wainwright of Northampton, who made a flying trip to this town a few days ago.

I understand that Mr. D. Pick, philatelist of New York City, was in town last week gunning for bargains and that he found several which pleased him in the stock of the new firm.

The public schools are again open and the boys are showing an increased interest in stamp collecting. The new issue of the Netherlands and the permanent issue for Cuba are especially attractive and are in great demand.

Collectors desiring the two dollar value of the Omaha set can still obtain them at this office but the specimens are not perfectly centered, and by the way this is the only value of this set on sale here.

The new two-cent red Canada adhesive put in its appearance here fully three weeks ago.

The quotations of the 59th "Standard" prices as given in the ERA are eagerly read by local collectors, but they wonder why some of the monthlies are so far ahead of our popular weekly in this respect. Perhaps we will get an extra large quantity in this issue.

STAMP CRANK.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Our Boston Letter.

Tuesday, Sept. 12th.

The advance sheets of the new catalogue were received today, listing stamps of the Netherlands, up to and including one page of the Philippine Islands. Newfoundland Cabots, from 12c to 60c, are priced the same for used as unused. This is setting rather a high value on used stamps. The 5c Nova Scotia of 1860, unused, is quoted at \$5.00; Niger Coast, 1893, 1sh has been advanced to \$2.00; the 2d of the same set, which is much the scarcer stamp of the two, remains at the old price; the 1d, in both shades of blue, has been advanced to 35 cents; Norway, 1872, 6s, unused, has been reduced to \$4.50; 1877, 25 ore, unused, price \$5.00; 35 ore, unused, 35 cents for either shade; Nova Scotia shilling, redish violet, used, drops \$50.00 in value; Nova Scotia 8½c green on white paper, used, is quoted at \$5.00. With this lot of sheets, only one page of Philippines is given, up to and including the 1864 issue, and it shows an advance in the price of Philippine Island stamps. The stamps of this country and Porto Rico are at present in great demand. And we look for an advance in the price of many of these stamps with perhaps a less price for some, where there are a great many remainders on the market.

We received here last week the new stamps of Cuba and they are selling well. Also a new 2d Rhodesia of the 1898 issue.

I note *Meehel's Weekly* mentions a local print of the New Zealand 2½d of the 1898 type, with a watermark of N. Z. and star. All the local print of this stamp, so far seen, has been without a watermark. I fail to find any trace of a watermark in some recently received.

I have been shown today by the New England Stamp Co. the 1c U. S. surcharged Guam.

S. E. L.

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REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF EXCHANGE.

It is my intention to start the fall circuits about the middle of September, and I wish that the members would send in as many books as possible, as I would like books enough to enable me to start out several circuits, to open the season. From present indications, it looks as if the stamp business would be very brisk during the fall and winter, and if the members will price their stamps right, I think that they will have a good chance to dispose of a number of duplicates, as well as to fill some blank spaces in their albums through the Exchange Department of the B. P. S.

I trust that all of the members will avail themselves of the benefits of the Department and I will do my best to make it more of a success than ever.

J. F. JOHNSON,
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In answering advertisements please be sure to mention this paper. It is of great importance to us.

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Not so with the selections of M. & M. stamps which I send out to collectors, they always send "the mon" instead. Want a selection? Get in line with a good reference.

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From Our Regular Correspondent.

Montreal Notes.

A report comes from Ottawa which states that postmasters have been instructed that letters sent through the mails to suburban municipalities adjoining the city or town where posted must bear the usual two-cent stamp. This, although it is a change from the usual practice, is really the simple enactment of the law as it stands, which requires the full rate, excepting in the case of drop letters delivered in the same office in which they are mailed. By a careless interpretation of the law letters addressed to the people in suburban towns, and which had to be carried through the mails, have been allowed to come under the one cent rate. The attention of the Post Office Department was called to the practice by the Minister of Justice, and the law will be strictly administered in future.

Quite a large number of sheets of map stamps were put on sale at the post office last week. They were of the lavender shade. I was unable to learn where they came from.

One of the dealers in this city has made up a package of Canadian stamps which he has put on sale at the leading hotels, to attract attention; and to let people know what they are buying, he has had framed a sheet on which the stamps contained in the package are mounted and placed one in each hotel where the packages are for sale.

Arrangement has been made with the governments of Great Britain and the United States by which the Canadian reply post card is recognized, provided it carries the extra cent each way. This is of course, the regular rate both ways, but it involves the recognition by Great Britain and the United States of Canadian postage.

Both the wholesale and retail prices of the three-cent stamps surcharged "2 cents" have been raised on account of the supply of these stamps becoming exhausted so quickly.

Canada's leading philatelic association, the D. P. A., continues to grow bigger each month. Nineteen applications for membership were received during the month of August.

Nothing has been heard of the stock company that was to be formed here for the purpose of publishing a weekly philatelic paper and it is probable that the scheme died from lack of support.

A. R. MAGILL.

Here! I buy single stamps and job lots. d*] Calvin C. Brackett, Garland, Me.

The Editor's Sbears.

THE PHILIPPINE STAMP SURCHARGED "RESELLADO."

In a letter from Mr. Doscher, written from La Carlota, Negros, Philippine Islands, under date of June 7th, there is contained the following note, which has philatelic value and may be accepted as perfectly trustworthy:—

"In the ERA of April 1st, it is stated that the Philippine stamps surcharged 'Resellado, 1898-99, C. T.' were for use in the Carolines. This is not correct. After the 1st of May, 1898, when Manila was shut off from the rest of the islands, the stock of stamps at Iloilo was surcharged as above. I have seen them on the cover canceled at Oloilo, Cebu, Bacalod, and several other places. I have handled quite a number of sets of these stamps, and there are said to be only two hundred complete sets up to \$2.00.

"Some time ago I was in Iloilo, and had the pleasure of meeting several Spanish and native collectors. At the time the place was burned the post office and all the government buildings were burned down, and the stock of stamps went with the rest. Several of the gentlemen I met had lost their collections in the fire and the looting afterwards. I saw several small collections, one belonging to a Chinese Mestizo was quite good. Stamps were very scarce and high, and as long as I have been on this island I have only gotten one stamp. This I found on the inside of a chest in a shack in the robber village of Antepolo. It was pasted on the wood, and I took a 'bolo' and chopped it out."—*Philatelic Facts and Fallacies.*

A Newspaper Clipping.

OLD POSTAGE STAMPS.

INTERESTING FACTS CONCERNING THE PRETTY COLORED LABELS AND THEIR COLLECTION.

One of the snug little businesses of Coldwater, of which few people are aware, is the postage stamp trade of the Starr Stamp company, which is composed of John T. Starr and his sons. The reason for its being so little known lies in the fact that the business is exclusively a mail order one.

That "stamp cranks" do exist most people know, but that bankers, lawyers, physicians and men prominent in all the walks of life are enthusiastic collectors of the little envelope labels will be news to many who have supposed that the fad was one in which none but children were interested.

Such is the fascination of stamp-collecting that men of means will pay fabulous sums for the canceled bits of paper, prices ranging from \$500 to \$2,000 being by no means rare, though of course they apply only to scarce varieties. Nor does the age of a stamp necessarily mark its value; for while the United States 3c stamp of 1851, for instance, is worth only 2 cents as a specimen, many of later issues but of larger denominations are worth many dollars.

Collectors who can afford it do not hesitate to pay large prices for coveted specimens and the Starr company has

such customers all over the United States and in foreign countries. A portion of the time seven or eight people are required to take care of the business, which Mr. Starr started in his home, but now conducts on the third floor of No. 15 Chicago street.

Packed away in many a garret are old letters bearing stamps that would make a dealer's eyes glisten, and we occasionally hear of their being discovered and yielding a snug sum to the lucky finder—*Coldwater Daily Reporter, Aug. 26.*

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3c, " "	.30, " "	2.50
4c, " "	.35, " "	3.00
5c, " "	.15, " "50
10c, " "	.15, " "75
25c, " "	.25, " "	2.25
40c, " "	Per 10 .30,	Per 100.....	3.00
10c, " "	Per 100 .40,	Per 1000.....	1.20
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 - 3c carmine, surcharge inverted15
 - \$1.00 green, used, fine03
- These are sample prices; all other values as low; we cannot advertise everything we have.

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- 4c brown, Die A, entire & unused, 6 var., comp.40
- 4c " " B, " " (as soon as received) 6 varieties, complete35
- 12 varieties Die A and B complete70
- 5c blue, Die A, 4 varieties "30
- Die A on white 1894 and 1899 wmk., both10
- " " amber15
- " " buff15

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 - * " 1x1 (cat. 18c)08
 - *1893 1c vermilion (cat. 8c)04
 - * " 1c black (cat. 25c)10
 - * " 3c green (cat. 50c)20

Absolutely Free.

Every order of 50c and over on above will secure 7 different foreign postal cards free of charge. This liberal premium applies to orders on Hawaiian Postal Cards only.

- Canada 8c Registration, unused \$1.25
- Philippines 1892-93 6c brown violet, unused08
- " 15c red brown, "15
- Newfoundland 1863 1d red brown, " 1.50

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From Our Regular Correspondent.

Washington Notes.

Thursday, September 14th.

Director Elliott has just ordered for Porto Rico 10,000 postal cards. These cards will be shipped in two or three days. It is believed at the Post Office Department that there was envelopes as well as postal cards surcharged in Porto Rico, as Director Elliott had a supply of envelopes sent him and they have never been turned in. I will know definitely about this in a few days.

As expected there was a mad rush for the new Cuban stamps and the local dealers were cleaned out of them in three days, but a second supply has just been received so I think there will be enough to fill all demands for them now. The envelopes were in nearly as great demand as the stamps.

The Post Office Department have just called upon the contractors at Hartford for an explanation in matter of issuing some 2c amber envelopes No. 11, which are not listed on the Government schedule. I expect they will soon be offered by some dealer or dealers for \$5.00 each, the same as is asked for the baronial envelopes. I do not agree with Mr. Bartels that the baronial sizes on amber are the scarcest envelopes issued in the present set, simply for the very reason that you can not tell how many more will come out. When envelopes are priced at \$5.00 each somebody is going to get his friend (a postmaster) to make requisition for some and if he strikes the right portion of the quarter when the clerks are rushed it is very liable to go through without being discovered, if so the order will be filled. I consider the 2c blue die "A" the scarcest envelope in the 1899 issue for the reason that the die has been destroyed, or turned into the Post Office Department and there is no chance of any more being issued.

The Post Office Department is contemplating printing the names of the office on stamps or else to have a separate number on the stamps for all the large offices. The idea seems to be that it would help them if an office was robbed and to assist in apportioning the salaries of postmasters. It seems as if people who live in a small town and are doing business in a large city often buy their stamps of the postmasters at their town to help get his salary increased.

Mr. Guy A. Camp has just returned from a three weeks fishing trip.

Mr. H. F. Dunkhorst left Tuesday for the north on stamp business and Mr. J. M. Bartels left Saturday night for Detroit to attend the convention.

H. F. COLMAN.

GEE WHIZ!

You can fry an egg in the atmosphere today. In fact it is so all-fired hot and so little breeze stirring, we fail to find wind enough to blow hair through our whiskers, but hot or cold we still stumble onto good stuff in the stamp line. Besides the Mansfield Pinks going fast at 15c each, St. Louis also turned up for us 200 Ziemann, Greisheim & Co. Silk, which we offer at 8 cents each, full gum and perfect; Blocks and Strips at the same price. These stamps are worth buying.

LEWIS ROBIE,

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UNUSED UNITED STATES

	Cat.	\$2.00	\$0.75
3c dull red, 1851-5610	.04
3c " " 1855-6035	.15
1c blue, 186115	.06
3c rose, 1861		1.75	.75
10c yellow green, 1861		1.25	.60
3c black, 1867, 9x13		1.00	.50
3c red, 1867, 9x13		1.25	.60
2c brown, 1869		1.00	.40
3c blue, 1869		3.00	1.50
Pair 1c 1869		2.00	.60
15c orange			

Canada 1899 surcharge, unused, 2c Numeral and 2c Maple Leaf—5c for two with other orders.



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China 1898, 3 " "05
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Please mention ERA when answering ads.

Correspondence.

[The editor wishes it distinctly understood that he does not hold himself responsible for assertions made under this head, nor does he necessarily sanction any ideas or opinions expressed. All are invited to contribute to this department, with the above understanding, and all communications deemed suitable or of interest to our readers will be published.]

NEW YORK, Sept. 9th, 1899.

THE ERA.

Dear Editor: In mounting my collection of entire envelopes I found that there are two sizes of the '94 watermark. The one 27mm., measuring the height of the U in the watermark, is found in the older envelopes used up to 1898, and the other 23 mm. I found in envelopes used just prior to the recent change of color.

I have five sizes of envelopes of the two-cent green on white and one size of the one-cent blue on white in 23mm. size watermark, which I find to be the scarcest.

I have an albino in the shape of a two-cent Columbian envelope on white. The bottom edge is printed in color, balance embossed in white

HERBERT S. ACKERMAN.

59th "Standard" Prices.

Quotations are restricted to stamps cataloguing 10 cents or more each—except in case no extra space is required to give price. We only quote NEW prices, that is those that are different from the 58th edition. A dash (—) signifies that no price is given in the 59th although one appears in previous edition.

(Continued from page 443.)

	New.	Used.
BELGIUM.		
1849 10c brown	10 00	.15
20c blue	12.00	.06
1851 10c brown		.60
20c blue		.20
10c brown, ribbed p	1.50	.50
20c blue	8 00	.04
20c " ribbed p		1.50
40c carmine	25 00	.18
1861 40c "	5 00	.18
1863 10c brown		.60
20c blue		1.00
40c carmine		2.00
1865 1fr pale lilac		3.00
1866 10c slate		.40
40c rose		1.50
1fr lilac	5 00	1.00
1870 10c yellow green		.25
20c light ultramarine		.35
20c blue		1.00
40c bright rose		1.00
40c pale rose		1.00
1875-78 25c yellow bistre		.25
25c olive yellow		.25
50c gray		.70
50c gray black		2 00
5fr pale brown	11 00	7.00
1881 10c gray green		.15
20c bright ultramarine		60
40c rose carmine		1.50
40c bright carmine		2.00
5fr deep red brown		7 00
5fr " " bar cancel.		3.50
10c gray green, perf. 14		.50
25c olive bistre, "		1 00
1883 10c carmine		.15
20c gray		.35
25c blue		.50
50c violet		.85
1884-85 1fr brown, greenish p		.60
1886-91 20c olive		.12
35c violet brown		.15
2fr violet		.85
2fr " bar cancel'n		.12
1893 1fr carmine, light green p		.35
2fr lilac, rose p		.70
2fr " " without label		.10
1894 25c blue, rose p		.10
BERMUDA.		
1865 6p brown lilac		1.25
6p red lilac		.22
1sh green		.50
3p buff, 14x12½		4.00
1sh green "		.50
1875 1p on 2p blue		7.50
1884 1p dull rose		.12
2p blue		.30
1884-93 1sh olive bistre		.30
BOLIVIA.		
1867 10c brown	8.00	8.00
100c green	5.00	—
100c pale blue green	5.00	—
100c blue		.75
50c orange		.35
50c blue	18.00	25.00
50c dark blue	25 00	—
1869 5c green		.40
50c blue		.75
100c orange		16 00
500c black		.08
1871 5c green		.40
100c orange		.10
1876 5c blue		.12
50c carmine	1.50	.02
1887 5c blue		.18
10c orange		.10
1890 5c blue		.40
20c dark green		.90
50c red		1.50
100c yellow	1.50	1.25

1893 5c blue	.10	.05
10c orange	.25	.06
1894 10c brown	.12	.02
50c violet brown		.08
100c rose		.10
1897 10c brown violet	.12	.03
BOSNIA.		
1879-94 15n bistre brown	.12	
25n dark purple	.35	.10
BRAZIL.		
1843 30r black, thin p	7.00	3.00
60c " "		1.25
90c " "	15.00	10 00
30r " thick p	8.00	3.50
60r " "		1.25
90r " "	15.00	
1844-46 30r black	.60	
60r black	.50	.20
90r " "	3.00	
600r black		35.00
1845-46 30r black	1 00	.25
60r black		.25
1850 10r " "	.40	
20r " "	1.25	1.25
90r " "		.15
180r " "	1.50	.75
300r " "	2.00	1.00
600r " "	2.50	1 75
10r " yellowish p		.35
20r " "	1 25	1.25
90r " "	.60	.15
180r " "		.75
300r " "		1 00
600r " "	3 00	2 00
1854 30r blue, grayish p	.25	
1861 430r yellow	5.00	3 00
1866 10r black, perf. 13½	12 00	12.00
30r blue		4 00
90r black		5 00
180r " "		7.50
280r red	12.00	12.00
1866 50r blue, perf. 12	.15	
80r slate violet, perf. 12	.60	.10
100r blue green		.12
160r yellow green		.12
1876 10r vermilion, rouletted	1 00	.75
20r red lilac		.25
50r blue		.12
80r violet		.25
500r orange		.40
1878-79 200r black	2 50	.20
260r brown		.75
700r red brown	3 50	3 00
1000r gray		.40
1882 100r olive green	.40	
100r bottle green	.40	
1893-95 100r lilac, plain ground	1.50	.75
100r lilac, lined ground	.35	
1885 100r lilac	.12	
1887 300r blue	.40	.10
500r olive		.10
1888 100r lilac	.25	.01
700r violet	.45	.50
1890-93 100r lilac rose	.10	.02
300r gray	.30	
500r olive bistre	.35	.10
500r slate		.20
1000r brown yellow		.15
1000r yellow buff	.60	.15
1891 100r blue&red, head inv't'd	5 00	
100r " tete beche	2 00	
1894-97 300r green and black	.12	
500r blue and black	.20	.03
700r mauve and black	.25	.18
1000r green and violet	.35	.08
2000r slate and violet	.70	.25
BREMEN.		
1855 3gr blue laid p	4 00	
1855-60 5gr rose p		5.00
7gr yellow p		15.00
5gr green	1.50	6 00
5gr yellow green		6 00
1861-63 2gr yellow		17.50
2gr orange	10 00	20 00
10gr black	12 00	13 00
5gr green	15 00	3 50
5gr yellow green	15 00	3 50
3gr blue laid p		10 00

1866 2gr yellow	3 50	7 00
2gr orange	3 50	7 00
5gr pink p	3 50	4 50
7gr yellow p		3 00
10gr black		5 00
BRITISH BECHUANALAND.		
1886 1p red, wmk. anchor		.30
6p mauve "	1 00	
1sh green "	2 50	
1887 2p lilac, wmk. orb	.25	.10
3p " "		.30
6p " "		1 50
1sh green, wmk. V.R.	.60	.25
2sh " "	1 20	.60
2sh 6p green "	1 50	
5sh green "	2 50	2 50
10sh " "		5 00
1£ lilac, wmk. orb	10 00	
5£ " "	40 00	
1888 6p lilac, black surch.		.40
1sh green, wmk. V.R.		.65
1892 1p red	.25	—
2p bistre	.25	—
1892-94 2p green and carmine	.12	.08
4p green and brown	.25	.30
6p purple, red p	.35	—
1sh green	.70	—
1894 1p red	.12	—
BRITISH CENTRAL AFRICA.		
1891 4p red brown & black	.15	.18
8p rose and blue	.30	
1sh brown	.45	.60
2sh vermilion	.90	
2sh 6p lilac	1 00	
5sh yellow	2 25	
10sh green	4 00	
1892-94 4sh on 5sh yellow	4 00	5 00
3sh brown and green	1 25	
4sh gray and vermilion	1 75	
1895 1p on 2p sea gr'n & verm.	1 00	2 00
BRITISH COLUMBIA AND VAN COUVER ISLAND.		
1865 10c blue		15 00
1861 2½p pink, perf. 14	4 00	4 00
1865 5c rose	4 00	3 75
10c blue	3 50	2 50
1866 3p blue	.50	
1868 2c brown	.75	1 25
5c bright red	4 50	
25c orange	1 50	1 50
50c violet	6 00	
1d green	100 00	100 00
25c orange, perf. 12½	7 50	7 50
50c violet	11 00	10 00
1d green	25 00	25 00
BRITISH EAST AFRICA.		
1890 1a on 2p gr'n & carmine	20 00	
4a on 5p lilac & blue	7 50	9 00
1890-91 1a green, imperf.	3 50	
2a vermilion	5 00	
4a gray	12 00	
8a blue	11 00	
2½a, yellow p, perf.	35	
8a gray	4 50	
1r gray	4 50	
1894 5a on 8a blue	3 00	
7½a on 1r rose	3 00	
British East Africa.		
1895 Regular Issues Surcharged		
½a brown	6 00	6 00
1a green	20 00	10 00
2a vermilion		12 50
2½a yellow p	9 00	7 00
3a vermilion p		2 00
4a brown	1 00	1 40
4½a slate violet	10 00	
5a blue p	20 00	15 00
7½a black		9 00
1r rose		2 50
3r purple		7 50
4r blue	9 00	9 00
5r green	22 50	16 00
2½a on 4½a slate violet	10 00	10 00
Same Surcharge on Current India Stamps		
½a green		.12
1a purple brown		.15
1a 6p bistre		.18

2a blue	.20		1872-74 1p blue, perf. 14	.60	.85	12p black, laid p	400.00
2a 6p green	.25		3p brown	6.00	3.00	1852 3p red	.30
2½a an 1a 6p bistre	3.00	4.00	6p rose	25.00		3p red, ribbed p	1.25
4a olive	.45		1sh green		2.50	6p purple black	50.00
1r gray	2.50		1879 4p violet		.45	6p violet	50.00
2r brown and rose	3.00		1882 1p blue	1.50		1855 10p blue	50.00
3r green and brown	4.00		1884-87 1p rose	.25		1857 7½p green	60.00
5r purple and blue	6.00		4p violet	1.00	.30	6p violet	—
6a yellow brown, wmk. elephant's head	.50		6p yellow		22.50	½p pink, wove p	12.50
1896 8a olive green	.30		1sh gray	20.00		3p red	10.00
1r ultramarine	.80		1888 2c on 6p rose, perf. 12½	15.00	1.50	6p violet	30.00
2r orange	1.40		2c on 6p rose, perf. 14	4.00	5.00	1859 10c red lilac	.45
3r deep purple	1.85		3c on 3p brown	4.00	5.00	10c violet	5.00
4r lake	2.50		2c on 1p rose, CA	.35	—	10c violet black	—
5r dark brown	3.25		10c on 4p violet, CA	.60	.60	1859-64 2c pink	1.50
BRITISH GUIANA.			20c on 6p yellow, CA	.75	.85	12½c yellow green	.30
1850 Entire issue type I unpriced.			3c on 3p brown, CA	.08	.08	12½c blue green	.30
1c, magenta p, A2	30.00		10c on 4p violet, CA	.25	.25	17c blue	3.00
4c, blue p, Aa	40.00		20c on 6p yellow, CA	.75	.75	1868 ½c black	.18
1853 4c blue	—	4.00	50c on 1sh gray, CA	1.00	1.50	1c brown red	.25
4c dark blue	—	5.00	2c on 50c gray, red surch.	.75	1.25	2c deep green	.75
4c blue, white line above value	—	4.00	1891 5c on 3c brown, black	.10	.20	6c dark brown	2.00
4c blue, figures of date in frame	—	5.00	15c on 6c blue, red	.30	.35	6c purple brown	2.00
1862 2c orange, thick p	10.00		1891 12c mauve and green	.22	.22	12½c blue or dark blue	.18
1c black, thin p	5.00	2.50	24c yellow and blue	.45	.45	15c lilac or red lilac	.50
8c rose,	7.50		1895-98 10c mauve and green	.18	.18	1870 3c bright red, laid p	20.00
1c black, 12½ and 13	.75		BRITISH PROTECTORATE.			1869 1c yellow, wove p	.25
2c orange,	1.50		1888 2sh green and black	25.00		1869-72 3c rose	.10
12c lilac	1.25	1.00	2sh 6p	27.50		3c orange	.25
1863 12c lilac	.75		5sh	30.00		10c rose lilac	1.00
1868 1c black, perf. 10	.18		10sh	37.50		1875-77 5c olive green	2.50
8c rose	.50		1889 4p lilac & black, wmk. orb	10.00		15c gray	.40
12c lilac	.65		4p " " & red	3.00		15c blue gray	1.00
1875 1c black	.40		6p " " wmk orb	1.00		1882-90 6c rich brown	.12
2c orange	.75		BRUNSWICK.			10c carmine red	.20
4c blue	11.00	10.00	1852 1sgr rose	—	3.75	1892-93 2c vermilion	.12
8c rose	7.50	1.50	2sgr blue	—	2.25	50c deep blue	.85
12c lilac	3.00		1853 1sgr yellow p		.35	8c lilac gray	.25
1863 6c blue	2.00		3sgr rose p		.55	8c slate	.15
48c rose	1.25	1.25	1856-57 ¼sgr brown p		1.25	1897 10c brown violet	.18
48c deep red	1.25		½sgr black		3.50	20c vermilion	.35
1867 6c blue	3.00	.85	4-48-gr brown p	.40	.75	50c ultramarine	.75
6c ultramarine	3.00	.85	1863 ½sgr green p	.15		1875-89 2c orange, Registration	.12
24c green	3.00	.40	½sgr black, perce en arc	10.00	10.00	2c vermilion	.30
1878 6c ultramarine	20.00	6.00	1sgr yellow		1.00	5c yellow green	.20
24c green	20.00	5.00	3-gr rose	20.00		CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.	
1876 4c ultramarine	2.00	.25	1sgr yellow, rouletted	7.50	2.00	1853 1p red, blued p	1.00
6c chocolate	2.50	.35	1865 ½sgr black	1.50	1.50	4p blue	.60
8c rose	1.50	.25	1gr carmine	.03	.12	1853-64 1p rose, white p	.85
4c ultramarine, perf. 12½	15.00		1gr rose, imperf.	2.50		1p red	1.00
1878 1c on 6c blue, 1869	1.25		2gr ultramarine	.50	.50	4p blue	1.25
1c on 4c official, 1876	4.00		3gr brown	.75	.75	6p lilac	6.00
2c on 2c official, 1876	5.00		BUENOS AYRES.			1sh yellow gr'n	15.00
1881 1c on 96c bistre, 1876	.35		1858 1 (In)peso light brown	8.50		1sh dark green	22.50
1c on 12c official, 1863	1.50		2 (dos) pesos blue	7.50		1861 4p blue (wood block)	—
1c on 48c official, 1876	5.00	1.50	4 (cuatro) pesos verm.	85.00		4p d'k blue	40.00
1882 6c brown	.12		5 (cinco) pesos ochre	100.00		1865 1p red	1.00
1889 1c mauve & black	.10	.10	4 (cuatro) reales brown	11.00		6p dull mauve	.60
3c " "	.06	.06	1859 1 (In) pesos blue	5.00		6p bright violet	2.00
6c " " type I	.12	.12	1 (In) reales indigo	6.00		1868-74 1p on 6p lilac, red surch.	2.00
8c " " " I	.18	.18	1860 4r green, bluish p	6.00	3.00	1p on 1sh gr'n, black	.75
10c " " " I	.20	.20	2p red	3.00	3.00	½p slate	.10
20c " " " I	.40	.40	BULGARIA.			4p blue	2.00
40c " " " I	.80	.80	1879 5c black and yellow	.25		5sh orange	.50
72c " " " I	1.50		50c black and blue	.85		3p on 4p blue, red surch.	.12
2d green & black	3.50	3.50	1fr black and red	.85	.40	3p on 4p lilac rose, bl'k sur.	.18
3d " " "	5.00	5.00	1881 5s black and orange	.12	.08	3p lilac rose	.12
4d " " "	7.00	7.00	10s black and green	.60		3p on 3p lilac rose	.12
5d " " "	8.50	8.50	25s black and puce	1.25	.60	1881 3p red brown	.08
1889-91 6c mauve & brown	.12	.12	30s fawn and blue	.60		½p slate	.25
8c mauve & rose	.40	.20	1882 5s rose (error)	50.00	50.00	2p bistre	.50
12c mauve & violet	.22	.22	30s violet and green	.18	.04	3p red brown	.18
24c mauve & green	.45		50s purple and pink	.30	.05	6p mauve	2.00
72c mauve & bistre	1.30	1.30	1884-85 5s on 30s fawn and blue, red surch.	.60	.60	5sh orange	6.50
1890 1c on 2d green & black	.08	.08	5s on 30s fawn and blue, black surch	60.00	60.00	1882 ½p on 3p red brown	10.00
1c on 3d green & black	.12	.12	15s on 25s blue, red surch.	.75	.75	1885 2p bistre	.10
1c on 4d green & black	.18	.18	50s on 1fr black and red, black surcharge	1.25		5sh orange	.30
BRITISH HONDURAS.			1886 88 1l black and red	.60	.30	1891-94 4p blue	.20
1865 1p blue	.75	1.00	1889 50s greenish blue	.20	.04	1sh blue green	1.00
6p rose	6.00		1l orange red	.40	.10	1893-96 5sh brown orange	.18
1sh green	11.50	4.50	1896 2l rose and pale rose	.70		CAPE VERDE.	
1872-73 1p blue, perf. 12½	.75		3l black and buff	1.10		1877 10r yellow	.75
3p brown	1.60	3.00	CANADA.			300r chocolate	.50
6p rose	8.50	4.00	1851 3p red, laid p	1.25		40r chocolate	.15
1sh green	2.50	2.50	6p violet, laid p	5.00	5.00	80r yellow green	.18
						100r brown, buff p	.20
						150r carmine, rose p	.30
						200r dark blue, light blue p	.50
						300r dark blue, buff p	.75

Helena, Montana.

HELENA, MONTANA, Sept. 7th, '99.
 W. W. JEWETT, Esq.,
 Editor and Publisher.

Dear Sir: It is not often that I ask for space in the valuable columns of the PHILATELIC ERA, but just at this time I wish you would grant it.

In the pursuit of stamp collecting this city is right up to date. Less than one year ago we had but three active, adult collectors, whereas today, we have upwards of a dozen and are constantly adding to the ranks. It is also most gratifying to note that all those who have taken up our pursuit are of the very highest type of business and professional men, numbering among them bankers, mine owners, mining experts, merchants and men of prominence, and they have all gone into it with a zeal that will be lasting. We expect to organize a club here this fall with at least twenty members to start with, composed of our leading men.

As an illustration that our collectors are much alive, let me state that Mr. Thomas C. Kurtz, cashier of the Montana National Bank, has already got out a "new issue;" it is a twelve-pound boy, and is an absolutely perfect specimen.

Enclosed you will find a description of a philatelic dinner [The entire clipping appears at the end of this letter.—Ed.] given by Mr. Harry W. Child, mining man and president of the Yellowstone National Park Transportation Company. Besides the names of the leading philatelists in this list, we have since added six new converts to our ranks.

I think it would be well for the dealers to load up for these collectors, for they are going to want stamps, lots of them, too, and in a hurry.

With the knowledge of the part the ERA has played in the field of philately, so long and so ably, it is safe to predict that its future will be even more successful than its past.

Hoping its bright prospects may never have a shadow, I remain,

Fraternally yours,
 W. JAMES BARBOUR.

DINNER FOR PHILATELISTS.

STAMP COLLECTORS THE GUESTS OF HARRY W. CHILD SATURDAY EVENING.

Harry W. Child gave a dinner to the leading philatelists of Helena Saturday evening, those present being Thomas C. Kurtz, T. B. Miller, George H. Hill, Charles N. Kessler and W. James Barbour. After an elaborate dinner, the guests adjourned to the parlors, where an enjoyable evening was spent in examining and admiring Mr. Child's superb stamp collection, consisting of a complete line of United States revenue and the Canadian and Mexican revenues, each complete with but two or three exceptions, beside a good general collection, numbering in all about 15,000 varieties.

The following is a copy of the menu:

- Blue Points Issue of 1899.
- Soup a la Julienne, Original Gum
- Smelts, Fine Grilled Specimens
- Cucumbers Pitted Olives
- Rouletted General Issue
- Roast Beef Vertically Ribbed
- Delmonico Potatoes, Watermarked
- Stuffed Tomatoes, Well Centered
- Macaroni and Cheese, Horizontally Laid
- Spring Chicken, Without Embossing
- Lettuce, Imperforated
- Celery, Perfect Specimen
- Ice Cream
- Warranted Genuine and Original Cake, Cut Square Specimens
- Assorted Fruit, Duplicates
- Nuts, Current Issue
- Crackers, Reprints
- Cheese, Lightly Cancelled
- Coffee, Fine Mixed Lot
- Cigars, Fiscally Cancelled

EXCHANGES.

One notice is allowed each subscriber free if sent with his remittance, extra notices will be inserted at the uniform price of 10 cents each insertion. Non-subscribers 15 cents each insertion. Positively cash with notice. All notices must be for exchange and limited to thirty words, exclusive of the address, and must be written on a separate piece of paper. Notices offering articles for sale for cash, or offering to purchase for cash cannot be inserted here as they do not come under this head.

I desire exchange with general collectors, and will give value for value for desirable stamps in good condition, Adhesives only. George D. Weeks, Jr., care Garfield Nat'l Bank, New York City. [34]

Complete sets Die A Envelopes, 5 varieties Centennial Envelopes, 34 varieties Columbian Envelopes, and 8 varieties Letter Sheets, all mint condition, to exchange in sets or otherwise, for Columbian Postals. S. B. Fish, Butler, Ills.

"Boston Stamp Book," Vols. 2 or 3 to exchange for a \$10 Documentary 1898 issue. Books are in A No. 1 shape and stamps to be same. L. T. Hurd, [Member B. F. C.] 91 N. Washington Ave., Bridgeport, Conn. [32]

Here! Wanted a Scott's latest International Album 2 Vol. Edition, in exchange for stamps. Write, Calvin C. Brackett, Garland, Maine. [16c]

Have a fine "Merritt" typewriter and small steam engine with track; also a (thirty-dollar) \$30 printing press and type to exchange for U. S. Adhesives and Revenues. Irving L. Steinman, 717 J St., Sacramento, Cal.

I offer a 1sh green CC, perf. 12 1/2, Br. Honduras, or 5 gro Bremen 1861 rose, in fine condition, for a fine copy of \$1 Mortgage perforated. Chas. Drew, 441 Broadway, New York City.

Exchange wanted. United States old and current issues, and Belgium current issue, to exchange for other Foreign Postal Cards. Jas. Farish, P. O. Box 31, Linwood, N. J.

Omaha Plate Nos. 647, 657, 668, 701, 703, 706, 707, 750, 751, 752, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744 (tops and bottoms) to exchange for others on basis Bartel's Catalogue. Address, Mrs. L. R. Webster, Imperial Hotel, Portland, Oregon.

Alfon Stark, 751 Park Ave., Brooklyn, New York. Stamps for stamps, stamps for novels, novels for stamps, and novels for novels.

Here! I will take your duplicate stamps or job lots at 1/2 cat. (with few exceptions) in exchange for my stamps at catalogue. Write, Calvin C. Brackett, Garland, Me. [16c]

Say: Do you want to exchange entire, unused, U.S. envelopes? Basis Bartels last catalog, for numbers and prices. Will take U. S. envelopes or stamps. I have some "Penalty" envelopes, such as are used by the Departments and Post Offices; will exchange with or give them to a bona fide collector of such things. Walter C. Odiome, Huntingdon, Pa. [33]

A copy of Scott's 59th Catalogue (when issued) and a year's subscription to the WEEKLY ERA for One Dollar.

TRADE COLUMN.

Under this head we print all notices not properly belonging to our exchange department, such as business announcements, want and for sale notices, etc., etc., at the uniform low rate of five (5) cents per line. Eight words average a line. All notices will be set in solid 6-point type and no display allowed. Minimum charge 10 cents.

1c Express, part perforated, on original Doc., for 30c. It cat. \$1.00 in 50th. I buy stamps. G. C. ANDREWS, 316 Woodward Ave., Buffalo, N. Y.

U. S. Half Cents, 1834 and 1835. Coins have been Gold Washed, giving them the appearance of Proof pieces. Either date, 3c cts.; one of each date, 5c cts. A. W. DUNNING, Newton, Mass. [c]

Say: I want to buy a Bartels No. 1240, N.P. S. No. 1246, envelope, 1c blue on amber paper. I want to sell: Set of five Omaha stamps 1c to 10c, for 10c Set seconds Omaha stamps 1c to 10c, for 1898 Document revenues, unused, 13c orange, 3c 1898 Document revenues, unused, small surch. 1c I.R., 3c 1898 Document revenues, unused, large surch. 1c I.R., 3c 1898 Document revenues, unused, same by the 100, \$1.50 1898 Doc. rev., unused, same plate Nos., B. R. each 6c 1898 Doc. rev., unused, 2c I.R. plate No. T. No. 553, 8c 1898 Doc. rev., unused, same, single stamp, each 3c Of course you will send postage for all of above. WALTER C. ODIORNE, Huntingdon, Pa. [33]

Marriage Paper free; send postal. Address, MAIL PUB. CO., 8 W. Pratt St., Baltimore, Md.

Free! Canada 15c 1868 unused, catalogue \$1.50, with Packet 302 containing 665 Varieties Foreign, for \$3.25. Postage 3c. FREDERICK M. BAKER, Dayton, O.

I want to buy a collection of one to five thousand varieties of stamps, for spot cash. If you wish to sell yours, write to JOHN M. HUBBARD, Rochester, N. H.

60s Discount Still Goes. My approval books contain many bargains. Don't forget that reference. * Set 8 Venezuela, 5c to 30 B. (catalogue 51c) 20 cts. E. A. OBORNE, Jamaica, N. Y.

We will pay cash for large or small lots Canadian, U. S. or Mexican stamps. Send list. ESSEX STAMP CO., Box 213, Upper Montclair, N. J. [32]

Bargains! All fine. 58th Cat. price. My price. Canada 1857 20d blue, \$10.00 \$4.50 Montserrat 1876 4d blue CC, 4.00 2.00 Nevis 1882 4d blue CA, 7.50 3.00 Tobago 1886 6d brown CC unused, 25.00 13.00 CHAS. DREW, 441 Broadway, New York City.

All used and fine. 1/2, 1/2, 1 and 2 1/2 Barbados Jubilee, \$0.09 1, 2, 3, Grenada Unpaid (complete), .84 5 varieties Trinidad catalogue 18c, .11 3 varieties Leeward catalogue 7c, .04 3 varieties Br. Guiana catalogue 7c, .04 6 varieties Martinique catalogue 17c, .09 12 varieties Dutch Indies catalogue 38c, .19 28 varieties Netherlands catalogue 60c, .27 6 varieties Transvaal catalogue 31c, .14 10 varieties Bulgaria catalogue 37c, .31 9 varieties Japan catalogue 9c, .03 3 varieties California State Revenues, .14 92 varieties. All Above, cat. \$2.50, for Phunny Folder (with order) Free. A. W. DUNNING, Newton, Mass. [c]

1c Orange Playing Card: Firsts, 30 cents; Seconds, 20 cents; Thirds, 10 cents. The Firsts are perfect; Seconds, off center; Thirds, slightly torn but carefully mended. Postage extra. C. W. SEYMOUR, 223 Ross St., Brooklyn, N. Y. [35]

Wanted, on approval, entire or cut square envelopes and wrapper stamps of Great Britain and her colonies. Send list or stamps with lowest price. Reference, Five Cents Savings Bank, Boston, Mass. E. F. SAWYER, 38 School St., Boston, Mass.

Beautiful Canada Revs.: 20 var., 10 cents postpaid. F. L. HOOPER, Sta. D, Baltimore, Md.

A few sets of Cardboard Proofs: Interior (10), \$1.00. Treasury (11), \$1.00. 1890 Regular (10), \$1.50. 1879 Dues (7), \$1.00. 1875 N. and P. (2c to 10c), \$1.00. A. E. CHASE, Brunswick, Me. [c]

I want to buy cancelled 3c, 5c and 6c Columbians, 3c vermilion, 4c carmine, yellow Special Delivery, also other issues of U. S. and Foreign stamps. Send on approval with lowest cash price. CARL YOUNG, 112 N. 5th St., Phila., Pa. [38]

Omaha 1c to 10c inclusive, o. s., in pairs with Plate Nos., 80c. Ulster Stamp Co., Sta R, Kingston, N. Y. [37]

Try an Ad in this Column. It Pays.

From an Occasional Correspondent.

"Our Eye."

The editor of the ERA believes in a fearless expression of opinion and I take the liberty of entering my protest at the sacrificing of the new Cuban set at the ruinous price at which it has been offered, 50 cents. I maintain that this set cannot be sold at this price with any degree of fairness to other dealers. Of course a dealer who maintains no place of business, hires no post office box, but gets mail through the general delivery, gives only incidental attention to stamp business and yet dabbles in importing from near-by countries, can undersell, in certain lines, dealers who have the expenses referred to above. Is it wise to do this? Is a dealer helping his business interests? I am satisfied that the policy is extremely unwise in that it educates one's patrons to expect things at ruinously low prices. It hurts the business generally in that it tends to force all dealers into the adoption of the "cut" price. The face value of the new Cuban adhesives, envelopes and special delivery, is 40 cents, leaving a small margin if the importer becomes the retailer, but which becomes considerably smaller if the retailer is compelled to pay 15 to 25 per cent. to a middle man.

The Canada Stamp Co. in a recent advertisement declared: "The saying, 'There is nothing new under the sun' does not apply to Canada's postal issues." I also have read in the daily press that the "vigorous policy of Postmaster-General Mulock (for the year 1898-9) has resulted in the smallest deficit that the postal department has had for years." The new Canadian surcharges furnish ample evidence that Mulock's brain is still actively at work and one is almost tempted to ask "What next?" Probably the remainders of the high value Jubilees will be the next meat carved and served the omniverous philatelist!

I have had exchange relations with Mr. Tamsen of So. Africa that have proven very satisfactory. I think he is a member of several American philatelic societies. He has specialized in Transvaals to an extraordinary degree, collecting them singly and in sheets, but I learn that he has visited London, where, unable to make satisfactory arrangements for their disposal to some dealer, he has decided to put them in an auction room. This will be a grand opportunity for lovers of South African stamps.

There seems to be a decided upward tendency to the market values of South African stamps. I do not know who launched the boom, but it's surely with us. The entire Niger Coast region has been taken by the government and divided into Lagos, No. Nigeria and So. Nigeria. First a company,

then a protectorate, now a crown colony, is in brief the history of this tract of country. Collectors who are interested in Africans will do well to look up their Niger Coast spaces and fill them now. I am not much of a financier, indeed I am willing to make a profound bow to the superior knowledge of values given the ERA by certain of its correspondents, yet I believe that the collector who buys Africans as they appear at from 40 to 50% over face, will not have cast his bread upon the waters in vain.

Certain philatelists have expressed to me a desire to reform an evil habit with which some dealers are affected. Money sent for goods is retained, when goods are sold out, and further orders are requested. I believe it an unwise policy for a dealer to pursue this course, but the collector has the remedy in his own hands. Boycotting the dealer who does not use you right, will secure proper treatment.

I have been very much interested in the Hilckes matter! A subscriber to both *Stamps* and the *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly* one could not but be impelled to believe that the facts presented by the former, coupled with the silence of the latter, seriously implicated Hilckes in dishonest business transactions. The fact that W. Kelsey Hall, of Peterboro, Can., figured prominently in bringing Hilckes to the bar of justice added materially to American interest in the case. I shall be sorry to have the *Fortnightly* suspend publication. It was a very bright paper, published regularly and had apparently a wide circle of readers. What surprises me, is, that its publisher has been permitted to run his course, so long, unmolested when continental dealers and publishers were cognizant of his true character.

Good reports come from all sides as to the improvement in trade channels. I believe philately will get its share and that we shall have a prosperous fall and winter business. The new Philippine and Cuban sets have been taken up eagerly. It's a wise head that grasps the provisionals issued this summer. They are with us for a day, obtainable at a small advance over face, but tomorrow commanding quite a premium.

I second Mr. Stone's motion! *Philatelic West* needs a reform along the line of rhetorical construction. I do not censure one for an individuality in expression, only when it touches upon the absurd or when it denotes carelessness. I give you an excerpt: "Our offer of \$10. in stamps for our cover has brought in a number, and still open, would like design so cut can be used with it of readers." For jerky English, let me mention the last number of the *West*.

I cannot pass by an advertisement in the columns of this bright paper without mentioning it. The Queen City Stamp Co., Hastings, Neb., heads a column advertisement with the exclamation, "Satan's Own" giving the addresses of some five frauds who have "worsted" them on approval selections. Massachusetts and Rhode Island are represented.

I have seen the new Zanzibar resplendent in giddy colors. When one compares this set with the previous one and notes that the only change is in the portrait of the Sultan, the desire must express itself, "Long live the Sultan!"

PURITAN.

HERE! I will sell any stamp in stock at 50% discount from catalogue or better. Calvin C. Brackett, Garland, Me.

LABUAN JUBILEE, "1846-1896," Full Set, 7, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8c, fine pictorial set, price only...	.30
GREECE, Olympian Games Issue, 1896 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 40, 60, lightly cancelled,	.33
BRITISH NORTH BORNEO, 1887-92, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10c, nine var., cat. 43 cts....	.13
HONDURAS, 1896, Complete Set, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c, 1p, no Surch., cat. 43 cts.	.20
U. S. ENTIRE ENVELOPE, Mailed Flat, *No. 1348, unused, perfect, catalogues 50 cts...	.18
TRINIDAD, 1896, Cat. 25 cts., 1 shilling, green and brown, fine condition....	.08
CUBA, 1896, 5 Var., Unused, *1, 2, 3, 5, 10c, catalogue 35 cts. Only.....	.08
STRAITS SETTLEMENTS, '99, Two Prov., *4c on 5c carmine, 5c; 4c on 8c blue, 6c; Both	.10
LABUAN, 1895, Five Surcharges, 4, 10, 20, 30, 40c, surch. on \$1.00, cat. \$1.41....	.45
FINLAND, 15 Different Stamps, Postal department to be absorbed by Russia..	.20
CONGO, "Who's Climbing the Tree," *5, 10, 15c, three pretty, unused, stamps.....	.10
CANADA, 1899 1-sues, Unused, *2c surch. on numerals or leaves or 3c carmine,	.03
HONDURAS, 1891, 11 Var., Unused, *1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c, 1p, cat. 69 cts.,	.30
AUSTRIA, 1890-1, 11 Varieties, *1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c, 1p, cat. 26 cts.,	.06
OHIO HINGLES, "Last But Not Least," *1000 gummed even, cut even, count even....	.07
U. S. ENTIRE ENVELOPE, Mailed Flat, *No. 1448, 5c blue, unused, catalogue 35 cts....	.14
U. S. INVERTED I. R. Revenue, *2 cents, 1898, unused, at a low price.....	.16
CRETE, Four Varieties, Unused, *1898 10, 20 paras; 1899 1c, 2c, odd and pretty,	.20
JUBILEES, Three Superb Issues, *36 Mauritius 25c, 2 1/2 Grenada 8c, ad Trinidad 7c	.38
INDIA, 3 pies 1899, 2c; Unused, *Straits Settlements 3c br'n, 3c; 6c rose-bl'k, 5c,	.09
MAYTI, 1887, Very Fine Set, 2, 3c, unused; 1, 5c, lightly cancelled.....	.30
JAPAN, War Stamps, 1896, 2, 2, 4, 45, four varieties, cat. 30c.....	.09
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Postage 2c extra. Essex St., Beverly, Mass. Otis Stamp Co.	

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Cook Islands 1893 1d brown.....	\$0.12
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Cuba 1870 20c.....	.05
Salvador 1897 13 on 24.....	.25
" " 13 on 30.....	.25
" " 13 on 50.....	.25
" " 13 on 100.....	.25
Straits Settlements No. 69, 10 on 24.....	.12
" " 49, 24c.....	.30
Barbados 1892 1/2 on 4.....	.08
New South Wales 1888 8d, lyre bird.....	.23
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American Philatelic Association.

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ORGANIZATION OF DIRECTORS.

The directors met this (Tuesday) evening and organized by the choice of these officers:

- President—George L. Toppan.
 - Vice-Presidents—P. F. Bruner, Alexander Holland, J. W. George.
 - Secretary—H. E. Deats.
 - Treasurer—H. G. Smith.
 - International Secretary—C. P. Krauth.
- The following appointive officers were selected:
- Sales Superintendent—George R. Tuttle.
 - Librarian—Mr. Anderson of the Carnegie Library.

POETIC GREETINGS.

Roy Farrell Greene, the writer and illustrator, now in the Dakota Bad Lands, sent his greetings as follows:

To the Boys at the Detroit Convention:
If wishes had wings, how the pinons would flutter,
Flutter respondent to currents in air;
Fleets they'd fly with the good will I'd utter,
Could I but see with, be with you there.
Add but my praise to philately's teaching,
Royally, loyally bow to her sway;
If wishes would wing at my earnest beseechings,
And bring you and sing you my good will today.

Sing to you fellowship, friendship undying,
Sigh to you brotherhood, all that I feel,
Bear you my message and catch your replying:
Pledging of comrades for woe or for weal,
Hovering o'er you in all of your meetings,
Give acquiescence in all that you do;
Dove-like they'd carry my brotherly greetings,
Winging their way o'er the prairies to you.

Just let the figure of speech be for granted,
Take you the spirit in place of the deed,
All my good wishes in hearts be implanted,
And for philately praises a need.

Only to meet with your, greet with your faces,
Faces of friends in philately's few;
Spanning the distance, which fancy erases,
Wishes are winging o'er prairies to you.

ROY FARRELL GREENE.

SECOND DAY.

Wednesday, Sept. 13th.

This was the day that the unexpected happened at the A. P. A. convention. It is very rare that things are cut and dried for these conventions, but it is still rarer that all plans are so upset and everybody so surprised as they were today when Milwaukee captured the 1900 convention, which she did by 149 votes to 44 for Niagara Falls.

The leading spirits had talked things over quietly, being first divided in sentiment between Clayton and Niagara. The latter place finally found preference among the men whose wishes have generally been the most influential in settling the location. But there had been a Milwaukee man in town on a still hunt, sent here by the Business Men's League. He had scattered buttons with a fiery red center, inscribed "Milwaukee—A Bright Spot." All the western men fell in with the idea, and one or two easterners said to themselves, "New York has snubbed Detroit and given an ungracious response to her kind invitation; now, let New York take care of herself, and we'll go west." Perhaps it wasn't logical, but it was effective.

A letter was read from the Secretary of the Dominion Association, suggesting a grand union convention at Niagara. Mr. Smith nominated Milwaukee. Mr. Krauth nominated Niagara, urging the Association to go where it would entertain itself and be thrown on its own resources, which he thought always led to a profitable convention, though he hoped the white-winged angel of peace would rule instead of the black demon of discord, which had been prominent at Clayton. Mr. Kissinger seconded Niagara. On the roll call three big bunches of proxies settled it—Johnson, 38; Aldrich, 33, and Eaton, 70, all for Milwaukee. The individual votes were exactly even, 10 to 10. The date was left for the Official Board to fix, but is to be not later than September 1st.

President Toppan called attention to Dr. Mitchell's remarks of last year as to more scientific research by the Association. Mr. Krauth thereupon made a vigorous speech on the possibilities of "dry rot" in the Association, saying that it was doing nothing in a philatelic line; that the members came to the conventions for the loaves and fishes and not for philatelic study; that the mere amassing of stamps is not philately, and that instead of being an aggregation of collectors we want to become an association of philatelists. After some little discussion it was voted, on motion of Mr. Burgoyne of Pittsburg, that the President be instructed to designate members who shall prepare papers and reports on philatelic topics and report either at the convention or through the official journal.

A resolution approving the Boston Philatelic Society's new work on United States Revenues was offered by Mr. Burgoyne and passed, after which President Toppan told

a little about the great amount of work which the production of the book had involved.

The size of control stamps was talked over, the Pittsburg members objecting to licking so much gum. A motion to substitute rubber stamps was voted down through fear of imitation, and suggestions thrown out that smaller control stamps be furnished or else that the members provide themselves with stamp moisteners.

The Secretary of the Philatelic Section of the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences wrote asking assistance in a plan for giving medals for philatelic progress, and a vote of approval was passed and a promise of co-operation extended.

Adjourned to Thursday at 10 A. M.

EXCURSION.

The afternoon of Wednesday was spent in an interesting trip. A visit was paid first to the great Walker distillery across the river in Canada, and even the non-imbibers were interested to see the big storehouses which contained 5,800,000 gallons of whiskey, and every one admired

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1, 2, 3, 5, 10 & 10c Sp'l Del. (picked copies)	45c
1, 2 and 5c Envelopes	20c

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1c oriental buff, 1899.....	25c
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2c " ".....	25c
2c amber & (2c white thrown in) 1890	50c
2c " 1899.....	25c

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First Series 1853-60

Nat'l No.	Die.	Size.	New.	Used.	
1	3c	red on white	1	1	\$0.50
2	3c	red on white	1	3	..
3	3c	red on buff	1	3	..
5	3c	red on white	2	3	1.25
6	3c	red on buff	2	3	..
9	3c	red on buff	3	3	2.00
14	3c	red on white	5	3	.40
15	3c	red on white	5	3	..
18	3c	red on buff	5	3	..
19	3c	red on buff	5	3	1.00
20	3c	red on buff	5	3	5.00
22	6c	green on buff	6	3	5.00
26	10c	green on buff	7	3	1.75
28	10c	green on buff	8	3	1.75

Second Series 1860-61

29	3c	red on white	9	1/2	1.50
30	3c	red on white	9	1	1.50
31	3c	red on white	9	2	1.00
33	3c	red on white	9	3	.75
34	3c	red on buff	9	2	1.00
35	3c	red on buff	9	3	..
36	3c	red on buff	9	3	.60
46	10c	gr'n on buff (repaired)	11	3	15.00
48	1c	blue on buff	12	3	1.00
60	4c	blue and red on buff	14	2	12.00

Third Series 1861-64

68	3c	pink on white	15	3	..
71	3c	pink on white	15	3	..
73	3c	pink on white	15	5	12.00
75	3c	pink on buff	15	2	..
76	3c	pink on buff	15	3	..
78	3c	pink on buff	15	3	1.25
79	5c	pink on buff	15	3	..
81	3c	pink on buff	15	5	12.00
94	10c	green on buff	17	3	1.25
95	10c	green on buff	17	3	1.00
97	10c	green on buff	17	3	2.00
99	10c	green on amber	17	3	5.00

Fourth Series 1864-70

117	2c	black on amber	24	3	..
121	2c	black on orange	24	3	.20
122	2c	black on buff	25	3	.50
128	2c	black on orange	25	1	.35
130	3c	rose on white	26	1	.35
131	3c	rose on white	26	3	.35
132	3c	rose on white	26	3	.40
133	3c	rose on white	26	5	..
134	3c	rose on buff	26	3	..
135	3c	rose on buff	26	3	..
138	3c	rose on amber	26	3	..
140	3c	rose on buff	26	5	..
148	6c	purple on white	27	3	.75
149	6c	purple on buff	27	3	.60

Fifth Series 1870-74

163	1c	blue on white	34	2	25.00
164	1c	blue on white	34	2	.75
168	1c	blue on white	34	2	1.50
173	1c	blue on orange	34	6	.50
176	2c	brown on white	35	2	..
180	2c	brown on amber	35	2	.50
183	2c	brown on orange	35	4	.15
185	2c	brown on orange	35	6	.25
187	3c	green on white	36	1	.30
194	3c	green on white	36	3	1.75
202	3c	green on white	36	5	.25
207	3c	green on white	36	1	1.00
211	3c	gr'n on amb. (addressed)	36	3	1.75
212	3c	green on amber	36	3	.25
213	3c	green on amber	36	3	.25
218	3c	green on amber	36	5	.75
223	3c	green on amber	36	3	..
245	6c	red on white	37	3	.50
247	6c	red on white	37	3	..
272	10c	brown on amber	38	3	7.50
299	7c	vermilion on amber	44	3	1.25
300	7c	vermilion on amber	44	3	1.25

Sixth Series 1874-76

305	1c	dark blue on orange	45	4	.40
308	1c	dark blue on orange	45	6	.60
310	1c	light blue on orange	45	4	1.25

Nat'l No.	Die.	Size.	New.	Used.	
318	3c	green on white	47	2	1.25
319	3c	green on white	47	3	..
321	3c	green on white	47	5	1.50
325	3c	green on amber	47	3	1.50
337	3c	green on cream	47	3	..
345	1c	dark blue on orange, (addressed)	49	4	1.25
350	1c	light blue on orange	49	4	.20
352	2c	brown on white	50	2	1.25
352a	2c	brown on white	50	2	5.00
353	2c	brown on amber	50	2	1.25
388	6c	red on white	52	3	.50
396	6c	red on amber	52	5	.75
410	7c	vermilion on amber	53	3	6.00
448	2c	red on fawn	58	4 1/2	.30
455	5c	blue on white	60	3	1.40
457	5c	blue on amber	60	3	.40
459	5c	blue on blue	60	3	1.00
460	5c	blue on blue	60	4 1/2	1.00
462	5c	blue on amber	60	4 1/2	.50

Seventh Series 1876-78

467	2c	red on amber	58	2	..
468	2c	red on cream	58	4 1/2	.65
480	3c	green on white	51	3	.25
483	3c	green on white	51	5	.35
484	3c	green on amber	51	2	..
505	5c	blue on white	60	4 1/2	.75
523	6c	red on white	52	4 1/2	1.00
524	6c	red on white	52	5	.40
544	3c	green on white	62	3	.25
550	3c	red on white	62	4 1/2	.25
551	3c	red on white	62	4 1/2	.50
554	3c	green on white	51	3	1.00
555	3c	green on white	51	4 1/2	1.00
556	3c	green on white	51	5	2.50
563	3c	green on blue	51	4 1/2	8.50

Eighth Series 1878

570	2c	vermilion on cream	58	4 1/2	1.00
571	2c	vermilion on fawn	58	4 1/2	1.00
574	3c	green on white	51	3	..
575	3c	green on white	51	4 1/2	1.50
578	3c	green on amber	51	3	..
579	3c	green on amber	51	4 1/2	1.00
586	3c	green on cream	51	4 1/2	1.60
593	3c	green on fawn, Sample, (damaged)	51	5	4.00
595	3c	green on blue, Sample, (damaged)	51	2	.50
596	3c	green on blue	51	3	..
597	3c	green on blue	51	3	3.00
598	3c	green on blue, Sample, (damaged)	51	4 1/2	.50
599	3c	green on blue, Sample, (damaged)	51	5	1.00
602	5c	blue on amber	60	3	..
606	5c	blue on blue	60	3	1.25
613	6c	red on amber, Sample, (damaged)	52	4 1/2	1.50

Ninth Series 1879

620	1c	blue on white	49	2	.25
622	1c	blue on amber	49	2	.35
623	1c	blue on orange	49	4	.08
624	1c	blue on orange	49	6	..
625	1c	blue on cream	49	4	.50
626	1c	blue on cream	49	6	.20
627	2c	vermilion on white (addressed)	58	2	1.00
628	2c	vermilion on amber	58	2	..
629	2c	vermilion on fawn	58	4 1/2	.25
631	3c	green on white	51	2	.25
632	3c	green on white	51	3	..
633	3c	green on white	51	4 1/2	1.00
634	3c	green on white	51	5	.08
635	3c	green on amber	51	2	..
636	3c	green on amber	51	3	1.00
637	3c	green on amber	51	4 1/2	.15
638	3c	green on amber	51	5	..
641	3c	green on fawn	51	2	.20
643	3c	green on fawn	51	3	.20
643	3c	green on fawn	51	4 1/2	.25
644	3c	green on fawn (dam'g'd)	51	5	.25
648	3c	green on blue	51	3	.25
649	3c	green on blue	51	4 1/2	.15
651	3c	blue on white	60	3	1.75
656	5c	blue on blue	60	4 1/2	.35
657	5c	blue on white	60	3	.40
658	5c	blue on white	60	4 1/2	.80

Nat'l No.	Die.	Size.	New.	Used.	
659	5c	blue on amber	60	3	.40
660	5c	blue on amber	60	4 1/2	.10
661	5c	blue on blue	60	4 1/2	.50
663	6c	red on white	52	4 1/2	.50
668	6c	red on white	52	5	1.00
669	6c	red on amber	52	4 1/2	.75
670	6c	red on amber	52	5	1.00
674	10c	brown on white	59	4 1/2	1.00
680	5c	brown on white	64	3	.25
690	5c	brown on white	65	3	.15
691	5c	brown on amber	65	3	.25
692	5c	brown on amber	65	4 1/2	.15

Tenth Series 1883-86

702	2c	vermilion on white	58	3	..
705	2c	vermilion on amber	58	3	1.00
706	2c	vermilion on amber	58	4 1/2	.35
708	2c	vermilion on blue	58	4 1/2	.50
709	1c	blue on white	49	3	.10
710	1c	blue on white	49	4 1/2	.15
711	1c	blue on white	49	5	.05
712	1c	blue on amber	49	3	.05
713	1c	blue on amber	49	4 1/2	.10
714	1c	blue on fawn	49	5	.08
717	1c	blue on blue	49	4 1/2	.15
718	1c	blue on orange	49	4	.05
719	1c	blue on orange	49	6	.10
720	1c	blue on cream	49	4	.25
721	1c	blue on cream	49	6	.15
722	2c	vermilion on white	58	3	.25
723	2c	vermilion on white	58	4 1/2	.25
724	2c	vermilion on amber	58	4 1/2	.25
727	2c	vermilion on fawn	58	5	1.00
728	2c	vermilion on fawn	58	4 1/2	.25
729	2c	vermilion on blue	58	4 1/2	1.00
730	3c	green on white	51	1	.25
731	3c	green on white	51	2	.20
732	3c	green on white	51	3	.20
733	3c	green on white	51	4 1/2	.15
734	3c	green on white	51	5	.15
735	3c	green on amber	51	2	.20
736	3c	green on amber	51	3	.20
737	3c	green on amber	51	4 1/2	.10
738	3c	green on amber	51	5	..
740	3c	green on fawn	51	3	.25
742	3c	green on fawn	51	4 1/2	.25
743	3c	green on fawn	51	5	.40
747	5c	brown on white	65	3	.20
748	5c	brown on white	65	4 1/2	.10
749	5c	brown on amber	65	3	.25
750	5c	brown on amber	65	4 1/2	.15
759	2c	red on blue	66	2	.50
760	2c	red on blue	66	3	.25
761	2c	red on blue	66	4 1/2	.20
762	2c	red on blue	66	5	.30
763	2c	red on white	66	1	.15
764	2c	red on white	66	2	.15
765	2c	red on white	66	3	.15
766	2c	red on white	66	4 1/2	.10
767	2c	red on white	66	5	.15
769	2c	red on amber	66	2	.20
770	2c	red on amber	66	3	.20
771	2c	red on amber	66	4 1/2	.20
772	2c	red on amber	66	5	.20
774	2c	red on fawn	66	2	.30
775	2c	red on fawn	66	3	.25
776	2c	red on fawn	66	4 1/2	.35
777	2c	red on fawn	66	5	.35
781	2c	red on blue	66	4 1/2	.30
782	2c	red on blue	66	5	.35
784	4c	green on white	6		

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From Our Regular Correspondent.

Topics About Town.

FROM NEW YORK CITY.

Mr. Dunkhorst of Washington, D. C., was a recent visitor to the city. He reports business quite improved in the Capitol City, and predicts a big year for the stamp business elsewhere.

The stamp "trust" has not as yet materialized. In speaking to a well known dealer, he informed the writer that the promoters of this scheme desire to buy out each dealer, stock and good will, and in return give in payment half cash and half in bonds of the proposed company. It is said that a dealer prominent in American Philatelic Association affairs is at the head of the trust.

A local collector, Mr. Daniel Weinstein, has just received quite an interesting cover from Cuba. It contains two 2c de peso surcharged on U. S. stamps and another bisected copy of the same stamp, making the latter equal 1c de peso, the entire combination being equal to five cents de peso.

At the last convention of the Empire State Philatelic Society a most important move was made regarding branch societies. The question was long debated upon, and the outcome was that Mr. W. J. Coleman of Brooklyn, N. Y., was appointed by the President to appoint committees in various cities throughout the state with the intention of forming branches if they could procure the necessary aid to do so. The following committees of one have so far been appointed: For Brooklyn, W. J. Coleman, 160 Hoyt St.; for New York City (Harlem), A. Goldsmith, 78 E. 115th St.; for Syracuse, N. Y., C. W. Brown, 516 Irving Ave. Another innovation was the changing of the Sales Department to an Exchange Department. Mr. Brown, who has had considerable experience in this line, will undertake the management of the affairs of this new department. To start the ball rolling Mr. Brown has sent a blank exchange book gratis to each member of the society, requesting them to fill same with their duplicates and return at once. The Empire State Philatelic Society has the distinction of being the only organization having an Exchange Department,

which is conducted on an *exchange basis only*.

I have received a copy of the *Philatelists' Window*, a new journal hailing from Chicago, Ill. The editor states that only advertisements of honest dealers will be accepted and that every precaution will be taken to exclude *frauds, etc.* After reading this declaration, I was surprised to see a full page advertisement from a dealer of unquestionable repute, who is in debt with many other publishers for unpaid advertising accounts.

In looking over a lot of about 1500 Newfoundland stamps, Scott's type A23, my attention was drawn to a peculiar shade not heretofore noted. The color of the stamp is a pronounced deep black violet and in very fine condition.

In the A. P. A. reports published in last week's ERA I notice that not one New York member was in attendance at the Detroit Convention. It seems strange that such is the case when we come to consider that Detroit was the unanimous choice of the New York members at the meet held here last year.

VOLUNTEER.

From an Occasional Correspondent.

Section on Philately, Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences.

BROOKLYN-NEW YORK, Sept. 20, '99.
With the beginning of the philatelic year (Sept. 1st) renewed interest is manifested in our pursuit, likewise the opening of the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences for the season 1899-1900.

The Section on Philately opened by a lecture on Friday evening, Sept. 1st, which was well attended and the remarks very instructive and interesting.

The first business meeting was held on Friday evening, Sept. 8th, although the Section has been up and doing all summer. The Executive Board are a body of hustlers and are endeavoring to outdo the magnificent work of the past season.

A Committee on Exhibition and its sub-committees have been appointed and are now at work in earnest to have another exhibition during the early part of 1900, which will far eclipse our first attempt.

My notes for this week will be short, but the readers of that wideawake weekly "The ERA" may hear from me quite often in the future, especially concerning the workings of the Section on Philately.

Have noticed that other philatelic papers are gradually following in the foot-steps of the ERA and are opening their columns to collectors, more so than in the past. The blue pencil and the waste basket are not quite so handy now, especially if the writer is not fortunate enough to be one of those chosen few, who know it all, or at least they think they do.

Regarding the workings of the Section for the benefit of the public, would state that all articles for publication must be signed or endorsed by one or more of the members of the press committee, and it is hoped that all publishers will bear this in mind and act accordingly. The press committee are, Messrs. J. D. Carberry, Chairman, 1206 Bushwick Ave., H. Toelke, Secretary, 192 St. Nicholas Ave., Brooklyn, Crawford Capen, J. M. Andrieni and H. A. Talbot.

It is pleasing to note the harmonious spirit manifested at the annual meets of our several national philatelic organizations, which are quite a contrast to those held some few years ago.

The Board of Officers of the A. P. A. in particular, which have been elected for the ensuing year, are men who have taken a very deep interest in the organization and have done much to build it up.

While too much cannot be said in favor of the Board of Vice-Presidents, who have served the organization faithfully during the past two years, there is not the least doubt, but what the Vice-Presidents-elect will do equally as well during the coming year. They are all hustlers of the old stock.

While a life tenure of office is against our principles, still, when you have such an efficient officer as your President-elect Mr. Toppan, it would be for the benefit of the organization and philately in general to keep him in that position as long as he would be willing to serve and a little while longer.

Treasurer Smith has proved himself capable of filling his position in a straightforward business manner and would very much favor, is being treated in like manner.

Mr. Deats no doubt will be selected as

the Secretary and you have that office well filled. His record is too well known to need any comment.

There is no doubt many influential collectors have kept aloof in joining the A. P. A. in the past, but now that it has firmly settled in a thoroughly pure and harmonious organization (and let us hope forever), we may now look for a heavy increase in our membership and revenue.

The report of the Sales Department is very gratifying and in itself is an inducement for all of our students in philately to join.

We trust Mr. Tuttle will succeed himself, thus giving us another year of good work in his department.

While the average percentage under Mr. Tuttle's able management is very satisfactory, it does not quite come up to the average percentage in the American Philatelic Exchange.

This Exchange have closed all accounts for the past season except one, which shows promptness on the part of its members.

New accounts will be opened upon the issue of the 59th Edition Catalogue when completed and a large increase in membership and number of duplicates is looked for during the coming season.

The American Philatelic Exchange has changed its address to 192 St. Nicholas Ave., where all mail will receive prompt attention.

Yours in our Science,
H. TOELKE.

Here! I buy single stamps and job lots. Calvin C. Brackett, Garland, Mo.

Unused U. S. Stamps Wanted.

We will buy any quantity of unused U. S. stamps, Columbians, Om ha or current, also 1898 Documentary at following discounts from face value:
All values 1c to 30c at 4 per cent. discount.
" " 50c to 1.00 " " " "
" " \$2 to 5.00 " 25 " " "
\$3 & \$5 Documentary " 10 " "
We don't care about centering, tears etc., as long as stamps have gum. A uniform rate of 15c will be charged on lots less than \$3.50.

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We will buy unused current British Colonials at 20 to 25 per cent. discount from face; shilling figured at 24c. We buy other Foreign at reasonable rates. The thousands of people that have sent us stamps to cash in can testify as to the promptness in sending checks. We handled over \$40,000 worth during last twelve months.
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80 Varieties for \$1.00
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Contains Only Stamps of
Cuba, Hawaiian Isles,
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EXCHANGES.

One notice is allowed each subscriber free if sent with his remittance, extra notices will be inserted at the uniform price of 10 cents each insertion. Non-subscribers 15 cents each insertion. Positively cash with notice. All notices must be for exchange and limited to thirty words, exclusive of the address, and must be written on a separate piece of paper. Notices offering articles for sale for cash, or offering to purchase for cash cannot be inserted here as they do not come under this head.

I will give a full set of unused Columbus stamps, 1c to \$5, for a block of four of the \$5.00 stamp, either Columbus or 1895 issue. Mine are perfect stamps and yours must be the same. Walter C. Odiorne, Huntingdon, Pa.

A complete sheet of 100 two-cent Treasury Department with Plate Number top and bottom, to exchange for best offer of desirable single stamps or entire envelopes. Alfred E. Cole, Plainfield, New Jersey.

Will exchange 1899 Stearns Special, price \$75.00, 84 gear, black enamel, almost new, for fine collection of postage and revenue stamps. Correspondence solicited. Address, Maurice Lratel, 262 Park St., Detroit, Mich.

Set of Periodicals, \$1 and \$2 Omahas, \$5 regular issue, also high values in 1898 Revenues, wanted in exchange for fine collection of Canadian Revenues, mounted in latest album. S. N. Oughtred (D. P. A. No. 40), 28 Lincoln Ave., Montreal, Que.

Wanted quantity of Columbians, Omahas, Dues, Orange Specials, at wholesale rate. Will give good U. S. Revs. at 1/2 cat. in exchange. Fifty 200-variety packets to exchange. Chas. King, 214 East 11th St., New York.

I desire exchange with general collectors, and will give value for value for desirable stamps in good condition, Adhesives only. George D. Weeks, Jr., care Garfield Nat'l Bank, New York City. [34]

"Boston Stamp Book," Vols. 2 or 3 to exchange for a \$10 Documentary 1898 issue. Books are in A No. 1 shape and stamps to be same. L. T. Hurd, [Member B. P. C.] 91 N. Washington Ave., Bridgeport, Conn. [32]

Here! Wanted a Scott's latest International Album 2 Vol. Edition, in exchange for stamps. Write. Calvin C. Brackett, Garland, Maine. [16]

Here! I will take your duplicate stamps or job lots at 1/2 cat. (with few exceptions) in exchange for my stamps at catalogue. Write, Calvin C. Brackett, Garland, Me. [17]

Say: Do you want to exchange entire, unused, U. S. envelopes? Basis Bartels last catalog, for numbers and prices. Will take U. S. envelopes or stamps. I have some "Penalty" envelopes, such as are used by the Departments and Post Offices; will exchange with or give them to a bona fide collector of such things. Walter C. Odiorne, Huntingdon, Pa. [33]

TRADE COLUMN.

Under this head we print all notices not properly belonging to our exchange department, such as business announcements, want and for sale notices, etc. etc., at the uniform low rate of five (5) cents per line. Eight words average a line. All notices will be set in solid 6-point type and no display allowed. Minimum charge 10 cents.

Prop. 1878 5c o. r., \$1.75. Justice 24c, used, fine, \$6.00. Confederate 10c rose, on o. c., \$1.75. \$1.00 Passage Ticket. \$3.00. Hawaii 1887 15c, fine, \$1.50.
JAS. S. WHIPPLE,
Box 865, Urbana, Ohio.

U. S. 1898 Doc. Revs., 1c, 2c, 3c, 4c, 5c, 10c, 25c, 40c, 50c, 80c, \$1, \$3, \$5, \$10. Price complete set, only \$1.00. DAVE TAUSSIG, 185 Ogden Ave., Chicago, Ill.

If you have any collectors in your city it will be to your advantage to send for a selection of my stamps on approval. Don't forget that references are absolutely necessary. F. B. ELDREDGE, Mansfield, Mass. [44]

U. S. surcharged Cuba 1 to 5c, 15 cts.
N. S. Wales dues 1/2 to 2d, 15 cts.
G. C. ANDREWS, 316 Woodward Ave., Buffalo, N. Y.

Say: I want to buy a Bartels No. 1249, N. P. S. No. 1466, envelope, 1c blue on amber paper. I want to sell: Set of fine Omaha stamps 1c to 10c; for 10c
Set second Omaha stamps 1c to 10c for 5c
1898 Document revenues, unused, 1 1/2c orange, 3c
1898 Document revenues, unused, small surch. 1c I. R., 3c
1898 Document revenues, unused, large surch. 1c I. R., 7c
1898 Document revenues, unused, same by the 100, \$1.50
1898 Doc. rev. unused, same plate Nos., B. R., each 6c
1898 Doc. rev. unused, 2c I. R. plate No. T. No. 653, 8c
1898 Doc. rev., unused, same, single stamp, each 3c
Of course you will send postage for all of above.
WALTER C. ODIORNE, Huntingdon, Pa. [33]

1873 12c Interior Department, unused o. g., 30 cts. I want to buy Hawaii and U. S. stamps. Send on approval with lowest cash price or write what you have to sell. Archie C. Goodrich, Box 220, Manitou, Colo.

1866 Reprints, perfect all picked copies, \$75.00.
5c N. Y. on cover, black double line at bottom, \$17.50.
Pair \$5.00 Surcharged, unused o. g., \$12.00.
5 sets Newspapers including set Plate Nos (3), \$25.00
Strip 3 \$1.00 Lease, imp., \$2.25
Pair 4c and 5c 1890, imp., \$5.00 each, \$10.00.
2c 3rd issue, inverted, 2-15-
1c, 4c, 5c, 8c, 10c, 5-c, \$1.00 Omahas, unused, \$2.00.
\$ State, perforated and gummed proofs, \$10.00.
1c to 90c State, perf. proofs, \$5.00.
3c scarlet Aug. 1861, perf. and gum proof, \$5.00.
3c scarlet Sept. 1861, perf. and gum proof, \$7.50.
\$50.00 present issue revenue, \$1.35.
Pair \$20.00 Conveyance, imp., beauties, \$4.00.
Pair 1c part rouletted 1893 Rev., 35c.
Pair 18kr Wurtemburg, imp., \$5.00.
U. S. Revenues at 1/2, in fine shape. [c
H. L. WHITNEY, Care B'ham Nat'l Bank, Derby, Ct.

1000 finely printed Note Heads, Bill Heads, Envelopes or Cards, \$1.50. F. H. Pinkham, Newmarket, N. H. [16]

Entire collection over 4000, in fine condition, very cheap. Ruzenzweig, 135 Carlton Ave., Jersey City, N. J. [33]

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322 W. 2nd St., Los Angeles, Cal.

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2c Orange Playing Card: Firsts, 30 cents; Seconds, 20 cents; Thirds, 10 cents. The Firsts are perfect; Seconds, off center; Thirds, slightly torn but carefully mended. Postage extra. C. W. SEYMOUR, 223 Ross St., Brooklyn, N. Y. [35]

I want to buy cancelled 3c, 5c and 6c Columbians, 3c vermilion, 4c carmine, yellow Special Delivery, also other issues of U. S. and Foreign stamps. Send on approval with lowest cash price. CARI YOUNG, 112 N. 5th St., Phila., Pa. [32]

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" " \$1.50 Inland Exch... .05
" " \$1.00 Conveyance... .05
" " \$1 1898 issue, per 10... .06
Azores 1894 5 to 1000 reis... .50
Bolivia 1894 1 to 20c... .05
U. S. Omaha 1 to 10c... .09
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" 1894 2, 5 sen... .05
Postage 2c extra with all orders.

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TREASURER'S NOTICE.

Attention of members is called to their Dues, which are now due for the fiscal year and should be sent at once to the Treasurer, H. G. Smith, Winona, Minn

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Canadian Items.

As is probably the case el-ewhere, matters philatelic are on the boom at this season of the year. The dealers are getting ready for the usual fall rush and we have reasons for believing that the stamp business in Canada will be "greater than has been."

The many changes in our postal emissions although disgusting to some, especially those who are shy a subject to write on, has had its good effects and these will be seen during the coming philatelic season. The attention of the non-philatelist is attracted by the changes and we all know it does not take much to start a person on the philatelic way, especially if he is not stubborn. I believe there are numbers of people who are really interested but because they have spoken against it formerly as a boy's pastime they do not want to show a revolution of opinion.

In the daily press of this city (Berlin), local dealers are offering twenty-five cents per hundred for Canada 2c on 3c postage, and are gathering in lots of them.

The *Philatelic Spectator* is the name of a new paper being brought out by Mr. Geo. E. Mueller, of Berlin. This city is quite a literary centre, there being in all over twenty papers published here, including three philatelic papers and another with a philatelic department. This is a good showing for a city of 10,000 population.

There were recently received at the Berlin Post Office about 100 of the 1877 Can-

REPORT OF THE SALES DEPARTMENT.

GEORGE R. TUTTLE, *Superintendent*,
87 Nassau St.

NEW YORK CITY, Sept. 16th, 1899
666 books of stamps in circulation according to my report of Sept 9th, valued at... \$23,543.04
54 books received since Sept 9th valued at..... 1,233.50
\$24,776.54
25 books retired since Sept. 9th, valued at (from which has been sold \$100.79) \$528.48

Total number of books in circulation 695, valued at. \$24,248.06

GEORGE R. TUTTLE,
Superintendent Sales Dept.

ada 3c envelopes and 100 of the same surcharged 2c. These were gobbled up by Messrs. Starnaman, Weaver, Illing and Rev. Von Pirch before the rest of us knew anything about them. It certainly was one on us.

Energy still continues to be badly handled by the reviewers, but in speaking of it to the writer the other day, the publisher said he didn't care a bit. It's advertising and the more he gets the better he likes it. People like to see a magazine that's talked about and his subscription list is growing through it all.

Mr. Erwin Weber, who has long been deeply interested in philately in a quiet way, leaves Berlin shortly for Vancouver, B. C., where he will in future reside. His many Berlin friends are sorry to see him go but join in wishing him success in the great West.

All scribes and publishers should send to Mr. E. B. MacGillivray, 47 Elizabeth St., for blanks, and join the Canadian Philatelic Press Club.

GILLER.

30c - That's All - 30c

Entire Envelopes Unused

U. S. 10c brown on white or amber.
U S 1c 1894 dark blue on white.
Canada 2c on 3c surcharge.
The Above Three Envelopes All Unused and Entire for

Thirty Cents

And two cents for postage.

Guarantee Stamp Co.,
27 E. 125th St., New York.

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E. A. HOLTON, Vice-President, Boston.
GEO. L. TOPPAN, Secretary, 1 Richmond Court, Beacon St., Brookline, Mass.
L. L. GREEN, Treasurer, 47 Tremont St., Boston.
J. H. LYONS, Supt. of Auctions, P. O. Box 16, Roxbury, Mass.
J. F. JOHNSON, Supt. of Exchange, 5 Cedar St., Boston, (Roxbury), Mass.

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Organized February, 1895.

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To the Members of the N. E. P. A.:

On account of ill health of Mr. Levi A. Judkins, former Secretary of this society, I have been appointed in his place and will endeavor to serve to the best of my ability. There is one thing I wish to speak of at this time and that is regarding new members. Although we have a fair list there is much room for improvement and if each member would exercise a little effort in this line and procure one or two applications the N. E. P. A. would soon rank among the leaders. With a view to double our present membership I ask you each and every one to put your shoulder to the wheel and place our society where it belongs and thus justify the name it bears.

At an early date our new Department of Stamp Trading will be in running order. It is something unique and should bring many stamp collectors into our society, as philatelists know a good thing when they see it. From now on I shall be on the lookout for applications. Who will head the list with the first one?

Yours respectfully,
J. J. CONE, Jr., Secretary.

I buy unused U. S. Postage and Revs., Stamp Collections &c. C. B. Merrill, 130 W. 14th St., N.Y. [33P

Here! Wholesale lots for small dealers. dP] Calvin C. Brackett, Garland, Me.

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- 10c Special, 13c
- 1, 2 and 5c Envelopes, unused, entire, 15c
- Above Lot POSTPAID, 50c

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- Bermuda 1d., Per 10, 6c; Per 100, 50c; Per 1000, \$4.00
- Hawaii 2c rose Per 10, 12c; Per 100, 1.00
- “ 2c violet 1889 Per 10, 25c; Per 100, 2.00
- “ 2c 1893 Per 10, 25c; Per 100, 2.00
- “ 2c yellow 1894 Per 10, 15c; Per 100, 1.25
- “ 2c sepia Per 10, 10c; Per 100, .90
- “ 5c carmine 1894 Per 10, 40c; Per 100, 1.75
- Hong Kong 30c green Per 10, 25c; Per 100, 1.75
- “ 50c on 48c violet. Per 10, 45c; Per 100, 4.00
- Not less than 5 or 50 sold at same proportionate price.
- Imported Revenues. 50c Lease \$0.60
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- 50c Conveyance25 \$1.00 Foreign Exch. 1.15
- 1.00 Inland Exch.07 2.00 Lease 1.60
- 1.00 Manifest85 1.00 Mortgage50
- 1.00 Passage Ticket 4.00 1.00 Prob. of Will90

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Costa Rica 1889, 6 “15
China 1898, 3 “05
Panama 1/2c on 10c unused05
FREE—5 South American stamps to anyone sending us names and addresses of 5 collectors in his town.
Massachusetts Stamp Co.,
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DO YOU KNOW THAT WE ARE GIVING AWAY
many good stamps? If you don't, write for our descriptive circular which tells all about it.
MICHIGAN STAMP COMPANY,
176 Selden Ave., [cows] DETROIT, MICH.

STILL HUNTING
for a block of four of 3c of 1851 (No. 43), the rose shade, new and o. g. Also want 12c State Department with red cancellation. *

ED. H. HALL, Fort Collins, Colo.

100 POUNDS OF STAMPS just received from a missionary. Each pound, unpicked, contains 100 to 150 var. from thirty to forty countries. Sent postpaid for \$1.00 per pound or 25c per 100. Blank sheets or books with each lot, free. **Missionary Stamp Exchange,** 208 10th Ave., N. E., Minneapolis, Minn. [34]

FREE OUR price-lists, auction catalogues regularly, and a trial selection of our approval sheets at 50% (to be returned). 100 var. 7c 25 U. S. 10c, 1000 var. foreign \$5 70. Fine line of all grades of stamps. Call when in town. Established 1885.
B. L. Drew & Co., 23 Court St., Room 219, Boston, Mass. [60w57]

Bilateral Dress Review.

By **WM. C. STONE.**

Allegheny Philatelist, Vol. V No. 3, (24),

August:
Lesson from the Postage Stamp.
A. L. Wissmann (with portrait).
Common Sense Triumphant

Briefmarken Sammler, Vol. IX No. 9,

September:
XI Deutscher Philatelistentag.
St. Thomas and Prince.

Collectors' Companion, Vol. I No. 4,

August:
U. S. Stamp Pictures.
Printed Cancellations.
Provisional Revenues.

Ewen's Weekly Circular, (84), August 26:

History of the Adhesive Stamps of the British Isles, (Review).

Filatelic Facts and Fallacies, Vol. VII

No. 11, (83), August:
Philippine Stamp Surcharged "Reseladido."

Concerning the New Philippine Stamps.
Notes on the History of the General Post Office of the Hawaiian Islands.

Filatelo Comercial, Vol. III No. 33,

April:
Advertisements and Miscellaneous Notes.

Herald Exchange, Vol. VII No. 1, (37),

September:
B. & N. Match Stamp. *

Advance Prices from the 1900 Catalogue.
The Stamp Drummer, (W. B. Hale, with portrait).

Canadian and Chicago Letters.

London Philatelist, Vol. VIII No. 92,

August:
Reprints.
Stamps of Tuscany.
Western Australia; Lombardy; Port. India; German Imperial Postages; Destruction of Obsolete Dies; Duke of Leinster's Collection; Australian Federation, etc.

Mekel's Weekly Stamp News, Vol. XIII

Nos. 37, 38, (September 14 and 21):
Mexican Revenues 1899-1900.
Great Barrier Island.

Empire State Philatelic Society Convention.

Canadian Postmasters' Handstamps.

Van Diemen's Land 1857-70.
New York, Boston, etc. Notes.

Melita Philatelic Chronicle, Vol. II No. 9,

September:
London, U. S., and South American Notes.

Stamp Collecting for Beginners.

Metropolitan Philatelist, Vol. XI Nos. 24,

25, (September 9 and 16):
Washington Notes.
English Letter.
A. P. A. Convention Notes.

Philatelic Advocate, Vol. VII No. 3, (37),

September:
Miles of Stamps.
Talk About Stamps.
Odd Collections.
Honduras.
Canadian Items.

Philatelic Bulletin, Vol. XXII No. 12,

(138), August:
Stamps of Schleswig Holstein.
Toronto Notes.
Canadian Cancellations.
Denver Notes.
Old Dominion Notes.

Philatelic Inter-Ocean, Series 1899, No.

2, August:
Stamps for Decoration.
Porto Rican Stationary.

We Wrote

our friend with the Warner Co. in Rochester, to keep a digging for more old war stamps, and 200 more of the 6c long came our way at 3c each. And our heart was gladdened and likened unto the time many years ago, when we were on the "Pork Express," or in other words, the "Hog train." We had reached St. Paul perfectly flat, and put up with a 10c lodging house because we had no money for anything better, and the goodly proprietor said, "I won't put you among those tramps and bums, I'll give you a 25-cent room." We can now supply J. & J. Piso, Warrar, Fletcher, L. & K. 5/8c, 1 1/2c, Chas. Marchand, 1 1/2c and 2 1/2c at wholesale. Write us for prices.

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Timbres Telegraphie de Belgique.
Post Office, Vol. IX No. 102, September:
Standard Catalogue 1900, France-Natal.
Philippine Plate Numbers.
Stampman, Vol. IV No. 6, (22), September:
An Apology.
Stamps (Rushden), Vol. III No. 8, (32),
August:
On Local Societies.
Post Cards of the Br. Empire, Canada,
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Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal, Vol. X
No. 110, August:
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Great Barrier Island Pigeon Post.
Bhopal.
Notthafit Collection.
Virginia Philatelist, Vol. III No. 1, Sept. :
Philippine Matters.
High Value Revenues.
Stamps of Parma and Piacenza.
The 59th versus 58th.

The *Tri-Monthly Collector* is no more. The great absorber has been absorbed in turn by the *Allegheny Philatelist*. Rumor says that Mr. Dodge will resume the publication of a monthly shortly to act as the organ of the S. of P.

The *Collectors' Companion* has reached its fourth number but I do not see that it improves much. I find two bits of news that I do not remember to have seen elsewhere however. One is the fact that the 15-cent stamp has been seen with printed cancellation, and the other announces the use of two ¼-cent proprietary stamps and half of another to make up the required rate on a bottle of cough mixture.

Ewen's Weekly Circular is almost entirely given up this week to a review of the London Society's book on the stamps of Great Britain. During September the *Weekly* will be enlarged in size.

Mr. Doscher writes from Negros, in the Philippines, to *Filatellic Facts and Fallacies*, that the stamps surcharged "Resellado 1898-99 C. T." were used at Iloilo, Cebu, Bacalod and several other cities. There were said to be only 200 sets of them issued.

Our old friend William B. Hale, the "stamp drummer," is written up and illustrated in the latest issue of the *Herald Exchange*. Mr. Hale contemplates a European trip next year to pick up bargains to tempt our hard earned cash from our pocket books. We are always glad to see you, William.

El Filatelico Comercial, our Costa Rica contemporary, is rather behind the times,

the April number having just come to hand. Beyond a few editorial items it contains no reading matter.

Dr. Diena is undoubtedly the best posted of anyone when Italian stamps are in question, and his paper in the *London Philatelist* on the stamps of Tuscany on wove paper, will be sure to be read with interest. There has always been some doubt as to the exact status of these stamps, some authorities thinking them proofs, others reprints, and still others, forgeries made to deceive the government. Dr. Diena has been investigating the subject, and now publishes his researches, which leave no doubt in his mind that they are simply printer's proofs.

Two articles from the *Australian Philatelist* which will be of general interest are those on "Van Diemen's Land, 1857-70," and "Great Barrier Island Stamps, which are reprinted in *Mekel's Weekly*.

W. C. Bishop has an interesting account of the old hand-stamps used by Canadian postmasters before stamps were put in use. Such articles are always of interest and of value.

Another article on Canadian cancellations appears in the *Philatelic Bulletin*. The flag cancellation is only used in Montreal, Toronto and Hamilton it seems. The best article in the magazine is the continuation of the essay on the stamps of Schleswig Holstein of which I spoke some weeks ago. The writer evidently knows what he is talking about, and to very many collectors he will give information that they were entirely ignorant of before. I trust he will continue to favor us with articles from his pen.

The articles dealing with the Telegraph stamps of Belgium, which have been running in *Le Philatelist Français*, have finished with the stamps bearing the head of Leopold I. It is a curious fact, that is perhaps not generally known, that these stamps were not issued until after the death of that sovereign. I hope M. Bouvez is to take up the later issues in succeeding papers.

The *Post Office* devotes ten pages this month to quotations from the advance sheets of the new catalogue. Countries from French Colonies to Natal are included. A decided advance is to be noted in many unused stamps, especially the high values of the protected Indian states.

Just to remind us that there is such a paper, the *Stampman* has issued a single leaf supplement to tide over our disappointment in not getting our regular dose of Osgood's melancholy preventatives.

Stamps devotes considerable space to a verbatim report of the judicial inquiry into the affairs of Harry Hilckes and Company, Ltd. The concern is to be wound up. The *Fortnightly* has of course been suspended during the troubles, but it is hoped that someone will take it in hand and give it a new lease of life.

Correspondence.

[The editor wishes it distinctly understood that he does not hold himself responsible for assertions made under this head, nor does he necessarily sanction any ideas or opinions expressed. All are invited to contribute to this department, with the above understanding, and all communications deemed suitable or of interest to our readers will be published.]

EDITOR PHILATELIC ERA.

Dear Sir: As we were very unfortunate enough to offer the new Cuban set at 50c before receiving the advice of your correspondent "Puritan" as to what would probably help or injure the stamp business in general and incidentally our own, we feel that in justice to ourselves we should make some explanation of our shortcomings. To the "heinous crime" of being under small expense we plead guilty, but will say as some extenuation that we own our stock, pay cash for everything we buy and are "carried along" by no one. The great point which seems to worry Puritan is that selling goods at a fair profit "hurts the business." We presume that he refers to the business of buying and selling stamps apart from collecting, as we fail to see how it can be to the disadvantage of the collector to buy a set of stamps for 50c instead of \$1.00. We fear that he has fallen into the notion of many dealers that people collect stamps for the sole purpose of keeping the dealer in business, and that the pleasure derived from possession of a stamp is in direct ratio to the price paid for it, in fact looks upon the collector as a crank. We think differently and firmly believe that even for the dealer, looking at the matter from the most selfish point of view, that if reasonable prices for current issues prevail enough more people will be encouraged to take up some collection which they have dropped or to start a new one, that in the end it would be a benefit to all concerned. In fact make the masses, not the classes, collectors. Everybody knows what current stamps cost and when a dealer advertises a stamp which anybody can buy at the post office at face and charges 500% profit they get disgusted with the whole business and throw their collections aside. A great many of the best collectors are men of affairs, and although they may have plenty of money, their natural business instinct rebels at being "roasted." We are not in this business for our health and have not "got it up our sleeve" for anyone, we have never sold anything except at a reasonable profit, we make our lowest price first and do not change it to meet the quotations of others, and earnestly and sincerely believe that if all dealers would make their prices low it would be in the end for the advantage of themselves and collectors alike.

We believe in the survival of the fittest and the dealer that gains the best service, all things considered, will build up a lasting business. In closing we wish to say that to those older and wiser than ourselves in the business that although our ideas may seem to them crude and impracticable, the results have been more than satisfactory to us, both from a financial and business point of view, and that our efforts apparently are appreciated by many of the best collectors in the country.

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59th "Standard" Prices.

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CEYLON.

	New.	Used.
1857 1p blue, blued p	3.50	
1p blue	7.50	.20
2p deep or yellow green	2.50	.40
4p rose		100.00
5p orange brown	10.00	
8p chocolate		100.00
10p vermilion	20.00	7.50
1sh violet		4.00
1861 ½p lilac, bluish p		5.00
1p blue, clean cut perf.		1.25
2p yel. gr'n		2.50
5p or. br'n		5.00
8p br'n red		40.00
1sh violet		5.00
1p blue rough perf.		5.00
1p deep blue, rough perf.		5.00
4p rose		9.00
6p bistre brown		3.50
8p brown		40.00
8p yellow brown		60.00
9p deep brown		6.00
10p vermilion		2.00
1sh violet		.50
2sh blue		10.00
1863 10p vermilion, perf. 12½		.85
1863 1p blue, perf. 13		1.00
6p brown, perf. 13		3.00
9p brown		7.50
1sh grayish violet, perf. 13		6.00
1p blue, perf. 12		4.00
1864-67 ½p lilac	1.00	1.00
2p sea green	3.00	
2p yellow or buff	3.00	
4p rose	3.60	.60
5p carmine brown	30.00	
6p lilac brown		4.00
8p red brown	3.50	1.75
10p vermilion	3.00	1.00
1867 3p rose	5.00	1.75
5p yellow green	5.00	
5p green		5.00
1868 1p blue, perf. 14	.12	
3p rose	1.75	1.25
1872-80 4c lilac rose		.10
8c orange	.20	
16c mauve	1.75	
32c slate blue	5.00	
36c blue	5.00	.50
1879 8c orange		1.00
2r 50c red brown	40.00	
1883-84 4c rose	.08	
8c orange	.08	
16c lilac	—	5.00
1885 5c on 24c green, CC	5.00	5.00
5c on 36c blue, "		3.00
5c on 48c rose, "	—	1.75
5c on 36c slate, "		3.00
10c on 16c mauve, CC	7.50	7.50
10c on 24c green, "	4.00	4.00
10c on 64c red brown, CC	5.00	2.50
20c on 24c green, CC		.75
20c on 32c slate blue, CC	.60	1.00
25c on 32c slate blue, "	.50	.50
28c on 48c rose, CC	2.50	.60
56c on 96c slate, CC	.75	.75
1r 12c on 2r 50c red br'n, CC	2.00	2.00
5c on 32c slate, 12½x14, "	.60	.60
5c on 64c red br'n, "	.50	.50
10c on 64c "	2.50	2.50
1r 12d on 2r 50c red brown, 12½ x 14, CC	.85	.85
10c on 24c purple br'n, CA	.60	.60
10c on 24c "	.25	.25
15c on 16c orange, "	.35	.18
28c on 32c slate blue, "	.18	.18
30c on 36c olive, "	.75	.60
56c on 96c slate, "	.50	.50
1r 12c on 2r 50c red wmk.		
CC sideways	1.25	2.50

1886 25c br'n, value in olive yel.	6.00	.60
28c slate	.18	.05
1888-89 2c on 4c lilac rose	.10	
2c on 4c lilac rose, double surch., one inverted	2.00	
2c on 4c rose, double surch., one inverted	5.00	
1890-92 2c on 4c rose, sur. inv't	1.00	
2c on 4c rose	.20	.10
15c on 25c brown	.50	.50
15c on 28c slate	1.00	1.00
1892-97 3c on 28c slate	.12	
3c on 4c lilac rose	.15	
3c on 4c rose	.10	

CHINA.

1894 24c carmine	.50	
All the Chinese Local issues are omitted.		
COLOMBIAN REPUBLIC.		
1859 5c lilac, laid p	3.50	
5c lilac, wove p	3.00	2.50
5c gray lilac, wove p	3.00	2.50
10c yellow buff, "	1.00	
20c blue, wove p	6.00	5.00
1860 2½c green or yel. green	1.50	2.00
5c blue	1.75	2.50
5c violet	2.00	2.00
10c red brown	2.50	
20c blue	.50	.60
1p rose	.50	
1p rose, bluish p	10.00	
1861 2½c black	25.00	20.00
5c yellow or buff	5.00	5.00
20c red	10.00	
1p pink	11.00	
1862 10c light or dark blue	12.00	8.00
20c red	40.00	40.00
1p red lilac	20.00	20.00
1p red lilac, bluish p	30.00	
1863 5c orange	1.50	1.00
5c orange, star after Cent	2.00	2.00
10c blue, period after "10"	1.00	1.00
20c red	2.50	2.50
20c red, star after Cent	3.00	3.00
1864 10c blue	.40	.40
50c green	1.50	1.50
1p red violet	7.50	6.00
1865 2½c lilac p	.35	.50
5c yellow	.50	.35
10c red violet	.15	.15
20c blue	.30	.30
50c green	.75	.75
50c green (small figures)	1.00	1.00
1p rose red	.30	.30
1866 5c orange	.40	.40
10c lilac	.12	.12
20c light blue	.65	.40
5p green p	8.00	5.00
10p vermilion p	16.00	
1868 20c blue	.40	
50c yellow green	.25	.25
1p rose red	.25	.25
1p vermilion	.25	.25
1870 5p green p	6.00	1.10
1871-74 1c green	.12	.12
2c brown or red brown	.10	.10
1876-77 5c purple or lilac	.12	.06
20c violet blue	.75	.75
10p pink p	.85	.85
5p light green p, re-eng'd	6.00	1.25
1876 5c lilac	.35	.35
10c brown	1.25	1.25
1879 25c green	1.25	2.50
50c green, white laid p	1.25	1.25
20c blue, blue p	.15	.15
1p vermilion, blue p	1.25	1.25
1p vermilion, green p	6.00	
1881 5c blue	.18	.18
10c violet	.25	.06
20c black	.35	.18
1883 5c blue, bluish p, 10½ & 13½	.5	.5
5c dark blue, bluish p,	.10	.10
50c brown, 10½ & 13½	.75	.35
1p claret, bluish p, 10½ and 13½	1.35	.60
1886 10p pink p, 10½ & 13½	5.00	5.00
10c orange	.18	.02
20c purple, grayish p	.35	.35
1888 50c brown, yellow p	.75	.75
1p claret, bluish p	.75	.75

1p claret		.75
10p pink p	10.00	
1890-91 10c brown, yellow p	.15	.03
20c violet	.75	.75
1892 2c red, rose p	2.50	1.00
20c brown, blue p	.25	.06
50c violet, violet p	.50	.20
1p blue, greenish p		.30
5p red, pale rose p	4.50	2.00
10p blue	9.00	2.50
All the State issues are omitted.		
CUBA.		
1855 1r p green		.15
2r p carmine	2.50	.75
3p orange red	1.50	
1855-56 ¼r p carmine	7.00	
¼r p carmine, narrow "Y"	7.00	
1856 2r p orange red		2.00
1857 2r p red, no wmk.		.25
¼r p red	1.00	
1862-64 ¼r p buff p	1.00	
½r p green, rose p	.40	.06
2r p vermilion, flesh p	.40	—
2r p vermilion, rose p	.40	—
1866 5c lilac		2.00
1867 5c lilac		4.00
1868 20c green, A6		.25
1869 5c rose, A6		2.00
20c orange, A6		.25
40c dark lilac		1.50
10c brown, A7		1.50
20c brown		.06
40c rose	10.00	2.00
1871 12c brown lilac		.40
1p brown		.75
1873 12½c green		1.00
1p red brown	1.50	1.50
Issues for Cuba Only.		
1874 12½c brown		.50
50c red purple	.10	.25
1p carmine	1.50	
1875 12½c light red purple		.50
1p brown		2.00
1876 12½c green		.12
50c blue		.04
1p black		1.25
1877 1p brown		1.25
1878 5c blue		.03
12½c brown	.12	.35
1879 5c black	.03	.50
12½c carmine		.30
50c gray	.03	.15
1p brown	.40	1.25
1880 5c green	.04	.50
10c rose		5.00
12½c lilac		.30
1p bistre		.50
1881 1c green		.15
2½c olive	.10	
20c brown		.40
1882 2½c brown	.08	.15
20c red brown	1.00	
1883, Issues of 1882 Surcharged.		
20c brown, type a		1.00
20c " " b	1.50	
20c " " c		1.00
20c " " d		1.00
5c blue, type e		.50
10c bistre		.75
20c brown		3.50
1883-86 2½c olive		.10
2½c violet	.25	.15
5c blue, 1st re-engraving	.20	.02
5c blue, 2nd "	.40	
10c brown, 1st "	.20	.10
20c olive	.25	.50
1888 2½c red brown	.10	
10c blue	.25	.10
20c lilac gray	.25	.50
1890 10c lilac brown	.30	—
20c dark violet		.35
1891 2c lilac brown	.06	.12
10c claret	.05	.10
1894 20c brown	.12	—
1896 20c violet	.12	.25
1897 40c orange brown	.50	
80c lilac brown	1.00	

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From Our Regular Correspondent.

Our Boston Letter.

Wednesday, September 20th.

Last evening occurred the first fall meeting of the Boston Philatelic Society. After an entertainment, furnished by the committee, Mr. Carpenter gave a talk on the rare stamps seen by him at the exhibition recently held in Manchester, England. Judging by his remarks, I should say that the late exhibit contained a great many philatelic gems.

All of the members of the American Philatelic Association, from this vicinity, who attended the convention held at Detroit, Mich., seem to be well pleased with their entertainment. It is said that champagne there was as free as water. The idea of holding the next convention at Milwaukee does not meet with general approval.

I wonder how many readers of the ERA have ever seen the four so-called Missionary stamps of Hawaii. The four above mentioned stamps are now on exhibition at the New England Stamp Co.'s office.

The following is taken from the last number of Stanley Gibbons' monthly magazine: "Great Barrier Island is situated some sixty-five miles northeast from Auckland, and has a population at the present time of about 400 to 450. It is twenty-one

miles long by about ten miles wide at the widest part. A small steamer goes from Auckland to the Great Barrier once a week, taking mails and general cargo, for the use of the settlers. The steamer only remains a few minutes at each place of call, sufficiently long to land the goods, and therefore it is often difficult and sometimes impossible to reply by the same boat. The pigeons are taken over by the steamer once a week, and each pigeon can carry five messages back. Messages are not sent from Auckland to Great Barrier, as it is practically impossible to train birds to fly from Auckland to the island. When released at Auckland the birds are unable to sight Great Barrier, and they are unwilling to leave the mainland and cross the water. On leaving Great Barrier, they can at once sight the mainland, and therefore readily cross the water to reach it. The average time for the journey is one hour and twenty minutes, but it has been done in fifty minutes." They also state that the service was worked for some twelve months before stamps were issued, and there is no doubt whatever of a genuine pigeon post service, and that the stamps were originally issued for use in connection with this private post. They also state, "The stamps are not *Postage Stamps*, of course, in the ordinary acceptance of that term among philatelists, but, unless there is a conspiracy of solicitors and pigeon-breeders in Auckland to deceive — these labels have a claim to rank with other private locals."

The *Journal* also states: "We gather from more recent correspondence which has been forwarded to us that difficulties have since arisen with the Post Office Department of New Zealand, and it is possible that if the Colonial Postal Acts are similar to those in this country, the Pigeon Post may be suppressed regardless of public convenience. The use of stamps may in any case be put a stop to. . . . All, however, goes to prove that the Pigeon Post and its stamps have a genuine even if illegal existence."

Now, the peculiar part of this subject is that a firm of stamp dealers of the standing of Stanley Gibbons should state that "these labels have a claim to rank with other private locals," and "have a genuine even if illegal existence." If a stamp has an illegal existence, how can it rank with other private locals? According to this theory, any stamp dealer in this country can issue a private local. We will suppose that it pays the fee for transporting a letter from Portland to one of the out-of-the-way islands of Casco Bay. After performing this duty for a short time, it would be stopped by the U. S. Government, and the proprietor subject to a fine. These stamps would have a genuine even if illegal existence, and have a claim to rank with other private locals. I wonder how many of the leading collectors of this country would believe that these stamps would have any rank as locals.

**Special Bargains.
United States Stamps.**

All are unused and have the original gum and never had a hinge on back. They are in perfect condition just as issued but are not well centered and some are edge stamps which are perforated at 3 sides.

	58th Catalogue Price.	My Price.
1894 \$2 oo blue, no watermark	\$5.00	\$2.00
1894 \$5 oo green, no watermark	8.00	5.00
1894 50c slate, Columbian	.75	.55
1888 90c purple	2.50	1.90
30c brown	.85	.40
5c blue	.50	.20
1887 2c green	.08	.04
1882 10c brown	.50	.30
6c red	1.50	.50
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