

Bibliotheca Lundensiana.

PHILATELIC SECTION.

B. Newford 1700

The Weekly Philatelic Era

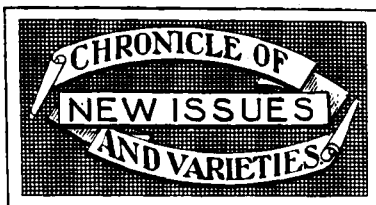
A PAPER DEVOTED TO STAMP NEWS.

50c PER YEAR.

ENTERED AT PORTLAND POST OFFICE AS SECOND CLASS MATTER JAN. 10, 1900.

2c PER COPY.

VOL. XVII. No. 1. PORTLAND, ME., SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 1902. WHOLE No. 489.



BY HENRY A. KIDDER.

Friends of the ERA are invited to send to the editor of this department any information regarding new issues or varieties that may prove of interest. Such information will be suitably acknowledged. Address, HENRY A. KIDDER, 17 Addison Street, Arlington, Mass.

Exchanges will please send Mr Kidder a copy of each issue to the foregoing address, and an extra copy of the ERA will be gladly sent whenever desired.

UNITED STATES.—The Washington correspondent of the *Metropolitan Philatelist* says that the drawing for the new series 10c stamp has not progressed far enough to justify submission to the Post Office Department. Neither has a die proof of the 13c stamp been submitted for approval.

BRITISH LEVANT.—The British post offices in the Levant are now issuing a special registration envelope. They are overprinted "Regn. Fee—40 Paras," in blue on 3d Great Britain envelope. The *Illustrated Briefmarken Journal* reports seeing one postmarked Constantinople, July 21.

Registration Envelope:
40 paras on 3d Great Britain.

CANADA.—There is considerable speculation rife regarding a King's head issue for our northern neighbor. *Ewen's Stamp News* quotes from an official letter, as follows: "In reply to your letter of the 8th inst., asking when the new postage stamps bearing the portrait of King Edward VII will be issued, I am to say that up to the present time the Department has taken no steps in regard to a new issue of postage stamps." It is currently reported that a high official of the Dominion postal service has recently made a hurried trip to New York, and it was surmised that the visit wholly or partly was due to a necessity for consultation with officials of the American Bank Note Co. The more important colonies like Canada and Australia do not seem to need new issues quite so early as

the crown colonies. Perhaps, however, the promptness of the latter is due to the revenue derived from sales to collectors, for it cannot be doubted that the Canadians have as much imperial enthusiasm as the smaller colonies, where in many cases only an infinitesimal part of the people are English or of English descent.

CHILE.—*Ewen's Stamp News* chronicles three new stamps of the new series, reported to have been issued July 19.

Adhesives (Regular):
20c grey and black.
30c violet and black.
50c yellow and black.

COLOMBIA.—The new 20c for Cartagena, chronicled last week, is apparently to be used at other ports, including Barranquilla and possibly others. *Le Collectionneur de Timbres-Poste* quotes a contract dated at Barranquilla, 21st Dec., 1901, between Andres M. B. Rebollo, agent of the National post office at Barranquilla, authorized by the civil and military head of the department, and Francisco Valiente F., who agrees to furnish 2,500,000 stamps for 45,000 peso. The denominations and number to be printed are as follows:

1c, view of River Magdalena, 600,000.
2c, view of Quay of Port Colombia, 200,000.
20c, view of Hill of La Popa, 250,000.
50c, portrait of Bolivar, 400,000.
1p, portrait of Gen. P. Pinzon, 500,000.
5p, arms of Colombia, 50,000.
10p, arms of Colombia, 50,000.
2½c, Retardo, 100,000.
5c, A R., 50,000.

DJIBOUTI.—From *Ewen's Stamp News* we learn that the new 1c and 2c pictorial stamps are reported to have reached the Somali Coast July 20, but not the new 5c, though that was reported on sale in Paris.

The pictorial series is oblong in shape and is inscribed "Cote Francaise des Somalis—Postes." The scenes represented on the different values is not given. These stamps have an added interest from the fact that they were designed by the artist Paul Merwart, who was one of the victims of the Mont Pelee eruption. To meet the continued shortage in stamps of the 5c and 10c values, two provisionals have been issued. The 5c is surcharged "5 centimes, Djibouti" on the 30c Obock and 10c is surcharged "10 centimes," on the 50c. The type of the latter is similar to the 5c on 40c issued earlier in the year. The decree of July 11, authorized the printing of 20,000 of the 5c on 30c, and 15,000 of the 10c on 50c and provided that all specimens with defective surcharges should be burnt.

Adhesives (Regular):

1c violet and orange.
2c brown and green.
5c green.

Adhesives (Provisional):

5c on 30c brown and green, Obock.
10c on 50c blue and rose, Djibouti.

GREAT BRITAIN.—Several new official stamps are noted as having been just issued and are listed below. They are all of the King's head type.

Adhesives (Official):

6d lilac and black, Army Official.
2d green, red and black, Govt. Parcels.
1sh green, red and black, Govt. Parcel.

JAMAICA.—The local newspapers in the Island are beginning to agitate the question of a new issue in line with King's head series of the other colonies. The shape and size of the current 1d stamp seems to be especially objectionable to those who are obliged to use them.

LEEWARD ISLANDS.—The number of 4d, 6d and 7d stamps, surcharged "One Penny," chronicled in No. 486, is stated by one authority to have been 40,000, though

NEW CATALOGUE. SPECIAL NOTICE!

Our 1903 Catalogue, priced in American currency, will be bound in one volume, well printed on good paper, and sold for 50 Cents; post free, 60 Cents.

It will contain the latest quotations at which we can supply the stamps and is made up by and based on our own stock, no attention being paid to other quotations.

Previous editions contained the British Colonials in one part and foreign stamps in another part, and cost \$1.20. This latest edition will contain both in one volume and sell at the same price as other catalogues.

A few of the British Colonial portion of the 1902 edition are on hand and will be mailed FREE, as samples, on receipt of six cents postage.

STANLEY GIBBONS, LTD.,
167 BROADWAY, NEW YORK CITY.

JONES' BARGAINS.

Newspaper, the set the Government sold for \$5. 33.50

Perforated Revenues.

4c Playing Cards, violet.....	4.00
5c " " red.....	.20
5c Foreign Exchange, blue.....	.25
\$1.00 Probate of Will, red.....	.40
\$5.00 Manifest, red.....	1.00
15c and issue.....	.25
\$2.00 and issue.....	.30
\$3.00 " ".....	.60
\$5.00 " ".....	.35
25 Varieties old Civil War revenues.....	.17

All in fine condition. Money back if stamps don't suit.

FRED G. JONES,
2013 Brook St., LOUISVILLE, KY.

CHAPTER II.

One customer added 57 stamps to his collection at a cost of 79 cents from one of my Big Books. This goes to show that you may be missing a good thing if you fail to look into

Osgood's Famous Big Selections.

Reference required.
I sell good duplicates for collectors. If interested write for my plan.
Stampman Free!
D. W. OSGOOD,
South Fork, Rio Grande Co., Colorado.
[To be Continued.]

UNITED STATES.

5c 1851, unused, full gum, fine, cat \$50, our price \$10.00
12c blk. 1851, unused, no gum, fine, cat. \$20, " 4.00

We have only 1 copy of each in stock, so send order at once at this special price will quickly sell them.
Try a selection of good stamps on approval. Let us know your wants and we will try and please you.
THE SCOTT-WILLIAMS CO., INC.,
65-66 Sullivan Bldg., Seattle, Wash.

DEALERS. WHOLESALE.
Our new wholesale list of 32 pages has just been issued and prices a very large variety of stamps, sets, packets, mixtures and dealers' supplies. Mailed free. Prices will interest every dealer.

MARKS STAMP CO., Toronto, Canada.
Wanted! We are open to purchase for spot cash, stamps of every country in quantity. Collections, Job Lots, Consignments. Offers and Price-Lists wanted.
WANTED. [if*] WANTED.

definite information in regard to the number of each denomination surcharged is still lacking. The *Philatelic Journal of Great Britain* says the number surcharged was 31,200 stamps valued at £130, of which one speculator bought £27 worth.

MAURITIUS.—L'Echo de la Timbrologie gives the following as the number of each of the stamps surcharged "Postage &—Revenue," chronicled in Nos. 486 and 487: 4c arms, 540,000; 6c arms, 180,000; 15c arms, 256,500; 25c Queen's head, 73,560; 50c Queen's head, 54,540; 2 50c Queen's head, 8,400.

MONTENEGRO.—In addition to the new post cards and letter cards mentioned by Mr. Lohmeyer in No. 487, *Der Philatelist* chronicles new envelopes and wrappers, the stamp on all being the same type as the new adhesives.

Envelopes (Regular):
10h rose on white, 134x116.
25h dark blue on yellow, 150x130.

Wrappers (Regular):
5h green on yellow, 150x300.
10h rose on yellow, 150x300.

NORTH BORNEO.—Mr. M. H. Lombard has shown us two new surcharges of the 1901 type, "British Protectorate" in two lines, in red on the 10c and in black on the 16c. The overprinted stamps are the 1901 type and pictorially represent the "Honey Bear" and a moving train.

Adhesives (Regular):
10c grey lilac, brown and red.
16c brown, green and black.

ORANGE RIVER COLONY.—The New England Stamp Co. has shown us the 6d blue surcharged "E. R. I." in black. This is the first of the Orange River E. R. I. issue. Presumably there is not likely to be any 1/2d, 1d or 2 1/2d, as these values are made by surcharging Cape stamps so as to conform to the Postal Union color requirements.

PORTUGAL.—According to *L'Echo de la Timbrologie*, Portugal is introducing penny postage in its colonies, the single letter rate being now reduced from 50r to 25r. The new 25r of the colonies will be rose.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—The *London Philatelist* chronicles a new set of unpaid stamps. They are from the same design and evidently from the same plates as the current ones of New South Wales, except that the label at the bottom is quite blank instead of bearing the initials "N. S. W." They are printed in emerald green on chalk-surfaced paper. It is suggested that it may be the purpose of the Australian Government to issue the same set to all the confederated states.

Adhesives (Unpaid Letter):
1/2d emerald green.
1d emerald green.
2d emerald green.
4d emerald green.
6d emerald green.
5h emerald green.

URUGUAY.—A new set of unpaid letter stamps has been issued for this country, described by *L'Echo de la Timbrologie* as follows: They are very simple in design, consisting chiefly of a large figure on plain ground, surrounded by a frame with the inscription, "Tasa—Republic O. del Uruguay—Centimos."

Adhesives (Unpaid Letter):
1c greenish blue.
2c carmine.
4c violet.
10c blue.
20c orange.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.—The *London Philatelist* reports that new dies have been engraved for the 6d and 1sh stamps similar to the 2 1/2d blue issued last year. Mr. Basset Hull says that the De la Rue types of the 2 1/2d, 4d, 5d, 6d and 1sh were printed from one key plate, with separate overprint plates for each denomination. This necessitated two printings for each value, and a large increase in correspondence resulting from the influx of population following the gold discoveries rendered it necessary to prepare separate plates for those values most in use. New dies were therefore prepared for the 2 1/2d, 6d and 1sh. The central design of the swan remained unchanged, but representations of the native flora were introduced in the spandrels, the 2 1/2d showing hibiscus flowers. The two higher values, although printed and sent out to the colony, have not yet appeared, but will no doubt be issued as soon as the stock printed from the key plate is exhausted. The colors will remain as heretofore.

TRADE COLUMN.

Under this head we will print exchange, want and for sale notices, business announcements, 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.
One four-line notice free with each subscription, providing copy accompanies the subscription.

THREE Consecutive Insertions of SAME ad in this Column for PRICE OF TWO.

Wanted for cash or good ex. illus. patriotic env. of Civil War. E. C. Farnsworth, 262 Spring St., Portland, Me.

Wanted: 15 black Great Britain on original cover. Name price. We buy, exchange, or sell stamps. Correspondence invited. HARVARD STAMP CO., Cambridge, A Station, Mass. [93]

Good exchange or fair cash price for any English stamps with plate numbers. One penny black and ad blue especially wanted. F. W. PICKARD, 2427 S. Ingleside, Cincinnati, O. [82&91]

Hawaii 18c rose, no gum, 35 cts.; Hawaii 12c Prov. Gov't, red surcharge, 45 cts.; Philippines No. 367, 80 cts., all unused. Canada Jubilee used, \$6, 60 cts., \$5. \$1.25. WM. H. HUSH, Sta. J, Baltimore, Md. [91*

1875 News, and Per. 1c to \$60, complete set Card-board Proofs only \$3.50. Others at equally low prices. 91*] ALBERT E. CHASE, Brunswick, Maine.

Send 10 cents in stamps or silver for our new list of members in Cuba (50 names). ATLAS SOUVENIR CARD COLLECTORS SOCIETY, 151 8th Ave., N.Y.

I have some information of value to auction buyers, or to those who are thinking of selling at auction. Write for it today. I. W. RISDON, Cambridgeport, Mass. [92]

You will like my approval sheets; try them. References required. GEO. A. KNIGHT, 95 Meridian St., East Boston, Mass. [98]

GRANT SQUIRES, 41 Wall Street, New York, sells superb \$2, \$3 Columbians, 50c, \$1, \$2 Omahas, \$1 current postage and all Revenues up to \$10 at half catalogue; buys unused British Colonials. Spot cash.

Entire Env. U. S. 74, 5c, No. 1419, fine, unused, 12c; 10 Blank App. Books, 10c; 100 App. Sheets only 15c; 100 Mexico, 9c. J. N. BURTON, Madison, N. Y. [90]

I am in the drought-stricken district and wish to turn the following into prompt cash: 5,000 Indian arrow points at 1c each; \$300 worth of good stamps at 1/2 catalogue. JOEL H. DUBOSE, Huguenot, Ga. [89]

Complete set Guam on U. S. 12 stamps, unused, o. g., \$12.00; Complete Set U. S. 1890, 1c to 90c, including 3c lake, unused, o. g., \$2.15; Complete Set Cardboard Proofs U. S. 1870, very fine, 11 stamps, \$3.75; Newfoundland 18c, No. 27, 47c; for cash or exchange for high value used British Colonials. Correspondence solicited. A. MACK, Box 494, Ottawa, Ont. [90*

Have you seen "The Philatelic Star" of Madison, N. Y.? 50 fine stamps and 3 months sub. for 6c. Sample free. [90]

I want to buy, sell or exch. U. S. unused entire envelopes. Send lists. A. E. COLE, Plainfield, N. J. [90]

Pre-Cancelled U. S. on approval. Exch. desired with advanced collectors. L. E. Richardson, Putnam, Ct. [93]

Fine App. Books at 65¢ Com. Reference required. Lots of Brit. Col. in them. J. N. BURTON, Madison, N. Y. [90]

Want to buy for cash, Pre-cancelled Postage stamps. Send what you have. F. L. SMITH, 40 Exchange Place, New York. [98]

I want to buy a good collection of Stamps for spot cash. References, Bradstreet and Dun. JOHN M. HUBBARD, Rochester, N. H. [90]

Printers! Fonts of practically new type, borders etc. to exchange for good postage stamps. Send for list to JUDSON N. BURTON, Madison, New York. [90]

Entire Canada envelopes, Scott's No. 201, 60c; No. 212, 35c; Canada Jubilee 1/2c, 10c and 6c, 2c; Newfoundland Royal Set of Six, 25c; One Dollar Columbian, \$1.60; all unused. Cash or exchange in high value British Colonials. A. MACK, Box 494, Ottawa, Ont. [89*

Splendid 3c P. Card, \$2.00; \$200.00 1st Issue, \$5.50. Other bargains. KING, 141 E. 19th St., New York. [89]

Pre-cancelled postage wanted; send duplicates & lowest cash prices. J. H. WILMS, 2424 W. Madison, Louisville, Ky. [94]

Pre-cancelled postage wanted. Will pay three cents for every one I can use in my collection. If preferred will give more in trade. ERNEST R. ALDRICH, Benson, Minn. [11]

GEORGE J. CARTER STAMPS

265 HALSEY STREET, BROOKLYN, N.Y., U.S.A.

I am constantly buying large lots and collections and publish a list of special bargains weekly, which will be sent upon request.
U. S. POSTAGE AND REVENUES A SPECIALTY.

SETS.

*HAWAIIAN OFFICIAL 1896	
Set of 6, o. g. and fine.....	\$2.25
Blocks of 4 same rate.	
*PERSIA 1894, 1sh to 1kr, 10 var.....	1.00
NICARAGUA 1900, 1c to 5p, 13 var.....	.90
Hong Kong 1900, 2, 4, 5, 10 and 30c, 5 var.....	.08
Salvador 1900, 3rd type, 1c to 13c, 7 var.....	.95
Greece 1899-02, 1l to 1dr, 9 var.....	.15
" 1901, 1l to 20l, 6 var.....	.25
" 25l to 1dr, 5 var.....	.30
" Unpaid 1902, 1, 2 and 3l, 3 var.....	.03

SINGLE STAMPS.

	Cat.	Price
*U. S. Confederate 1863, 2c brown red.....	\$0.25	\$0.12
" " " 10c, two types.....	.08	.04
" " " 20c green.....	.12	.06
" " " 1864, 10c orange.....	1.00	.50
Br. Honduras 1899-00, 5c ultramarine.....	.25	.10
" 1900, 5c blue and black.....	.03	.03
*Hayti 1892, 2 on 3c slate.....	.12	.06
" 1896, 10 on 20c orange.....	.08	.04
Hong Kong 1902, 12c blue, CA.....	.06	.06
Paraguay 1892, 10c Jubilee.....	.50	.20
*Siam 1883, 12a yellow (3 shades) each.....	.25	.15
" 12a orange.....	.45	.30

*Unused. All in fine condition. We would like to send you a selection of our approval sheets at 50% Commission. Think we can please you as to quality and price. A trial only solicited. (17)

Golden Gate Stamp Co.,
632 Market St., SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

The New England Philatelic Association.

Organized February, 1895.

Board of Officers:

President, CHARLES H. SMITH, Dedham, Mass.
Vice President, J. FAYLL CAPRON, 22 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass.
Secretary and Treasurer, H. W. LEGG, Pepperell, Mass.
Sales Department, CHARLES H. STONE, 91 Antrim St., Cambridgeport, Mass.
Information Bureau, Mrs. WALLACE DANA SMITH, 20 Wabash St., Portsmouth, N. H.
Counterfeit Detector, WILLIS D. KING, Nashua, N. H.
Attorney, HORACE S. BACON, 107 Stevens St., Lowell, Mass.
Governing Board, CHARLES H. STONE, Chairman, 91 Antrim St., Cambridgeport, Mass., JOHN J. COWE, New Dorchester, Mass., FRANK A. WILSON, 185 Highland Ave., Somerville, Mass.
Official Organ, THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA.

BOSTON, Sept. 20th.

The sixteenth regular meeting of this Association will be held at 22 Bromfield St., Boston, Tuesday evening, at 8 o'clock sharp.

It is earnestly requested that every member who can possibly attend will be present at this meeting.

NOTICE.

It has been decided to postpone the exhibit for the medal so kindly donated by Mr. Stone until the November meeting.

The exhibit will be 50 used postage stamps all postally cancelled not to catalogue over \$1.00 each.

Condition and relative scarcity only to count.

As each member has an equal chance in this exhibit it is hoped that a large number will enter the competition.

SEPTEMBER MEETING.

The fifteenth regular meeting of the Association was held Sept. 2nd at 22 Bromfield St., with Vice-President Capron in the chair.

Minutes of last meeting were read and approved, also report of Treasurer, showing cash balance of \$13.28.

Owing to small attendance the meeting was an informal one and adjourned shortly before 9 o'clock.

H. W. LEGG, Secretary.

Literature Department.

Conducted by WILLIAM C. STONE, 384 Union Street, Springfield, Mass., to whom all books, magazines and papers intended for review should be addressed. Exchanges will please send one copy to the above address.

A change has been made in the title of this department but it will continue to be a review department just as much as it has been in the past. I do not propose to "lay on the taffy" unless a paper really deserves it and on the contrary I shall not hesitate to speak my mind freely if a paper does not come up to what I consider should be the requirements of a respectable journal. I have had some dozen or fifteen years' experience in the philatelic literature field, and was brought up among books, so that I think I can say without egotism that my opinion is worth something.

Our weekly journals would all of them be sadly missed should they suspend publication. And yet many of us can remember when *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News* was started, how many there were who doubted its ability to survive a single year. The idea of paying one whole dollar for a stamp paper was enough to take one's breath away. The regulation price at that time for a monthly was 25 cents, with a very few of the awfully scientific journals which had the temerity to ask 50 cents, and which for the most part were not seen by the mass of collectors. But now we have four weeklies in this country and one in Great Britain. Of those in this country most of us are familiar with *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News*, now in its twelfth year. The weekly chronicle of new issues is far ahead of what the average monthly used to dish up when the *Weekly* was founded and the news is fresh. Correspondents in all the leading philatelic centers send in weekly budgets of news, concerning stamps and stampmen.

The *Metropolitan Philatelist* was originally started as a monthly and under the editorship of Charles B. Corwin was one of our most valuable magazines. But when he retired from the management it fell off from its former high standard although still publishing much valuable matter. It is now in its fifth year as a weekly, and while it is only an eight-page sheet of magazine size I consider it well worth the 25 cents subscription for the weekly letter from Washington alone. The English letter is generally rather stale. The column of "Coming Events" is a most excellent idea enabling collectors to keep posted when the various societies hold their meetings and where.

Mekeel's Stamp Collector is a new arrival, being in its first year and while it is very much of a house organ its subscription price of one dollar per year takes away the idea that it is issued as a mere advertising sheet. It contains news notes from various sources, and L. G. Quackenbush is conducting a department called the "Phila-

**JUST RECEIVED I
SENF'S 1902-3
POSTAL CARD CATALOGUE,**
400 pages, flexible cloth.
Price, 35c Post Paid.
Order quickly. Stock limited.
A. LOHMEYER,
922 N. Gilmore St., BALTIMORE, MD.

\$1000.00 Cash to Spend!

We wish to purchase several large lots of U. S. Revenues of the Civil War issue catalogued from 5c up to any sum. We take same in any quantity or variety. Must be in good condition. No part or imperforated stamps unless in pairs, strips, or blocks. Especially want 1c, 3c, 4c Playing Cards, \$1.00 Mortgage and Passage Ticket and all values up to \$200.00. Also want U. S. general issue and Departments used or unused. Write us, with full particulars, stating the quantity and variety and your price.

We also wish to purchase a good collection of U. S. and a good general collection U. S. and Foreign.

GUARANTEE STAMP CO.,

106 E. 111th St.,

NEW YORK.

telic School Room" which contains much that is of value to all. Large magazine numbers are issued at irregular intervals.

Of the ERA itself I need not speak. It has just completed its eighth year as a weekly having been issued as a semi-monthly and monthly for some years previous. It speaks for itself.

The only British weekly is *Ewen's Weekly Stamp News*, a house organ of the most emphatic kind. But it is full of news, and as it makes a specialty of British imperial issues, and has connections all over the empire it is always possible to find very many bits of information here before the rest of the journals pick them up. It is a journal I should regret to be without.

It was my intention to write more this week but as the hour is nearly here when I must post my copy to get it to Portland in time I will close for this week. I hope to give a summary of the monthly journals shortly.

Received Late.

The following was received after the outside form (including editorial page) was printed, and explains itself:

NEW YORK, N. Y., Sept. 24, 1902.
WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA,
Portland, Me.

GENTLEMEN:

A few days ago we notified you that certain rare stamps had been stolen from the collection of one of our customers.

We are pleased to inform you that the stamps have been recovered.

Yours truly,
SCOTT STAMP & COIN CO.

Pair of 12c 1857 on part of cover, fine	\$1.00
" " 24c " rare in pairs	4.00
Hawaii Is. 1883, 25c, used.....	1.50
France 1849, 1 franc.....	.35
Gold Coast 1898, 1/2 d to 1sh, 6 var.	.30
Dutch Indies 1870, 2g 50c.....	.13
Curacoa 1873, 3c bistre, unused ...	.45
Austria 1877, 50 kr brown .....	.13
N. S. Wales 1888, 8d red lilac, scarce	.15
Niger Coast 1894, 5d violet .....	.13
Navy 1c, unused.....	.65
U. S. 1869, 15c, no frame, very fine	1.75

We have a few sets of Depts. unused, Navy, War, Executive, Agriculture, Treasury etc. If interested write us, prices will be right. U.S. price list free, send for it.

Chesapeake Stamp Co., [93]
212 W. Saratoga St., Baltimore, Md.

CANADA

1882-93 Issue, Unused, O. G.
1/2c black, 1c yellow, 2c green, 3c red, 5c gray, 6c red brown, 8c lilac gray, 10c rose, 15c lilac, 20c vermilion, 50c blue.
Price Post Free, \$2.50.
Cash with order.

A. C. ROUSSEL,
2106 St. Catherine St., MONTREAL, CAN.

PLUMMER OF DENVER

will send you Sheets and Books at 50%. My sheets at 50% discount have stamps on them cat. at 1, 2, 3, 5c each, but they are not quite as select specimens as are found in my books.

Special Attention to Beginners.

E. W. PLUMMER,
[94] Box 1029, DENVER, COLO.

CANADA 6D PERF.

Two nice copies of this rare stamp for sale at the BARGAIN Price of \$13.00 each. They are fine but unevenly perforated, as the majority are. Other snags, too. I also have a fine lot of Canada Revenues, handsome and popular, for sale or exchange.

W. KELSEY HALL, [95]
378 Water St., PETERBORO, ONT.

Franklin Coombs of Benton Harbor was in evidence here last week, with a grip full of fast selling stamps such as he usually carries when he makes his periodical trips to Chicago.

It is pleasing to note the unusually large attendance at the last two meetings of the C. P. S. Vacations being over, all the boys are now home and the cool weather is bringing them out.

The dealers say fall trade is commencing early this year.

Dr. Carl Raums, a former collector of Chicago, has been transferred to San Francisco from Ft. Stanton, New Mexico, where he was in charge of the Marine Hospital Service of the Government.

The Doctor's collection of Cuba is almost complete, as he had an opportunity to gather these stamps while in command of the Department at Havana.

We are glad to note that John J. Oesch will be in charge of the Circulating Sales Department of the A. P. A. for the ensuing year.

As a hustler, John in his way is unequalled, and will without doubt maintain the high standard of the Department which was attained by his predecessor.

CLIFFORD.

Topics About Town.

FROM NEW YORK CITY.

A new idea in the matter of stamp exhibits was inaugurated at the last meeting of the Philatelic Society of this city. The *Metropolitan* says in regard to this matter, "It was voted to give a medal to the collector exhibiting the largest number of postage stamps, each of which was to bear the portrait of a different person and be authenticated by the name of the person with date of birth and death of course, the latter requirement would not extend to living people or the former to persons like Columbus, whose birth year is not known. Contestants must give authority for dates when called on and not be held responsible for errors of conflicting historians. The object being to encourage collectors to study their stamps and to illustrate how much can be learned from these beautiful paper coins and medals."

October 2nd is the next meeting of the Manhattan Philatelic Society. The entertainment for the evening will be a prize competition of the best twenty-five stamps, none to catalogue less than five dollars. Quite an interest is being taken in this competition, and from present indications the number of contestants will surpass all former records.

BUYING AT AUCTION

is attractive to thousands of collectors, particularly when they can bid from explicit and faithfully described catalogues. I aim to give all single lots the year of issue, value, catalogue number, exact condition and list price. You cannot make a mistake if you compare with your latest stamp catalogue. Next sale now in preparation. The catalogue of it free to auction buyers. All dealers will also be interested in this sale.

P. M. Wolsleffer, 1010 Atwood Bldg., Chicago.

N. B. Pocket Stock Book, cloth, only 25 cents. Stamps on approval at net prices and also 50% discount.

AUSTRALIA.

	Cat. Price	Our Price
Tasmania 4d, 1900, used.....	..	\$0.66
N. S. Wales, No. 53, imperf., used.....	..	.05
" " No. 50, used.....	.03	.02
" " No. 106, ".....	.03	.02
" " No. 89, ".....	.03	.02
" " 3d green, cur., used.....	..	.03
" " 5d " ".....	..	.05
" " 8d lilac, " ".....	..	.06
" " 15b brown, cur., used.....	..	.03
Victoria No. 135, used.....	.03	.02
" No. 143, ".....	..	.02
" No. 170, ".....	..	.03
" No. 105, current, used.....	..	.02
" No. 199, " ".....	..	.03
" No. 209, " ".....	..	.04
" No. 201, " ".....	..	.05
" 1/2d blue green, no postage, mint	..	.10
Queensland No. 101, 1/2p green, unused..	.06	.03
" 1/2p green, thick paper, unused ..	..	.16
" No. 114, unused.....	.04	.03
" No. 102, ".....	.06	.04
" No. 102a, L A joined, unused ..	.15	.10
" 1p orange, thick paper, unused ..	..	.06
" No. 115, 3/2p carmine, used..	..	.50

J. T. STARR STAMP COMPANY, Coldwater, Mich.

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

Any Subscriber to the "Era"

May have a selection of stamps on approval for the asking. Only tell us something about the size of your collection. We have some fine things, at best discounts. Our approval system has no equal and it is the most satisfactory way to buy.

"MEKEEL'S STAMP COLLECTOR."

Mailed Weekly from St. Louis. Vol. XV. commenced with 1902.

All subscriptions must now commence with current number (3 months' trial, 25c), subscription \$1.00 per year in U. S. etc., and \$1.50 per year abroad.

Sample of large magazine edition 10c.

A COLLECTION OF 5000 VARIETIES of POSTAGE STAMPS, carefully selected from our own stock, **\$175.00.** Satisfaction Guaranteed.

3000 for \$45.00 ♦ 2000 for \$13.50 ♦ 1000 for \$3.40 ♦ ALL GENUINE POSTAGE STAMPS

550 Varieties mounted in a blank book (cataloguing by Scott's 61st edition Catalogue \$10.00), post free \$1.50. A Bargain for Dealer or Collector!

C. H. MEKEEL STAMP & PUBLISHING CO., ST. LOUIS, MO.

A 12 pence black Canada on the entire original cover is a scarce article. We can't all own one, but the publishers of the *Perforator* for September presents a copy to each of the papers' readers in the shape of a half-tone engraving. The cut is an exact reproduction of the original, not only in size but in color as well.

VOLUNTEER.

Detroit Paragraphs.

Coming down the avenue the other day I was attracted by a sign of the kind I never saw before. Many pass and wonder what's next. It read:

RAFFLE
for a

Scott's International Stamp Album,
Containing 500 Postage Stamps,
Only 5c per Chance.

Each Purchaser of a Chance
Receives Free a Package of Stamps.

Think of the above inducement, wouldn't it tempt any collector to try his luck? So I ventured in and called for a chance. A lady was in charge of the place. She was very pleasant and quite enthusiastic. A long box which was half filled with chances was produced. I made a grab. She then handed me the packet of stamps which I opened. Just what I thought, a few Continentals. I gave it back to her and told her I had such stuff in quantities and did not care for it. She explained to me that the book was left at her store by a Stamp Co. who wanted to dispose of it. Although she had not sold as many as she would have liked to, yet expected to sell all the chances as soon as school was opened. "I do quite a little in stamps during the season, as there are a lot of young collectors here that have fair collections," she said. As I went out I told her I would come around shortly after the raffle was over and get the book as I was sure it was mine. She just laughed and hoped it was true.

Eugene Bresler and his brother Arthur left Saturday for a flying trip to Europe. Incidentally while abroad Gene is going to pick up a few new issues that will help to ornament his collection.

As a lot of sheet destroyers I do believe the Japs lead. Among my exchangers I have one on the list. I sent him a number of sheets and after due time I received them back again. But to my surprise the entire lot of sheets were cut up. Instead of taking off each stamp and leaving the sheet whole he takes and cuts the stamps out leaving holes where they were. Not alone satisfied with this mode of destruction he also cut off the entire heading. This is the best I have seen yet. "Any others?"

Now that the schools are opened and vacations practically over with, other mat-

ters in philately no doubt will be renewed. Those who haven't done anything during the summer months will have to hustle and catch some of the new issues that grace the books of the "stick to it" collector.

F. Graves publisher of the *Fortnightly Philatelist* tells me that his paper has been made the official organ of the Precancelled Stamp Club.

It may be late in making mention of it, but it may be of interest to those who think that their place was the only place where Pan-American inverts were found. Not much. One of the clerks in a sub-station here is the happy possessor of a copy. I understand he holds it for about \$200.

From Cleveland my friend Weigle sent me a souvenir of "The Letter Carriers and the Free Delivery Service of Cleveland." It filled with half tones of postal officials and carriers and full particulars regarding the system of mail delivery in that city.

HERMAN W. BOERS.

The Postage Due Stamps of Tunis.

All the ordinary postage stamps of Tunis have served as postage due stamps being made so by a T punch, the T being formed by ten holes. Each receiving mail-clerk manufactured his postage due stamps as wanted with his T punch, one of which was supplied to each office. It must be added that the Tunisian postal authority, at no time a great friend of philatelists or stamp dealers, have by circular of July 18th, 1899, formerly forbidden the sale to the public of T perforated stamps, ordering the clerks to keep their punch under lock and key, and that they have no right to punch stamps except one by one and only as many as are actually required for use on incoming mail. It is necessary here to point out a gross error made by all the catalogues showing the Tunisian postage due stamps used and unused. This is not in keeping with the facts, for one might say, they are never either used nor unused. This sounds odd, to be sure, but the explanation is to be found in the manner due postage is collected in Tunis. If a letter without a stamp or insufficiently franked is received, the mail clerk takes the stamp of the value required, punches it, attaches it to the letter or package and writes alongside: Collect . . . and the amount. There is no cancellation of the stamp either with the pen, nor with a stamp and the addressee gets his letter on payment of the amount the stamp calls for. Such a stamp cannot be called used in the philatelic sense of the word, for it shows no cancellation mark, yet it is not unused for it has done service. The cata-

logue should mention but one of these categories and but one scale of prices. The question will then probably be raised as to the status of the T punched Tunisian postage stamps found crossed with strokes of the pen or cancelled with a cancelling stamp. These are merely "annulled" stamps and were obtained in quantities through fraudulent practices. It is rather interesting though to learn how they were obtained. Mr. X of Tunis sent for instance an unfranked package weighing 1/2 pound to Mr. Y in Bizerta, care of Mr. Z. On arrival the clerk attached a T punched 5 franc stamp and the mail carrier takes it to the house of Mr. Z, the latter says Mr. Y has left town for Gabes and does not accept the package. It is taken back to the office, the stamp is annulled or made worthless by means of being crossed in ink, an entry is made and the package travels on to Gabes. At Gabes the same story, only Mr. Y has in the mean time gone on to Sfax and so on. When the package finally reaches Mr. Y it has 10 or 12 of the 5 franc stamps on it which he gets for the price of one! The brick is unpacked and done up anew to make the round of the Tunisian post offices. The industrious dealers who organized this neat little deal had their correspondents in every town, who knew just what to do. This scheme was worked for a while until the postal authorities found their high value stamps exhausted without the corresponding returns. An investigation followed and the game was stopped. These cancelled postage due stamps could not properly be classed as used, therefore they are merely robbed of their value, as regards their power of collecting a tax, but are not used in a postal sense.

Wm. v. d. Wettern, Jr.,
WHOLESALE DEALER IN
* POSTAGE + STAMPS. *

411 W. Saratoga St., Baltimore, Md.

New special list just issued, sent free on application to dealers only.

This state of affairs has caused the Tunisian government to reorganise the postage due system and also was the cause of hastening the decision to issue an entirely new set of postage due stamps similar to those used in France.—*Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser.*

This state of affairs has caused the Tunisian government to reorganise the postage due system and also was the cause of hastening the decision to issue an entirely new set of postage due stamps similar to those used in France.—*Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser.*

Newspaper Clippings.

BARGAIN SALE OF CUSTOMS RECORDS.

Stamp dealers, junk men and curious people from all walks of life gathered in the old Appraisers' building yesterday morning to bid on the musty tomes that have been accumulating in the San Francisco Custom House since California was admitted to the sisterhood of states in 1850. When the sale was over Uncle Sam was \$1155 richer. All the records with stamps attached were sold to the firm of J. H.

American Philatelic Association.

(INCORPORATED.)

THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA—OFFICIAL JOURNAL.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

ALEXANDER HOLLAND, President,
40 Grace Court, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Board of Vice-Presidents.
FRANK H. BURT,
Room 1046, Tremont Building, Boston, Mass.
GORDON IRELAND,
54 Dunster St., Cambridge, Mass.
J. F. JOHNSON,
383 Lexington St., Auburndale, Mass.

H. E. DEATS, Secretary,
Flemington, N. J.
E. DOEBLIN, International Secretary,
Box 736, Pittsburg, Pa.
C. L. ANNAN, Treasurer,
Little Rock, Ark.
H. B. PHILLIPS,
1211 Grove St., Berkeley, Cal.
F. W. CONING,
Maryville, Tenn.

RESIDENT VICE-PRESIDENTS.

BOSTON, MASS.—J. F. JOHNSON, 383 Lexington St., Auburndale, Mass.
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.—W. E. LOV, 2431 Ellsworth St., Berkeley, Cal.
NEW YORK CITY.—W. F. GREGORY, 71 Nassau St.
PITTSBURG, PA.—E. DOEBLIN, Box 736.
CHICAGO, ILL.—A. F. MERELL, 438 Marquette Building.
MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.—EERN S. MARTIN, 3244 First Avenue, South.
WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS—J. D. BARTLETT, 332 Main St., Springfield.

APPOINTIVE OFFICERS.

E. H. ANDERSON, Librarian,
Carnegie Library, Pittsburg, Pa.
H. D. WATSON, Collecting Agent,
64 Cedar St., New York City.
JOHN J. OESCH, Superintendent of Sales Dept.,
34 Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill.

H. E. DEATS, Assistant Librarian,
Flemington, N. J.
W. F. GREGORY, Auction Purchasing Agent,
71 Nassau St., New York City.
P. M. WOLSIEFFER, Auction Purchasing Agent,
1009 Atwood Bldg., Chicago, Ill.
A. W. BATCHELDER, Auction Purchasing Agent,
21 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass.

The Postal Card Society of America.

Officers for 1902-3.

President, HORACE E. CARPENTER, JR., Care N. B. Bradley & Sons, Bay City, Mich.
Vice-President, J. T. ALBERT HOSBACH, 1422 North 53rd St., Philadelphia, Pa.
Secretary, W. F. AGEE, Hope, Ark.
Treasurer, JOHN N. MOSS, 105 Devonshire St., Boston, Mass.
Executive Committee, GUY A. BRYANT, Princeton, Ill.; W. D. ARNOLD, The Portland, Broadway, St. Paul, Minn.; N. HASKELL WITHEE, 230 S. 9th St., La Crosse, Wis.
Exchange Superintendent, J. T. A. HOSBACH, 1422 No. 53rd St., Phila., Pa.
Purchasing Agent, ADOLPH LOHMEYER, 922 N. Gilmer St., Baltimore, Md.
International Secretary, E. DOEBLIN, P. O. Box 736, Pittsburg, Pa.
Official Journal, THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA.

PURCHASING DEPARTMENT.

I have received the following renewals of subscriptions to the Purchasing Fund since my last report: Allan Forbes \$10.00. F. L. Smith \$5.00.

Distribution No. 63 was sent out to the participants on August 15th, and contained the following new issues: Nicaragua 1899, set of four; Hungaria—Crotia, 5 and 5x5 filler; Hong Kong, 4x4 in black on 3x3c brown; and permanent issue 4c carmine; Great Britain, 1/2x1/2 King type, court shape; Servia, 5 para, no frame and L. C. 5 and 10 para; Italy, 10c "902"; Bulgaria, 5c on yellow; Bavaria, no value, "01" and 2, 5x5 and 10pf. "02"; New South Wales, 1d on white; Grenada, King type, 1/2 and 1d; France, reply paid letter card, 15x15 centimes; 10, 10x10, 15 and 25 centimes of the following French Colonies: Anjouan, Indo-Chine, India, Oceanic; Madagascar, Grande Comore, Nouvelle Calédonie, completing the 1901 issue for the nineteen colonies.

I have since received the provisional cards of Mexico, 4 on 3c, single and double, and Bulgaria, 5c on gray.

New issues have been ordered from Bahamas, Malta, Gambia, Transvaal, Natal, Spain, Montenegro, Germany, Bavaria, Dutch Indies, Sweden, Norway, France, Sarawak and Straits Settlements.

In anticipation of a large increase in membership this fall I have ordered an extra supply, and shall be pleased to hear from every member not at present participating in the benefits offered by this Department.

Respectfully submitted,
ADOLPH LOHMEYER,
Purchasing Agent.

BALTIMORE, August 30, 1902.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

On hand June 16, 1902, \$127.42
No receipts.
Paid T. H. Gafford Sec'y's expense, 1.05
Balance on hand, \$126.37
J. N. MORSE, Treasurer.
BOSTON, Sept. 9, 1902.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Death.

It is with sorrow and regret we have to announce the death of one of our charter members:

No. 4. Wm. P. Potter, 60 Prospect St., Norwich, Conn. May he rest in peace.

Since coming into office I have received renewals: Nos. 1, 9, 18, 19, 38, 41, 44. Total cash on hand, \$7.00

Those who are still in arrears will please forward their dues as early as possible.

Respectfully submitted,
W. F. AGEE, Secretary.
HOPE, ARK., Sept. 16, 1902.

REPORT OF SECRETARY For the Week Ending September 27th.

Application for Membership.

WEEKS, GEO. DEWITT, 235 Quincy St., Brooklyn, N. Y.; age, 35; occupation, Secretary and Superintendent Garfield Safe Deposit Co., New York City. References: J. F. Low, V. Gurdji; Resident Vice-President, W. F. Gregory.

New Stockholders.

1772. HASSLER, L. C., 762 E. Jefferson St., Louisville, Ky.
1773. RUMERY, CHAS. H., Box 116 Amherst, Mass.
1774. SMITH, MRS. WALLACE D., 20 Wibold St., Portsmouth, N. H.
1775. BRANCH NO. 1, Chicago, Ill.

Resignation Accepted.

1349. PRICE, GEO. W.

Resignation Received.

1496. INGLES, C. J.

Membership Summary.

Membership Sept. 20th.....	557
New Stockholders.....	4
Resignation accepted.....	1
Total membership Sept. 27th.....	560

The Board of Directors have, by ballot, appointed a Committee on Philatelic Literature consisting of Messrs. W. C. Stone and E. R. Aldrich, and a Committee to prepare an Index to Philatelic Literature consisting of Messrs. W. C. Stone, J. D. Bartlett and J. W. Prevost.

H. E. DEATS, Secretary.

Makins & Co., stamp dealers, for \$845, after some lively bidding. The old paper and unstamped records went to S. S. Simon, who will pay over \$310.

Clerk Holmes acted as the auctioneer and lost no time in getting down to business. It was announced that the stuff to be disposed of had been divided into two lots—the stamped and the unstamped. The throng of would-be buyers then fell to examining all the piles that had been stacked up mountain high in the big room. The practical eye of the philatelist saw scores of Civil War revenue stamps, each of which should bring at least \$10 in the market in Europe. Making hasty calculations, the stamp men figured that they would run little risk in trying to get the stamps for several hundred dollars. The junk dealers paid no attention to the valuable old stamps but estimated what they could afford to pay for the old books. When the bidding opened for the stamped documents it was quite brisk until the \$500

mark was reached, and then all but three of the dealers dropped out. They kept at it until Makins & Co. made the closing bid of \$845.

The sale was ordered by the Collector of Customs in preparation for the tearing down of the old building to make room for the new Custom House building.—*San Francisco Chronicle*, Sept. 6, '02.

The Boston Philatelic Society.

M. H. LOMBARD, President, Winchester, Mass.
C. F. ROTHFUCHS, Vice-President, Boston.
C. A. HOWES, Secretary, 55 Kilby St., Boston.
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 Sales, 136 Congress St., Boston, Mass.

Please mention ERA when answering ads.

A 12 pence black Canada on the entire original cover is a scarce article. We can't all own one, but the publishers of the *Perforator* for September presents a copy to each of the papers' readers in the shape of a half-tone engraving. The cut is an exact reproduction of the original, not only in size but in color as well.

VOLUNTEER.

Detroit Paragraphs.

Coming down the avenue the other day I was attracted by a sign of the kind I never saw before. Many pass and wonder what's next. It read:

RAFFLE
for a

Scott's International Stamp Album,
Containing 500 Postage Stamps,
Only 5c per Chance.

Each Purchaser of a Chance
Receives Free a Package of Stamps.

Think of the above inducement, wouldn't it tempt any collector to try his luck? So I ventured in and called for a chance. A lady was in charge of the place. She was very pleasant and quite enthusiastic. A long box which was half filled with chances was produced. I made a grab. She then handed me the packet of stamps which I opened. Just what I thought, a few Continentals. I gave it back to her and told her I had such stuff in quantities and did not care for it. She explained to me that the book was left at her store by a Stamp Co. who wanted to dispose of it. Although she had not sold as many as she would have liked to, yet expected to sell all the chances as soon as school was opened. "I do quite a little in stamps during the season, as there are a lot of young collectors here that have fair collections," she said. As I went out I told her I would come around shortly after the raffle was over and get the book as I was sure it was mine. She just laughed and hoped it was true.

Eugene Bresler and his brother Arthur left Saturday for a flying trip to Europe. Incidentally while abroad Gene is going to pick up a few new issues that will help to ornament his collection.

As a lot of sheet destroyers I do believe the Japs lead. Among my exchangers I have one on the list. I sent him a number of sheets and after due time I received them back again. But to my surprise the entire lot of sheets were cut up. Instead of taking off each stamp and leaving the sheet whole he takes and cuts the stamps out leaving holes where they were. Not alone satisfied with this mode of destruction he also cut off the entire heading. This is the best I have seen yet. "Any others?"

Now that the schools are opened and vacations practically over with, other mat-

ters in philately no doubt will be renewed. Those who haven't done anything during the summer months will have to hustle and catch some of the new issues that grace the books of the "stick to it" collector.

F. Graves publisher of the *Fortnightly Philatelist* tells me that his paper has been made the official organ of the Precancelled Stamp Club.

It may be late in making mention of it, but it may be of interest to those who think that their place was the only place where Pan-American inverts were found. Not much. One of the clerks in a sub-station here is the happy possessor of a copy. I understand he holds it for about \$200.

From Cleveland my friend Weigle sent me a souvenir of "The Letter Carriers and the Free Delivery Service of Cleveland." It filled with half tones of postal officials and carriers and full particulars regarding the system of mail delivery in that city.

HERMAN W. BOERS.

The Postage Due Stamps of Tunis.

All the ordinary postage stamps of Tunis have served as postage due stamps being made so by a T punch, the T being formed by ten holes. Each receiving mail-clerk manufactured his postage due stamps as wanted with his T punch, one of which was supplied to each office. It must be added that the Tunisian postal authority, at no time a great friend of philatelists or stamp dealers, have by circular of July 18th, 1899, formerly forbidden the sale to the public of T perforated stamps, ordering the clerks to keep their punch under lock and key, and that they have no right to punch stamps except one by one and only as many as are actually required for use on incoming mail. It is necessary here to point out a gross error made by all the catalogues showing the Tunisian postage due stamps used and unused. This is not in keeping with the facts, for one might say, they are never either used nor unused. This sounds odd, to be sure, but the explanation is to be found in the manner due postage is collected in Tunis. If a letter without a stamp or insufficiently franked is received, the mail clerk takes the stamp of the value required, punches it, attaches it to the letter or package and writes alongside: Collect . . . and the amount. There is no cancellation of the stamp either with the pen, nor with a stamp and the addressee gets his letter on payment of the amount the stamp calls for. Such a stamp cannot be called used in the philatelic sense of the word, for it shows no cancellation mark, yet it is not unused for it has done service. The cata-

logue should mention but one of these categories and but one scale of prices. The question will then probably be raised as to the status of the T punched Tunisian postage stamps found crossed with strokes of the pen or cancelled with a cancelling stamp. These are merely "annulled" stamps and were obtained in quantities through fraudulent practices. It is rather interesting though to learn how they were obtained. Mr. X of Tunis sent for instance an unfranked package weighing ½ pound to Mr. Y in Bizerta, care of Mr. Z. On arrival the clerk attached a T punched 5 franc stamp and the mail carrier takes it to the house of Mr. Z, the latter says Mr. Y has left town for Gabes and does not accept the package. It is taken back to the office, the stamp is annulled or made worthless by means of being crossed in ink, an entry is made and the package travels on to Gabes. At Gabes the same story, only Mr. Y has in the mean time gone on to Sfax and so on. When the package finally reaches Mr. Y it has 10 or 12 of the 5 franc stamps on it which he gets for the price of one! The brick is unpacked and done up anew to make the round of the Tunisian post offices. The industrious dealers who organized this neat little deal had their correspondents in every town, who knew just what to do. This scheme was worked for a while until the postal authorities found their high value stamps exhausted without the corresponding returns. An investigation followed and the game was stopped. These cancelled postage due stamps could not properly be classed as used, therefore they are merely robbed of their value, as regards their power of collecting a tax, but are not used in a postal sense.

New special list just issued, sent free on application to dealers only.

This state of affairs has caused the Tunisian government to reorganise the postage due system and also was the cause of hastening the decision to issue an entirely new set of postage due stamps similar to those used in France.—*Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser*.

Newspaper Clippings.

BARGAIN SALE OF CUSTOMS RECORDS.

Stamp dealers, junk men and curious people from all walks of life gathered in the old Appraisers' building yesterday morning to bid on the musty tomes that have been accumulating in the San Francisco Custom House since California was admitted to the sisterhood of states in 1850. When the sale was over Uncle Sam was \$1155 richer. All the records with stamps attached were sold to the firm of J. H.

American Philatelic Association.

(INCORPORATED.)

THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA—OFFICIAL JOURNAL.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

ALEXANDER HOLLAND, President,
40 Grace Court, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Board of Vice-Presidents.
FRANK H. BURT,
Room 1046, Tremont Building, Boston, Mass.
GORDON IRELAND,
54 Dunster St., Cambridge, Mass.
J. F. JOHNSON,
383 Lexington St., Auburndale, Mass.

H. E. DEATS, Secretary,
Flemington, N. J.
E. DOEBLIN, International Secretary,
Box 736, Pittsburg, Pa.
C. L. ANNAN, Treasurer,
Little Rock, Ark.
H. B. PHILLIPS,
1321 Grove St., Berkeley, Cal.
F. W. CONING,
Maryville, Tenn.

RESIDENT VICE-PRESIDENTS.

BOSTON, MASS.—J. F. JOHNSON, 383 Lexington St., Auburndale, Mass.
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.—W. E. Lov, 2431 Ellsworth St., Berkeley, Cal.
NEW YORK CITY.—W. F. GREGORY, 71 Nassau St.
PITTSBURG, PA.—E. DOEBLIN, Box 736.
CHICAGO, ILL.—A. F. MEBEL, 432 Marquette Building.
MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.—EBEN S. MARTIN, 3344 First Avenue, South.
WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS—I. D. BARTLETT, 332 Main St., Springfield.

APPOINTEE OFFICERS.

E. H. ANDERSON, Librarian,
Carnegie Library, Pittsburg, Pa.
H. D. WATSON, Collecting Agent,
64 Cedar St., New York City.
JOHN J. OESCH, Superintendent of Sales Dept.,
34 Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill.

H. E. DEATS, Assistant Librarian,
Flemington, N. J.
W. F. GREGORY, Auction Purchasing Agent,
71 Nassau St., New York City.
P. M. WOLSIEFFER, Auction Purchasing Agent,
1009 Atwood Bldg., Chicago, Ill.
A. W. BATCHELDER, Auction Purchasing Agent,
21 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass.

The Postal Card Society of America.

Officers for 1902-3.

President, HORACE E. CARPENTER, JR., Care N. B. Bradley & Sons, Bay City, Mich.
Vice-President, J. T. ALBERT HOSBACH, 1422 North 53rd St., Philadelphia, Pa.
Secretary, W. F. AGEE, Hope, Ark.
Treasurer, JOHN N. MORSE, 105 Devonshire St., Boston, Mass.
Executive Committee, GUY A. BRYANT, Princeton, Ill.; **W. D. ARNOLD,** The Portland, Broadway, St. Paul, Minn.; **N. HASKELL WITHEE,** 230 S. 9th St., La Crosse, Wis.
Exchange Superintendent, J. T. A. HOSBACH, 1422 No. 53rd St., Phila., Pa.
Purchasing Agent, ADOLPH LOHMEYER, 922 N. Gilmore St., Baltimore, Md.
International Secretary, E. DOEBLIN, P. O. Box 736, Pittsburg, Pa.
Official Journal, THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA.

PURCHASING DEPARTMENT.

I have received the following renewals of subscriptions to the Purchasing Fund since my last report: Allan Forbes \$10.00. F. L. Smith \$5.00.

Distribution No. 63 was sent out to the participants on August 15th, and contained the following new issues: Nicaragua 1899, set of four; Hungaria—Crotia, 5 and 5x5 filler; Hong Kong, 4x4 in black on 3x3 brown; and permanent issue 4c carmine; Great Britain, 1/2x1/2 King type, court shape; Servia, 5 para, no frame and L. C. 5 and 10 para; Italy, 10c "902"; Bulgaria, 5st on yellow; Bavaria, no value, "01" and 2, 5x5 and 10pf. "02"; New South Wales, 1d on white; Grenada, King type, 1/2 and 1d; France, reply paid letter card, 15x15 centimes; 10, 10x10, 15 and 25 centimes of the following French Colonies: Anjouan, Indo-Chine, India, Oceanic; Madagascar, Grande Comore, Nouvelle Caledonie, completing the 1901 issue for the nineteen colonies.

I have since received the provisional cards of Mexico, 4 on 3c, single and double, and Bulgaria, 5st on gray.

New issues have been ordered from Bahamas, Malta, Gambia, Transvaal, Natal, Spain, Montenegro, Germany, Bavaria, Dutch Indies, Sweden, Norway, France, Sarawak and Straits Settlements.

In anticipation of a large increase in membership this fall I have ordered an extra supply, and shall be pleased to hear from every member not at present participating in the benefits offered by this Department.

Respectfully submitted,

ADOLPH LOHMEYER,

Purchasing Agent.

BALTIMORE, August 30, 1902.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

On hand June 16, 1902, \$127.42
No receipts.
Paid T. H. Gafford Sec'y's expense, 1.05
Balance on hand, \$126.37
J. N. MORSE, Treasurer.
BOSTON, Sept. 9, 1902.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Death.

It is with sorrow and regret we have to announce the death of one of our charter members:

No. 4. Wm. P. Potter, 60 Prospect St., Norwich, Conn. May he rest in peace.

Since coming into office I have received renewals: Nos. 1, 9, 18, 19, 38, 41, 44. Total cash on hand, \$7.00

Those who are still in arrears will please forward their dues as early as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. AGEE, Secretary.

HOPK, ARK., Sept. 16, 1902.

REPORT OF SECRETARY For the Week Ending September 27th.

Application for Membership.

WEEKS, GEO. DEWITT, 235 Quincy St., Brooklyn, N. Y.; age, 35; occupation, Secretary and Superintendent Garfield Safe Deposit Co., New York City. References: J. F. Low, V. Gurdji; Resident Vice-President, W. F. Gregory.

New Stockholders.

1772. **HASSLER, L. C.,** 762 E. Jefferson St., Louisville, Ky.
1773. **RUMERY, CHAS. H.,** Box 116 Amherst, Mass.
1774. **SMITH, MRS. WALLACE D.,** 20 Wibird St., Portsmouth, N. H.
1775. **BRANCH No. 1, Chicago, Ill.**

Resignation Accepted.

1349. **PRICE, GEO. W.**

Resignation Received.

1496. **INGLES, C. J.**

Membership Summary.

Membership Sept. 20th.....	557
New Stockholders.....	4
	561
Resignation accepted.....	1
Total membership Sept. 27th.....	560

The Board of Directors have, by ballot, appointed a Committee on Philatelic Literature consisting of Messrs. W. C. Stone and E. R. Aldrich, and a Committee to prepare an Index to Philatelic Literature consisting of Messrs. W. C. Stone, J. D. Bartlett and J. W. Prevost.

H. E. DEATS, Secretary.

Makins & Co., stamp dealers, for \$845, after some lively bidding. The old paper and unstamped records went to S. S. Simon, who will pay over \$310.

Clerk Holmes acted as the auctioneer and lost no time in getting down to business. It was announced that the stuff to be disposed of had been divided into two lots—the stamped and the unstamped. The throng of would-be buyers then fell to examining all the piles that had been stacked up mountain high in the big room. The practical eye of the philatelist saw scores of Civil War revenue stamps, each of which should bring at least \$10 in the market in Europe. Making hasty calculations, the stamp men figured that they would run little risk in trying to get the stamps for several hundred dollars. The junk dealers paid no attention to the valuable old stamps but estimated what they could afford to pay for the old books. When the bidding opened for the stamped documents it was quite brisk until the \$500

mark was reached, and then all but three of the dealers dropped out. They kept at it until Makins & Co. made the closing bid of \$845.

The sale was ordered by the Collector of Customs in preparation for the tearing down of the old building to make room for the new Custom House building.—*San Francisco Chronicle*, Sept. 6, '02.

The Boston Philatelic Society.

M. H. LOMBARD, President, Winchester, Mass.
C. F. ROTHFUCHS, Vice-President, Boston.
C. A. HOWES, Secretary, 55 Kilby St., Boston.
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 Sales, 136 Congress St., Boston, Mass.

Please mention ERA when answering ads.

BR. NEW GUINEA, 1/4d, 1d, 2d, 2 1/2d, 4d, 6d and 1sh, 7 var.....	.85
COSTA RICA 1901, 1c, 2c, 5c, three for.....	.09
GERMANY 1902 3 pf brown, DUTCHES Error, each.....	.25
* CRETE 1900, 1l, 5l, 10l, set.....	.07
* GREECE Unpaid 1902, 1l, 2l, 3l, 5l, set.....	.08
* GRENADA King's Head, 1/4d and 1d, the 2 for 6c; 1/2d, 1d, 2d, 2 1/2d, 3d, 6d, and 1sh, 7 var.....	.75
* MALTA 1885 Queen's Head 1/4d and 1d, the 2 for.....	.06
* NIGER COAST 1894, 2d carmine, fine.....	.95
* NYASSA 1898, 1/4 to 3c0 rehs, complete set.....	.70
PERU 1901, Commemorative 1c, 2c, used set.....	.08
QUEENSLAND 1891-94, 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6d, used set, cat. 29c, only.....	.10

COLUMBIAN STAMP CO., Arlington, Mass.

If I am passed up on these bargains, this will be a poor ad.

North Borneo, Post. Due, set of 5 var.....	\$0.15
Shanghai, Post. Due, 0. g., set of 7 var., cat. 74c.....	.25
Nyassa, Giraffe, set of 7 var.....	.18
Brazil, Nos. 162-3-4-5, set of 4 var., 0. g.....	.40
Ecuador 1896, set of 7 var., 0. g., cat. \$1.93.....	.20
Venezuela 1896, set of 5 var., 0. g., cat. 42c.....	.10
Greece 1901, set of 6.....	.06
Bulgaria 1901, No. 53, 0. g., cat. 12c.....	.04
Canada 1891-3, 20c vermilion, cat. 12c.....	.05
" 1901, 20c blue, cat. 25c.....	.09
" 1901, 20c olive green.....	.04
Tasmania 1900, Nos. 87 and 88, used, for.....	.03
Rhodesia 1896, 1 shilling.....	.11
Netherlands, old and new issues, 40 varieties.....	.20
Abyssinia 1891, set of 7 var., 0. g.....	.35
" 1896, unpaid, se: of 7 var., 0. g.....	.35
Or the two sets for 63c.....	
\$10.00 black, uncut Doc. rev.....	.47
\$1.00 black and green, uncut.....	.05
Boliviar No. 60, mint, cat. \$1.00.....	.38
200 Variet: U. S., used a d unused.....	1.00

Postage extra on orders under 50c.

E. C. Dodd, 259 So. Hermitage Ave., Chicago.

Please mention the ERA when writing advertisers.

Federal Prospects.

According to the post office regulations which came into force on the 1st of July, those States which had not previously a stamp of the value of 2sh 6d, were instructed to have one prepared for use. This applies to New South Wales, Victoria, and South Australia. As to what is being done in the two latter States, we have no information, but, so far, the matter is in embryo in New South Wales. Inquiries are being made as to the easiest method of overcoming the difficulty. It has not yet been decided whether or not to have one of the other values surcharged or to use a die belonging to one of the other States, substituting the name of New South Wales, or to adopt the expediency of having a new wood cut prepared (there is no one in Australia able to cut a satisfactory steel die). The authorities here do not appear to be in any hurry, and we hope to be able to give our readers more definite information in next month's issue. Victoria had until recently a 2sh 6d stamp of the "Stamp Duty" series. The difficulty there may be, and probably will be, overcome by having that stamp, which is still available for duty purposes, surcharged "Postage." The same method may be adopted by West Australia, which has in use a 2sh 6d stamp of the long rectangular "Internal Revenue" series, and we should not be surprised if New South Wales followed suit by having

their half-crown duty stamp surcharged "Postage" similarly to the 10sh stamp, which has been in use for postal purposes since 1885.

The Australian States have now been federated for almost a year and eight months, and yet postal matters (so far as philatelists are concerned) are in the most utter confusion. The last Postal Guide issued in New South Wales was dated January 1902. No copies of it are to be had at the G. P. O., and the excuse given for not issuing one at July is that the local authorities are waiting for the necessary up-to-date information.

Sir Phillip Fysh, in moving the second reading of the Postal Rates Bill in the House of Representatives, on the 14th inst., said the delay in proceeding with the measure had been caused by inquiries relating to newspaper postage in New South Wales, and cable rates to Tasmania. The Bill would remove a number of anomalies and establish uniformity through the Commonwealth.

The condition of affairs as disclosed by the tinkering procedure above referred to is most deplorable.

First of all Victoria performed some lightning changes, then Tasmania did a little somersault, and now the Federal authorities come along and make a sort of scapegoat of New South Wales. At the best these mongrel issues are not likely to remain current longer than about three years, and we have no guarantee that other similar monstrosities will be forced on us in the meantime. Are these temporary issues absolutely necessary? It may be all very well to say that it is more desirable to bring about the changes gradually. But is it? Why could not those States, which have not had Postage Dues or 2sh 6d stamps, and have done so long without them, wait until such time as everything was fixed and then let all the changes be introduced simultaneously on a solid, well-thought-out basis with some assurance of finality?

ALL UNUSED.

Interior.		War.	
1c.....	\$0.12	7c.....	\$1.00
10c.....	.70	10c.....	.12
12c.....	.30	12c.....	.10
15c.....	.30	15c.....	.10
24c.....	.40	24c.....	.10
30c.....	.45	30c.....	.18
90c.....	1.50	90c.....	.45

Omaha Stamp & Coin Co., 209 S. 13th St., Omaha, Neb.

CONVENTION PHOTOGRAPHS.

Copies of the group photograph taken at Springfield can be obtained by applying to John W. Prevost, Longmeadow, Mass. The picture measures 8x10 inches and will be sent [90c]

Post Paid for 75 Cents.

IF YOU WISH TO BUY, SELL OR EXCHANGE

Stamps, Desired Results can be had through

AN AD IN THE WEEKLY ERA.

If some of the States can have Postage Due stamps (and probably 2sh 6d stamps) of similar design, why cannot a regular new issue of all values be made for use throughout the Commonwealth?

The "book-keeping" clause in the Constitution is a regular farce, and posterity will laugh heartily at our crude method of arriving at the dignity of nationhood. Ours is a slow, cumbersome process, which reflects little credit on those entrusted with the undertaking.

At the conference of Premiers recently held in London it was decided to favour the metric system of coinage and weights and measures, and the Australian Premier intimated that New Guinea will be converted into a territory of the Commonwealth, under an act of the Federal Parliament next session.—*Australian Journal of Philately.*

THE 1903 OR 62nd EDITION OF THE

Standard Postage Stamp Catalogue

WILL BE READY IN DECEMBER.

PRICE 58c POST FREE.

ADVANCE SHEETS.

Mailed to subscribers, as each form is printed, on payment of \$5.00. No dealer can afford to be without them.

INTERNATIONAL POSTAGE STAMP ALBUM.

Nineteenth and Twentieth Century Editions now in course of preparation, will be published November 15th and sold at popular prices. Write for particulars and 84-page price list.

SCOTT STAMP & COIN CO.,
18 EAST 23RD ST.,
NEW YORK, N. Y.

The Weekly Philatelic Era

A PAPER DEVOTED TO STAMP NEWS.

50c PER YEAR.

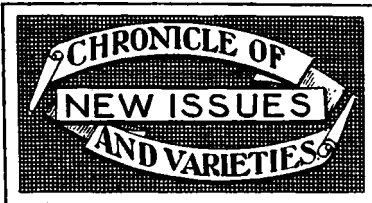
ENTERED AT PORTLAND POST OFFICE AS SECOND CLASS MATTER JAN. 10, 1890.

2c PER COPY.

VOL. XVII. No. 2.

PORTLAND, ME., SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4, 1902.

WHOLE No. 490.



BY HENRY A. KIDDER.

Friends of the ERA are invited to send to the editor of this department any information regarding new issues or varieties that may prove of interest. Such information will be suitably acknowledged. Address, HENRY A. KIDDER, 17 Addison Street, Arlington, Mass.

Exchanges will please send Mr Kidder a copy of each issue to the foregoing address, and an extra copy of the ERA will be gladly sent whenever desired.

ARGENTINE.—*Filatelía* chronicles the 1p and 20p of the current issue with inverted center.

BRITISH SOUTH AFRICA.—Mr. J. H. Lyons has shown us a curiosity in the shape of a piece of the stamp money which was current in Bulawayo during the Boer war. A 1sh British South Africa stamp was pasted on a card, the obverse (?) bearing the uncanceled stamp alone. On the reverse appears the following, printed in ordinary type except the signature.

"The Civil Commission, Bulawayo. Please pay in cash to the person producing this card, the face value of the stamp affixed thereto, if presented on or after 1st August, 1900. This card must be produced for redemption not later than 1st October, 1900.

(Signed) H. MARSHALL HALL,
Secretary."

The card also bears the official stamp of the administrator's office and was printed at the Chronicle Printing Works, Bulawayo.

COLOMBIA.—The New England Stamp Company has shown us some new values of the current set, and we chronicle the whole set as far as they have come to hand. The 10c and 20c have previously been chronicled elsewhere, and we add the 5c on the authority of *Ewen's Stamp News*.

Adhesives (Regular):

3c black on rose.
4c vermilion on light green.
5c dark green on blue green.
10c black on pink.
20c brown on amber.
50c blue on pink.
1p black on buff.
Registration, red on light green.
Retardo, black on pink.
Registration Return Receipt, blue on bluish.

Mekel's Weekly notes the 20c "At the Foot of the Popa," chronicled in the ERA, No. 488, as being printed in dark blue as well as purple.

COOK'S ISLAND.—The three values whose colors were changed to conform to the Postal Union requirements have now appeared and we chronicle them together for convenience of reference.

(Adhesives Regular):

½d green.
1d carmine.
¾d blue.

CURACAO.—We have seen at the New England Stamp Co.'s store two new values, the 12½c and 25c surcharged in black upon the current Netherlands stamps of the same value.

DENMARK.—*Ewen's Stamp News* reports two new values in the current set, type of the 5 ore and 10 ore.

Adhesives (Regular):

2c orange.
15c violet.

FIJI ISLANDS.—*Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal* has official information to the effect that this colony has decided to have an issue of stamps bearing the King's Head.

GREAT BRITAIN.—The 5d King's head has been surcharged 80 paras for use in the English offices in the Levant, and has just arrived here. Mr. Nathan Cobe shows the new 10d, the last of the regular issue for Great Britain to be issued.

INDIA.—Mr. Carpenter of the New England Stamp Company has shown us the ½a green and 1a carmine, King's heads, previously listed in the ERA. The design is a great improvement over the previous issue, and also presents a much more artistic appearance than the regular English stamps. The King's head appears on a

shaded background similar to the new Transvaal stamps, but better drawn.

In the ½a stamp the portrait appears in an oval with "Half Anna—India Postage," in the label, while in the 1a stamp the vignette is a circle, with a similar legend at top and bottom. In both cases the crown breaks the label and extends from the central background to the edge of the frame.

The 1a maroon surcharged "On H. M. S." has been seen with surcharge inverted.

LEEWARD ISLANDS.—Mr. Frank P. Brown has shown us the new 6d King's head in lilac and brown. Mr. Brown's correspondent in the Islands quotes a post official as saying that 12,000 of the recent 1d surcharges were placed on sale at St. Kitts and 12,000 at Antigua, though as hithertofore definite information as to the number of each denomination overprinted is lacking.

Adhesive (Regular):

6d lilac and brown, King's head.

NATAL.—The 1d King's head has appeared here, and like the others of this series is a striking stamp. The frame and vignette are both in carmine, so that the appearance does not present quite so much contrast as the denominations printed in two colors.

PERSIA.—We have seen two values, used, of the series issued by the local post office officials at Mesched in February and March of this year. This issue lacked the consent of the customs authorities and was promptly suppressed. The examples shown were roughly printed, of large size, and bearing in the central horizontal oval the letters V. C. in heavy script type, white on a colored ground. A label above the oval bears an inscription in Persian characters, and in another below the oval is printed "Postes Persanes." The value ap-

NEW CATALOGUE. SPECIAL NOTICE!

Our 1903 Catalogue, priced in American currency, will be bound in one volume, well printed on good paper, and sold for 50 Cents; post free, 60 Cents.

It will contain the latest quotations at which we can supply the stamps and is made up by and based on our own stock, no attention being paid to other quotations. Previous editions contained the British Colonials in one part and foreign stamps in another part, and cost \$1.20. This latest edition will contain both in one volume and sell at the same price as other catalogues.

A few of the British Colonial portion of the 1902 edition are on hand and will be mailed FREE, as samples, on receipt of six cents postage.

STANLEY GIBBONS, LTD.,
167 BROADWAY,
NEW YORK CITY.

DO YOU NEED U. S. REVENUES? U. S. POSTAGE?

Your want list and reference will bring them to you on approval at the right price.

25 Varieties old Civil War Revenues..... 17c

FRED G. JONES,
2013 Brook St., LOUISVILLE, KY.

CHAPTER III.

A customer writes: "We are all much pleased with your Big Books." No doubt you would be pleased also if you gave Osgood's Famous Big Selections a trial. References.

Precancelled Stamps bought and sold. Are you interested?

One ounce of mixed U. S. and foreign stamps with an original cover, only 12c post free. "The most for the money."

D. W. OSGOOD,
South Fork, Rio Grande Co., Colorado.
[To be Continued.]

1898 PROPRIETARY REVENUES

at wholesale price.

1/2c green, used, per 100	\$.20
1/2c brown, used, per 100	.30
1/2c orange, per 100	.50
1/2c blue, per 100	.35
1/2c violet, per 100	.60
1/2c rose, per 100	.75

These stamps are in 100 packages and have never been picked for printed cancellations which are desirable.

G. E. HUSSMAN STAMP CO., ST. LOUIS, MO.

pears in Persian characters in small circles in the upper corners, and in English in the lower corners. The "V. C." in the central oval is said to indicate V. Castaigne, Postal Director in Meched. The values shown us were the 1 shahi black and 5 shahi purple. Late foreign catalogues give the 5 shahi as printed in black also, and the 2 shahi as printed in both black and violet. Other values are 3s black, 12s blue and 1 kran rose.

SIERRA LEONE.—It is officially announced that the King's head stamps will be issued in 1903.

ST. VINCENT.—We have been shown the 2sh and 5sh King's heads by Mr. F. P. Brown. The 2d has not yet arrived, though it is reported that it has been issued in the Island.

Adhesives (Regular):
2sh lilac and green.
5sh lilac.

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.—The new 5c stamp has made its appearance here. The color is lilac with the figure of value in dark violet on a white tablet.

PERU.—*Mekeel's Weekly* chronicles the following provisional unpaid letter stamps. The 1c has the word "Deficit" horizontally across the upper part of the stamp, and the inscription "Un Centavo," also in capitals, in two lines at the bottom. On the 5c the surcharge in two lines of capitals, reading from bottom to top, "Deficit-Cinco Centavos." Both are printed on the 20c blue unpaid letter of 1874-79.

Adhesives (Unpaid Letter Provisional):
1c black on 20c blue.
5c black on 20c blue.

TURKEY.—The *Illustriertes Briefmarken Journal* chronicles a provisional envelope made by surcharging the 1 piastre ultramarine on yellow, "20 paras" in blue.

Topics About Town.

FROM NEW YORK CITY.

There has been quite a demand for albums and large variety packets the past week or two. The demand was principally caused by the Jewish holidays. No doubt many collectors have started in philately through a present, and I know of two active collectors who commenced in this manner, and are not ashamed to tell it either.

The recent "bunch" of provisional issues from Colombian Republic may possibly cause a good many collectors to hesitate about collecting them, thinking them speculative. I know from the correspondence of certain business houses, that these lithographed labels are issued simply to supply a deficiency in certain denominations of the regular Colombian stamps. I have "covers" bearing the business card from quite a few merchants in Cartagena and Barranquilla addressed to firms in this city. The covers bear nothing but these stamps, 5c, 10c and 20c. There appears to be a shortage of the 50c value also, for in a good many cases, covers are stamped with five 10c, or three 20c, and in some cases five 20c stamps. I also have one cover bearing sixteen 5c stamps. There is no question but that these stamps were issued to supply a shortage and no collector can with any show of fairness denounce these stamps as speculative.

The 184th auction sale of Bogert & Durbin Co. will occur on Saturday afternoon, October 25th. There are 695 lots listed.
VOLUNTEER.

TRADE COLUMN.

Under this head we will print exchange, want and for sale notices, business announcements, 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. Mu extra charge to cents.

One four-line notice free with each subscription, providing copy accompanies the subscription.

THREE Consecutive Insertions of SAME ad in this Column for PRICE OF TWO.

Dealers and collectors having fair quantity English stamps (common or rare) issued previous to Jubilee sets, address for offer, F. W. PICKARD, 247 S. Ingle-side, Cincinnati, O. [92]

Cash paid for good U. S. or foreign postage on original covers. Send what you have. **BEDFORD STAMP CO.,** 704 Duff St., Pittsburg, Pa. [92]

Metropolitan P. O. Local 1c blue, cat. \$15.00 for \$6.00. **GEO. H. HOPE,** 87 Ring St., Providence, R. I.

Precancelled Stamps: If you have not seen my June list better send for it at once. A few are now out of stock, others will be soon. **CHAS. A. TOWNSEND,** Akron, Ohio. [92]

Ionian Islands 1859, complete set of them unused, \$2.20; Greece Nos. 129, 130 and 131, set of 3, \$1.70; New South Wales 6d brown, No. 28, 70c. Hawaii unused, No. 45, 60c; No. 62, 35c; No. 64, 80c; No. 73, \$1.80. Hawaii used, No. 33, 30c; No. 36, 70c; No. 40, 60c; No. 41, \$1.20. Net cash with order. I have others. Write. **A. MACK,** Box 494, Ottawa, Ont. [92]

Stamps on approval 50%. Am breaking up an old collection. Stamps exchanged. **J. C. JAY,** Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.

Bargains in U. S. Private Prop., Doc. or Prop. 1898-02 Revs. **F. B. Kirby,** 227 Arnold St., New Bedford, Mass. [92]

Stamps free. 50 mixed and Price Lists for 5c stamp. **J. T. HANDFORD,** P. O. Box 1197, New York City, New York. [92]

Fine stamps on approval at net and 50 and 60% discount. Special: A packet of 25 fine unused stamps for 15c. **LINCOLN STAMP & COIN CO.,** 1131 O St., Lincoln, Nebr.

Want to buy Hawaiian Numeral stamps, used or unused, Scott's numbers 10 to 26 inclusive. What can you offer me? **J. R. VIETS,** 26 Greystone Park, Lynn, Mass. [97]

Wanted: 12 black Great Britain on original cover. Name prices. We buy, exchange, or sell stamps. Correspondence invited. **HARVARD STAMP CO.,** Cambridge, A Statida, Mass. [93]

Hawaii 18c rose, no gum, 35 cts.; Hawaii 12c Prof. Gov't, red surcharge, 45 cts.; Philippines No. 367, 8c cts., all unused. Canada Jubilee used, \$8, 60 cts., \$5, \$1.25. **WM. H. HUSH,** Sta. J, Baltimore, Md. [91]

1875 News. and Per. 1c to \$60, complete set Card-board Proofs only \$3.50. Others at equally low prices. 91*) **ALBERT E. CHASE,** Brunswick, Maine.

I have some information of value to auction buyers, or to those who are thinking of selling at auction. Write for it today. **I. W. RISDON,** Cambridgeport, Mass. [93]

You will like my approval sheets; try them. References required. **GEO. A. KNIGHT,** 90 Meridian St., East Boston, Mass. [98]

Entire Env. U. S. 74, 5c, No. 1419, fine; unused, 12c; 10 Blank App. Books, 10c; 100 App. Sheets only 15c; 100 Mexico, 9c. **J. N. BURTON,** Madison, N. Y. [90]

Complete set Guam on U. S., 12 stamps, unused, 0. g., \$12.00; Complete Set U. S. 1890, 12c to 90c, including se lake, unused, 0. g., \$2.15; Complete Set Cardboard Proofs U. S. 1870, very fine, 12 stamps, \$3.75; Newfoundland 12c, No. 37, 27c; for cash or exchange for high value used British Colonials. Correspondence solicited. **A. MACK,** Box 494, Ottawa, Ont. [90]

Have you seen "The Philatelic Star" of Madison, N. Y. 150 fine stamps and 5 months sub. for 6c. Sample free. [90]

I want to buy, sell or exch. U. S. unused entire envelopes. Send lists. **A. E. COLE,** Plainfield, N. J. [90]

Precancelled U. S. on approval. Exch. desired with advanced collectors. **L. E. Richardson,** Putnam, Ct. [93]

Fine App. Books at 65% Com. Reference required. Lots of Brit. Col. in them. **J. N. BURTON,** Madison, N. Y. [90]

Want to buy for cash, Precancelled Postage stamps. Send what you have. **F. L. SMITH,** 40 Exchange Place, New York. [98]

I want to buy a good collection of Stamps for spot cash. References, Bradstreet and Dun. **JOHN M. HUBBARD,** Rochester, N. H. [90]

Printers! Fonts of practically new type, borders etc. to exchange for good postage stamps. Send for list to **JUDSON N. BURTON,** Madison, New York. [92]

Precancelled postage wanted; send duplicates & lowest cash prices. **J. H. Wilms,** 224 W. Madison, Louisville, Ky. [94]

Precancelled postage wanted. Will pay three cents for every one I can use in my collection. If preferred will give more in trade. **ERNEST R. ALDRICH,** Benson, Minn. [4]

If I am passed up on these bargains, this will be a poor ad.

North Borneo, Post. Due, set of 5 var.....	\$0.15
Shanghai, Post. Due, set of 7 var., cat. 74c	.25
Nyasal, Giraffe, set of 7 var.....	.18
Equator, Nos. 162-3-4-5, set of 4 var., 0. g.....	.40
Venezuela 1896, set of 7 var., 0. g., cat. \$1.25	.20
Greece 1901, set of 6.....	.10
Bulgaria 1901, No. 53, 0. g., cat. 12c.....	.04
Canada 1892-3, 20c vermilion, cat. 12c.....	.05
" " 50c blue, cat. 25c.....	.09
" " 1901, 20c olive green.....	.04
Tasmania 1900, Nos. 87 and 88, used, 3 for.....	.03
Rhodesia 1896, 1 shilling.....	.11
Netherlands, old and new issues, 40 varieties	.20
Abyssinia 1894, set of 7 var., 0. g.....	.35
" " 1895, unpaid, set of 7 var., 0. g.....	.35
Or the two sets for 63c.	
\$10.00 black, uncut Doc. rev.....	.47
\$1.00 black and green, uncut.....	.05
Bolivar No. 60, mint, cat. \$1.00.....	.38
20c Varieties U. S., used and unused.....	1.00
Postage extra on orders under 50c.	

E. C. Dodd, 259 So. Hermitage Ave., Chicago.

SETS.

*HAWAIIAN OFFICIAL 1896
Set of 6, o. g. and fine..... \$2.25

Blocks of 4 same rate

*PERSIA 1894, 1sh to 1kr, 10 var..... 1.00
NICARAGUA 1900, 1c to 5p, 13 var..... .08
Hong Kong 1901, 5, 10 and 30c, 3 var..... .25
Salvador 1900, 3rd type, 1c to 13c, 7 var..... .15
Greece 1899-92, 1l to 1dr, 9 var..... .35
" 1901, 1l to 1dr, 6 var..... .05
" 1901, 2l to 1dr, 5 var..... .30
" Unpaid 1922, 1, 2 and 3l, 3 var..... .03

SINGLE STAMPS.

	Cat.	Our
	Price	Price
*U. S. Confederate 1863, 2c brown red ..	\$0.25	\$0.12
" " " 10c, two types ..	.08	.04
" " " 10c green.....	.12	.06
" " " 1864, 2c orange.....	1.00	.50
Br. Honduras 1899-00, 5c ultramarine..	.25	.10
" " 1900, 5c blue and black..	.10	.03
*Hayti 1897, 2 on 3c slate ..	.12	.06
" 1898, 2 on 20c orange ..	.08	.04
Hong Kong 1901, 12c blue, CA.....	..	.06
Paraguay 1894, 10c Jubilee.....	.50	.20
*Siam 1883, 12a yellow (3 shades) each ..	.25	.15
" " 12a orange.....	.45	.20

* Unused. All in fine condition. We would like to send you a selection of our approval sheets at 50% Commission. Think we can please you as to quality and price. A trial only solicited. (12)

Golden Gate Stamp Co.,
632 Market St., SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

DEALERS. WHOLESALE.

Our new wholesale list of 32 pages has just been issued and prices a very large variety of stamps, sets, packets, mixtures and dealers' supplies. Mailed free. Prices will interest eve y dealer.

MARKS STAMP CO., Toronto, Canada.
Wanted! We are open to purchase for spot cash, stamps of every country in quantity, Collections, Job Lots, Consignments. Offers and Price-Lists wanted.

WANTED. [d] WANTED.

Chicago Notes.

P. M. Wolsieffer will hold a stamp auction shortly, the date of which will be announced later. F. N. Massoth has one forthcoming also, but owing to the press of business, has been somewhat delayed in the preparation of the numerous lots.

Albert C. Stewart, of the Toledo Stamp Co., was in Chicago a few days last week, on his annual trip. His numerous Chicago patrons took this opportunity to become personally acquainted with him at the Palmer House, where he stopped while here.

There has been an unusual demand for documentary revenues in unused condition the last month. One of the local dealers sold nearly \$50.00 worth one day last week.

It seems as if *Robinson's Review*, our leading local stamp paper has come to stay. The last issue has a less gaudy but more substantial appearance. A few "wise boys" who predicted the speedy failure of the paper, when it made its first appearance, are on the subscription list. Robinson says he will send out 1000 extra copies of the next issue, to collectors in this country and Canada.

Chas. H. DeSelms of New Richmond, Ind., who recently returned from Colorado, remained here long enough to pick up a few bargains from our dealers before returning home.

CLIFFORD.

Why I Collect Cards.

While the science of Philately is an interesting study, no matter what line one may become interested in, still to me the branch embracing Postal Cards and Letter Cards is more fascinating than all the rest, and I have been interested in all. Postal cards offer a wide field for study and research. The issues in almost every case are perfectly legitimate with so few speculative or commemorative issues as to cut no figure whatever. This cannot be said of stamps, as the writer, who became disgusted years ago with them, well knows.

In card collecting completeness is not an unreasonable thought as most cards are low in price and easy to obtain, so that a person of modest means can, with little expense, gather together a collection that will have many countries complete. Out of about 210 countries and colonies issuing cards, the writer has 100 complete, showing to what a state of completeness a collection can easily be brought. Moreover with little trouble and expense he expects to increase this showing considerably. Compare this with stamps, when, if you are fortunate enough, at large outlay, you may be able to complete five or ten countries! This, to me, is a strong argument in favor of cards, but the strongest is, that with very few exceptions, cards have never been counterfeited nor issued needlessly. The Seebecks, of course, constitute the worst phase of the question and even then is not so bad as with stamps.

Cards present many interesting cases of minor varieties, as, for instance, Bavaria and Italy, with their issues dated each year; Mexico, with its various differences in type setting, and some errors, and numerous other instances. These varieties are all exceedingly interesting and form a fine collection when gathered together and carefully arranged. Cards are, to be sure, a trifle bulky, but they can be kept nicely in envelopes if a person does not feel he can afford an album, but for all their size they form a beautiful display. There are many curious examples of the printers and engravers' art, as are shown by the native Indian States, France, etc. Many cards are veritable triumphs of engraving with designs that are exquisite and that appeal strongly to the artistic side of one's nature. The writer has collected cards for several years past and he can safely say that the pleasure derived therefrom is out of all proportion to the outlay of money required.

The expense of keeping up with new issues is small, a few dollars per year buying all that come out, while with stamps the outlay is necessarily very great each year. While at present cards do not cost much, still the time is coming, and coming soon, when a good collection of postal cards and letter cards will command a good round sum. This, while not a good thought in true Philately, is one that will appeal strongly to many, just as it does in

JUST RECEIVED!
SENF'S 1902-3

POSTAL CARD CATALOGUE,
400 pages, flexib e cloth.
Price, 35c Post Paid.
Order quickly. Stock limited.
A. LOHMEYER,
922 N. Gilmore St., BALTIMORE, MD.

CANADA.

1852	3d beaver, wove paper.....	\$0.20
"	3d " ribbed paper, fine copy .....	.75
1857	1/2d pink, imp., ribbed paper, fine	7.50
"	3d beaver, perforated	1.50
1859	5c beaver, double line variety, formerly cat. at \$15 00.....	2.50
1866	Quebec Law \$10 00 yellow.....	.40
"	" \$20.00 green.....	1.00
	Canadian Rev. Album.....	.40
	Catalogue Can. Rev.....	.10

Cash with order.

A. C. ROUSSEL,
2106 St. Catherine St., MONTREAL, CAN.

CANADA 6d PERF.

Two nice copies of this rare stamp for sale at the BARGAIN Price of \$13.00 each. They are fine but unevenly perforated, as the majority are. Other snags, too. I also have a fine lot of Canada Revenues, handsome and popular, for sale or exchange. [91*

W. KELSEY HALL,
378 Water St., PETERBORO, ONT.

*BR. NEW GUINEA	1/2d, 1d, 2d, 3/2d, 4d, 6d and 1sh, 7 var.....	.85
*COSTA RICA	1901, 1c, 2c, 5c, three for 10c.....	.09
GERMANY	1902, 3 pf brown, DFUTCHES Error, each .....	.25
*CRETE	1900, 1l, 3l, 10l, set.....	.07
*GREECE	Unpaid 1902, 1l, 2l, 3l, 5l, set.....	.08
*GRENADA	King's Head, 1/2d and 1d, the 2 for 6c; 1/2d, 1d, 2d, 3/2d, 3d, 6d, and 1sh, 7 var.....	.75
*MALTA	1885 Queen's Head 1/2d and 1d, the 2 for.....	.06
*NIGER COAST	1894, 3d carmine, fine.....	.95
*NYASSA	1898, 2 1/2 to 3c0 reis, complete set.....	.70
PERU	1901, Commemorative 1c, 2c, 5c, used set.....	.06
QUEENSLAND	1891-94, 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6d, used set, cat. 22c, only.....	.10

* Unused. Postage Extra.

COLUMBIAN STAMP CO., Arlington, Mass.

stamp collecting. In collecting cards one may go in for only used or only unused cards and be sure of obtaining easily almost any card in either condition he wishes.

In conclusion I would like to say that though you may be, at present, collecting stamps only, if you will gather together a few cards and get well going in that line, you will become as fully, if not more interested in your new line than you ever were in the old.

H. E. CARPENTER, JR.

The Postal Card Society of America.

Officers for 1902-3.
President, HORACE E. CARPENTER, JR., Care N. B. Bradley & Son, Bay City, Mich.
Vice-President, J. T. ALBERT HOSBACH, 1422 North 53rd St., Philadelphia, Pa.
Secretary, W. P. AGEE, Hope, Ark.
Treasurer, JOHN N. MORSE, 105 Devonshire St., Boston, Mass.
Executive Committee, GUY A. BRYANT, Princeton, Ill.; W. D. ARNOLD, The Portland, Broadway, St. Paul, Minn.; N. HASKELL WITHER, 230 S. 9th St., La Crosse, Wis.
Exchange Superintendent, J. T. A. HOSBACH, 1422 No. 53rd St., Phila., Pa.
Purchasing Agent, ADOLPH LOHMEYER, 922 N. Gilmore St., Baltimore, Md.
International Secretary, E. DOEBLIN, P. O. Box 736, Pittsburg, Pa.
Official Journal, THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA.

THEO. MAINHART, JOHNSTOWN, PA.

Stamps at 50% Discount.

Collectors desiring nice, clean stamps at Bargain Prices should write for my approval sheets. All stamps

At 50% Discount.

State whether beginner or advanced collector.

Old Cubans at Bargain Prices.

1868	5c	.....	Cat. \$0.25,	my price \$0.10
"	10c	.....	..06,	..03
"	20c	.....	..35,	..18
"	40c	.....	..40,	..18
1869	10c	.....	..06,	..03
"	20c	.....	..40,	..18
"	40c	.....	..50,	..20
1870	40c	.....	1.50,	..50
1871	1p	.....	..50,	..20

All prices net. Cash with order.

THEO. MAINHART, JOHNSTOWN, PA.

BOYS! MAKE MONEY!

SEND FOR MY

APPROVAL SHEETS.

60% Com. given on Fine Foreign Stamps.

50% Fine Old United States.

33 1/3% Fine BRITISH COLONIALS.

PACKETS.

1,000 Mixed Stamps	.....	\$0.17
100 Varieties from 1c to 5c	.....	..18
60 Different United States	.....	..30
60 Varieties France	.....	..30
500 All Different	.....	1.00
1,000 Hinges	.....	..08

P. G. BEALS, 21 Pearl St., Boston, Mass.

SPECIAL BARGAINS.

* Unused.

	Cat. Price	Our Price
Cuba No. 3, 2 r p	\$0.75 \$0.25
Cuba No. 21, 2 r p75 .25
*Cuba Nos. 407 to 41239 .18
Gold Coast No. 19, 1sh12 .05
*Mexico No. 577 to 58226 .10
New South Wales No. 64, 4d06 .03
New South Wales No. 69, 1sh08 .03
New South Wales No. 318, 1sh08 .03
New South Wales No. 316, 4d08 .03
New South Wales, No. 321, 1d25 .12
New South Wales, No. 330, 1sh06 .03
*Salvador No. 9, 1-2r50 .15
Salvador No. 11, 2r75 .25
Salvador No. 16, 10c40 .15
Switzerland No. 208, 100c15 .06
Switzerland No. 209, 500c20 .08
Tuscany No. 4, 2c15 .06
Tuscany No. 5, 4c50 .20
Tuscany No. 25, 10c10 .04
*Naples Sicily No. 25, 10g18 .07
*Naples Sicily No. 26, 20g18 .07
*Naples Sicily No. 27, 50g60 .25
Wurtemberg No. 10, 6 Kr25 .10
Wurtemberg No. 16, 6 Kr40 .15

E. F. GAMBS ESTATE,

P. O. Box 2631, SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

Literature Department.

Conducted by WILLIAM C. STONE, 384 Union Street, Springfield, Mass., to whom all books, magazines and papers intended for review should be addressed. Exchanges will please send one copy to the above address.

Catalogues fairly seem to rain down upon us just now. The advance sheets of Scott are coming out rapidly, new editions of the two volumes of Gibbons are nearly ready and a new one volume edition for the American market is promised shortly. Th. Lemaire has just completed his universal catalogue of stamps issued down to 1900, Yvert & Tellier's special French catalogue is announced and new editions of Senf and Kohl are now on sale. Possibly I may have skipped some.

The new Senf is gotten up in the same general style as the former editions, and

like that of last year it does not include entires, these being taken care of in a special volume. I have not had time to examine it carefully but from what I have seen and from what those who have looked it over tell me I should judge it could be criticised in the same lines as heretofore, the underpricing of numerous desirable stamps which it is rather improbable that the firm can supply.

Lemaire's catalogue has already been noticed in these columns while it was being issued as a serial. It is now bound up in an attractive flexible cover, red on green. A very good index with explanatory notes is included in the book and there is also a list of the principal objects depicted upon stamps, a monetary table and a list of names of countries and inscriptions which differ from the French equivalents.

This has been rather a poor week for papers. Aside from the weeklies which we can always count upon there have only come to hand a half dozen. The *Gazette Philatelique Lyonnaise* contains the conclusion of the article on the stamps of Bremen which has been running in its columns and the usual chronicle and brief notes. *L'Echo de la Timbrologie* will delight the hearts of collectors of French fiscals with its extensive list of tobacco bands which are described by Dr. Voisin. The new catalogue issued by the publishers

Collectors, Dealers, Investors,

will all be interested in my next auction sale, as it will contain stamps of all kinds. My regular buying clientele will be interested to know that I am booking material for future sales rapidly and the chances are good for a very lively auction season in Chicago. Next sale catalogue ready soon, in the usual explicit and fairly described style, originated in my first sale held years ago.

P. M. Wolsleffer, 1010 Atwood Bldg., Chicago.

N. B. That Pocket Stock Book you need, cloth bound, will be sent post paid for 25 cents. Approval selections net and 50%.

AUSTRALIA.

	Cat. Price	Our Price
Tasmania 4d, 1900, used06
N. S. Wales, No. 52, imperf., used03
" " No. 80, used03
" " No. 106, "03
" " No. 89, "03
" " 3d green, cur., used03
" " 5d "05
" " 8d lilac, "06
" " 1sh brown, cur., used03
Victoria No. 125, used03
" No. 143, "02
" No. 176, "03
" No. 195, current, used02
" No. 199, "03
" No. 200, "04
" No. 201, "05
" 1/4d blue green, no postage, mint10
Queensland No. 101, 1/2p green, unused06
" 1/2p green, thick paper, unused06
" No. 114, unused04
" No. 107, "06
" No. 102a, L A joined, unused15
" 1p orange, thick paper, unused06
" No. 115, 3/2p carmine, used50

J. T. STARR STAMP COMPANY, Coldwater, Mich.

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

Any Subscriber to the "Era"

May have a selection of stamps on approval for the asking. Only tell us something about the size of your collection. We have some fine things, at best discounts. Our approval system has no equal and it is the most satisfactory way to buy.

"MEKEEL'S STAMP COLLECTOR."

Mailed Weekly from St. Louis. Vol. XV. commenced with 1902.

All subscriptions must now commence with current number (3 months' trial, 25c), subscription \$1.00 per year in U. S. etc., and \$1.50 per year abroad.

Sample of large magazine edition 10c.

A COLLECTION OF 5000 VARIETIES of POSTAGE STAMPS, carefully selected from our own stock, **\$175.00.** Satisfaction Guaranteed.

3000 for \$45.00 ♦ 2000 for \$13.50 ♦ 1000 for \$3.40 ♦ ALL GENUINE POSTAGE STAMPS

550 Varieties mounted in a blank book (cataloguing by Scott's 61st edition Catalogue \$10.00), post free \$1.50. A Bargain for Dealer or Collector!

C. H. MEKEEL STAMP & PUBLISHING CO., ST. LOUIS, MO.

WE WISH TO BUY STAMP COLLECTIONS

and Job Lots of stamps at once.
The cash is ready. Let us hear from you. Reference U. S. National Bank.

OMAHA STAMP & COIN CO.,
209 So. 13th St., OMAHA, NEB.

CONVENTION PHOTOGRAPHS.

Copies of the group photograph taken at Springfield can be obtained by applying to John W. Prevost, Longmeadow, Mass. The picture measures 8 x 10 inches and will be sent [90c]

Post Paid for 75 Cents.

Wm. v. d. Wettern, Jr.,
WHOLESALE DEALER IN
* POSTAGE + STAMPS. *
411 W. Saratoga St., Baltimore, Md.

New special list just issued, sent free on application to dealers only.

AUCTION SALES ARE OUR SPECIALTY.

We hold them about every two weeks during the season.

We charge a reasonable commission depending on the grade of the goods offered.

We make prompt settlements.

We want you on our mailing list if you are interested.

We want to sell your collection if you are desirous of disposing of it.

We want to do business with you and will treat you fairly.

Bogert & Durbin Co.,

722 Chestnut St., PHILADELPHIA, PA.
[12m*]

of *L'Echo* is to contain a list of these stamps so it comes quite a *propos*.

The only German paper is *Szekula Briefmarken Verkehr* which is filled largely with the advertisements of the publisher. Illustrations of the Japanese picture post cards issued in commemoration of the Postal Union are shown in half tones.

Robinson's Review contains an account of the visit paid to Elgin by the Chicago Society recently. The menu looks enticing and those who know the boys who went, can testify there is no doubt but that they did full justice to it. Should like to have been there myself.

The *Perforator* illustrates the twelve pence Canada recently secured by J. F. Seybold. It is on the cover and cost a pretty penny. Most of us would be content with it off the cover. The list of printed revenue cancellations compiled by Sterling is continued and there are brief but comprehensive reports of the various conventions.

Detroit Paragrapbs.

John D. Kay left for New York Saturday on business, and no doubt a little philately on the side.

Receipts at our post office for 1902 were \$942,560 against \$826,817 for the preceding year, and the net revenue was \$573,952, as compared with 458,121 in 1901.

About 200 letter carriers together with their band turned out in the parade in honor of President Roosevelt. Their natty appearance and drill attracted a great deal of attention, with frequent applauding along the line of march.

Now what's the matter with the ERA! I was surprised to get it today; as a rule I don't see it until Monday. Seems as if Brother Jewett has awakened from his slumber, and is now looking forward more to the interest of his readers. Glad to see it. Keep it up.

HERMAN W. BOERS.

Newspaper Clippings.

\$37,500 IN STAMPS STOLEN.

HAMBURG POLICE OFFER REWARD FOR RETURN OF A VALUABLE COLLECTION.

CHICAGO, Ill., Sept. 18.—Chief of Police O'Neill has been asked to search for Gustav Roth, a private secretary, who lived in Hamburg, Germany, and who is accused of having absconded on Aug. 19 with one of the most valuable stamp collections in the world.

Superintendent Hopff of the Hamburg police sent to Chief O'Neill a list of the stamps, which are valued at 150,000 marks, or \$37,500. A reward of 10,000 marks, or \$2,500, is offered for the three books containing the stamps intact, or of 3,000 marks for any one volume.—*New York Times*, Sept. 19, 1902.

SMALLEST POST OFFICE ON EARTH.

The post office building at Virginia, Cal., has the distinction of being the smallest in the world. It is located on the stage road which runs north from San Diego, and it is far from any other building or habitation. Upon the days which bring the stage past the tiny edifice the postmaster comes to the roadside office, and awaits the coming of the stage which brings the mail. When it arrives the mail which has been deposited in the letter drop by the five or six patrons of the office is exchanged for that which the stage has brought for the Virginia office, and it is distributed in the rude lock boxes—the locks being padlocks—which have been attached to the office building.

These being accessible from the outside, the presence of the postmaster at times other than the coming of the stage is not essential.

NEW 5 CENT PIECES RECEIVED.

A consignment of new 5-cent pieces has been received from Ottawa by the Assistant Receiver-General, the first to bear the head of King Edward VII. It is expected that the new issue of ten, twenty and fifty-cent coins will be received in a few days."

THE STEADY GROWTH OF FISCALISM.

The editor of *Morley's Philatelic Journal*, a man who should know, felicitates his readers, himself, and all parties concerned on the steady growth in popularity of fiscal collecting, as evidenced by the success of the Fiscal Philatelic Society and other signed and portents of the day. As one of these signs and portents, although it is not specified by the editor of *M. P. J.* is the publication of Messrs. Morley and Fulchers' "Catalogue of the Revenue Stamps of Spain and Colonies," and we venture to predict a still greater influx of supporters for the fiscal side of our hobby if only such additions to the literature of the cult are periodically made.

There is much truth, doubtless, in our contemporary's concluding remarks:—"Lately we have been struck by evidence of the spread of interest in Fiscals, *viz.* by the number of postage stamp collectors who are quietly putting by such fiscals as they come across to 'examine when they have time' or again, we sometimes find that postage collectors who come across a fiscal which strikes them as possibly a good thing keep it 'as a curiosity.' We quote these cases from actual recent examples, and wonder how many other philatelists are doing the same."—*Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly*.

The Boston Philatelic Society.

M. H. LOMBARD, President, Winchester, Mass.
C. F. ROTHFUCHS, Vice-President, Boston.
C. A. HOWES, Secretary, 53 Kilby St., Boston.
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 Sales, 156 Congress St., Boston, Mass.
THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA, Official Journal.

The New England Philatelic Association.

Organized February, 1895.

Board of Officers:
President, CHARLES H. SMITH, Dedham, Mass.
Vice President, J. FAVILL CAPRON, 22 Broomfield St., Boston, Mass.
Secretary and Treasurer, H. W. LEGG, Pepperell, Mass.
Sales Department, CHARLES H. STONE, 91 Antrim St., Cambridgeport, Mass.
Information Bureau, MRS. WALLACE DANA SMITH, 30 Wilder St., Portsmouth, N. H.
Counterfeit Detector, WILLIS D. KING, Nashua, N. H.
Attorney, HORACE S. BACON, 107 Stevens St., Lowell, Mass.
Governing Board, CHARLES H. STONE, Chairman, 91 Antrim St., Cambridgeport, Mass., JOHN J. CONE, New Dorchester, Mass., FRANK A. WILSON, 185 Highland Ave., Somerville, Mass.
Official Organ, THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA.

American Philatelic Association.

(INCORPORATED.)

THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA—OFFICIAL JOURNAL.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

ALEXANDER HOLLAND, President,
40 Grace Court, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Board of Vice-Presidents.

FRANK H. BURT,
Room 1046, Tremont Building, Boston, Mass.

GORDON IRELAND,
Holyoke House 21, Cambridge, Mass.

J. F. JOHNSON,
383 Lexington St., Auburndale, Mass.

H. E. DEATS, Secretary,
Flemington, N. J.

E. DOEBLIN, International Secretary,
Box 736, Pittsburg, Pa.

C. L. ANNAN, Treasurer,
Little Rock, Ark.

H. B. PHILLIPS,
1311 Grove St., Berkeley, Cal.

F. W. CONING,
Maryville, Tenn.

RESIDENT VICE-PRESIDENTS.

BOSTON, MASS.—J. F. JOHNSON, 383 Lexington St., Auburndale, Mass.
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.—W. E. LOV, 2421 Ellsworth St., Berkeley, Cal.
NEW YORK CITY.—W. F. GREGORY, 71 Nassau St.
PITTSBURG, PA.—E. DOEBLIN, Box 736.
CHICAGO, ILL.—A. F. MERELL, 432 Marquette Building.
MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.—EBEN S. MARTIN, 3344 First Avenue, South.
WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS—J. D. BARTLETT, 332 Main St., Springfield.

APPOINTEE OFFICERS.

E. H. ANDERSON, Librarian,
Carnegie Library, Pittsburg, Pa.

H. D. WATSON, Collecting Agent,
64 Cedar St., New York City.

JOHN J. OESCH, Superintendent of Sales Dept.,
34 Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill.

H. E. DEATS, Assistant Librarian,
Flemington, N. J.

W. F. GREGORY, Auction Purchasing Agent,
71 Nassau St., New York City.

P. M. WOLSIEFFER, Auction Purchasing Agent,
1009 Atwood Bldg., Chicago, Ill.

A. W. BATCHELDER, Auction Purchasing Agent,
21 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass.

REPORT OF SECRETARY

For the Week Ending October 4th.

Application for Membership.

WARNER, EDWARD L., 48 Morris Ave.,
Grand Rapids, Mich.; age, 46; occupa-
tion, Wholesale and Retail stamps. Re-
ferences: R. Robinson, P. J. Flanders;
Resident Vice-President A. F. Merell.

New Stockholder.

1776. KINKEAD, W. L., 656 East 28th
St., Paterson, N. J.

Application for Re-Instatement.

195. PATTISON, ARTHUR E., 369 Wash-
ington Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.

Changes of Address.

1757. STEWART, DELISLE, from North-
field, Minn., to 1816 Portland Ave., Min-
neapolis, Minn.

403. IRELAND, GORDON, from 54 Dun-
ster St. to Holyoke House 21, Cambridge,
Mass.

Resignations Received.

1427. COSBY, FRANK CLARK, 120
Broadway, N. Y. City.

1533. HOLT, FRED P., Box 405, Hart-
ford, Conn.

Membership Summary.

Membership Sept. 27th..... 560
New Stockholder..... 1

Total membership Oct. 4th..... 561

H. E. DEATS, Secretary.

The American Philatelic As- sociation.

REPORT OF THE OBITUARY COMMITTEE.

To the American Philatelic Association:

The following deaths of members have been reported to your Committee since the last convention.

Willard W. Grant, No. 961, Scranton, Pa., May 16, 1901.

Frank E. Keilbach, No. 1049, Savannah, Ga., Nov. 27, 1901.

C. F. Carright, No. 929, Manitowoc, Wis., May, 1902.

Francois Jules Laurie, No. 1608, Brus-
sels, Belgium, June 17, 1902.

Richard P. Mayer, No. 371, Cleveland, O., April 30, 1902.

WILLARD W. GRANT.

Died May 16, 1901.

Willard W. Grant, Principal of the Scranton (Pa.) High School, died of apoplexy May 16, 1901, being stricken while engaged in his duties in the class room. He was 52 years old, was born in Jefferson County, N. Y., and graduated from Harvard in 1869. Soon after graduation he was married and with his wife established an academy for boys and girls in the State of New York. He was afterwards for several years principal of Leavenworth (Kans.) High School, and from 1881 to 1892 held a similar position at Indianapolis. In the latter city he did the great work of his life, reorganizing the high school course and introducing with great success a system of manual training.

After leaving Indianapolis and travelling in Europe he was for a few years the principal of the Providence (R. I.) Manual Training High School. In 1899 he accepted the position in Scranton which he filled until his death. A skilled educator and a man of integrity and high standing, he held a leading place in his profession, and in the year and a half of his life in Scranton he had won the esteem and regard of his associates and pupils, and enjoyed the respect of the community. Besides a son, Warren Grant, a student in Harvard, he leaves four daughters, three of whom are teachers, one in Massachusetts, one in Rhode Island, and the third in South Dakota. Mrs. Grant has resided in Taunton, Mass., since her husband's death.

Mr. Grant's interest in philately was simply as a diversion from the cares of his professional life, and he followed no speciality. He became a member of this Association while residing in Providence.

FRANK E. KEILBACH.

Died Nov. 27, 1901.

Frank E. Keilbach was born in New York City in 1866, and was the son of Charles F. Keilbach. He went from New York to Savannah in 1875, and attended

October "Special"

— OF —

THE WEEKLY ERA.

Double Circulation!

Regular Ad Rates!

Will be Mailed on Thursday, October 16th.

All Copy Should be in by Monday the 13th.

the High School in that city, finishing his education in the school in Stuttgart, Germany, in 1882. In 1884, with his parents, he removed again to Savannah, and was appointed Clerk of the Probate Court. In the year 1900, he was appointed Judge of the same court. Leaving Savannah by steamer on Nov. 26, 1901, he fell overboard on the night of Nov. 27th, and was drowned.

RICHARD P. MAYER.

Died April 30, 1902.

Richard Perry Mayer died at the home of his father, Adolph Mayer, 1587 Euclid Ave., Cleveland, April 30, 1902, aged 42. His life had been one of extreme suffering since his early manhood. He completed his education in the University School of Notre Dame at the age of 19, when he was stricken with rheumatic gout and in spite of the care of the most skillful physicians of this country and Europe, the disease could not be permanently checked. He engaged in business for a time in Cleveland, establishing what was known as the "Popular Shoe Store," but about fourteen years ago, his health became such that he was forced to retire. He bore his suffering for many years with great patience, and during the six years before his death the illness was of a less severe form than previously, until his last attack. Mr. Mayer found great comfort in his illness with the collecting of postage stamps, which afforded him much needed diversion, and his collection has been estimated by experts to be worth from \$1500 to \$1800. Besides his father, Mr. Mayer had three sisters, Mrs. M. J. Mandelbaum, and Mrs. N. I. Dryfoos of Cleveland, and Mrs. Alfred Wolf of New York City.

C. F. CANRIGHT.

Died in May, 1902.

C. Frank Canright was born in Manitowoc, Wisc., in 1860, and graduated from the Manitowoc High School. When but a young man, he accepted a position with the Goodrich Transportation Co. as purser of their steamer, "City of Ludington," running between Milwaukee and Manistee. He advanced until he was appointed agent of the company at Manitowoc, remaining in their employ until the time of his death. He was a ready conversationalist and made friends wherever he went. He became interested in stamps in 1890, and though his time was much taken up with his business he found much pleasure in the pursuit of philately, so far as he had time to devote to it. Being stricken with consumption he went last fall with his wife and two small daughters to Tucson, Arizona, and later to Pasadena, where he died in May of this year. He was buried in Manitowoc, where his family still live. (The above information was furnished by Miss Margaret B. Reynolds, No. 1642, of Milwaukee.)

FRANCOIS JULES LAURIE.

Died June 17, 1902.

Francois Jules Laurie was born in Brussels April 19, 1861, but after leaving school spent considerable time in Paris and Monaco as a journalist. He then returned to Brussels and became an officer in the Belgian army, taking great interest in fencing and sharpshooting and receiving diplomas for his skill in both branches. In addition to his other accomplishments, he possessed a magnificent tenor voice and his singing in Faust was warmly commended by the press and critics of Brussels and Paris. Tiring of the service, he went to Russia to live when his commission in the army expired, but that country did not suit him and he returned to Brussels and engaged in manufacturing.

Being offered the position of editor of a French Republican paper in Worcester, Mass., he came to this country and became a naturalized American citizen. He took a great interest in politics and was in great demand as a campaign orator with French clubs.

Election over, and having more spare time, he took up stamp dealing as a side line, and a little later dropped journalism and gave his entire attention to stamps. He acted largely as agent for foreign stamp firms and publications, his principal purchase being the library and stock of philatelic literature of Moens of Brussels, the former being sold to Mr. H. E. Deats, while another set, nearly as complete, was purchased by G. Hamilton, Smith & Co. of London. He joined the American Philatelic Association in 1899. Adopting as a specialty the stamps of his native country, Belgium, he succeeded in getting together one of the finest collections of that country in existence, taking the bronze medal at the Paris Exhibition and being second only to Mirabeau's superb aggregation. He visited Belgium several times after taking up his abode in America, finally returning in 1900, and again becoming a resident of Brussels. He continued

\$1000.00 Cash to Spend!

We wish to purchase several large lots of U. S. Revenues of the Civil War issue catalogued from 5c up to any sum. We take same in any quantity or variety. Must be in good condition. No part or imperforated stamps unless in pairs, strips, or blocks. Especially want 1c, 3c, 4c Playing Cards, \$1.00 Mortgage and Passage Ticket and all values up to \$200.00. Also want U. S. general issue and Departments used or unused. Write us, with full particulars, stating the quantity and variety and your price.

We also wish to purchase a good collection of U. S. and a good general collection U. S. and Foreign.

GUARANTEE STAMP CO.,

106 E. 111th St.,

NEW YORK.

IF YOU WISH TO

BUY, SELL OR EXCHANGE

Stamps, Desired Results can
be had through

AN AD IN THE WEEKLY ERA.

his stamp business but was very homesick and looked forward to a time when he could come back to America. His health grew very poor, and in May, 1902, he went to the Hospital of St. Jean for the removal of a tumor. The operation was not entirely successful and he died very unexpectedly June 17, 1902.

The funeral took place June 20, and was largely attended by Brussels philatelists in a body, headed by M. Moens.

He was married early in life and leaves a widow and son Jules, an artist, who now resides with his mother at 230 Rue Néroce, Brussels, although they hope to return to this country soon.

For the Committee,

FRANK H. BURT, Chairman.

THE 1903 OR 62nd EDITION

OF THE

Standard Postage Stamp Catalogue

WILL BE READY IN DECEMBER.

PRICE 58c POST FREE.

ADVANCE SHEETS.

Mailed to subscribers, as each form is printed, on payment of \$5.00. No dealer can afford to be without them.

INTERNATIONAL POSTAGE STAMP ALBUM.

Nineteenth and Twentieth Century Editions now in course of preparation, will be published November 15th and sold at popular prices.

Write for particulars and 84-page price list.

[98*

SCOTT STAMP & COIN CO.,

18 EAST 23RD ST.,

NEW YORK, N. Y.

The Weekly Philatelic Era

A PAPER DEVOTED TO STAMP NEWS.

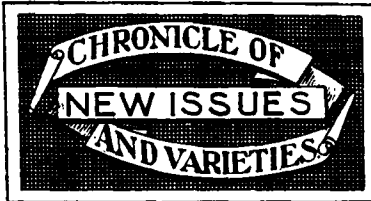
50¢ PER YEAR.

ENTERED AT PORTLAND POST OFFICE AS SECOND CLASS MATTER JAN. 10, 1890.

2¢ PER COPY.

VOL. XVII. No. 3. PORTLAND, ME., SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 1902.

WHOLE No. 491.



BY HENRY A. KIDDER.

Friends of the ERA are invited to send to the editor of this department any information regarding new issues or varieties that may prove of interest. Such information will be suitably acknowledged. Address, HENRY A. KIDDER, 17 Addison Street, Arlington, Mass.

Exchanges will please send Mr. Kidder a copy of each issue to the foregoing address, and an extra copy of the ERA will be gladly sent whenever desired.

UNITED STATES.—The *Metropolitan Philatelist* says that the die proof of the new 13c stamp has been completed, and the drawing for the new special delivery has been approved by the Postoffice Department officials. The chief change from the present stamp is in the substitution of a boy on a bicycle for a messenger boy running, but there are many changes in the general design. The Bureau officials are now at work on the 2c value.

BHOPAL.—We quote the following from *Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal* regarding the new issue for this state: The death of the Begam, Shah Jahan, which occurred last year, has naturally caused a new issue of stamps. We are sorry to see that it includes a high value, 1 rupee, quite unnecessary for postal purposes. There is a uniform design for the whole set, consisting of Persian (?) characters in the center, as upon the rectangular stamps of the previous issues, surrounded by an oval band containing the inscription in English letters: "H. H. Nawab Sultan Jahan Begam," but commencing at the upper right, instead of the lower left, and continuous as upon the 8a stamps. This is enclosed in a fancy rectangular frame, with the letters "B—Z—C—1" in circles at the corners and completed by narrow labels with a scroll pattern, broken in the center at top and bottom by native characters, of which those below denote the value. The design is lithographed on thin yellowish white wove paper, imperforate. The $\frac{1}{2}$ a value is in sheets of 16, the $\frac{1}{2}$, 1a and 2a in

sheets of 8, and the higher values probably also in sheets of that size, but we have only seen single copies at present. In each case there are, as before, as many varieties as there are stamps on the sheet, but we have not found any actual errors, though the "G" of "Begam" usually resembles a "C." *Szekula Briefmarken Verkehr* chronicles the $\frac{1}{2}$ a in black and the $\frac{1}{2}$ a in red.

Adhesives (Regular):

$\frac{1}{2}$ a red.
 $\frac{1}{2}$ a black.
1a brown.
2a blue.
4a orange.
8a mauve.
1r rose.

BRITISH HONDURAS.—A new value has been issued in the current set, the 5c of the usual type.

Adhesive (Regular):

5c slate and blue on bluish.

BULGARIA.—A Sophia correspondent informs *Ewen's Weekly* that three new stamps, values 5s, 10s and 15s, were to be issued in honor of the 25th anniversary of the defence of the Shipka Pass by the first Bulgarian soldiers, the "Opaltschenzi," against the Turkish army. The shape of the stamps is a perpendicular oblong, larger than the ordinary stamps, and the design will have a suitable illustration of the event. The stamps were only to be available for inland postage and for postage to Servia and Russia, and only to be in issue five or six days. The number printed was not to exceed 300,000 or 400,000. They were to be issued on the day of arrival of the Russian officers, who were to be present as guests during the manoeuvres on the Shipka Pass, Sept. 13.

CAPE GOOD HOPE.—It is reported that all the values have been prepared with the design of Hope standing. The King's head series is expected early in 1903.

COLOMBIA.—Mr. Willard O. Wylie has shown us unused copies of the 20 cstamp, "At the foot of the Popa," in light purple.

CONGO FREE STATE.—*Le Moniteur du Collectionneur* chronicles a 5c stamp of a new design, but particulars are not given.

COREA.—According to an English paper, *Hobbies*, a new set of stamps for the "Hermit Kingdom," has been printed in Paris. The new stamps are priced in rine, cents and dollars, instead of re and chuan as heretofore. The new stamps are said to be large and ungainly in appearance.

Fiji ISLANDS.—It is reported that a new set of the King's head type has been definitely decided upon for this colony.

GAMBIA.—The new King's heads have come to hand. The denominations thus far issued are the $\frac{1}{2}$ d, 1d, 2d, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d, 3d, 4d, 6d, 1sh and 2sh. Previously this colony has had no stamp above 1sh, but the new set includes the higher value, in deference to the wishes (?) of collectors. This set has already been listed.

GREAT BRITAIN.—*Ewen's Weekly* announces the issue of the 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ envelope in the King's head type. The die is somewhat similar to the previous issue but has the inscription "Postage Three Halfpence," around the lower portion with crown and two arrow heads above. The values already issued are as follows:

Envelopes (Regular):

$\frac{1}{2}$ d green.
1d carmine.
1 $\frac{1}{2}$ d orange.
2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d blue.
6d violet.

Ewen's Weekly also says that the 80 paras on 5d Great Britain stamps are printed in sheets of two panes of 120 stamps each. A variety has been discovered consisting of a small "o" in "80." This occurs on

NEW CATALOGUE.

SPECIAL NOTICE!

Our 1903 Catalogue, priced in American currency, will be bound in one volume, well printed on good paper, and sold for 50 Cents; post free, 60 Cents.

It will contain the latest quotations at which we can supply the stamps and is made up by and based on our own stock, no attention being paid to other quotations.

Previous editions contained the British Colonials in one part and foreign stamps in another part, and cost \$1.20. This latest edition will contain both in one volume and sell at the same price as other catalogues.

A few of the British Colonial portion of the 1902 edition are on hand and will be mailed FREE, as samples, on receipt of six cents postage.

STANLEY GIBBONS, LTD.,

167 BROADWAY,

NEW YORK CITY.

JONES' BARGAINS.

First Issue Perforated.
 1c Playing Cards, \$1.50
 5c Certificate, blue, .30
 2c Playing Cards, .20
 4c Playing Cards, 4.00
 5c Playing Cards, .20
 7c Foreign Exch., .30
 20c Foreign Exch., \$0.40
 50c Life Insurance, .08
 50c Foreign Exch., .55
 \$1.00 Probate of Will, .40
 \$2.00 Probate of Will, .40
 \$5.00 Manifest, 1.00

U. S. Revenues on approval at 50% discount.
 U. S. Postage on approval at 50% discount.
 Anything not entirely satisfactory may be returned.

FRED G. JONES,

9013 Brook St., LOUISVILLE, KY.

CHAPTER IV.

Writing of

Osgood's Famous Big Selections

a customer writes: "I have tried many different dealers but your Big Books are the best yet." Perhaps you would find it to your interest to investigate. References.

"The most for the money" is One Ounce of mixed U. S. and foreign with an original cover for 12c post free. Hundreds have been sold and as many as 30 to one party.

Pre-cancelled Stamps bought and sold. Write me! Stampman/see!

D. W. OSGOOD,

South Fork, Rio Grande Co., Colorado.
[To be Continued.]

GERMAN

"DFUTSCHES"

ERROR

Suppressed by the German Government as soon as discovered. Most interesting of recent errors. We have a few fine unused copies at 25c each.

Postage extra.

COLUMBIAN STAMP CO., Arlington, Mass.

WE WISH TO BUY STAMP COLLECTIONS

and Job Lots of stamps at once.

The cash is ready. Let us hear from you. Refer once U. S. National Bank.

OMAHA STAMP & COIN CO.,

209 So. 13th St., OMAHA, NEB.

DEALERS. WHOLESALE.

Our new wholesale list of 32 pages has just been issued and prices a very large variety of stamps, sets, packets, mixtures and dealers' supplies. Mailed free. Prices will interest every dealer.

MARKS STAMP CO., Toronto, Canada.

Wanted! We are open to purchase for spot cash, stamps of every country in quantity, Collections, Job Lots, Consignments. Offers and Price-Lists wanted.

WANTED. [10¢] WANTED.

Please mention ERA when answering ads.

the second and eighth stamps in the fourth row of each pane.

GRENADA.—In regard to the withdrawal of the Queen's heads by the postal authorities of this colony, the Postmaster General writes to Mr. Nathan Cobe, in answer to an inquiry, to the effect that all the Queen's head stamps were burned after withdrawal!

GUATEMALA.—The 10c of the new bi-colored set has been issued and copies have been seen in this country.

HAYTI.—The New England Stamp Co. shows us the 5c red brown surcharged "Gt. Pre.—Mai—1902" in a round cornered frame, as previously described in the ERA. The surcharge on 5c blue is common but

the 5c red brown overprinted in this manner had not previously been seen.

Adhesives (Provisional):

5c red brown, black surcharge.

LEeward ISLANDS.—Additional particulars are coming to light regarding the recent surcharges, and the more the matter is investigated the more it appears certain that the surcharging was purely speculative, and for collectors' use only. It is to be hoped that enough were sold at the postoffices for postal use to legitimize the issue.

MALTA.—New wrappers have been issued in the King's head type.

Wrappers (Regular):

3/4d green.
1d red.

NATAL.—We have been shown a complete set up to the 5s of the new series for this colony. The general appearance fully bears out the description previously given as "striking," and after the dead level of lilac stamp with barely enough contrasting colors, issued by other colonies, it is refreshing to turn to these beautiful stamps with their complete change of design and color. An English publication speaks of the vignettes as resembling colored wafers stuck on the stamps, but the brilliancy of the colors, and the perfect work of the printers, redeems them from such a slur. The denominations shown were 1/4d, 1d, 1 1/2d, 2d, 3d, 5d, 6, 1sh, 2sh, 2sh 6d, 5sh. Values are to be issued up to the £20, but it is not likely that a postal use will be found for larger denominations than the 10sh.

SERVIA.—*Nederlandsche Tijdschrift voor Postzegelkande* chronicles two new values in the current set.

Adhesives (Regular):

25p ultramarine.
50p brown.

TRADE COLUMN.

Under this head we will print exchange, want and for sale notices, business announcements, 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.

One four-line notice free with each subscription, providing copy accompanies the subscription.

THREE Consecutive Insertions of SAME ad in this Column for PRICE OF TWO.

Correspondence solicited with collectors of entire, unused U. S. Envelopes. Will sell or exchange either by Scott's or Bartels' Catalogue. **HENRY J. SIMPSON,** 325 North Division St., Buffalo, N. Y. [93]

Three ounces of stamps, 57c. "Era Trading Packet," Australian S. Am., Afr. & Asiatic, Pan-Am., Br. Col., etc., fine value, weighs 2 ozs. \$1. Illustrated Buying Code Book, 10c; 25 good U. S. Coppers and 1/2 cts., \$1. **Wm. D. Averell,** 133 W. Mt. Pleasant Av., Mt. Airy, Phila., Pa.

We can place your ads in any stamp paper and save you money. Write. **J. N. BURTON,** Madison, N. Y. [93]

In exchange for postage stamps and U. S. Revenues in good condition, my old viola and Williams bow also an Alcide Goband violin and Tourin bow. These instruments were bought by me twelve years ago for my own use, the viola and bow cost me \$64, the violin and bow cost me \$47. **GEO. F. LORING,** 53 State St., Boston, Mass. [94]

Want Hats filled at 1/2 to 3/4 off Scott. \$000 Var. on hand. **F. W. Pickard,** 2427 Ingleside, Cincinnati, O. [92]

1000 Mixed stamps, incl. King Edwards, Russia, etc., 14c, regular 50c value; 50 var. Austria-Hungary, 40c; 25 var. bi-colored stamps, 10c. All post free. **AMERICAN STAMP CO.,** 4242 St. Lawrence Av., Chicago, Ill.

Wanted for cash, one each of the following numbers "Am. Journal of Phil." Must be clean and whole. Send list of what you have with price asked for each number. Vol. I Nos. 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12; Vol. II Nos. 3, 4, 5; Vol. III No. 1; Vol. IV No. 12; Vol. V Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12; Vol. VI Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12; Vol. VII Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12; Vol. VIII Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12. Also will pay Five cents each for any numbers of Vols. I to VIII inclusive. Must be whole and clean and carriage paid. **A. W. DUNNING,** Newton, Mass. [93]

U. S. almost given away! 15c 1868, grilled, 40c; 15c 1868, grilled, 20c; 24c gray lilac, 1861, cat. \$4. \$1.50; 3c yellow, 1861, cat. \$7. \$2.00; 3c pink, true shade, cat. \$7. \$2.00; \$1.00 Columbian, \$1.50; \$2.00 1893, \$1.50; Hundreds of U. S. Postage, Dept., Envelopes, Revenues, etc., at 1/2 to 3/4 of cat. Send want list. **F. H. PINKHAM,** Newarket, N. H. [93]

How about "The Philatelic Star" of Madison, N. Y. 1 30 Natal etc. & 3 mo. sub. for 6c. Money back if not O. K. [93]

New Zealand 2sh, current, 50c; King Edward 1 1/2, \$1.25. Other bargains. **KING,** 141 East 19th St., New York. [93]

1c P. Cards, \$1 Mortgage, \$1 P. of W. and \$2 P. of W., all perf., and many other cheaper, to exch. for U. S. P. M. M. or 2nd and 3rd Issue, also U. S. P. used as rev. on o. c. **John Wilson,** Box 480, Wapakonts, Ohio.

1000 Kings, 6c; Hypnotism, 10c. Full length photos of Acres, 50c. Everything post free. **LEO F. FAGAN,** Springfield, Ill.

Good exchange or fair cash price for any English stamps with plate numbers. One penny black and 2d blue especially wanted. **F. W. PICKARD,** 2427 S. Ingleside, Cincinnati, O. [93]

Cash paid for good U. S. or foreign postage on original covers. Send what you have. **BEDFORD STAMP CO.,** 708 Duff St., Pittsburg, Pa. [92]

Pre-cancelled Stamps: If you have not seen my June list better send for it at once. A few are now out of stock, others will be soon. **CHAS. A. TOWNSEND,** Akron, Ohio. [92]

Ionian Islands 1899, complete set of them unused, \$2.50; Greece Nos. 129, 130 and 131, set of 3, \$1.70; New South Wales 6d brown, No. 28, 70c. Hawaii unused, No. 45, 60c; No. 62, 35c; No. 64, 50c; No. 73, \$1.80. Hawaii used, No. 33, 30c; No. 36, 70c; No. 40, 60c; No. 41, \$1.20. Net cash with order. I have others. Write. **A. MACK,** Box 494, Ottawa, Ont. [92]

Bargains in U. S. Private Prop., Dec. or Prop. 1898-02 Revs. **F. B. Kirby,** 227 Arnold St., New Bedford, Mass. [92]

Stamps free. 50 mixed and Price Lists for 9c stamp. **J. T. HANDFORD,** P. O. Box 1192, New York City, New York. [92]

Want to buy Hawaiian Numeral stamp, used or unused, Scott's numbers 10 to 26 inclusive. What can you offer me? **J. R. VIETS,** 26 Greystone Park, Lynn, Mass. [97]

Wanted: 12 black Great Britain on original cover. Name price. We buy, exchange, or sell stamps. Correspondence invited. **HARVARD STAMP CO.,** Cambridge, A Station, Mass. [93]

Hawaii 12c rose, no gum, 35 cts.; Hawaii 12c Prov. Gov't, red surcharge, 45 cts.; Philippines No. 307, 80 cts., all unused. Canada Jubilee used, \$2, 60 cts., \$5, \$1.25. **WM. H. HUSH,** Sta. J, Baltimore, Md. [91]

1875 News, and Per. 1c to \$60, complete set Card-board Proofs only \$3.50. Others at equally low prices. **ALBERT E. CHASE,** Brunswick, Maine.

I have some information of value to auction buyers, or to those who are thinking of selling at auction. Write for it today. **I. W. RISDON,** Cambridgeport, Mass. [93]

You will like my approval sheets: try them. References required. **GEO. A. KNIGHT,** 90 Meridian St., East Boston, Mass. [98]

Pre-Cancelled U. S. on approval. Exch. dealt with advanced collectors. **L. E. Richardson,** Putnam, Ct. [93]

Want to buy for cash, Pre-cancelled Postage stamps. Send what you have. **F. L. SMITH,** 40 Exchange Place, New York. [98]

Pre-cancelled postage wanted; send duplicates & lowest cash prices. **J. H. Wilms,** 2424 W. Madison, Louisville, Ky [92]

Pre-cancelled postage wanted. Will pay three cents for every one I can use in my collection. If preferred will give more in trade. **ERNEST R. ALDRICH,** Benson, Minn. [10]

Try an Ad in this Column. It Pays.

\$30.00 REVENUE

Very fine, cut cancelled, **\$11.50**

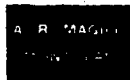
Another, has lost one corner..... \$6.00
 Another, cut close on 2 sides..... 5.00

ST. VINCENT.

King's Head 1/2d to 1sh, set, (mint) .80
 " " 2sh, (mint)66
 " " 5sh, " 1.65

FRANK P. BROWN,

333 Washington St., BOSTON, MASS.



KING'S HEAD

Just out! Canadian 5-cent silver pieces, very neat, sent post paid, Price 10 Cents.

REVENUES

AT 75 to 80% BELOW SCOTT.

Compare prices with Catalogue.

	Imperf.	Part Perf.	Perf.
2c Bank Check.....	\$.02	\$.02	\$.00
5c Inland Exchange.....	..	..	..
10c ".....	..	..	..
10c Power of Attorney.....	..	..	..
20c Inland Exchange.....	.10	.08	.07
50c Bond.....	..	.10	.03
50c Certificate.....	..	..	..
50c Insurance.....	.06	.05	.01
50c Power of Attorney.....	.06	..	.01
50c Protest.....	.20	.50	..
50c Warehouse Receipt.....	.25	.20	.20
70c Inland Exchange.....	..	.15	.03
40c ".....	..	..	..
50c Conveyance.....	..	.05	..
50c Foreign Exchange.....	..	.15	.20
50c Lease.....	.50	1.00	.20
50c Life Insurance.....	.85	..	..
50c Mortgage.....	..	.20	.01
50c Original Process.....	.10	..	.01
50c Passage Ticket.....	1.25	.50	.07
50c Probate of Will.....	.65	..	.25
50c Surety Bond.....	..	.15	.03
60c Inland Exchange.....	..	.20	.08
\$1.00 Conveyance.....	.15	..	.05
\$1.00 Inland Exchange.....	..	.05	..
\$1.00 Lease.....	..	.40	..
\$1.00 Manifest.....	.50	..	..
\$1.00 Mortgage.....	.50	..	..
\$1.00 Passage Ticket.....	3.00	..	..
\$1.00 Power of Attorney.....	.35	..	.04
\$1.00 Probate of Will.....	..	..	.50

All in fine condition. The imperf. and part perforated all have large margins

Postage extra on orders under 25 cents. [92]

Golden Gate Stamp Co.,
 632 Market St., SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

Items from the Dub.

October 7th.

B. L. Drew & Co.'s 97th sale was held on Sept. 22nd and 23rd, when 1147 lots were offered to collectors. I append a few of the prices obtained:

U. S. Periodicals.	Cat.	Bid.
1879, \$3.00 pen cancelled,	\$6.00	\$3.05
\$12.00, o. g.,	16.00	8.00
\$24.00, o. g.,	25.00	12.60
\$36.00,	30.00	16.10

Square cut envelope bids were well up to the average.

Danish West Indies.		
1872 4c, perf., o. g.,	4.50	4.05
French Colonies.		
1876 2c, o. g.,	5.00	3.05
Gibraltar.		
1889, 5 pesetas, o. g.,	1.85	1.10
Hawaii.		
1883-6 50c, o. g.,	8.00	4.60
1893 Prov. Govt., 2c vermil., o. g.,	3.50	2.05
1893 Prov. Govt., \$1.00, o. g.,	3.50	2.00
Official set, o. g.,	5.00	3.00
Newfoundland.		

1867 3c vermil., unused,	4.00	2.05
New South Wales.		
1850, Sidney View, 2d, No. 5a, used,	7.50	7.40
1850, Sidney View, 2d, No. 8, used,	7.50	6.05
Nigar Coast.		
First set surcharged 1/2 to 1sh complete, practically P. O. state,	2.58	2.25
Orange River Colony.		
1878 5sh, used,	2.50	2.50
V. R. I., 1900, 2 1/2d, unused,	3.50	2.30
Philippines.		
1859 5c, No. 12, unused,	4.50	3.05
1878 100m, carmine, unused,	7.50	4.95

Mr. B. L. Drew of B. L. Drew & Co., will take a trans-continental trip showing the stamps in their 100th sale, catalogues of which will be ready soon. Mr. Drew leaves the 17th and returns on Nov. 17th, and will visit the following cities: Birmingham, N. Y., Cleveland, Detroit, Chicago, Milwaukee, Dubuque, Minneapolis, Omaha, Denver, Salt Lake City, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Kansas City, St. Louis, Louisville, Cincinnati, Pittsburg, Buffalo, Hamilton, Ontario, Rochester, Syracuse, Albany and New York City. During his absence the Boston end will be in charge of Mr. Clark W. Brown.

Mr. Isaac Cook, of St. Louis, made Boston a visit last week.

The advance sheets of Scott's catalogue are issued through Bolivar, Colombian Republic.

Mr. Warren H. Colson, the traveling representative of the New England Stamp Co., starts this week on a four weeks trip through Canada and west as far as Chicago.

The J. M. Bartels Co.'s twelfth auction sale was held Sept. 30, at their sales room. 611 lots were offered and brought very good prices. The following bids may interest the ERA's readers:

U. S.	Cat.	Bid.
1861, 5c brown yellow, used,	\$7.00	\$4.40
1869, 90c, used,	14.00	8.20
1890, 2c deep lake, imperf. horizontal pair, mint.,	—	4.00
1890, 2c orange vermil., same remarks,	—	3.50
1895, 1c blue, imperf. horizontal pair, mint,	—	4.00
1898, \$30.00 red U. S. R., cut,	—	8.60
British Buchananaland on Cape.		
1/2p on 3p, No. 30, o. g.,	8.50	5.90
British Columbia.		
2 1/2d, No. 4, o. g.,	5.00	3.55
British Protectorate.		
1/2d large surch., No. 1, o. g.,	10.00	6.60
3d lilac, o. g.,	6.00	4.10
Cook Islands.		
10d, No. 4, o. g.,	2.00	1.55
Hong Kong.		
12c on \$10.00, No. 104, o. g.,	4.00	3.25
Orange River Colony.		
1p on 5sh, No. 11, unused,	5.00	3.60
1p on 5sh, No. 12, used,	1.50	1.30
1p on 5sh, No. 13, o. g.,	—	—
Stanley Gibbons	4.85	3.20
3p on 4d, No. 18, o. g.,	5.00	3.20
3d on 4d, No. 20, unused,	—	—
Stanley Gibbons' cat. £4,	—	14.55
Tobago.		
1sh green, No. 4, used,	4.50	3.15

JUST RECEIVED I
SENF'S 1902-3
 . . . **POSTAL CARD CATALOGUE,**
 400 pages, flexib e cloth.
 Price, 35c Post Paid.
 Order quickly. Stock limited.
A. LOHMEYER,
 922 N. Gilmer St., BALTIMORE, MD.

CANADA 6D PERF.
 Two nice copies of this rare stamp for sale at the BARGAIN Price of \$13.00 each. They are fine but unevenly perforated, as the majority are. Other snaps, too. I also have a fine lot of Canada Revenues, handsome and popular, for sale or exchange. [91*]
W. KELSEY HALL,
 378 Water St., PETERBOBO, ONT.

Pair of 12c 1857 on part of cover, fine	\$1.00
" " 24c " rare in pairs.....	4.00
Hawaii 1s. 1883, 25c, used.....	1.50
France 1849, 1 franc.....	.35
Gold Coast 1898, 1/2d to 1sh, 6 var.	.30
Dutch Indies 1870, 2g1 50c.....	.13
Curacoa 1873, 3c bistre, unused ...	.45
Austria 1877, 50 kr brown.....	.13
N. S. Wales 1888, 8d red lilac, scarce	.15
Niger Coast 1894, 5d violet.....	.13
Navy 1c, unused.....	.05
U. S. 1869, 15c, no frame, very fine	1.75

We have a few sets of Depts. unused, Navy, War, Executive, Agriculture, Treasury etc. If interested write us, prices will be right. U. S. price list free, send for it.

Chesapeake Stamp Co., [93*]
 212 W. Saratoga St., Baltimore, Md.

OUR NEXT SALE
 takes place
Thursday, November 6, 1902.
 It contains a very desirable lot of U. S. and Foreign Stamps. Your name on a postal will bring you a catalogue of the same.

CHAS. H. STONE & CO.,
 19 Washington St., Room 1, BOSTON, MASS.

Transvaal—Pietersburg Provisionals.		
1p, No. 172, mint.,	.75	.65
1p, No. 173, " "	1.50	1.20
Turks Island.		
1d vermil., No. 5, o. g.,	2.50	1.80
West Australia.		
6d violet, No. 33, o. g.,	5.00	3.40
4d carmine, No. 54, o. g.,	4.50	3.15
Colombian Republic, Antioquia.		
Error, No. 50 and 58a, in unsevered pair, o. g.	15.18	10.55
Egypt, 10c surch. inverted on entire envelope, No. 28c	—	3.10
Mecklenburg Schwerin.		
No. 1, 4-4s fine on cover,	1.50	1.40
Nyassa 1901, complete set of 13, o. g. (giraffe and camel set),	—	1.40
Porto Rico, 1898 1c, No. 140, imperf. pair, mint,	—	3.10
Uruguay.		
5c green, P. A. Z. 1897, surch. inverted, No. 132,	—	2.90

Stanley Gibbons' catalogue, English edition, Part I, is out, also Senf's new German catalogue. Stanley Gibbons' American edition will not be on sale until later, probably about the time the Scott's catalogue is issued. Gibbons' and Senf's catalogues can be procured of the New England Stamp Co.

WM. D. ELDREDGE.

**PORTO RICO,
IMPUESTA DE GUERRA,**

No. 177 in 61st Catalogue, 5m blue green, pair, **ONE HAS DOUBLE SURCHARGE.** Only 5 pairs in stock, price per pair \$1.00.
The above error is not catalogued.

CUBA.

No. 91, 1862-64 issue, 2p vermilion, used, extra fine, catalogued 75c, our price..... 37c
We can supply a pair or block of four at same rate.
We send our 1903 Catalogue Free.

C. E. HUSSMAN STAMP CO., ST. LOUIS, MO.

Special Bargains!

* Unused.	Cat. Price.	Our Price.
Baden Nos. 7, 8, 9.....	\$0.18	\$0.07
Baden No. 17, 9 kr.....	.35	.15
*Baden Nos. 29, 30, 31.....	.17	.06
*Baden Nos. 22, 23, 25 to 28...	.46	.20
Barbados No. 45, 1d.....	.18	.08
Barbados Nos. 51 and 51a.....	.11	.05
Barbados Nos. 60, 61, 62, 65...	.13	.04
*Barbados No. 63, 3d.....	.35	.18
Bavaria 1849-62, 8 var.....	.25	.07
Bavaria No. 13, 12 kr.....	.35	.15
Bavaria No. 14, 18 kr.....	.75	.30
Belgium Nos. 201 to 206.....	.25	.08
Brazil Nos. 260 to 264.....	.26	.08
Brazil No. 265.....	.35	.15
Brazil Nos. 418 and 421.....	.16	.06

LABUAN

No. 33 2c.....	.18	.06
No. 34 6c.....	.10	.04
No. 35 8c.....	.50	.15
No. 36 10c.....	.35	.12
No. 37 12c.....	..	.15
No. 38 16c.....	..	.15
No. 39 40c.....	..	.30
Nos. 42 to 48.....	.50	.12
North Borneo 1887-92, 9 var...	.31	.10
Queensland Nos. 66 to 70.....	.48	.15
Queensland Nos. 93 and 93b...	.83	.08
South Australia Nos. 79 and 80	.21	.07
Perak Nos. 42, 43, 44.....	.15	.06
Sungei Ujong Nos. 33 and 34...	.12	.04
Tonga Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5.....	.37	.15

E. F. GAMBS ESTATE,

P. O. Box 2631, SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

Brooklyn Stamp Club.

At the annual meeting of the Brooklyn Stamp Club (Branch No. 1 of Empire State Philatelic Association), held at the rooms of the Society, 351 Atlantic Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y., Oct. 6th, 1902, the following officers were duly elected:

- President—H. A. Talbot.
- Vice-President—David Minaldi.
- 2nd Vice-President—J. F. Minaldi.
- Secretary—John D. Carberry.
- Treasurer—Geo. W. Ring.
- Auction Manager—Theo. W. C. Happel.
- Ast. Auction Manager—H. H. Reiners.
- Board of Trustees—H. A. Talbot, David Minaldi, J. F. Minaldi, John D. Carberry, Geo. W. Ring, Theo. W. C. Happel, H. H. Reiners, Dr. W. L. Rickard, J. E. Haloran, W. Molatach.

After the election of officers a large number of choice stamps changed hands. Mr. Floyd disposed of many gems belonging to the late Chas. R. Braine, Jr.

Meetings of the Brooklyn Stamp Club are held on the first and third Monday evenings of each month at 351 Atlantic Ave.

Literature Department.

Conducted by WILLIAM C. STONE, 384 Union Street, Springfield, Mass., to whom all books, magazines and papers intended for review should be addressed. Exchanges will please send one copy to the above address.

Another new catalogue has come to hand this week. It is the special work brought out by Yvert & Teller of Amiens and describes in detail all the various issues of France and her colonies and dependencies. All classes of stamps are described even those of the school and postal savings banks. Among the novelties now included for the first time among the fiscals may be mentioned the tobacco bands and other taxes of similar form. The book is of the same size as their general catalogue and contains 382 pages. Explanatory notes abound and there are some sixteen pages devoted to the description and illustration of the obliterations used on French stamps at the different epochs. No one who is interested in French stamps should be without it.

My good friend Chapman dropped in on me the other day, but as usual I was not at my desk, so he left a copy of the *Adhesive* in lieu of a visiting card. Sorry not to have seen you Henry, but I have carefully read your editorial on "The Sales Department" and I guess we agree pretty well as to how it should be conducted. I do not want the job however. It is enough to look out for our own little local circuit.

UNITED STAMP CO.

P. M. WOLSIEFFER, President.
F. N. MASSOTH, Sec'y and Treas.

The amalgamation of these two stocks, with the additional 1/2 energy that is wasted in two smaller concerns, will give Chicago a stamp firm of a substantial character.

Mr. Wolsieffer will give his undivided attention to his very popular Auction Sales, and Mr. Massoth will conduct and manage the other part of the business. Special announcement will follow.

P. M. WOLSIEFFER, 1010 Atwood Bldg. } Chicago.
F. N. MASSOTH, 1603 Marquette Bldg. }

N. B. All quotations and contracts of these two well known firms will be carried out by the new concern.

AUSTRALIA.

	Cat. Price.	Our Price.
Tasmania 4d, 1900, used.....	..	\$.06
N. S. Wales, No. 53, imperf., used.....	..	.05
" " No. 80, used.....	.03	.02
" " No. 106, ".....	.03	.02
" " No. 89, ".....	.03	.02
" " 3d green, cur., used.....	..	.03
" " 5d ".....	..	.05
" " 8d lilac, ".....	..	.06
" " 1sh brown, cur., used.....	..	.03
Victoria No. 135, used.....	.03	.02
" " No. 143, ".....	..	.02
" " No. 176, ".....	..	.03
" " No. 195, current, used.....	..	.02
" " No. 199, ".....	..	.03
" " No. 207, ".....	..	.04
" " No. 207, ".....	..	.05
" " 1/2d blue green, no postage, mint	..	.02
Queensland No. 101, 1/2p green, unused..	.06	.02
" " 1/2p green, thick paper, unused.....	..	.06
" " No. 114, unused.....	.04	.02
" " No. 102, ".....	.06	.04
" " No. 102a, L A joined, unused.....	.15	.10
" " 1p orange, thick paper, unused.....	..	.06
" " No. 115, 2 1/2p carmine, used.....	..	.50

J. T. STARR STAMP COMPANY, Coldwater, Mich.

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

Any Subscriber to the "Era"

May have a selection of stamps on approval for the asking. Only tell us something about the size of your collection. We have some fine things, at best discounts. Our approval system has no equal and it is the most satisfactory way to buy.

"MEKEEL'S STAMP COLLECTOR."

Mailed Weekly from St. Louis. Vol. XV. commenced with 1902. All subscriptions must now commence with current number (3 months' trial, 25c), subscription \$1.00 per year in U. S. etc., and \$1.50 per year abroad. Sample of large magazine edition 10c.

A COLLECTION OF 5000 VARIETIES of POSTAGE STAMPS, carefully selected from our own stock, **\$175.00.** Satisfaction Guaranteed.

3000 for \$45.00 ♦ 2000 for \$13.50 ♦ 1000 for \$3.40 ♦ ALL GENUINE POSTAGE STAMPS

550 Varieties mounted in a blank book (cataloguing by Scott's 61st edition Catalogue \$10.00), post free \$1.50. A Bargain for Dealer or Collector!

C. H. MEKEEL STAMP & PUBLISHING CO., ST. LOUIS, MO.

PLUMMER OF DENVER

wants to send you approval books at 50 per cent. discount.

ARE YOU WILLING?

Stamps for beginners a specialty. Special discounts to agents.

ED. PLUMMER,

Box 1099, DENVER, COLO.

\$1000.00 Cash to Spend!

We wish to purchase several large lots of U. S. Revenues of the Civil War issue catalogued from 5c up to any sum. We take same in any quantity or variety. Must be in good condition. No part or imperforated stamps unless in pairs, strips, or blocks. Especially want 1c, 3c, 4c Playing Cards, \$1.00 Mortgage and Passage Ticket and all values up to \$200.00. Also want U. S. general issue and Departments used or unused. Write us, with full particulars, stating the quantity and variety and your price.

We also wish to purchase a good collection of U. S. and a good general collection U. S. and Foreign.

GUARANTEE STAMP CO.,

106 E. 111th St., NEW YORK.

Wm. v. d. Wettern, Jr.,

WHOLESALE DEALER IN

* **POSTAGE + STAMPS.** *

411 W. Saratoga St., Baltimore, Md.

New special list just issued, sent free on application to dealers only.

The *Metropolitan Philatelist* gives us a minute description of the new design for the Special Delivery stamp and it will most certainly be a beauty. The messenger boy is still there but is now mounted on a bicycle. If I remember rightly the color of the stamp is to be changed to orange. By the way, new stamps here will mean new ones in the Philippines, will it not?

Plating Afghan stamps is an amusement, that few of us have indulged in thus far, but now we have full instructions in the *Philatelic Journal of India* by that expert philatelist D. P. Masson. A number of excellent illustrations are given of the different plates of the 1295 (1878) issue and we ought to go to work at once. I, myself, have already six plates complete with the exception of 39 stamps each.

How many different animals are represented on postage stamps? The *P. J. of I.* lists forty-one and that does not include heraldic representations.

Another interesting article in the same magazine is that one giving a tabular view of the comparative ease and difficulty of the various countries philatelically. The countries are treated from the point of view of the novice, the general collector and the specialist.

The *London Philatelist* dropped in this forenoon and contains some ten pages of what the author modestly calls "Notes" on Tasmania.

Mr. Castle has a short article on the reprints of the early Moldavian stamps.

The Boston Philatelic Society.

M. H. LOMBARD, President, Winchester, Mass.
C. F. ROTHFUCHS, Vice-President, Boston.
C. A. HOWES, Secretary, 55 Kilby St., Boston.
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 Sales, 136 Congress St., Boston, Mass.
THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA, Official Journal.

BOSTON, Oct. 14, 1902.

The one hundred and nineteenth regular meeting of the Society will be held in the upper Elks' Hall, 24 Hayward Place, Boston, on Tuesday evening, October 21st, at 8 o'clock sharp.

Order of Business.

1. Reading of Minutes of Last Meeting.
2. Reports of Committees.
3. Communications
4. Election of Candidates.
5. Unfinished Business.
6. New Business.
7. Informal Auction Sale.

Entertainment.

Mr. Batchelder will give us an account of the anniversary of the Dresden Philatelic Society to which he was accredited as our representative. This was postponed from the last meeting.

The seventh exhibition of the second series occurs at this meeting when the Transvaal and Orange River Colony will be shown. No stamps have received more attention nor been more popular for the last two years than these issues, marking as they do events of portentous interest in the Dark Continent, where so much history has been made in the last quarter century. Though we cannot hope to compete with our British brethren whose philatelic researches in these new colonies have naturally been exhaustive, yet many of our members have taken a deep interest in these two countries and can show fine collections which the Committee trust will be forthcoming.

The special exhibition announced last month for the medals given by Mr. Charles H. Stone will also be held at this meeting. As already stated it is to be similar in all respects to CLASS B of March 18, except that the stamps are to catalogue not less than 50 cents nor more than one dollar. Fifty varieties only are to be shown, all must be used, and condition alone will be considered in judging the exhibits.

N. B.—For the convenience both of the Exhibition Committee and intending exhibitors, collections may be sent to or left with Mr. J. H. Lyons at the New England Stamp Co.'s store, 27 Bromfield St., Boston.

The September Meeting.

The 118th regular meeting was held in the upper Elks' Hall on Tuesday evening, Sept. 16, at 8 o'clock, with President Lombard in the chair and 26 members and friends present.

The minutes of the June meeting were read and approved.

The following applications for membership were received:

MR. CHAS. A. GRIMMONS, Somerville, Mass.

MR. JOHN W. PREVOST, Longmeadow, Mass.

Both proposed by Mr. M. H. Lombard.

The following were elected members:
No. 350, Mr. George F. Loring, Boston.
No. 351, Mr. A. Beddig, Hannover, Germany.

No. 352, Mr. Walter Bartels, Boston.

Both Mr. Batchelder and Mr. Colson being unavoidably absent their reports of the Anniversary of the Dresden Philatelic Society were postponed.

The Secretary read letters from Dr. W. J. Gascoyne, Edwin F. Sawyer and Eben S. Martin offering medals for future competitive exhibitions, and it was voted unanimously to accept the same with thanks and refer the offers to the next Exhibition Committee.

The Secretary gave notice that at the next meeting he should offer the following amendment to the Constitution:

"Art. XI. Sect. 6. Any person dropped for non-payment of dues may apply for reinstatement as a new member after having paid the subscription due the Society, according to the Constitution, up to the time his name was dropped from the rolls."

Mr. Carpenter read extracts from two papers referring in a slanderous manner to certain stamp dealings in Boston and suggested that it was a matter that very properly came before the Society for action, both under its Constitution and for the upholding of the good name and good faith of the collectors and dealers of the community.

Mr. Bartels moved that a Committee consisting of the three officers present and two other members, to be appointed, be given full power to act and report at the next meeting. After considerable discussion the motion was passed.

The Committee as constituted consists of the President, the Secretary, the Treasurer, Mr. Frank H. Burt and Mr. R. F. Burns.

In response to a motion by Mr. Carpenter inquiring about the method of judging rarity in CLASS B of the Exhibition of Nov. 18, the Exhibition Committee have given the following decision:

In Class B, exhibition of Nov. 18, rarity will be judged not wholly by catalogue value but, as nearly as possible, according to the relative scarcity of a stamp in pairs, blocks or sheets; i. e. the showing of stamps in unusual conditions, as specified, will carry much weight over mere catalogue value. Some stamps can be obtained in large blocks almost as readily as singly and a block would therefore count for little; another might be fairly common in pairs but very scarce in strips or blocks, and if presented in the latter condition would count much more than the mere multiple of catalogue price.

Mr. Corbett spoke of printing a catalogue of the books now in our Library, and asked for an appropriation of \$75 for the Library's needs. This provoked some discussion but was finally passed.

The exhibition for the evening was then placed on view. Samoa, Tonga and Cook Islands were shown by three collections which were somewhat remarkable. Mr. Luff's collection was very complete and in remarkably fine condition, especially so when the countries are considered. Mr. Holland's was also very complete, but excelled in its splendid showing of the first issue of Samoa, and on the strength of this won the silver medal. Mr. Luff gained the bronze medal. Dr. Fraser's collection, while not so complete as the other two, excelled them in its wonderful condition, even entire panes being shown which were practically perfect in centering.

The Secretary showed a number of entire covers from the three countries, but these were not in competition.

The meeting proved an exceptionally interesting one and augured well for attendance and results through the coming season.

Adjourned at 9.45 o'clock.

C. A. Howes,
Secretary.

Notice.

It is earnestly desired that all members who can actively identify themselves with

the work of our Society and contribute to the interest of its meetings by showing some speciality, reading some paper, giving a talk, or anything else which may further the objects for which we are banded together, should not hesitate to lend their aid to vary our programs and raise the value of our work as a Society.

Pacific Philatelic Society's Exhibition.

The following account of the exhibition by the Pacific Philatelic Society is reprinted from the San Francisco Chronicle of Sept. 27th, and is given in the absence of a more detailed or "philatelic" report, with its several ridiculous and glaring erroneous statements. The article is headed "Coastly Exhibitions by Philatelists," with a suitable double-column illustration to give it prominence.

A hobby worth at least \$250,000, and ridden by men from both coasts of the United States and also by a few women, is on exhibition at the Mechanics' Institute library. It is the collection of stamps shown at the general competition of the Pacific Philatelic Society. The exhibition was opened last evening, and will continue this afternoon and evening. There are more than a score of exhibitors, and they come from Boston and New York in the East, from San Francisco and Berkeley in the West, and points between.

Lovers of old and odd stamps crowded around the tables last evening before the exhibitors fairly had their albums and sheets ready for inspection. They speculated on the rarity of this stamp and commented on the color of that, and every once in a while they referred to the catalogue which gives the price of the precious bits of paper. Men were there—business men, students and men of leisure; women, also, and even the lad and the lass who have begun to save up Canadian, English and Japanese stamps were on hand to admire and learn.

The largest and most valuable collection is that of Henry J. Crocker. Eight volumes of his library are not at the exhibition because of their bulk, but about thirty others have been entered. One album contains only 200 stamps, but its value is \$32,000, according to the catalogue. He is showing, also, his Hawaiian collection, which is the finest in the world.

A collection which is of very modern stamps but which has considerable value and attracts much interest is shown by Ross O'Shaughnessy of San Francisco. It takes in the various kinds used in South Africa, both before and during the war. At the time of the heavy campaigning the men had no stamps of the regular denominations, and those of the republics were not recognized by the British postal authorities. So the men put on their envelopes any stamp that came to hand, and these were cancelled "Army field Postoffice," and this carried the letters to their destination. A number of these are shown, as are also complete sets of the Orange Free State stamps, which were taken in Pretoria by Lord Roberts and surcharged "V. R. I." and then put into circulation.

The most expensive stamp at the exhibition is owned by Crocker. It is known as a "St. Louis 20," and is valued at \$3800. It is pale-blue in color and has been used. In fact it is on the original envelope.

Another stamp shown derives much of its value from its history. It is known as a "Connell," from the name of the man

American Philatelic Association.

(INCORPORATED.)

THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA—OFFICIAL JOURNAL.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

ALEXANDER HOLLAND, President,
40 Grace Court, Brooklyn, N. Y.

H. E. DEATS, Secretary,
Flemington, N. J.

E. DOEBLIN, International Secretary,
Box 736, Pittsburg, Pa.

C. L. ANNAN, Treasurer,
Little Rock, Ark.

H. B. PHILLIPS,
1311 Grove St., Berkeley, Cal.

F. W. CONING,
Maryville, Tenn.

Board of Vice-Presidents.
FRANK H. BURT,
Room 1046, Tremont Building, Boston, Mass.
GORDON IRELAND,
Holyoke House 21, Cambridge, Mass.
J. F. JOHNSON,
383 Lexington St., Auburndale, Mass.

RESIDENT VICE-PRESIDENTS.

BOSTON, MASS.—J. F. JOHNSON, 383 Lexington St., Auburndale, Mass.
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.—W. E. LOY, 2421 Ellsworth St., Berkeley, Cal.
NEW YORK CITY.—W. F. GREGORY, 71 Nassau St.
PITTSBURG, PA.—E. DOEBLIN, Box 736.
CHICAGO, ILL.—A. F. MERELL, 432 Marquette Building.
MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.—E. S. MARTIN, 3344 First Avenue, South.
WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS.—J. D. BARTLETT, 332 Main St., Springfield.

APPOINTIVE OFFICERS.

E. H. ANDERSON, Librarian,
Carnegie Library, Pittsburg, Pa.

H. E. DEATS, Assistant Librarian,
Flemington, N. J.

H. D. WATSON, Collecting Agent,
64 Cedar St., New York City.

W. F. GREGORY, Auction Purchasing Agent,
71 Nassau St., New York City.

JOHN J. OESCH, Superintendent of Sales Dept.,
34 Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill.

P. M. WOLSEFFER, Auction Purchasing Agent,
1009 Atwood Bldg., Chicago, Ill.

A. W. BATCHELDER, Auction Purchasing Agent,
21 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass.

REPORT OF SECRETARY

For the Week Ending October 11th.

Applications for Membership.

BULTMANN, ROBERT, 200 E. Randolph St., Chicago, Ill.; age, 48; occupation, Asst. Cashier, Morrison, Plummer Co., Wholesale Druggists. References: Edw. H. Buehler, John J. Oesch; Resident Vice-President, A. F. Merell.

FISKE, GEO. F., 100 State St., Chicago, Ill.; age, 43; occupation, Physician & Surgeon. References: J. J. Oesch, P. M. Wolseffler; Resident Vice-President, A. F. Merell.

New Stockholder.

1777. NORCROSS, ORVILLE, 729 Clay St., San Francisco, Cal.

Changes of Address.

1530. BARTLETT, J. D., from Springfield, Mass., to East Jamaica, Vt.

1650. McFarland, C. Louis, from Box 165, Berkeley, Cal., to 1922 Franklin St., San Francisco, Cal.

Membership Summary.

Membership Oct. 4th.....	561
New Stockholder.....	1
Total membership Oct. 11th.....	562

H. E. DEATS, Secretary.

whose portrait it bears. Connell was a postmaster-general in New Brunswick and placed himself on an issue of stamps. The Government, however, took his job from him for his vanity, a matter of £600 a year, and the incident gave rise to the couplet:

"Sax hundred pounds to see his face
Posting around from place to place."

The stamp is unused, brown in color and valued at \$125.

Specimens of three series of stamps which show errors in printing attract considerable notice although they are United States stamps of 1901. They were struck off for the Pan-American Exposition at Buffalo. Three values are shown, one cent, two cent and four cent. The first bears a picture of a steamship; the second, of a train, and the third of an automobile. The first sheet of each denomination was printed with the picture upside down. The error was then corrected, but those that were run off are now worth more than a \$100 each.

Seventy classes are open at the exhibition for various kinds of stamps, and medals and diplomas are offered. These will be awarded this evening. The judges are R. J. Taussig, president of the Mechanic's Institute; William E. Loy, vice-president of the American Philatelic Association; E. S. Blackwell, secretary of the Berkeley society; A. H. Weber, past president of the Pacific society, and A. L. Ott, a member of the International Philatelisten of Dresden.

Among the exhibitors are Alexander

Holland, Ernest R. Ackerman, John N. Luff and E. B. Power of New York; M. H. Lombard and F. M. Crehore of Boston; Dr. S. L. Lee of Carson City; Henry J. Crocker, Miss Myra L. Palache, Miss Lucie M. Hayes, H. B. Phillips, A. H. Weber, Charles Bachmann, A. H. Greenebaum, W. J. Gardner, J. S. Ewen, Frank Koenig, S. C. Marcuse, Ross O'Shaughnessy, E. W. Smith, O. N. Sanford, F. J. Claxton, G. Folke and William Sellschopp of San Francisco; Miss E. V. Ott and Walter Lester of Berkeley and Miss E. D. Jackson of New York.

The Athletics and the Pirates are the leaders in their respective leagues, but I am the tailender in prices in the Dealers' Association.

This is a sweeping statement, but the prices quoted show that I can make it good.

	Price.	My price.
Newfoundland No. 13, fine margins.....	\$16.00	\$7.50
Same, good copy but cut rather close ..	..	3.80
Newfoundland No. 1.....	1.75	.85
" " 5.....	1.50	.63
" " 24.....	1.00	.50
" " 3, used.....	3.50	.45
" " 40, mint.....	.30	.15
" " 63, ".....	.10	.05
Seychelles No. 5, 0. g., mint.....	.85	.09
Hawaii No. 24, unused.....	1.25	.32
U. S. No. 76, used.....	.55	.15
" " 153, ".....	1.50	.55
" \$1.00 Imp. Power Attorney, used	1.00	.97
" \$2.00 Probate Will, perf.....	1.00	.32
Costa Rica No. 2232, 0. g.....	.80	.66
" " 42, 0. g.....	6.00	.60
" " 43, 0. g.....	5.00	1.80
" " 44, 0. g.....	10.00	1.75
100 good approval sheets.....	..	.16
1000 " " express extra.....	..	2.05

Postage extra on orders under 25c.
E. C. Dodd, 259 So. Hermitage Ave., Chicago.

Topics About Town.

FROM NEW YORK CITY.

Mr. Jno. F. Seybold of Syracuse, N. Y., was in town recently. He no doubt picked up a few varieties while in the city, as he told the writer that he expected to add a few more "nice things" to his already fine collection, one stamp he particularly mentioned being a Brattleboro on the entire cover.

The fifth auction sale of Scott & Dieschbourg will be held on Thursday, October 16th, at the Collectors Club. There are 534 lots listed of the better run of "stuff."

The next meeting of the Manhattan Philatelic Society will occur on October 16th. An exhibition of the stamps of Germany and Colonies is down on the programme for the evening's entertainment.

A private correspondent of mine in Chicago sends me a letter under date of October 3rd, from which I take the following extract: "A new stamp company has started up here called the 'United Stamp Co.' and is to be a big thing. P. M. Wolsieffer, President, and F. N. Massoth, Sec'y-Treas. They have formed a stock company and joined their stocks of stamps. Wolsieffer will run the auctions and Massoth the approval business. Awhile they will continue their two offices. This was fixed up yesterday, but they have already had name painted on their doors."

My correspondent also informs me that *Robinson's Review* was appointed official journal of the Philatelic Sons of America. VOLUNTEER.

Canadian Philatelic Society.

The Board of Trustees of the above society held a meeting at Montreal, Sept. 24th. Various matters were discussed and plans for the season of 1902-3 were made.

The gentleman who was elected Purchasing Agent in the recent election, reported that he would not be able to attend to the Department, so a new man was appointed to fill his place.

The President stated that he was in correspondence with the various officers and made a number of suggestions in regard to more care being taken as to who were admitted to the membership of the Society.

It was decided that the Board should meet some time during the first week of every month. The officials of the Board are: Chairman, O. W. Barwick; Secretary, A. R. Magill, Box 1019, Montreal, Can. M.

Scarce U. S. Cheap! 90c 1888, 40c: 90c 1872, 50c: 12c 1869, 90c: 24c 1869, 2c.00: 2c re-issue of 1869, 3c.00: Justice *10c, \$1.25: Justice *24c, \$6.80: Interior *90c, \$1.00: State *7c, \$1.25: State *30c, \$2.50. Everything in U. S. at cut prices. Send list of wants. [92
F. H. PINKHAM, Newmarket, N. H.

B. L. DREW & CO.

ANNOUNCE THEIR

One Hundredth Sale

TO OCCUR

November 24, 25 and 26th.

CATALOGUES NOW READY.

This wonderful sale eclipses anything offered anywhere this year. Among the 1834 lots it contains are the 1, 2 and 4c Pan American INVERTS, \$500.00 and \$1,000.00 Revenues, a superb lot of covers, all B. N. A. shillings, Rare Mauritius, Oldenburg complete, and the best lot of Germans ever offered in Boston.

A TOUR OF THE WEST will be made with this sale, and by inquiring for our Mr. B. L. Drew at any of the Hotels mentioned below, collectors may see this wonderful exhibition of rare stamps, and also have their choice from a magnificent collection of 10,000 picked copies at very reasonable prices. Mr. Drew extends to all a cordial invitation to visit him.

OMAHA, Oct. 22nd with the Mecca Stamp Co., 9 A. M. to 6 P. M.

DENVER, Oct. 24th, Brown Palace Hotel, 7 to 10 P. M.

SALT LAKE CITY, Knutsford, Oct. 27th, 4 to 9 P. M.

SAN FRANCISCO, Palace Hotel, Oct. 29th and 30th, 3 to 6 and 7 to 11 P. M.

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 1st, 3 to 5 and 7 to 11 P. M., at the "Angelus."

Also in Kansas City, St. Louis, Cincinnati, Louisville, Ky., Pittsburg, Hamilton and Toronto, Ont., New York City, Rochester, Syracuse and Albany, N. Y., and collectors in these cities are referred to the Catalogue of the sale for information as to time and place.

CATALOGUES FREE FOR THE ASKING.

If you are thinking of selling write to

[8*

B. L. DREW & CO.,
7 WATER ST., ROOM 501, BOSTON, MASS.
THE LEADING AUCTION FIRM IN AMERICA.

THE 1903 OR 62nd EDITION

OF THE

Standard Postage Stamp Catalogue

WILL BE READY IN DECEMBER.

PRICE 58c POST FREE.

ADVANCE SHEETS.

Mailed to subscribers, as each form is printed, on payment of \$5.00. No dealer can afford to be without them.

INTERNATIONAL POSTAGE STAMP ALBUM.

Nineteenth and Twentieth Century Editions now in course of preparation, will be published November 15th and sold at popular prices.

Write for particulars and 84-page price list. [98*

SCOTT STAMP & COIN CO.,
18 EAST 23RD ST., NEW YORK, N. Y.

The Postal Card Society of America.

Officers for 1902-3.

President, HORACE E. CARPENTER, JR., Care N. B. Bradley & Sons, Bay City, Mich.

Vice-President, J. T. ALBERT HOSBACH, 1422 North 53rd St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Secretary, W. P. AGEE, Hope, Ark.

Treasurer, JOHN N. MORSE, 105 Devonshire St., Boston, Mass.

Executive Committee, GUY A. BRYANT, Princeton, Ill.; W. D. ARNOLD, The Portland, Broadway, St. Paul, Minn.; N. HASKELL WITMER, 230 S. 9th St., La Crosse, Wis.

Exchange Superintendent, J. T. A. HOSBACH, 1422 No. 53rd St., Phila., Pa.

Purchasing Agent, ADOLPH LONMEYER, 922 N. Gilmer St., Baltimore, Md.

International Secretary, E. DOEBLIN, P. O. Box 736, Pittsburg, Pa.

Official Journal, THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA.

The New England Philatelic Association.

Organized February, 1893.

Board of Officers:

President, CHARLES H. SMITH, Dedham, Mass.

Vice President, J. FAVILL CAPRON, 22 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass.

Secretary and Treasurer, H. W. LEGG, Pepperell, Mass.

Sales Department, CHARLES H. STONE, 91 Antrim St., Cambridgeport, Mass.

Information Bureau, MRS. WALLACE DANA SMITH, 30 Wihard St., Portsmouth, N. H.

Counterfeit Detector, WILLIS D. KING, Naabua, N.H.

Attorney, HORACE S. BACON, 107 Stevens St., Lowell, Mass.

Governing Board, CHARLES H. STONE, Chairman, 91 Antrim St., Cambridgeport, Mass., JOHN J. COWE, New Dorchester, Mass., FRANK A. WILSON, 185 Highland Ave., Somerville, Mass.

Official Organ, THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA.

The Weekly Philatelic Era

A PAPER DEVOTED TO STAMP NEWS.

50c PER YEAR.

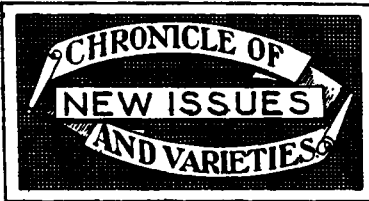
ENTERED AT PORTLAND POST OFFICE AS SECOND CLASS MATTER JAN. 10, 1890.

2c PER COPY.

VOL. XVII. No. 4.

PORTLAND, ME., SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1902.

WHOLE No. 492.



BY HENRY A. KIDDER.

Friends of the ERA are invited to send to the editor of this department any information regarding new issues or varieties that may prove of interest. Such information will be suitably acknowledged. Address, HENRY A. KIDDER, 17 Addison Street, Arlington, Mass.

Exchanges will please send Mr. Kidder a copy of each issue to the foregoing address, and an extra copy of the ERA will be gladly sent whenever desired.

UNITED STATES.—We are again indebted to the Washington correspondent of the *Metropolitan Philatelist* for information relating to the new series of stamps now being prepared. The drawing for the new 2c stamp is not yet completed, but it is understood that the portrait of Washington is not to be that so long familiar to the public, but to be partially full facing, possibly like that on the 10c and 12c 1861, or the 6c 1869. The 4c will soon be ready for a die proof. Work is now progressing on the first plate for the new 13c stamp, and it is likely that within a very short time stamps of this value will be ready for public use.

ANTIGUA.—According to the *American Journal of Philately* the new Antigua stamps will not have the King's head with the exception of the 5sh. It is understood that the design will be "some view of the Island taken from the seal of the Presidency."

AUSTRIA.—On the occasion of the 14th convention of German Philatelists, held in Vienna, September 6 to 9, a special 5h card was issued, being the current card with the frame omitted. Above the inscription "Correspondenz-Karte" appears the following in two lines: "XIV. Deutscher Philatelisten-Tag, Wien—6.-9. September 1902." This inscription is printed in red and, as a correspondent informs Mr. Lohmeyer, on a small number of copies, in black.

Postal Cards (Commemorative):

5h green, black and red on buff, no frame.
5h green and black on buff, no frame.

BAHAMAS.—Mr. Lohmeyer is informed by the postmaster at Nassau, with whom he had placed an order for the new King-type cards, which were to be ready in September, that they are not expected before December.

BULGARIA.—Referring to Mr. Lohmeyer's recent chronicles of inland cards on yellow and gray thin cardboard, or rather, thick paper, reverse white, *Ill. Briefmarken Journal* says that they were provisional issues, printed on the paper made for the letter cards of 1893, 5st gray and 15st yellow, pending the arrival of the regular cardboard, the stock of which had become exhausted. It is stated that 30,000 of each were printed.

We have been shown the 5c of the commemorative issue chronicled last week, which was issued to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the defence of the Shipka Pass by the Bulgarian soldiers. The stamp before us is 25mm. wide by 39mm. high and is poorly designed and engraved. Our correspondent calls the color bloody maroon.

Adhesives (Commemorative):

5s maroon.
10s green.
15s blue.

CAYMAN ISLANDS.—The ½d green King's head has appeared here.

CHILE.—Mr. A. W. Dunning has received the 1c green and 5c blue of the current series on thin, transparent paper. The stamps have an oily appearance, but the gum is very hard and smooth.

The statement that the Chilian government contemplates a new issue is confirmed by the *Diario Oficial* of July 16, which says that the set will include ten postal and six telegraphic stamps. Designs are solicited and a prize of 300 pesos will be given for each design accepted. The competition will close November 15.

COREA.—Mr. C. A. Howes has shown us a horizontal pair of the 2ch blue, 1900, imperforate between.

CUBA.—Mr. D. T. Eaton sends a copy of a new surcharge 1c on 3c regular issue. The surcharge, which is printed in red reads "Un Centavo—Habilitado—Octubre 1902." The third section is printed at the right with the top of the letters towards the center of the stamp where is printed in red a large figure "1," 12mm. high. Mr. Eaton is informed that this provisional is to be in use only a short time.

Adhesives (Provisional):
1c on 3c purple and red.

DENMARK.—In addition to the two new stamps listed in No. 490, we learn from the *Stamp Collector's Fortnightly* that official stamps are to be issued of the denominations of 1c, 5c and 10c, these values being hitherto unknown in the official issues of Denmark. Two new envelopes are also announced.

Adhesives (Official):

1 ore, orange.
5 ore, green.
10 ore, carmine.

Envelopes (Regular):
5c green on white.
10c carmine on white.

King Edward British Colonials.

Cayman ½d.....	\$0.08	Gold Coast ¼d.....	.08
England ½d and 1d.....	.05	id.....	.04
1 ½d.....	.04	sd.....	.06
2d.....	.06	Gambia ¼ and 1d.....	.06
2 ½d.....	.06	2d.....	.06
3d.....	.08	2 ½d.....	.08
4d.....	.10	3d.....	.10
5d.....	.12	4d.....	.12
6d.....	.15	5d.....	.16
7d.....	.20	6d.....	.16
10d.....	.22	7d.....	.18
15d.....	.28	10d.....	.22
15h 6d.....	.66	15d.....	.28
3sh.....	1.35	15h.....	.32
40 pears.....	.08	20d.....	.35
Grenada ¼ and 1d.....	.06	10s.....	.65
2d.....	.06	St. Helena ¼ and 1d.....	.06
2 ½d.....	.08	St. Vincent ¼ and 1d.....	.06
3d.....	.08	Straits 3c.....	.04
5h.....	1.60	3c.....	.06
		5c.....	.18
		10c.....	.20
		Transvaal ¼ and 1d.....	.06
		sd.....	.06
		2 ½d.....	.08
		5d.....	.16
		6d.....	.16

Return Postage must be added.

STANLEY GIBBONS, LTD.,

167 BROADWAY,

NEW YORK CITY.

U. S. REVENUES.

U. S. POSTAGE.

I have them, what do you need?
Uncancelled Revenues Civil War issue. Do you need any?
25 Varieties old Civil War Revenues..... 17c
65 Varieties old Civil War Revenues..... \$1.00
FRED G. JONES,
2013 Brook St., LOUISVILLE, KY.

CHAPTER V.

I find that every improvement I make in Osgood's Famous Big Selections meets with instant recognition proving that collectors like to have approvals presented in a signily form and with due regard to the convenience of the buyer.
Try and see. References.
25 Varieties Pre-cancelled stamps... 25c
I buy Precancelled. What have you?

D. W. OSGOOD,

South Fork, Rio Grande Co., Colorado.
[To be Continued.]

FERNANDO PO.—A correspondent informs us that he has received a 25c stamp, type A10, color, maroon, with the date changed to 1902. It will be noticed that the color does not conform to the U. P. U requirements nor does it quite agree with the color listed below.

Adhesives (Regular):

- 5c blue.
10c green.
25c carmine.
50c dark brown.
75c lilac.
1p rose.
5p brown green.
10p brick red.

GAMBIA.—Mr. Lohmeyer has received the new King type cards, issued recently. The addition "CARTE POSTALE" to the inscription, first adopted on the 1900 permanent 2-cent cards of the British Honduras, appears to be a settled fixture. The third line on these Postal Union cards, formerly "POST (arms) CARD," now reads "POST CARD (arms) CARTE POSTALE."

Postal Cards (Regular):

- 1d carmine on cream, 88x140mm.
1x1d carmine on cream, T, 3, 88x140mm.

GERMANY.—Mr. Edward de Z. Kelley has received information to the effect that the Prussian government will issue official stamps on labels after Jan. 1. It is said that these stamps will be in use only during the year 1903, and that the issue is for the purpose of ascertaining how much free matter is passing in the mails. Full information in regard to the design is not at hand, but it is understood that the stamps are to bear a large figure of value and suitable wording, and will conform in color of ink and paper (?) to the corresponding values in the regular postal series. The issue is called the "figure stamps" by the correspondent from whom the above information is derived. The values to be issued are the 2, 3, 5, 10, 25 and 50pf.

GUATEMALA.—The New England Stamp Co. has shown us the low values, 1c to 50c, of the new pictorial issue of this country, chronicled in No. 488. The stamps are a horizontal oval, the printing being 21x27mm. The stamps, however, in beauty of design and tasteful selection of colors, form a refreshing contrast to the
(Continued on page 27.)

TRADE COLUMN.

Under this head we will print exchange, want ads for sale notices, business announcements, 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.
One four-line notice free with each subscription, providing copy accompanies the subscription.

THREE Consecutive Insertions of SAME ad in this Column for PRICE OF TWO.

If you want any part or a full set of the late Private Proprietaries, let me hear from you. I have the scarce ones in perfect condition. GEO. H. ANDERS, Norristown, Pa. [94]

2,000 Die Cut Stamp Hinges, 15c. GEORGE H. HOPE, 87 Ring St., Providence, R. I.

High grade stamps at a bargain: Bavaria 1864, 18 kr vermilion red, 50c; Brunswick 1867-7, 1/2 agr on brown, \$1.40; Cape 1853-64, 6d, \$1.00; Corrientes, dark blue, \$1.25; yellow, 30c; green, 35c; Danish West Indies (all D. W. I. are very fine except No. 3 which is centered slightly to left; all * o. g.) No. 1, \$4.00; No. 2, \$2.00; No. 3, \$3.00; No. 4, \$1.00; No. 5b, \$1.00; No. 5c, \$2.50; No. 7a, \$1.25; No. 9, 60c; No. 10, 75c; Denmark 1864-5, 8s, o. g., \$4.00; Fiji 1871, 6d rose, * o. g., \$2.25; Gr. Britain 1880, 2 1/2 d ultramarine, * o. g., 60c; Hayti No. 13, 3, o. g., 90c; Netherlands 1801-4, 2 1/2 g, fine pair, 75c; 1809, 2 1/2 g, fine pair, 75c; N. S. W. 1871-8, 9d, * o. g., \$1.00; Prussia 1850-5, 4 pf \$1.50; 6 pf, * o. g., 90c; Trinidad 1817, 1d blue on blue \$1.00; 2d, 1d, 1d purple brown on blue, * o. g., \$2.00; 3d, 1d blackish violet on white, * o. g., \$1.50; 1854, 1d, * o. g., 90c. * means unused. Collection 5000 var., foreign only, mounted alphabetically, \$13.50. Cash with order; postage extra; money promptly refunded if not as represented. H. C. BEARDSLEY, (A. P. A. #10), Box 216, St. Joseph, Mo. [94]

Big auction of fine stamps in "The Philatelic Star" of Madison, N. Y. Better send for a copy. [94]

Private Proprietary Stamps, all old roulette, when issued so, mounted on card 17x10 inches, comprising blocks of 4 each Branca, Fletcher, Warner, Antikamnia, Johnson, Williams and Piao, one pair Radway and one each Marchand (7), Lee (5), Lanman & Kemp (3), Emerson (4), Hostetter (1), Od Chem. Co. (1), 51 in all. Catalogued about \$25.00, for \$12.00 net cash. A. MACK, Box 494, Ottawa, Ont. [94]

Thanks for responses to my ads. Still on hand 4000 arrow points at 1c each. Also offer to send for double postage, nice pottery fragments found near Oothlacoochee's mound on Savannah River. Joel H. DuBose, Huguenot, Ga. [94]

Exchange desired with collectors of Pan-American plate numbers. Send list of your duplicates and receive mine. I have a large number of duplicates for exchange. P. H. HILL, Nashville, Tenn. [93]

A conglomeration of about 50,000 U. S. Stamps (51 to 90) with a sprinkling of foreign, accumulated by a lady who tried to get a million. Contains no Brattleboro nor Millbury, 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? W. W. NORTON, Lime Rock, Ct. [94]

Wholesale selections on approval. New issues, sets, etc. Reference required. A. E. Cole, Plainfield, N. J. [94]

Ecuador Jubilee set, est. \$1.25, my price 24c; Hawaii 18c rose, unused, cat \$1.25, my price 33c; U. S. \$1, black, (95), 18c; Scott's 1902 catalogue only 40c postpaid. H. K. MOYER, Easton, Pa. [94]

Dealers and collectors having fair quantity English stamps (common or rare) issued previous to Jubilee sets, address for offer, F. W. PICKARD, 2427 S. Ingleside, Cincinnati, O. [90&2]

Correspondence solicited with collectors of entire, unused U. S. Envelopes. Will sell or exchange either by Scott's or Bartels' Catalogue. HENRY J. SIMPSON, 325 North Division St., Buffalo, N. Y. [93]

We can place your ads in any stamp paper and save you money. Write. J. N. BURTON, Madison, N. Y. [93]

In exchange for postage stamps and U. S. Revenues in good condition, my old viola and Villamur bow also an Alcide Goband violin and Tourte bow. These instruments were bought by me twelve years ago for my own use, the viola and bow cost me \$68, the violin and bow cost me \$27. GEO. F. LORING, 53 State St., Boston, Mass. [94]

Wanted: Tobacco tags, Cigar bands and Sweet Coporal box fronts. Rare stamps, coins, etc., for them. Write. ALFON J. A. STARK, 705 Park Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.

Want lists filled at 1/2 to 3/4 off Scott. 8000 Var. on hand. F. W. Pickard, 2427 Ingleside, Cincinnati, O. [94]

1 phil. paper given for every 5c worth of stamps selected from sheets. Papers new, covered and before 1900. Send good stamps. WILL H. FEDDER, Dansville, N. Y.

Wanted for cash, broken bank and Confederate notes. I buy and sell. R. L. DEITRIEK, Lorraine, Va. [94]

4 x 5 Vive Camera, also 4 x 4, for best offer in stamps. H. W. BOERS, 322 Erskine, Detroit, Mich. [94]

To exchange for good U. S. Postage, Department or Revenue Stamps, Coin, metal, silver plated, gold mounted E-flat Clarinet in leather case, fine condition, plating in good shape, cash value \$25.00. Address with list of stamps, BRAYTON, Box 210, Freeport, Mich.

25 stamps, cataloguing \$1.00, for 10c; 5c Providence, corner missing, for \$1.85. GEO. H. HOPE, 87 Ring St., Providence, R. I.

Illustrated Envelopes and Tokens of Civil War for sale. Stamps sent on approval. Send reference. S. L. FUTER, 431 N. 41st St., Phila., Pa. [94]

Fine used Souvenir Cards of St. Petersburg, views of Italy, Bavaria, Germany, Austria, Hung y, Eng., Ireland, Egypt, 3c each or 30c doz. J. H. DuBose, Huguenot, Ga.

Wanted for cash, one each of the following numbers "Am. Journal of Phil." Must be clean and whole. Send list of what you have with price asked for each number. Vol. I Nos. 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12; Vol. II Nos. 3, 4, 5; Vol. III No. 1; Vol. IV No. 12; Vol. V Nos. 4, 5, 8, 9, 12; Vol. VII Nos. 2, 4, 7, 8, 11; Vol. XI No. 7; Vol. XIV No. 8. Also will pay Five cents each for any numbers of Vols. I to VIII inclusive. Must be whole and clean and carriage paid. A. W. DUNNING, Newton, Mass. [93]

U. S. almost given away! 15c 1868, grilled, 40c; 19c 1868, grilled, 20c; *4c gray lilac, 1861, cat. \$4. \$1.50; 5c yellow, 1861, cat. \$7. \$4.00; 2c pink, true shade, cat. \$7.50. \$1.50; *3c Columbian, 1876, \$5.00 1895, \$1.50; Hundreds of U. S. Postage, Dept., Envelopes, Revenues, etc., at 1/2 to 3/4 of cat. Send want list. F. H. PINKHAM, Newmarket, N. H. [93]

How about "The Philatelic Star" of Madison, N. Y. 1 50 Natal etc. & 5 mo. sub. for 6c. Money back if not O. K. [93]

New Zealand 2sh, current, 25c; King Edward 1/2, \$1.25. Other bargains. KING, 141 East 19th St., New York. [93]

Cash paid for good U. S. or foreign postage on original covers. Send what you have. BEDFORD STAMP CO., 702 Duff St., Pittsburg, Pa. [92]

50 var. of postage stamps from Western Hemisphere only 17c. G. H. Hope, 87 Ring St., Providence, R. I.

Pre-cancelled Stamps: If you have not seen my June list better send for it at once. A few are now out of stock, others will be soon. CHAS. A. TOWNSEND, Akron, Ohio. [92]

Ionian Islands 1859, complete set of them unused, \$2.20; Greece Nos. 129, 130 and 131, set of 3, \$1.70; New South Wales 6d brown, No. 28, 70c. Hawaii unused, No. 45, 60c; No. 62, 35c; No. 64, 80c; No. 73, \$1.80. Hawaii used, No. 33, 30c; No. 36, 70c; No. 40, 60c; No. 41, \$1.00. Net cash with order. I have others. Write. A. MACK, Box 494, Ottawa, Ont. [92]

Bargains in U. S. Private Prop., Doc. or Prop. 1898-02 Revs. F. B. Kirby, 227 Arnold St., New Bedford, Mass. [92]

Stamps free. 50 mixed and Price Lists for 2c stamp. J. T. HANDFORD, P. O. Box 1197, New York City, New York. [92]

Want to buy Hawaiian Numeral stamp, used or unused, Scott's numbers 10 to 26 inclusive. What can you offer me? J. R. VIETS, 26 Greystone Park, Lynn, Mass. [97]

Wanted: 10 black Great Britain on original cover. Name price. We buy, exchange, or sell stamps. Correspondence invited. HARVARD STAMP CO., Cambridge, A Station, Mass. [93]

I have some information of value to auction buyers, or to those who are thinking of selling at auction. Write for it today. I. W. RISDON, Cambridgeport, Mass. [93]

You will like my approval sheets; try them. References required. GEO. A. KNIGHT, 90 Meridian St., East Boston, Mass. [98]

Pre-cancelled U. S. on approval. Exch. desired with advanced collectors. L. E. Richardson, Putnam, Ct. [93]

Want to buy for cash, Pre-cancelled Postage stamps. Send what you have. F. L. SMITH, 40 Exchange Place, New York. [98]

Pre-cancelled postage wanted; send duplicates & lowest cash prices. J. H. Wilms, 2434 W. Madison, Louisville, Ky [94]

Pre-cancelled postage wanted. Will pay three cents for every one I can use in my collection. If preferred will give more in trade. ERNEST R. ALDRICH, Benson, Minn. [94]

BARGAINS! Cheaper than Auction!

ALL UNUSED.

Executive set complete.....	\$21.00
War set complete.....	3.00
Agriculture set complete.....	15.00
Navy 7 and 10c slightly penmarked, balance unused.....	19.00
State 12 and 90c slight penmark, balance unused.....	20.00
Treasury 24c slight penmark, balance unused.....	5.00

Chesapeake Stamp Co., [93*

212 W. Saratoga St., Baltimore, Md.

RUBBER STAMPS

exchanged for U. S. and foreign stamps not in my collection. For particulars address W. A. CARR, 6 Sycamore St., Rochester, N. Y.

usual style of Central American issues. Both the frame and vignette are entirely different in each stamp, though the various inscriptions in the frame are the same, though differently arranged. On each stamp appears: "Guatemala—U. P. U.—1902," and the value expressed both in figures and in letters. The 1c has arms of Guatemala and the Quetzal bird in a central circle, with "Guatemala—Un Centavo" in the surrounding band, and "U. P. U.—1902," in little oblong frames, broken into the circle on each side. The figures of value appear in small circles while the balance of the stamp is filled with lathe work and ornamental scrolls. The other stamps have ornamental borders or frames of different designs with the central pictures in irregular shaped openings except the 50c in which it is in a broad oval. The 2c and 10c have the figures of value near the top at either end of the label which contains the name of the country. The other values have both the figures and letters at the bottom, the figure being in small circles with the value in letters between. In all the denominations except the 1c the title of the central picture is printed below in small but clear letters. The colors as given in No. 488 were correct, as far as seen. The series is a notable addition to the class of pictorial stamps and will undoubtedly be a favorite with the average collector. It is said that only 10,000 copies each of the 20c bistre brown and 25c blue green chronicled in No. 486 were issued.

HONDURAS.—The *American Journal of Philately* is informed that the American Bank Note Company is preparing a new issue of stamps for Honduras, which will probably be placed on sale shortly.

MAURITIUS.—Mr. Louis G. Barrett has shown the recent surcharges "Postage & Revenue" on 4c, 15c, 25c and 50c, with the crossbar and final curl of the "&" so badly broken as to constitute a distinct variety.

NEW FOUNDLAND.—*Even's Stamp News* reports having seen the 2c and 3c of the current issue, both imperforate.

NEW SOUTH WALES.—The *Australian Philatelist* has been informed that it is the

intention of the New South Wales post office to immediately issue a stamp of the value of 2sh 6d, and that all the Australian states not possessing this value in their current set are to at once follow suit. The resolution of the issue was to take place dates from July 1, and the idea is to similarize the values issued by all the states, so that a 2sh 6d stamp for New South Wales, Victoria and Western Australia may be expected almost immediately. No doubt as a preliminary step towards the Commonwealth issues expected in three years' time, there will be some modification of the individual sets, so that all the states may be more in line with one another. To accomplish this, the 12½d, 2sh and 15sh values require to be dropped; New South Wales wants a 2sh 6d value; Victoria, 2sh 6d and 10sh; and Western Australia, 2sh 6d, 5sh, 10sh, £1.

Mr. Lohmeyer says: "About three months ago I chronicled the Inland rd card printed temporarily on thick white card board. I have now received the same card on a thin blue white card board. It is not stated whether there is another temporary printing, pending the arrival of the regular cream colored thick card board."

Postal Card (Provisional):
1d vermilion on thin white, 89x140mm.

Mr. A. W. Dunning sends us some new Newspaper Railway stamps for examination. They are of two types, but of similar design. The values 1d to 1sh are upright rectangular and the 2sh and 5sh values are horizontal rectangular. Both have a locomotive engine as the central figure but the design and engraving of the higher values is much superior to the others. The stamps are 13x18mm. A more striking stamp is the Parcels stamp, also sent us by Mr. Dunning. This has the figure and letter of value in white upon a net work shield, surrounded by a broad circle of blue, with "Government Railway—New South Wales" in white block letters. In the corners is ornamental lathe work, with "Parcels" "stamp" in the upper corners. The values and colors are given by Mr. Dunning as follows.

Adhesives (Newspaper):

- 1d blue.
- 3d purple.
- 6d green.
- 1sh vermilion.
- 2sh 6d yellow.
- 5sh bistre brown.

Adhesives (Parcels):

- 3d blue.
- 6d vermilion.
- 1sh purple.

NICARAGUA.—A new surcharge has been shown us, the 2c vermilion of 1900 having been surcharged "15 CVOS—1902" in black. The value appears at the top and the date at the bottom.

VICTORIA.—Mr. Lohmeyer reports having received the two pence letter card, type of 1901, with stamp inscribed "POSTAGE" in the oval on both sides. Furthermore, the last clause of the instructions on the reverse side of the card, referring to enclosures, has been omitted.

Letter Card (Regular):

- 1d red on light gray, 94x150mm. perf. IV. T.

JUST RECEIVED I SENF'S 1902-3

POSTAL CARD CATALOGUE,

400 pages, flexib e cloth.
Price, 35c Post Paid.

Order quickly. Stock limited.

A. LOHMEYER,
922 N. Gilmor St., BALTIMORE, MD.

CANADA.

1882 6c red brown, unused, o. g.....	} the four varieties 87 cents post free.
1897 6c Jubilee, unused, o. g.....	
1897 6c Maple Leaves, unused, o. g.....	
1898 6c figures, unused, o. g.....	

Cash with order.

Do you want Canadian postage stamps or Revenues on approval? Send in your want list and a good reference.

A. C. ROUSSEL,
2106 St. Catherine St., MONTREAL, CAN.

Look!

Rare Stamps 50% Commission!

50% COMMISSION!

Send for some of my approval sheets. Such bargains never offered before. Don't delay but send at once. Collections of stamps bought for cash. Send once and you will again.

[94*

Francis R. Dennison,

Box 896, WATERLOO, N. Y.

WE WANT TO BUY

the following U. S. Unused Envelopes, either entire or cut square with large margins:

Scott's No.	1303.
"	1425.
"	1476.
"	1484.
"	1518.
"	1567.
"	1574.
"	1580.

CHAS. H. STONE & CO.,

19 Washington St., BOSTON, MASS.

REVENUES AT 75 to 80% BELOW SCOTT.

Compare prices with Catalogue.

	Imperf.	Part Perf.	Perf.
3c Bank Check.....	\$.02	\$.03	\$.00
5c Inland Exchange.....	.. .02	..	..
10c ".....	.. .02	..	..
10c Power of Attorney.....	.. .10	.. .01	..
20c Inland Exchange.....	.. .10	.. .02	.. .01
25c Bond.....	.. .10	.. .03	..
25c Certificate.....	.. .03	..	..
25c Insurance.....	.. .26	.. .05	.. .01
25c Power of Attorney.....	.. .06	..	.. .01
25c Protest.....	.. .20	.. .50	..
25c Warehouse Receipt.....	.. .25	.. .20	.. .20
25c Inland Exchange.....	.. .15	.. .15	.. .03
40c ".....	.. .07	..	..
50c Conveyance.....	.. .05	..	..
50c Foreign Exchange.....	.. .15	.. .20	..
50c Lease.....	.. .50	.. 1.00	.. .20
50c Life Insurance.....	.. .65	..	.. .02
50c Mortgage.....	.. .20	..	.. .01
50c Original Process.....	.. .10	..	.. .01
50c Passage Ticket.....	.. 1.25	.. .50	.. .07
50c Probate of Will.....	.. .65	..	.. .25
50c Surety Bond.....	.. .15	.. .03	..
60c Inland Exchange.....	.. .20	.. .08	..
\$1.00 Conveyance.....	.. .15	..	.. .05
\$1.00 Inland Exchange.....	.. .05	..	.. .01
\$1.00 Lease.....	.. .40	..	.. .04
\$1.00 Manifest.....	.. .50	..	..
\$1.00 Mortgage.....	.. .50	..	..
\$1.00 Passage Ticket.....	.. 3.00	..	..
\$1.00 Power of Attorney.....	.. .35	..	.. .04
\$1.00 Probate of Will.....	.. .50	..	.. .50

All in fine condition. The imperf. and part perforates all have large margins

Postage extra on orders under 25 cents.

[95*

Golden Gate Stamp Co.,
632 Market St., SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

60% Discount.

Order by Catalogue No. and price and deduct 60%.

*Unused.

Will refund the money for anything returned that is not satisfactory.

GUATEMALA

*1,	*10,	*11,	*12,	*13,	*14,	*15,
*16,	*17,	*21,	*22,	*23,	*24,	*25,
*26,	*27,	33,	34,	35,	40,	*42d,
48,	50,	*51,	*52,	*54,	55,	56,
57,	73,	75,	*76,	*77,	*78,	*79,
*80,	*81,	88,	*85,	*86,	*87,	*88,
*89,	*90,	*91,	*92,	*93,	*94,	*95,
*96,	*97,	*101,	*106,	*107,	*108,	

NICARAGUA

*3,	*4,	5,	*6,	*7,	*8,	*9,	10,
*12,	*17,	*18,	413,	414,			

BRAZIL

53,	54,	56,	57,	59,	66,	68,
69,	70,	76,	83,	253,	254,	256,
257,	263,	264,	404,	405,	406,	

E. F. GAMBS ESTATE,

P. O. Box 2631, SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

UNUSED CURRENT ISSUES

of any country supplied at 10 per cent. over face value. Full details and explanatory circular for 6 cents. (17) International Stamp Co., Montreal, Canada.

PORTO RICO

1898, 4 milésimas, used..... 20 cts.

HAWAII

No. 34, 18c dull rose, fine..... 35 cts.

62, 12c Prov. Gov't, o. g..... 45 cts.

CANADA JUBILEE

\$2.00 used, \$0.75; \$5.00 used, \$1.25

Fine Approval Selections 50%.

WM. H. HUSH, Station J, BALTIMORE, MD.

rent number for instance presents a sketch of Hamoud ben Mohammed ben Said, Sultan of Zanzibar, who has recently died, and shows his portrait as it is given on the 1 rupee stamp. Let us have more of such articles and less of the twaddle which is found in so many of our papers.

The *Philatelic Referee* has put on a very pretty gray cover which improves its looks very much. The illustrated article on London postmarks is of considerable interest and will bear careful reading. The article on the stamps of China, by Mr. Poole is finished.

The *Mitteldutsche Philatelisten Zeitung* continues its list of Prussian post office numbers and in another article illustrates several of the machine cancellations used in the different German cities. Berlin and Leipzig have a very elaborate flag design and there are also several for Berlin and Hamburg with parallel bars. The marks of the various field posts in China during the late war are also shown.

The *Metropolitan Philatelist* states that the portrait of Washington to be used on the new 2-cent stamp will not be the same one which we have had for so long but another which will be partly full face. Probably it will be the Stuart or Trumbull portrait. The former was used in the 10 cent 1847 and the latter in the 90 cent 1861-8.

Convention of the Austrian and German Philatelic Society.

More than 300 participants attended this year's convention and were unanimous in the praise and appreciation of the excellent management and the beautiful entertainment which the Vienna people had prepared for their guests. Already on Friday, September 5th, 105 participants, among them 60 Viennese, had made their appearance at the joint festival session of the two entertaining Vienna societies under the presidency of Mr. de la Renottiere at the rooms of the Austrian Club "Vindobona." After the greeting and general introduction of the guests, business announcements were in order. Of general interest was the announcement that His Royal Highness, the Duke of Parma, had accepted the protectorate over the Austrian Club and would receive a delegation in October. The V. is to be congratulated and fully deserves this recognition. On Saturday morning at 10 o'clock, the presiding chairman, Mr. Umdenbach, opened the Sixth National meeting of the Association of the German and Austrian Philatelic Societies, also at Lehninger's. After the welcome, a high tribute was paid to the memory of the late president; all those present honored his memory by rising from their seats; after that the roll was read and the business meeting began.

UNITED STAMP CO.,

P. M. WOLSIEFFER, President.
F. N. MASSOTH, Sec'y and Treas.

Auction Sales will be a feature of this season's business with us. Mr. Massoth will continue the Chicago Philatelic Society Sales, and the next one will be on Nov. 1st. Catalogues free on application. Mr. Wolsieffer's Sale will follow two weeks later, and after that one or two each month during the season. The sale of Nov. 1st will be rich in wholesale lots, and U. S. Revenues.

P. M. WOLSIEFFER, 1010 Atwood Bldg. } Chicago.
F. N. MASSOTH, 1603 Marquette Bldg. }

N. B. Patrons will kindly send mail to individual addresses till a permanent address is arranged for.

TONGA-SAMOA-HAWAII.

Tonga 1897, sd, unused.....	\$0.08
" 1897, 2½d "	.10
Samoa 1899, ½p "	.03
" 1899, 2p, "	.05
	Cat.
" 1894-1900, 1½p on 2p, unused....	\$0.12 .06
" 1894-1900, 3p on 2p, black surch.	.25 .12
HAWAII.	
1893 1c violet, unused.....	.20 .11
1c blue, " .....	.20 .12
1c green, " .....	.20 .04
10c black, " .....	.40 .25
25c violet, "	1.50 .80
5c brown, " .....	.30 .20
2c rose, " .....	.12 .08

BLOCKS OF FOUR.

Queensland Nos. 102 and 102a, in block, unused..	.25
" " 98 and 98a, in block, unused..	.30
Victoria No. 184, unused.....	.16

J. T. STARR STAMP COMPANY, Coldwater, Mich.

PLUMMER OF DENVER

wants to send you approval books at 50 per cent. discount.

ARE YOU WILLING?

Stamps for beginners a specialty. Special discounts to agents.

ED. PLUMMER,

Box 1029, DENVER, COLO.

Any Subscriber to the "Era"

May have a selection of stamps on approval for the asking. Only tell us something about the size of your collection. We have some fine things, at best discounts. Our approval system has no equal and it is the most satisfactory way to buy.

"MEKEEL'S STAMP COLLECTOR."

Mailed Weekly from St. Louis. Vol. XV. commenced with 1902.

All subscriptions must now commence with current number (3 months' trial, 25c), subscription \$1.00 per year in U. S. etc., and \$1.50 per year abroad.

Sample of large magazine edition 10c.

A COLLECTION OF 5000 VARIETIES of POSTAGE STAMPS, carefully selected from our own stock, **\$175.00.** Satisfaction Guaranteed.

3000 for \$45.00 ♦ **2000 for \$13.50** ♦ **1000 for \$3.40** ♦ ALL GENUINE POSTAGE STAMPS

550 Varieties mounted in a blank book (cataloguing by Scott's 61st edition Catalogue \$10.00), post free \$1.50. A Bargain for Dealer or Collector!

C. H. MEKEEL STAMP & PUBLISHING CO., ST. LOUIS, MO.

American Philatelic Association.

(INCORPORATED.)

THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA—OFFICIAL JOURNAL.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

ALEXANDER HOLLAND, President,
40 Grace Court, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Board of Vice-Presidents.
FRANK H. BURT,
Room 1046, Tremont Building, Boston, Mass.
GORDON IRELAND,
Holyoke House 21, Cambridge, Mass.
J. F. JOHNSON,
383 Lexington St., Auburndale, Mass.

H. E. DEATS, Secretary,
Flemington, N. J.
E. DOEBLIN, International Secretary,
Box 736, Pittsburg, Pa.
C. L. ANNAN, Treasurer,
Little Rock, Ark.
H. B. PHILLIPS,
1311 Grove St., Berkeley, Cal.
F. W. CONING,
Maryville, Tenn.

RESIDENT VICE-PRESIDENTS.

BOSTON, MASS.—J. F. JOHNSON, 383 Lexington St., Auburndale, Mass.
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.—W. E. LOY, 2431 Ellsworth St., Berkeley, Cal.
NEW YORK CITY.—W. F. GREGORY, 71 Nassau St.
PITTSBURG, PA.—E. DOEBLIN, Box 736.
CHICAGO, ILL.—A. F. MERELL, 433 Marquette Building.
MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.—EBERT S. MARTIN, 3344 First Avenue, South.
WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS—J. D. BARTLETT, 332 Main St., Springfield.

APPOINTEE OFFICERS.

E. H. ANDERSON, Librarian,
Carnegie Library, Pittsburg, Pa.
H. D. WATSON, Collecting Agent,
64 Cedar St., New York City.
JOHN J. OESCH, Superintendent of Sales Dept.,
34 Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill.

H. E. DEATS, Assistant Librarian,
Flemington, N. J.
W. F. GREGORY, Auction Purchasing Agent,
71 Nassau St., New York City.
P. M. WOLSIEFFER, Auction Purchasing Agent,
1009 Atwood Bldg., Chicago, Ill.
A. W. BATCHELDER, Auction Purchasing Agent,
21 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass.

REPORT OF SECRETARY

For the Week Ending October 18th.

Application for Membership.

SEEBE, F. C., 1009 Mason St., San Francisco, Cal.; age, 29; occupation, Electrician. References: Ross O'Shaughnessy, August Linck; Resident Vice-President, William E. Loy.

Change of Address.

1721. PREVOST, JOHN W., from Longmeadow, Mass., to Spencer Ave., Springfield, Mass.

Resignations Accepted.

45. HOBBS, CHARLES A., Watertown, Mass.

1731. LANG, FRED C., 575 Wells St., Chicago, Ill.

Membership Summary.

Membership Oct. 11th.....	562
Resignations accepted.....	2
Total membership Oct. 18th.....	560

The Treasurer informs me that bills for dues were sent out about Sept. 1st to all members and that no further notice will be sent. The membership list to be printed in the Year Book will close Nov. 1st and at that time all who have not paid their dues will stand suspended for non-payment.

H. E. DEATS, Secretary.

CHICAGO BRANCH, No. 1.

On October 9th, Chicago Branch No. 1 held its regular monthly meeting in the C. P. S. clubroom, at 92 La Salle St. Those present were: Messrs. Boehm, Gurley, Holland, Merell, Oesch, Severn, Stebbins, Robinson, Wolsieffer, Zajack, while Messrs. Martin, Massoth and Staab attended as visitors.

President Smack being absent Mr. Oesch was elected to the chair.

The report of the Treasurer was read and adopted and a communication was read from Mr. Deats announcing that Branch No. 1 had been made a member of the parent body.

The Secretary was instructed to see that the share of stock of the Branch be suitably framed and hung in the club room.

Messrs. Severn, Gurley and Oesch told of some interesting experiences and, after a lengthy discussion on the program of meetings for the coming winter, the meeting adjourned. The stamp drawing was then held, Mr. Stebbins being successful.

The Boston Philatelic Society.

M. H. LOMBARD, President, Winchester, Mass.
C. F. ROTHFUCHS, Vice-President, Boston.
C. A. HOWES, Secretary, 55 Kilby St., Boston.
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 Sales, 136 Congress St., Boston, Mass.
THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA, Official Journal.

Topics About Town.

FROM NEW YORK CITY.

Mr. Stewart of the Toledo Stamp Co., Toledo, O., was a recent visitor. He made some heavy purchases while in town and expressed the view that business the coming winter would be very good, that being the one reason why he is stocking up, in order to meet the rush.

A fraud that has probably "bitten" many an unwary dealer and collector is written up in one of our philatelic monthlies in the following manner:

"A few years ago there resided in New York City a collector-dealer under the name of Alfonso Millard. He started life in New York just a short time after the famous Williams of Peru swindle. After residing in New York City a little over a year, he left it with one of the largest number of debts ever left unpaid by any collector. The following since has been found out: That A. Millard of New York City, A. Monnetto, Leon Wrigley and D. P. Duggan, all of Toronto, are one and the same party. All three left Toronto at the same time and A. Viscount Miendras came out in Hamilton, Canada, a short while after.

Letters from all mentioned parties were put into Canadian P. O. Inspector's hands, and he was not found when wanted by them. He has left Canada altogether and collectors are warned to watch for him."

A branch of the C. S. P. S. will probably be located in the Bronx Borough within the near future.

Catalogues of Messrs. B. L. Drew & Co.'s tooth auction sale have just been received. In point of workmanship this catalogue excels all previous examples of this kind. The sale contains many rarities, among which I note the 1c, 2c and 4c Pan-American inverts. The contents of this sale will, for the convenience of collectors in this city, be placed on exhibition at the offices of J. C. Morganthau & Co., 87 Nassau St., on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, November 17-19, where all collectors are invited to examine it.

VOLUNTEER.

THE 1903 OR 62nd EDITION

OF THE

Standard Postage Stamp Catalogue

WILL BE READY IN DECEMBER.

PRICE 58c POST FREE.

ADVANCE SHEETS.

Mailed to subscribers, as each form is printed, on payment of \$5.00. No dealer can afford to be without them.

INTERNATIONAL POSTAGE STAMP ALBUM.

Nineteenth and Twentieth Century Editions now in course of preparation, will be published November 15th and sold at popular prices. Write for particulars and 84-page price list.

[98*

SCOTT STAMP & COIN CO.,

18 EAST 23RD ST.,

NEW YORK, N. Y.

Chicago Notes.

Among recent out-of-town visitors were Geo. L. Toppan of Racine, Wis., ex-President of the A. P. A., and Capt. Hooper, a leading collector of Toronto.

R. E. Baldwin, ex-Secretary of the C. P. S., has been confined to the house for nearly a month with a severe illness. We are glad to hear that he is speedily recovering, and trust that he will be able to attend the next meeting.

A valuable collection of over 8,000 varieties was purchased last week by a local collector, who gave a very fair price for it. Chicago seems to be a good mart for the disposal of collections, as the six large collections which have been sold here lately, with one exception, were shipped from the east.

One of our collectors who has foreign connections has shown a sheet of the new Cartagena, also the new unpaid of the Colombian Republic, which seem to be lithographs of the cheapest order. The wishy-washy looking labels are anything but pretty, and it seems doubtful if they will take, even with the boy collector.

E. L. Warner, the wholesale stamp dealer of Grand Rapids, Mich., arrived in town yesterday, and is quartered at the Auditorium. He recently bought out two good sized dealers, and is offering a larger number of wholesale bargains than he usually does, when here on his periodical trips.

CLIFFORD.

Detroit Paragraphs.

A rare treat is supposed to be in store for the local stampists on the 14th. B. L. Drew of Boston comes here with what is claimed to be the finest lot of stamps collectors ever viewed before. No doubt we will all turn out and keep Mr. Drew busy during his stay here showing "the goods" he has.

Wyn Bowen has left for Houghton, Mich., to attend the Mining School.

F. H. Newcomb, assistant postmaster of Brooklyn, N. Y., was here this week. Mr. Newcomb comes here to inspect the operation of the local postoffice department, with the object of getting pointers for the betterment of the service in Brooklyn. Incidentally he participated in the doings of the Street Railwaymen's convention, held at the Light Infantry Armory.

And now comes a card announcing that W. H. Colson, of the New England Stamp Co., will be here on the 13th. Two stamp drummers in two days beats our previous records. Looks as if there is something "doing" with Messrs. Drew and Colson.

HERMAN W. BOERS.

OCTOBER LIST-1902.

* UNUSED.

POSTAGE EXTRA.

Table listing stamps from various countries including United States, Canada, Ceylon, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dutch Indies, French Colonies, Germany, Gibraltar, Greece, Grenada, Hayti, Leeward Islands, Liberia, Montenegro, Netherlands, New Brunswick, Newfoundland, Porto Rico, Shanghai, Single Stamps, Miscellaneous Sets, and Dime Packets. Includes descriptions like '1893 Columbian, 1 to 10c, 8 var.' and prices.

COLUMBIAN STAMP CO., ARLINGTON, MASS.

The Weekly Philatelic Era

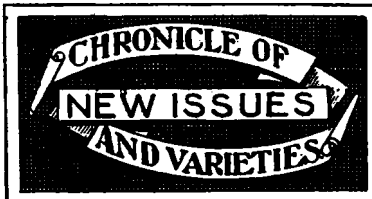
A PAPER DEVOTED TO STAMP NEWS.

50c PER YEAR.

ENTERED AT PORTLAND POST OFFICE AS SECOND CLASS MATTER JAN. 10, 1890.

2c PER COPY.

VOL. XVII. No. 5. PORTLAND, ME., SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1902. WHOLE No. 493.



BY HENRY A. KIDDER.

Friends of the ERA are invited to send to the editor of this department any information regarding new issues or varieties that may prove of interest. Such information will be suitably acknowledged. Address, HENRY A. KIDDER, 17 Addison Street, Arlington, Mass.

Exchanges will please send Mr. Kidder a copy of each issue to the foregoing address, and an extra copy of the ERA will be gladly sent whenever desired.

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.—Mr. J. M. Bartels has shown us a novelty in the shape of stamps or labels used in the colony during the late war, when a large part of the country was under martial law. One envelope bears three of these labels, the largest one being printed on red paper, without border. It bears the legend in large type "Opened under martial law," below and a crown with "E" and "R." on either side. The smaller labels have a rule border, and the words, "Opened under martial law," both the type and labels being much smaller than the first mentioned. The status of these labels has not yet been defined, but they would seem to be much more interesting than officially sealed stamps. However it may not be out of place to note that no matter how handsome or interesting or important a stamp may be, it may disappear at the caprice of the catalogue makers or the exigency of the album manufacturers—witness the Japan and Canada officially sealed.

DENMARK.—Mr. J. M. Bartels has received used copies of the new 1 ore orange and 15 ore lilac. Both are of the type of the current 5, 10 and 20 ore stamps.

GAMBIA.—Mr. L. G. Barrett has shown us the new registration envelope, which is in some measure a departure from the conventional circular type, as it is upright oblong in shape. In general appearance it much resembles the Niger Coast registration envelope of 1897, except that the inner border of the stamp is more elaborate, and the vignette contains the King's head. The

stamp is printed in purple on the flap of the envelope.

GERMANY.—The following regarding the new official stamps has been translated from the *Berliner Lokal-Anzeiger* of Sept. 24, and shown us by Mr. Edw. de Z. Kelley. It gives a little more in detail the facts as stated last week:

Number stamps is what the new postage stamps are called, which are soon to be supplied to the different officers in Prussia. They will be used by all officials who send their official reports "frei laut avers." The public has the idea that all such mail matter is carried post free by the administration, but such is not the fact. Each piece of mail matter is not weighed, but a lump sum is granted by the Treasury Department. This lump sum was recently between 7,500,000 and 8,800,000 marks. The Postal Department thinks that this is too small. In order to find out they are going to reckon up how much mail matter is sent "frei laut avers." With this end in view they have asked the officials to estimate their probable need of stamps for a year. According to this estimate all officials will be supplied with stamps of 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25 and 50 pf. If more are needed they will be supplied. From the total amount of the stamps used, the correct lump sum will be known. The number stamps, which will be made in the Imperial printery, will resemble in form and color the present postage stamps, but will be designated "Zahlmarken" (number stamps). The issue will take place during the entire year 1903, from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31. After Jan. 1, 1904, the lump sum, according to the new determination, will follow. The official letters will, therefore, according to this innovation, from the first of next January bear besides the official seal and the legend "frei laut avers" an official stamp.

These number stamps will be postmarked like the ordinary postage stamps.

Counterfeits of the current 10pf stamps have appeared at several places in Saxony. There are seven points of difference, of which the most important are darker color, differences in the shading on the neck of portrait and differences in the figures of value. The general appearance of the counterfeits is inferior to the genuine and not so bright and clear.

GREAT BRITAIN.—*Ewen's Weekly* reports the 1sh green and red King's head having been issued with "I. R. Official" surcharge.

ECUADOR.—The current stamps are now surcharged in black, apparently with a hand stamp, with what seems to be a signature. The *Deutsche Briefmarken Zeitung* reports having seen this surcharge in violet on the 1c red and black, and in blue black on the 10c blue and black and the 20c grey and black.

HAYTI.—Foreign correspondents report having received the recent surcharges with the date changed to "June," on their correspondence.

NEW ZEALAND.—Mr. Louis G. Barrett has received one value of what is apparently a new set of unpaid stamps for this colony. The stamps are of small size, and printed in two colors. The value is printed in white in a circular vignette in red, and the border and balance of the stamp in green. A circular label above

King Edward British Colonials.

Cayman 2½d.....	\$0.08	Gold Coast ¼d.....	.08
England ¼d and 1d.....	.05	1d.....	.04
1½d.....	.04	2d.....	.06
2d.....	.06	Gambia ¼ and 1d.....	.06
3d.....	.08	2½d.....	.08
4d.....	.10	3d.....	.10
5d.....	.12	4d.....	.12
6d.....	.13	5d.....	.15
7d.....	.20	6d.....	.16
10d.....	.22	1sh.....	.32
1sh.....	.28	2sh.....	.62
2sh 6d.....	.66	St. Helena ¼ and 1d.....	.06
2sh.....	1.35	St. Vincent ¼ and 1d.....	.06
40 paras.....	.08	Straits 3c.....	.04
Grenada ¼ and 1d.....	.06	4c.....	.06
2d.....	.06	5c.....	.08
2½d.....	.08	25c.....	.18
3d.....	.08	30c.....	.20
5sh.....	1.60	Transvaal ¼ and 1d.....	.06
		2d.....	.06
		2½d.....	.08
		3d.....	.08
		5sh.....	.18

Return Postage must be added.

STANLEY GIBBONS, LTD.,

167 BROADWAY,

NEW YORK CITY.

JONES' BARGAINS.

Imperforate Revenues.	
25c Bond.....	\$2.50
50c Island Exchange.....	.45
50c Probate of Will.....	1.00
50c Conveyance.....	.60
50c Original Process.....	.10
50c Passage Ticket.....	2.00
50c Life Insurance.....	1.00
50c Lease.....	.50
50c Mortgage.....	.50
\$1.00 Mortgage.....	.75
\$1.00 Conveyance.....	.16
\$5.00 Manifest.....	1.40
\$5.00 Probate of Will.....	5.00
\$5.00 Mortgage.....	1.40

All above in fine condition.
Money back if stamps don't suit.

FRED G. JONES,

9013 Brook St., LOUISVILLE, KY.

CHAPTER VI.

Hundreds of collectors have tried

OSGOOD'S FAMOUS BIG SELECTIONS

of 200 varieties at 1/2c each and upward and very, very few expressed disappointment in them while very many waxed enthusiastic over them. References: 1 on mixed U. S. and foreign with original cover 12c post free. "The most for the money."
Price lists free.

D. W. OSGOOD,

South Fork, Rio Grande Co., Colorado.
(To be Continued.)

WE WANT TO BUY

the following U. S. Unused Envelopes, either entire or cut square with large margins:

Scott's No. 1303.	
" " 1425.	
" " 1476.	
" " 1484.	
" " 1518.	
" " 1567.	
" " 1574.	
" " 1580.	

CHAS. H. STONE & CO.,

19 Washington St., BOSTON, MASS.

MONTERRAT

REVENUE.

GOOD SPACE FILLER.

1d Rose 1884, Pen-Cancelled.

Turn to your album and see if you have this handsome stamp and then look in the catalogue for value.

A few fine copies at

25c Each.

COLUMBIAN STAMP CO., Arlington, Mass.

\$1000.00 Cash to Spend!

We wish to purchase several large lots of U. S. Revenues of the Civil War issue catalogued from 5c up to any sum. We take same in any quantity or variety. Must be in good condition. No part or imperforated stamps unless in pairs, strips, or blocks. Especially want 1c, 3c, 4c Playing Cards, \$1.00 Mortgage and Passage Ticket and all values up to \$200.00. Also want U. S. general issue and Departments used or unused. Write us, with full particulars, stating the quantity and variety and your price.

We also wish to purchase a good collection of U. S. and a good general collection U. S. and Foreign.

GUARANTEE STAMP CO.,

106 E. 111th St., NEW YORK.

the vignette has the words "Postage Due" while "New Zealand," appears in a straight label below. The letters "N. Z." appear in monogram in the upper corners and conventional ornaments fill the remainder of the space. Mr. Barrett has the 1/2d stamp, the only one he has received thus far. The appearance of this stamp rather disproves some elaborate theories that have been recently built up over the issuance of New South Wales postage due stamps for the other Australian states, with the letters "N. S. W." erased. It may possibly prove that these are only temporary sets, and issued for the purpose of securing greater uniformity in the postal issues of the Australian states prior to the printing of the promised "Commonwealth" series.

Mr. A. W. Dunning reports having seen the id railway newspaper stamps on both vertically and horizontally laid paper.

Adhesive (Unpaid):
1/2d green and red.

ORANGE RIVER COLONY.—*Ewen's Stamp News* reports the 5sh Orange Free State overprinted "V. R. I.—One—Shilling," in red in three lines.

Adhesive (Provisional):
1sh on 5sh green and red.

PARAGUAY.—A correspondent reports having seen the current 40c dark blue, with a retouched die, the principal difference being a larger figure "4."

The *Revista de la Sociedad Filatelica Argentina* says that Paraguay is shortly to have an entirely new set of stamps. The denominations will be 1c to 10p, twenty-three stamps in all.

PERSIA.—Careful inspection of the recent surcharges "Service" on 1k carmine, chronicled in No. 488, brings to light a notable variety hitherto unnoticed. In a block of ten of the 10s on 1k, one stamp was found by some means to have the figure "1" printed twice, so that the value was very plainly seen to be "110" shahi instead of "10." The New England Stamp Co. has this block and it will be interesting to know whether other copies are in existence, and if so how many were printed in the sheet.

ROUMANIA.—The *Moniteur du Collectionneur* states that the 10b green postage due stamp has been issued on thin unwatermarked paper, and that the other values are to follow on the same paper.

RUSSIA.—We find we have omitted to mention the 10k on vertically laid paper. We have not been able to learn whether the whole series is to be printed on this paper.

The 7k has also appeared on the vertically watermarked paper.

SPANISH GUINEA.—A new series has been issued for this colony, similar to those for Fernando Po, chronicled above, except that the title reads: "Guinea Espanola—1902." The values are as follows, of which our correspondent had seen the 5c and 10c.

Adhesives (Regular):

5c green.
10c blue.
50c carmine.
50c dark blue.
75c black.
1p rose.
2p brown green.
5p brick red.

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.—Mr. M. H. Lombard has shown us various denominations of the new King's head set, listed in No. 485, on the authority of the *Deutsche Briefmarken Zeitung*, but not previously seen here. The new values are 4c, 10c, 25c, 50c, \$1 and \$2. The 4c and 10c are on colored paper, the colors, etc., having been correctly stated in No. 485. Another correspondent mentions having seen the 4c, 10c, \$1 and \$2, and suggests that this leaves only the \$5 yet to appear.

VENEZUELA.—A correspondent to whom we are much indebted for information in this issue shows us the new set for Carupano, chronicled in the *American Journal of Philately* for September. They are ugly type set labels, printed apparently on a hand press with many pleasing varieties in rule and type. These are imperforate the 10c being printed in tete beche pairs, and the other values in strips of ten stamps.

Adhesives (Provisional):

5c purple on orange.
10c black on orange.
25c purple on green.
50c green on yellow.
100c blue on rose.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.—A new 2d envelope has been prepared for this state by the Victorian postoffice. The design is the same as the current Victorian 2d stamp, the color being yellow. Used copies have been seen here.

The Collectors Club,

351 FOURTH AVE., NEW YORK.

The 84th meeting of the Board of Governors was held at the club house on Monday evening, October 13, 1902.

Present: Messrs. Andreinf, Bruner, Jones, Luff, Scott and Perrin.

Meeting called to order at 8.15 P. M. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The Secretary read a number of communications.

The resignation of Messrs. Aldred, Eberhardt, Kirtland, Low, Terret and Wells were received and accepted with regrets.

A vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Eberhardt for his donation to the club of his share of stock.

The name of E. T. Parker was transferred from the resident to the non-resident list of members.

The Treasurer's report showing a cash balance in bank of \$329.53, exclusive of \$1000 bond was approved as read.

The House Committee report was read and received.

Mr. J. C. Morgenthau was appointed on the Board to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Low.

Moved, seconded and carried that the Saturday evening lunches at the club be resumed, beginning November 1 and be continued till May 1 next.

Adjourned at 9.45 P. M.

ALBERT PERRIN, Secretary.

CANADA.

1854 3d beaver, wove paper.....	\$6.25
3d " ribbed paper, fine copy.....	.75
1857 3d pink, imp., ribbed paper, fine.....	7.50
3d beaver, perforated.....	1.50
1859 5c beaver, double line variety, formerly cat. at \$15.00.....	2.50
1859 issue, 1, 2, 5, 10, 12½, 17c, set of 6.....	2.40
1857 Jubilee issue, ½ to 50c., mint, set of 11.....	2.00
Blue Stamps.	
1st issue \$1.00 blue.....	.30
" \$2.00 ".....	.40
" \$3.00 ".....	.40
2nd issue \$1.00 green (red centre).....	.30
" \$1.00 red (green centre).....	.30
" \$2.00 red (purple centre).....	1.25
" \$3.00 red (indigo centre).....	2.75
3rd issue \$3.00 green (black centre), unused, o.g. Canadian Rev. Album.....	.95
" Standard Catalogue.....	.70
Blank approval books, per 10.....	.15
" per 100.....	.85

Philatelic Literature.
The *Philatelic Record* Vols. I to V (1879 to 1883) in its original blue binding, gilt edges, quite new, Vol. VI (1884) unbound.
This set is very rare, price..... \$10.00
Cash with order.

A. C. ROUSSEL,
2106 St. Catherine St., MONTREAL, CAN.

U. S. BARGAINS.

1888, 30c brown, \$0.18	1894, \$1 blk., cat. \$1.25, .40
90c purple, .60	1895, 50c orange, .05
1890, 30c black, .04	1895, \$1.00 black, .05
90c orange, .10	30c Columbian, .18
1894, 50c or., cat. 35c., .35	50c Omaha, .15

OMAHA STAMP & COIN CO.,
200 So. 13th St., OMAHA, NEB.

Roumanian Reprints.

The following letter addressed to the Editor of the *Revue de la Timbrologie* was lately published in that paper.

I am continually receiving letters from correspondents of mine asking me if such things as reprints of the Moldavian stamps exist, and now, to satisfy the curiosity of collectors in general, I will reply once for all.

The Moldavian stamps were first printed in 1858, of circular design and from a die engraved on steel. After November 1st these dies were enclosed in an iron box and deposited at the Ministry of Finance. The box was found in 1882 and contained the dies of the 27, 54, 81, and 108 paras, and 5 other dies as follows: 5 paras (1), 40 paras (3), and 80 paras (1), engraved on steel and rust-eaten.

At the time of the Royal Jubilee in 1897, the late Colonel Gorjan, Director of Posts, wished to make reprints from them, but as most of the dies were in bad condition, he had a small number made of the following values—27, 54, 81, 108 and 5 paras, the other dies being quite useless.

These stamps were reprinted by hand. 27 paras, on thick pale rose paper. 54 " in blue-green on dark green paper. 81 " blue, blue-grey, on thin azure laid. 5 " blue on lilac-rose paper.

The die of the 27 was a little rusted at the right, showing breaks.

The die of the 54 was in better preservation and printed very well.

The 81 paras was also well preserved and produced good impressions, but the colour of the ink was very pale and gave a blue-grey appearance instead of blue.

* Probably the writer meant the 108 paras. —*Ed. M. G.*

The 108 was eaten by rust. The right-hand part of the circle is broken from the letter o to the posthorn; it is printed on lilac-rose paper.

The 5 paras was also rust-eaten on the left-hand side where the word PORTO is, and the bottom line is also broken.

Colonel Gorjan, seeing that the reimpression was not a success, destroyed most of these stamps after having distributed a few to his friends and acquaintances.

Last year Jon Popp, the workman who did the reprinting, sold some specimens to two or three collectors who were friends of his. According to the information given me by Popp, the total quantities printed were only 50 of the 27 paras, 30 of the 54p, 30 of the 81p, 20 of the 108, and 100 of the 5 paras.

The postal authorities have given up the idea of making a second reprint on account of the dies, which are quite eaten up by the rust.

This is all my positive information on these reimpresions which have disappeared. They are more difficult to find than the originals still found occasionally in the albums of old collectors.

I am, etc.,

Bucarest. PAUL PAULESCU.

Nothing has been known hitherto in this country of any reprint of the Moldavian stamps, and Mr. Paulescu's letter is consequently of great interest. It is true that a good many philatelic stories simply bursting with veracious details have turned out to be fictions, but I can hardly think the present information is concocted. Mr. Paulescu winds up by saying that the reprints "have disappeared," but he has seen them and could, no doubt, see them again. If we accept his tale, it is clear that specimens are still in existence, but until they have been examined by experts nearer home, we cannot say with certainty that "Moldavia 1858" has to be added to the list of Reprints.

B. T. K. SMITH.

—*Smith & Son's Monthly Circular.*

ALL SOLD!

SENF'S 1902-3
(German) POSTAL CARD CATALOGUES.

Orders will be filled in rotation, as received, from the second importation, now about.

Price 35 Cents, Postpaid.

A. LOHMEYER,
922 N. Gilmor St., BALTIMORE, MD.

UNUSED CURRENT ISSUES

of any country supplied at 10 per cent. over face value. Full details and explanatory circular for 6 cents. [11] International Stamp Co., Montreal, Canada.

SOME MORE!!!

That You Need At These Bargain Prices:	
U. S. Columbian issue \$2.00 used, fine.....	\$1.25
" \$5.00 used, fine.....	4.50
" 1900 Revenue \$5.00 green and black, slightly cut.....	.25
U. S. Late War Rev. \$3.00 red, slightly cut.....	.50
Monkey set Borneo and Labuan, 4 var., comp.....	.15
Nyasas 1808, 2½¢ to 300c., complete, 13 var., unused.....	.80
Nyasas 1901, 2½¢ to 300c., comp., 13 var., used.....	.90
Angola 1870-76, 300c and 300c, cat. 60c each, the pair used only.....	.50

We are prepared to furnish on approval, where satisfactory references are furnished, fine line Civil War revenues, 1st issue, at bargain prices. Also fine line of South and Central Americans, better class of stamps, old issues, used or unused in fine condition in sets or otherwise, at good prices. These old issues, possibly used and in good condition, are very rare and hard to get, and advanced collectors as well as beginners, will find things among these selections that will be of benefit to them. A trial for our approval department is all we ask. References required. Give us idea of about class and kind of stamps required.

We offer Hostetters 2½¢ black, Private Prop., in perfect condition, at 10c each. Also Warners 3½¢ brown, perfect copies, at 14c each. These stamps are exceedingly hard to procure in perfect condition and will be worth much more money soon.

CARL M. WILLIS STAMP CO., Sullivan, Indiana.

Look!

Rare Stamps 50% Commission!

50% COMMISSION!

Send for some of my approval sheets. Such bargains never offered before. Don't delay but send at once. Collections of stamps bought for cash. Send once and you will again.

[94]

Francis R. Dennison,
Box 896, WATERLOO, N. Y.

Wm. v. d. Wettern, Jr.,
WHOLESALE DEALER IN
* POSTAGE & STAMPS *
411 W. Saratoga St., Baltimore, Md.

New special list just issued, sent free on application to dealers only.

THE 1903 OR 62nd EDITION

OF THE

Standard Postage Stamp Catalogue

WILL BE READY IN DECEMBER.

PRICE 58c POST FREE.

ADVANCE SHEETS.

Mailed to subscribers, as each form is printed, on payment of \$5.00. No dealer can afford to be without them.

INTERNATIONAL POSTAGE STAMP ALBUM.

Nineteenth and Twentieth Century Editions now in course of preparation, will be published November 15th and sold at popular prices. Write for particulars and 84-page price list.

[98]

SCOTT STAMP & COIN CO.,

18 EAST 23RD ST.,

NEW YORK, N. Y.

60% Discount!

* Unused.

Order by Catalogue No. and price and deduct 60%.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC
Nos. *36, *37, 38, 40, 46, 47, 88, 89, 90

HAYTI

Nos. 5, 10, 12, 21, 22, 23, 24, *25, 26, 27, 28, *32, 33, 35, *40, *41, *42, *43, *47, *49.

HUNGARY

Nos. 3, 4, 6, 10, 11, 12, 17, 31.

ITALY

Nos. 11, 14, 30, 48, 58, 129, 163, 184, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 254.

ROUMANIA

Nos. *18, *23, *24, *29, *31, *32, 53, 54, 56, 57, 58, 69, 82, 84, 89, 87, 117, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208.

E. F. GAMBS ESTATE,

P. O. Box 2681, SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

PERU.

10 varieties unused, cat. 49 cts., post free 18 cts.
Gen. A. Knight,
90 Meridian St., East Boston, Mass.

The Boston Philatelic Society.

M. H. LOMBARD, President, Winchester, Mass.
C. F. ROTHFUCHS, Vice-President, Boston.
C. A. HOWES, Secretary, 55 Kilby St., Boston.
L. L. GREEN, Treasurer, 47 Tremont St., Boston.
J. H. LYONS, Supt. of Auctions, P. O. Box 18, Roxbury, Mass.
J. F. JOHNSON, Supt. of Sales, 136 Congress St., Boston, Mass.
THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA, Official Journal.

The New England Philatelic Association.

Organized February, 1895.

Board of Officers:

President, CHARLES H. SMITH, Dedham, Mass.
Vice President, J. FAVILL CAPRON, 22 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass.
Secretary and Treasurer, H. W. LEGG, Pepperell, Mass.
Sales Department, CHARLES H. STONE, 91 Antrim St., Cambridgeport, Mass.
Information Bureau, Mrs. WALLACE DANA SMITH, 20 Wilbur St., Portsmouth, N. H.
Counterfeit Detector, WILLIS D. KING, Nashua, N. H.
Attorney, HORACE S. BACON, 107 Stevens St., Lowell, Mass.
Governing Board, CHARLES H. STONE, Chairman, 91 Antrim St., Cambridgeport, Mass., JOHN J. CORN, New Dorchester, Mass., FRANK A. WILSON, 185 Highland Ave., Somerville, Mass.
Official Organ, THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA.

The next meeting of the Association will be held Tuesday, Nov. 4th, at 22 Bromfield St. All members are earnestly requested to attend if possible.

H. W. LEGG, Secretary.

NOTICE.

Members of the Association having duplicates to dispose of are invited to try the Association's Sales Department. Books for mounting stamps will be supplied at 5 cents each, six for 25 cents. This is one of the most advantageous methods of selling stamps. Each book circulates among six collectors at least and the Department charges only 10% for selling, and 1% for insurance on books.

Members wishing to receive circuits are requested to write the Sales Superintendent at once. This Department is conducted on a strictly cash basis.

C. HHAS. STONE, Supt. of Sales.

Chicago Notes.

Among the out-of-town arrivals who were at the last C. P. S. meeting were Messrs. Geo. L. Toppan of Racine, O. von Schaezler of Davenport, B. L. Drew and Warren H. Colson of Boston.

Every collector and dealer who is fortunate enough to secure any of the high value Germans, is planting them only to resurrect them when the new catalogue appears, as the prices have floated skyward.

A rare philatelic treat was afforded to those collectors who had the opportunity to inspect the stamps which will comprise the 100th auction sale of B. L. Drew & Co. The many gems which the sale contains are too numerous to be chronicled here, and those present could only gaze and admire one of the finest arrays of rarities that has ever been exhibited in the Garden City.

Messrs. Toppan and Colson each contributed a rare stamp to be raffled for at the close of the last C. P. S. meeting. Allen and Staab were the lucky members.

Thursday evening was "Andreini night" at the C. P. S. Through the courtesy of Mr. J. M. Andreini the members in attendance had the privilege of inspecting his magnificent collection of Puerto Prince,

UNITED STAMP CO.

P. M. WOLSIEFFER, President.
F. N. MASSOTH, Sec'y and Treas.

Chicago collectors please take notice that the first auction sale of the season will be the C. P. S. Sale conducted by Mr. Massoth, Saturday evening Nov. 1st, at the C. P. S. Club Room. Catalogues free.

The next sale will be Wolsieffer's 30th on Saturday evening Nov. 15th at the same place. It will consist of the Bartlett U. S. collection and Higginson wholesale stock. Dates and space for future sales rapidly filling up.

After Nov. 1st the address of the United Stamp Company will be No. 1249 Marquette Bldg., Chicago.

TONGA-SAMOA-HAWAII.

Tonga 1897, sd, unused.....	\$0.20
" 1897, 1/2d "	.10
Samoa 1899, 1/2p "	.03
" 1899, 1p, "	.05
	Cal.
" 1894-1900, 1/2p on sp, unused....	\$0.12 .06
" 1894-1900, 3p on sp, black surch.	.85 .12

HAWAII.

1893 1c violet, unused.....	.20	.11
1c blue, " " " " " "	.20	.12
1c green, " " " " " "	.06	.04
10c black, " " " " " "	.40	.26
5c violet, " " " " " "	1.50	.80
5c brown, " " " " " "	.30	.20
5c red, " " " " " "	.12	.08

BLOCKS OF FOUR.

Queenland Nos. 102 and 102a, unused	.25
" " 98 and 98a, in block, unused..	.30
Victoria No. 124, unused.....	.16

J. T. STARR STAMP COMPANY, Collector, Mich.

DEALERS. WHOLESALE.

Our new wholesale list of 40 pages has just been issued and offers a very large variety of stamps, sets, packets, mixtures and dealers' supplies. Mailed free. Prices will interest every dealer.

MARKS STAMP CO., Toronto, Canada.

Wanted! We are open to purchase for spot cash, stamps of every country in quantity, Collections, Job Lots, Consignments. Offers and Price-Lists wanted.

WANTED. (5*) WANTED.

Any Subscriber to the "Era"

May have a selection of stamps on approval for the asking. Only tell us something about the size of your collection. We have some fine things, at best discounts. Our approval system has no equal and it is the most satisfactory way to buy.

"MEKEEL'S STAMP COLLECTOR."

Mailed Weekly from St. Louis. Vol. XV. commenced with 1902. All subscriptions must now commence with current number (3 months' trial, 25c), subscription \$1.00 per year in U. S. etc., and \$1.50 per year abroad. Sample of large magazine edition 10c.

A COLLECTION OF 5000 VARIETIES of POSTAGE STAMPS, carefully selected from our own stock, \$175.00. Satisfaction Guaranteed.

3000 for \$45.00 ♦ 2000 for \$13.50 ♦ 1000 for \$3.40 ♦ ALL GENUINE POSTAGE STAMPS

550 Varieties mounted in a blank book (cataloguing by Scott's 61st edition Catalogue \$10.00), post free \$1.50. A Bargain for Dealer or Collector!

C. H. MEKEEL STAMP & PUBLISHING CO., ST. LOUIS, MO.

American Philatelic Association.

(INCORPORATED.)

THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA—OFFICIAL JOURNAL.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

ALEXANDER HOLLAND, President,
40 Grace Court, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Board of Vice-Presidents.
FRANK H. BURT, Chairman,
Room 1046, Tremont Building, Boston, Mass.
GORDON IRELAND, Secretary,
Holyoke House 21, Cambridge, Mass.
J. F. JOHNSON,
383 Lexington St., Auburndale, Mass.

H. E. DEATS, Secretary,
Flemington, N. J.
E. DOEBLIN, International Secretary,
Box 736, Pittsburg, Pa.
C. L. ANNAN, Treasurer,
Little Rock, Ark.
H. B. PHILLIPS,
1311 Grove St., Berkeley, Cal.
F. W. CONING,
Maryville, Tenn.

RESIDENT VICE-PRESIDENTS.

BOSTON, MASS.—J. F. JOHNSON, 383 Lexington St., Auburndale, Mass.
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.—W. E. LOR, 4431 Ellsworth St., Berkeley, Cal.
NEW YORK CITY.—W. F. GREGORY, 71 Nassau St.
PITTSBURG, PA.—E. DOEBLIN, Box 736.
CHICAGO, ILL.—A. F. MERRILL, 432 Marquette Building.
MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.—EARL S. MARZEW, 3344 First Avenue, South.
WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS.—J. D. BARTLETT, 332 Main St., Springfield.

APPOINTIVE OFFICERS.

E. H. ANDERSON, Librarian,
Carnegie Library, Pittsburg, Pa.
H. D. WATSON, Collecting Agent,
64 Cedar St., New York City.
JOHN J. OESCH, Superintendent of Sales Dept.,
34 Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill.

H. E. DEATS, Assistant Librarian,
Flemington, N. J.
W. F. GREGORY, Auction Purchasing Agent,
71 Nassau St., New York City.
P. M. WOLSTIEFFER, Auction Purchasing Agent,
1009 Atwood Bldg., Chicago, Ill.
A. W. BATCHELDER, Auction Purchasing Agent,
21 Southfield St., Boston, Mass.

British Colonials, rare original covers, and a multitude of other rare and interesting stamps. The six volumes were in charge of C. E. Severn who distributed them in such a manner that every one present would have a good view of everything the albums contained. It is seldom indeed that stamp lovers are afforded an opportunity to view such priceless gems, which were displayed in such profusion on Andreini night.

R. Robinson was lucky enough to pick a Saxony No. 1 off an approval sheet at a very low figure. There were two, but one was enough for "Rob," so a collector corralled the other.

CLIFFORD.

TRADE COLUMN.

Under this head we will print exchange, want and for sale notices, business announcements, etc., etc., at the uniform low rate of five (5) cents per line. Eight words average a line. All notices will be set in bold 6-point type and no display allowed. Miscellaneous charge to sender.

One four-line notice free with each subscription, providing copy accompanies the subscription.

THREE consecutive insertions of SAME ad in this Column for PRICE OF TWO.

Wanted for cash U. S. pre-cancelled postage stamps. WALTER L. GATES, Testicker, Mass. [52]

I have a large variety of Canadian Revenues to exchange for U. S. Match and Medicine and pre-cancelled stamps. Late issues of foreign postage and foreign revenues also wanted. Address, E. W. OUGHTREY, 28 Lincoln Avenue, Montreal, Que. [53]

Antikamnia 2½c Prov. Rev., scarce. Price on application. Wm. A. Sisson, 314 Pine St., St. Louis, Mo. [54]

Want lists filled at ½ to ¾ off Scott. 8000 varieties in stock. F. W. Pickard, 2427 Ingleside, Cincinnati, O. [55]

50 St. Louis World's Fair Stickers, size 1 1/2 x 1 1/4 inches, views of 50 different World's Fair buildings in different colors, only 12c. Beautiful souvenirs of the fair. STAR STICKER CO., Box 920, St. Louis, Mo. [55]

U. S. postage, Rev., Depts., entire env., fine foreign; collection of 5000; any stamp at ½ cat. value. Will send on approval. Frank Smith, 1523 Oxford, Phila., Pa. [56]

If you want any part or a full set of the late Private Proprietaries, let me hear from you. I have the scarce ones in perfect condition. GEO. H. ANDERS, Norristown, Pa. [54]

Big auction of fine stamps in "The Philatelic Star" of Madison, N. Y. Better send for a copy. [54]

Private Proprietary Stamps, all old roulettes, when issued 50, mounted on card 1 1/2 x 1 1/4 inches, comprising blocks of 4 each Branca, Fletcher, Warner, Antikamnia, Johnson, Williams and Pico, one pair Railway and one each Marchand (7), Lee (5), Lanman & Kemp (3), Emerson (4), Hostetter (1), Od Chem. Co. (1), 51 to 10 all. Catalogued about \$25.00, for \$12.00 net cash. A. MACK, Box 404, Ottawa, Ont. [54]

Thanks for responses to my ads. Still on hand 4000 arrow points at 1c each. Also offer to send for double postage, nice pottery fragments found near Oothlocoochee's mound on Savannah River. Joel H. DuBoise, Huguenot, Ga. [54]

Exchange desired with collectors of Pan-American plate numbers. Send list of your duplicates and receive mine. I have a large number of duplicates for exchange. P. H. HILL, Nashville, Tenn. [53]

A conglomeration of about 50,000 U. S. Stamps ('51 to '90) with a sprinkling of foreign, accumulated by a lady who tried to get a million. Contains no Brattleboro or Millbury, 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? W. W. NORTON, Lime Rock, Ct. [54]

Wholesale selections on approval. New issues, sets, etc. Reference required. A. E. Cole, Plainfield, N. J. [54]

Correspondence solicited with collectors of entire, unused U. S. Envelopes. Will sell or exchange either by Scott's or Bartley's Catalogue. HENRY J. SIMPSON, 323 North Division St., Buffalo, N. Y. [53]

REPORT OF SECRETARY

For the Week Ending October 25th.

Applications for Membership.

LINKER, DR. WM. H., 702 36th St., Milwaukee, Wisconsin; age, 47; occupation, Physician. References:—Chas. Toelle, Alfred Jungmann.

NOEL, WM. G., 83 Lee St., Milwaukee, Wisconsin; age, 42; occupation, Designer. References: W. Thiessen, Robt. Schade.

MORGENTHAU, JULIUS C., 87 Nassau St., New York City; age, 44; occupation, Stamp Dealer. References: Alexander Holland, John N. Luff; Resident Vice-President, W. F. Gregory.

Resignations Accepted.

1597. COIT, JOHN T., Box 486, New York City.

181. ENGELER, OSCAR, Box 526, Louisville, Ky.

855. SHAW, THOS. P., 773 Congress St., Portland, Me.

1596. SIMPSON, W. D., Anderson, S. C.

Membership Summary.

Membership Oct. 18th..... 560
Resignations accepted..... 4
Total membership Oct. 25th..... 556

The Board of Vice-Presidents have organized and elected Mr. Frank H. Burt Chairman, and Mr. Gordon Ireland Secretary. All communications should be addressed to the Secretary, whose address will be found in the list of Directors above.

The Treasurer informs me that bills for dues were sent out about September 1st to all members and that no further notice will be sent. The membership list to be printed in the Year Book will close Nov. 1st and at that time all who have not paid their dues will stand suspended for non-payment.

H. E. DEATS, Secretary.

We can place your ads in any stamp paper and save you money. Write. J. N. BURTON, Madison, N. Y.

In exchange for postage stamps and U. S. Revenues in good condition, my old viola and Villamur bow also an Alcide Goband violin and Tourne bow. These instruments were bought by me twelve years ago for my own use, the viola and bow cost me \$68, the violin and bow cost me \$27. GEO. F. LORING, 53 State St., Boston, Mass. [54]

Wanted for cash, broken Bank and Confederate notes. I buy and sell. R. L. DEITRIEK, Lorraine, Va. [54]

4 x 5 Vibe Camera, also 4 x 4, for best offer in stamps. H. W. BOERS, 322 Erskine, Detroit, Mich. [54]

Illustrated Envelopes and Tokens of Civil War for sale. Stamps sent on approval. Send reference. S. L. FUTER, 431 N. 41st St., Phila., Pa. [54]

Wanted for cash, one each of the following numbers "Am. Journal of Phil." Must be clean and whole. Send list of what you have with price asked for each number. Vol. I Nos. 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13; Vol. II Nos. 3, 4, 5; Vol. III No. 1; Vol. IV No. 12; Vol. V Nos. 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 12; Vol. VII Nos. 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 11; Vol. XI No. 7; Vol. XIV No. 8. Also will pay five cents each for any numbers of Vols. I to VIII inclusive. Must be whole and clean and carriage paid. A. W. DUNNING, Newton, Mass. [52]

Wanted: 12 black Great Britain on original cover. Name price. We buy, exchange, or sell stamps. Correspondence invited. HARVARD STAMP CO., Cambridge, A Station, Mass. [53]

U. S. almost given away! 15c 1868, grided, 40c; 12c 1868, grided, 50c; 24c gray lilac, 1861, cat. \$4. \$1.50; 5c yellow, 1861, cat. \$7. \$5.00; 3c pink, true shade, cat. \$7.50. \$2.50; \$1.00 Columbian, \$1.50; \$5.00 1895, \$1.50; Hundreds of U. S. Postage, Depts., Envelopes, Revenues, etc., at ½ to ¾ of cat. Send want list. F. H. PINKHAM, Newark, N. H. [53]

How about "The Philatelic Star" of Madison, N. Y. 150 Natal etc. & 50c sub. for 6c. Money back if not O.K.

New Zealand set, current, 95c; King Edward 1, £1.25. Other bargains. KING, 141 East 19th St., New York.

Want to buy Hawaiian Numeral stamps, used or unused, Scott's numbers 10 to 26 inclusive. What can you offer me? J. R. VIETS, 26 Greystone Park, Lynn, Mass. [57]

I have some information of value to auction buyers, or to those who are thinking of selling at auction. Write for it today. I. W. RISDON, Cambridgeport, Mass. [53]

You will like my approval sheets; try them. References required. GEO. A. KNIGHT, 90 Meridian St., East Boston, Mass. [58]

Pre-Cancelled U. S. on approval. Exch. desired with advanced collectors. L. E. Richardson, Putnam, Ct. Pre-cancelled postage wanted; send duplicates & lowest cash prices. J. H. Wilms, 2424 W. Madison, Louisville, Ky. [54]

Pre-cancelled postage wanted. Will pay three cents for every one I can use in my collection. If preferred will give more in trade. ERNEST R. ALDRICH, Benson, Minn. [54]

JAPAN.

Table listing Japanese stamps with columns for value, description, and price. Includes items like 48m brown, 20c blue, 1/4 brown, etc.

LABUAN.

Table listing Labuan stamps with columns for value, description, and price. Includes items like 2c carmine, 2c carmine, 1c lilac and black, etc.

LAGOOS.

Table listing Lagoon stamps with columns for value, description, and price. Includes items like 1/2d green, 1d rose, 1d lilac and blue, etc.

LEWARD ISLANDS.

Table listing Leward Islands stamps with columns for value, description, and price. Includes items like 1/2d lilac and green, 1d lilac and carmine.

LIBERIA.

Table listing Liberian stamps with columns for value, description, and price. Includes items like 1c ultramarine, 2c lake, 6c purple, etc.

LUXEMBURG.

Table listing Luxembourg stamps with columns for value, description, and price. Includes items like 2c black, 1c brown, 1c orange, etc.

PACAO.

Table listing Pacao stamps with columns for value, description, and price. Includes items like 1/2 black, 10c orange, 10c green, etc.

MALTA.

Table listing Malta stamps with columns for value, description, and price. Includes items like 1/2 yellow, 1/2 yellow buff, 1/2 green, etc.

PARTINIQUE.

Table listing Martinique stamps with columns for value, description, and price. Includes items like 5c on soc red on green, 1c on soc red on green, etc.

PAURITIUS.

Table listing Pauritius stamps with columns for value, description, and price. Includes items like blue, 2d blue, 1d rose, etc.

MEXICO.

Table listing Mexican stamps with columns for value, description, and price. Includes items like 1c gray green, 1c blue, 2c orange, etc.

MEXICO—Continued.

Continuation of Mexican stamps table. Includes items like 25c blue, 1878 25c blue, 1879 25c red, etc.

MODENA.

Table listing Modena stamps with columns for value, description, and price. Includes items like 1c green, 1c yellow, 1c buff, etc.

MONACO.

Table listing Monaco stamps with columns for value, description, and price. Includes items like 1c bistre, 1c lilac, 1c green, etc.

MONTENEGRO.

Table listing Montenegro stamps with columns for value, description, and price. Includes items like 1c yellow, 3c green, 3c red, etc.

MONTSERAT.

Table listing Montserrat stamps with columns for value, description, and price. Includes items like 1/2d green, 1d carmine.

MOZAMBIQUE.

Table listing Mozambique stamps with columns for value, description, and price. Includes items like 1c black, 1c rose, 1c blue.

NATAL.

Table listing Natal stamps with columns for value, description, and price. Includes items like 1c blue, 1d red and black, 1d rose, etc.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

Table listing New Brunswick stamps with columns for value, description, and price. Includes items like 1c blue green, 1c vermilion, 1c black.

NEW CALEDONIA.

Table listing New Caledonia stamps with columns for value, description, and price. Includes items like 1c on 4c red, 1c on 1f bronze green, etc.

NEWFOUNDLAND.

Table listing Newfoundland stamps with columns for value, description, and price. Includes items like 1c dull rose, 1c dull rose, 1c blue, etc.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Table listing New South Wales stamps with columns for value, description, and price. Includes items like 1d blue, 1d violet, 1d red, etc.

NEW ZEALAND.

Table listing New Zealand stamps with columns for value, description, and price. Includes items like 1d rose, 1d lilac, 1/2d lilac gray, etc.

NICARAGUA.

Table listing Nicaraguan stamps with columns for value, description, and price. Includes items like 1c bistre, 1c black, 1c vermilion, etc.

NORTH BORNEO.

Table listing North Borneo stamps with columns for value, description, and price. Includes items like 2c brown, 1c red brown, 1c lilac, etc.

NORWAY.

Table listing Norway stamps with columns for value, description, and price. Includes items like 4s blue, 1d dull lake, 1c rose, etc.

ORANGE RIVER COLONY.

Table listing Orange River Colony stamps with columns for value, description, and price. Includes items like 1d brown, 1/2d red brown, 1d violet, etc.

PARAGUAY.

Table listing Paraguayan stamps with columns for value, description, and price. Includes items like 1c rose, 1c brown, 1c green, etc.

PERU.

Table listing Peruvian stamps with columns for value, description, and price. Includes items like 1c black, 1c rose, 1c brown and black, etc.

PERU—Continued.

1886	1c dull violet	30	for	\$.05
1886	5c orange	50	"	".05
1886	10c slate	100	"	".05
1886	50c red	8	"	".05
1886	1c brown	4	"	".05
1884	1c orange	15	"	".05
1884	1c green	15	"	".05
1884	5c violet	15	"	".05
1884	5c rose	15	"	".05
1884	10c green	30	"	".05
1885-86	1c red	7	"	".05
1885-86	5c blue	15	"	".05
1885	1c ultramarine	30	"	".05
1885	1c ultramarine	30	"	".05
1885	5c Indigo blue	30	"	".05
1885	10c yellow	30	"	".05
1885	50c orange	80	"	".05
1888	1c ultramarine	18	"	".05
1888	5c bright red	30	"	".05
1889	5c greenish blue	10	"	".05
1874-79	10c orange, Unpaid	18	"	".05
1874-79	10c orange	8	"	".05
1883	1c bistre	15	"	".05
1883	5c vermilion	10	"	".05
1883	10c orange	5	"	".05
1883	50c blue	4	"	".05
1883	50c brown	4	"	".05
1889	1c purple, postal packet	25	"	".05
1889	1c dark violet, No. 151b	8	"	".05
1889	5c green	352	"	".05
1889	1c green	358	"	".05
1889-95	5c carmine	359	"	".05

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

1878	25m black	8	"	".05
1878	125m blue	3	"	".05
1880-82	5c carmine	80	"	".05
1880-82	25c brown	18	"	".05
1880-82	5c red brown	4	"	".05
1880-82	50c bistre brown	4	"	".05
1880-82	25c brown	8	"	".05
1879	5c on 100m, No. 168	1	"	".05
1889	1c yellow green	80	"	".05
1889	5c carmine	6	"	".05
1889	3c purple	6	"	".05
1889	5c blue	4	"	".05
1889	10c brown	4	"	".05
1881	2-4-8 on 10c bistre, No. 268	3	"	".05
1889	2-4-8 on 5c blue	361	"	".05

PORTO RICO.

1873	50c brown	1	"	".05
1874-75	25c ultramarine	5	"	".05
1874-75	25c " No. 5	6	"	".05
1876	25c blue gray	7	"	".05
1877	50c bistre	8	"	".05
1878	25c green	10	"	".05
1879	1p gray	1	"	".05
1881	1/2m lake	15	"	".05
1881	1m violet	18	"	".05
1881	2m rose	6	"	".05
1881	4m green	1	"	".05
1881	6m brown lilac	1	"	".05
1881	8m ultramarine	1	"	".05
1881	1c gray green	4	"	".05
1881	5c lake	3	"	".05
1881	3c brown	1	"	".05
1881	5c gray blue	8	"	".05
1881	8c Chocolate	4	"	".05
1881	10c slate	3	"	".05
1881	50c olive bistre	1	"	".05
1881	5c gray blue	5	"	".05
1882	20c gray lilac	25	"	".05
1882	40c blue	2	"	".05
1880	1/2m black	7	"	".05
1880	1/2m black	8	"	".05
1880	5m lilac rose	10	"	".05
1880	5c dark violet	9	"	".05
1880	1c black	15	"	".05
1880	1c brown violet	15	"	".05
1880	5c ultramarine	3	"	".05
1880	10c salmon rose	1	"	".05
1880	20c red orange	6	"	".05
1881-83	6m rose	15	"	".05
1881-83	8m yellow green	15	"	".05
1881-83	5c " "	25	"	".05
1884	1/2m chocolate	75	"	".05
1884	1m blue	35	"	".05
1884	5m flesh	35	"	".05
1884	4m yellow brown	25	"	".05
1884	1c brown violet	18	"	".05
1884	5c lilac	5	"	".05
1884	3c olive	9	"	".05
1884	1c claret	35	"	".05
1886	5c orange brown	25	"	".05
1888	4c dark brown	7	"	".05

PORTUGAL.

1853	25r blue	10	"	".05
1862	5r brown	15	"	".05
1867-70	120r blue	5	"	".05
1880	25r pearl gray	10	"	".05
1880	50r blue	5	"	".05
1887	500r purple	4	"	".05
1892	5r alata	25	"	".05
1892	10r green	15	"	".05
1876-88	25r olive, No. 201	50	"	".05

PORTUGUESE INDIA.

1882	1/2r black	60	"	".05
1882	4/2r olive bistre	40	"	".05
1882	6r green	40	"	".05
1882	1t rose	30	"	".05
1882	2t blue	40	"	".05
1882	4t lilac	18	"	".05
1882	8t orange	5	"	".05

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

1865	2d rose	5	for	\$.05
1865	3d blue	5	"	".05
1868-70	4d black	4	"	".05
1872	1c orange	4	"	".05
1872	4c green	3	"	".05
1872	6c black	4	"	".05
1872	2c mauve	4	"	".05

PRUSSIA.

1850-55	1cg rose	25	"	".05
1850-55	3cg yellow	15	"	".05
1850-55	1cg rose	10	"	".05
1850-55	3cg yellow	6	"	".05
1861-65	3f red violet	3	"	".05
1861-64	4f yellow green	6	"	".05
1861-64	6f orange	5	"	".05
1861-64	1cg rose	10	"	".05
1861-64	1cg blue	10	"	".05
1861-64	3cg bistre	10	"	".05

QUEENSLAND.

1868-75	1d orange	8	"	".05
1868-75	2d blue	7	"	".05
1882	1d vermilion	18	"	".05
1882	2d gray blue	10	"	".05
1882	4d yellow	8	"	".05
1882	12c lilac	16	"	".05
1882	12c lilac	8	"	".05
1881-94	1/2d green	15	"	".05
1882-99	1/2d green	15	"	".05
1900	1/2d green	15	"	".05

REUNION.

1886	5c on 50c brown	3	"	".05
1891	1c black on blue	25	"	".05
1891	2c brown on buff	25	"	".05
1891	4c claret	20	"	".05
1891-93	5c on 20c red on green, No. 30	18	"	".05
1891-93	5c on 20c " " " " 31	7	"	".05
1891-93	15c on 20c " " " " 32	7	"	".05
1891-93	5c on 20c " " " " No. 34	18	"	".05
1891-93	5c on 20c " " " " 35	8	"	".05
1892	1c black on blue	35	"	".05
1892	2c brown on buff	35	"	".05
1892	4c claret	20	"	".05
1892	5c green	15	"	".05
1900	5c yellow green	15	"	".05

RHODESIA.

1891	1/2d blue and vermilion	15	"	".05
1891	1d black	6	"	".05
1891	2d green and vermilion	4	"	".05
1891	4d red brown and black	9	"	".05
1896	1/2d slate and purple	15	"	".05
1896	1d scarlet and green	6	"	".05
1898	1/2d slate	15	"	".05
1898	1d vermilion	6	"	".05
1899	1/2d yellow green	18	"	".05

ROMANIA.

1859	1/2 bai straw	3	"	".05
1859	1 bai gray	3	"	".05
1859	2 bai lemon	3	"	".05
1859	3 bai violet	3	"	".05
1859	5 bai violet	3	"	".05

ROUMANIA.

1865	5 pa blue	8	"	".05
1865	20 pa red	10	"	".05
1866	20 pa yellow	10	"	".05
1866	20 pa rose	18	"	".05
1868-70	3b mauve	8	"	".05
1868-70	18b rose	8	"	".05
1869	15b vermilion	8	"	".05
1869	25b orange and blue	3	"	".05
1872	25b dark brown	1	"	".05
1872	1/2b bronze green	25	"	".05
1872	3b green	12	"	".05
1872	15b red brown	12	"	".05
1881-89	3b violet	25	"	".05
1881-89	25b blue	25	"	".05

ST. CHRISTOPHER.

1870-79	6d green	2	"	".05
1882	1/2d green	18	"	".05

ST. HELENA.

1884-94	1/2d yellow green	9	"	".05
1884-94	3d purple	3	"	".05
1890-93	1 1/2d red brown and green	6	"	".05
1890-93	2 1/2d blue	4	"	".05

ST. LUCIA.

1883-85	1/2d green	28	"	".05
1883-85	1/2d green, Die A.	9	"	".05
1883-85	2 1/2d blue	25	"	".05
1883-85	4d brown	25	"	".05
1884-89	1d lilac	33	"	".05
1884-89	3d lilac and green	10	"	".05

ST. PIERRE AND MIQUELON.

1891	5c green	9	"	".05
1891	5c black on rose	3	"	".05
1892	1c on 5c rose	15	"	".05
1892	5c on 5c rose	15	"	".05
1892	1c on 5c green	18	"	".05
1892	5c on 5c green	18	"	".05
1892	1c on 5c green	18	"	".05
1892	1c on 5c rose, No. 49	80	"	".05
1892	5c on 5c rose, " 50	15	"	".05
1892	4c on 5c rose, " 51	18	"	".05
1892	1c lilac blue	36	"	".05
1892	5c brown on buff	36	"	".05
1892	4c claret on lavender	25	"	".05
1892	5c green	25	"	".05

ST. THOMAS AND PRINCE.

1860-77	25r rose	35	"	".05
1881	20r rose	35	"	".05
1881	20r violet	35	"	".05
1881	50r blue	35	"	".05

ST. VINCENT.

1883-88	1/2d green	15	for	\$.05
1883-88	1d carmine	18	"	".05
1885-91	2 1/2d on 1d blue	18	"	".05
1893	4d yellow	8	"	".05

SALVADOR.

1867	1/2r red	15	"	".05
1867	1r red	18	"	".05
1867	2r green	9	"	".05
1879	1c green	10	"	".05
1879	5c rose	5	"	".05
1879	5c blue	7	"	".05
1887	3c brown	10	"	".05
1889	1c green, No. 23	18	"	".05
1888	1c on 3c brown	10	"	".05
1889	1c green	1	"	".05
1889	3c brown	1	"	".05
1889	5c ultramarine, No. 25	1	"	".05
1890	1c green	60	"	".05
1890	5c brown	60	"	".05
1891	1c vermilion	60	"	".05
1891	2c light green	60	"	".05
1891	3c violet	30	"	".05
1891	5c red brown	50	"	".05
1891	1c on 2c light green	30	"	".05
1891	1c on 2c light green, No. 58	10	"	".05
1891	5c on 3c violet	5	"	".05
1892	1c on 5c gray, No. 70	4	"	".05
1892	1c on 2c orange	10	"	".05
1892	1c on 25c maroon	8	"	".05
1893	1c on 2c red brown	8	"	".05
1897	1c blue, No. 175	15	"	".05
1897	5c rose, No. 176	5	"	".05

SAN MARINO.

1877	3c green	18	"	".05
1890	5c orange	9	"	

SPAIN—Continued.

*1870	10m de e rose.....	10	for \$0.25
1870	20m de e brown.....	10	" .25
1870	40m de e green, punched.....	12	" .25
1872	4p yellow brown, punched.....	8	" .25
1873	50 de p ultramarine.....	12	" .25
1873	4p orange brown, punched.....	16	" .25
1874	4p carmine, punched.....	18	" .25
*1874-89	good assortment.....	125	" .25

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.

1868-72	3c brown.....	10	" .25
1868-72	4c rose.....	5	" .25
1868-72	6c violet.....	3	" .25
1868-72	8c orange.....	5	" .25
1868-72	12c blue.....	8	" .25
1868-72	24c green.....	7	" .25
1868-72	30c claret.....	3	" .25
1868-72	10c on 6c violet.....	3	" .25
1883	8c yellow.....	15	" .25
1883	10c slate.....	20	" .25
1883-91	3c on carmine.....	40	" .25
*1884-91	3c on 24c red violet.....	7	" .25
1889-91	10c on 24c green.....	20	" .25
*1892	1c on 3c rose.....	18	" .25
*1892	1c on 4c brown.....	10	" .25
*1892	1c on 8c orange.....	15	" .25
*1892	1c on 8c green.....	25	" .25
*1892	1c green.....	20	" .25
*1892-99	4c on 8c ultramarine.....	8	" .25

JOHORE.

*1892-94	3c on 4c lilac.....	7	" .25
----------	---------------------	---	-------

NEGRI SEMBILAN.

*1892	1c green.....	20	" .25
*1892	5c blue.....	4	" .25

PERAK.

1892	3c rose.....	18	" .25
------	--------------	----	-------

SELANGOR.

1882	3c rose, No. 11.....	12	" .25
1892	3c rose.....	25	" .25
*1894-95	3c on 5c rose.....	10	" .25
1894-95	3c on 5c rose.....	12	" .25

SUNGEI UJONG.

*1892	5c blue.....	6	" .25
*1894	1c on 3c green.....	18	" .25
*1894	5c orange.....	15	" .25

SURINAM.

*1873	2 1/2c rose.....	10	" .25
*1892	2 1/2c black and orange.....	12	" .25

SWEDEN.

1872-89	good assortment.....	125	" .25
1880	10 ore on 12 ore blue.....	20	" .25
1891-92	10 to 1900 good assortment.....	125	" .25
1874	Unpaid letter stamps, 10var., two of each variety.....	20	" .25
1871-84	Official stamps, 11 varieties, three of each variety.....	20	" .25

SWITZERLAND.

1855-62	10r pale blue.....	25	" .25
1855-57	15r rose.....	20	" .25
1855-57	40r yellow green.....	7	" .25

SWITZERLAND—Continued.

1855-57	1f lavender.....	1	for \$0.25
1862 to 1878	12v twelve varieties.....	65	" .25
1882	Kloven varieties, six of each.....	6	" .25
Unpaid Letter Stamps.			
1878	1c ultramarine.....	35	" .25
1878	2c	25	" .25
1878	3c	30	" .25
1878	500c	5	" .25

TASMANIA.

1870-71	1d green.....	1	" .25
1871-76	1d rose.....	12	" .25
1871-76	2d blue green.....	5	" .25
*1892-97	1/2d orange.....	18	" .25
*1900	1d carmine.....	9	" .25

TOBAGO.

*1883-84	1/2d brown violet.....	1	" .25
*1883-84	1d red brown.....	1	" .25
*1885-94	1/2d green.....	18	" .25
*1885-94	1d rose.....	9	" .25
*1885-94	1d gray.....	2	" .25

TRINIDAD.

1876	1d carmine.....	8	" .25
*1883-84	1/2d green.....	18	" .25
*1883	1d carmine.....	9	" .25
1883	2 1/2d blue.....	30	" .25
1883	4d slate.....	18	" .25
*1892	1/2d lilac and green.....	20	" .25
*1892	1d lilac and carmine.....	10	" .25
*1892	2d violet and brown.....	4	" .25
1885	1d Unpaid Letter.....	12	" .25
1885	2d	9	" .25

TUNIS.

*1888-92	3c claret.....	15	" .25
*1888-92	3c black on blue.....	30	" .25
*1888-92	3c purple brown.....	25	" .25
1888-92	5c green.....	30	" .25
1889-92	10c lavender.....	40	" .25
1889-92	15c blue.....	20	" .25
1889-92	40c red.....	10	" .25

TURKEY.

1869	10 pa lilac.....	12	" .25
1872	10 pa brown.....	5	" .25
1872	1 pi yellow.....	20	" .25
1872	2 pi red.....	20	" .25
1874	10 pa red violet.....	32	" .25
1874	20 pa yellow green.....	25	" .25
1876	10 pa red.....	50	" .25
1876	20 pa green.....	50	" .25
1876	1 pi orange.....	40	" .25
1876	1 pi yellow.....	10	" .25
1876	3 pi brown.....	8	" .25
1876	10 pa black and rose.....	15	" .25
1876	20 pa violet and green.....	8	" .25
1876	50 pa blue and yellow.....	5	" .25
1876	2 pi black and red.....	10	" .25
*1883-84	5 pa black and olive.....	3	" .25
1880-82	1 pi black, olive and blue, No 62.....	12	" .25
1881-82	2 pi flesh.....	20	" .25
1881-82	10 pa green and pale green.....	100	" .25

TURKEY—Continued.

1881-82	20 pa rose and pale rose.....	100	for \$0.25
1881-82	1 pi blue and light blue.....	50	" .25
1881-82	2 pi ochre and ochre.....	25	" .25
1886	2 pi orange and blue.....	33	" .25
1888-90	2 pi red and blue.....	33	" .25
1892	No. 95, 96, 97 and 98, 20 of each.....	20	" .25

URUGUAY.

1872	20c rose.....	2	" .25
1877-80	1c brown, No. 40.....	2	" .25
1877-80	5c green.....	17	" .25
1877-80	10c vermilion.....	9	" .25
*1883	1c green.....	6	" .25
1884	5c blue.....	3	" .25
1884	5c blue, No. 55.....	3	" .25
*1884	1c gray.....	3	" .25
*1884	1c olive green.....	15	" .25
*1884	5c vermilion.....	5	" .25
1884	10c olive brown.....	7	" .25
1887	10c violet.....	10	" .25
*1889-90	3c rose.....	10	" .25
*1894	1c blue.....	18	" .25
*1894	3c brown red.....	8	" .25
*1899	2m lilac rose.....	25	" .25

VENEZUELA.

*1883	5c blue.....	20	" .25
*1883	5c yellow brown.....	75	" .25
*1883	5c green.....	75	" .25
*1883	10c brown.....	75	" .25
*1883	5c orange.....	75	" .25
*1883	5c blue.....	35	" .25
*1883	1b vermilion.....	75	" .25
*1889-91	1b violet.....	40	" .25
1893	5c brown and red.....	12	" .25
*1893	5c green.....	32	" .25
1893	5c red brown.....	32	" .25
1893	5c magenta.....	10	" .25
*1893	5c magenta, No. 118.....	8	" .25

VICTORIA.

1861	1d blue.....	1	" .25
1867-78	1d green.....	1	" .25
1867-78	4d lilac.....	8	" .25
1861-78	4d rose.....	8	" .25
1861-78	6d blue.....	10	" .25
1868-70	2d lilac.....	5	" .25
1875-81	2d violet.....	25	" .25
1881-83	2d brown.....	20	" .25
1884-86	3d bistre.....	10	" .25
1886-87	7 varieties.....	20	" .25

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

1865-69	2d yellow.....	8	" .25
1865-69	1d yellow ochre.....	7	" .25
*1882-85	1/2d yellow green.....	18	" .25
1882-85	1d ochre yellow.....	18	" .25
1882-85	2d yellow.....	20	" .25
1884	1/2d on 1d ochre yellow.....	6	" .25
1889	1d rose.....	25	" .25
1889	2d slate.....	25	" .25
1890-92	1d rose.....	50	" .25
1890	2d slate.....	50	" .25

Kansas Philatelic Society.

The Fourth Annual Convention of the Kansas Philatelic Society was held Wednesday afternoon, October 8th, in Parlor S, at the Midland Hotel. The election of officers resulted as follows:

President—F. N. DeLaMeter, Wichita, Kansas.

Vice-Pres.—T. O. Cunningham, Kansas City, Kansas.

Sec'y-Treas.—F. A. Lilly, Sabetha, Kans.

Auction Managers—G. R. Barker and F. R. Hayworth, Wichita, Kansas.

Librarian—E. G. Stephens, Kansas City, Kansas.

Ex. Supt.—W. P. Kelley, Kansas City, Missouri.

Counterfeit Detector—Rev. R. Stollenwerk, Liebenenthal, Kansas.

Trustees—O. G. Maurer, T. C. Stephens and F. J. Becher, all of Kansas City, Kans.

Attorney—H. W. Broadbent, Kansas City, Kans.

International Sec'y—C. W. Meyers, Wichita, Kans.

16 members were present and 4 visitors. All the officers made good reports. After the session a banquet was given in the convention room. Steps were also taken to organize a local society.

K.

The Fiscal Philatelic Society.

At the meeting held on October 3rd, 1902, Messrs. E. S. Auscher of Versailles, A. Bailliere of Paris, F. Bernard of Dunquerque, B. F. J. Cooper, C. H. Daly of New York, and H. J. Spencer, were elected members.

The resignation of Mr. White was accepted with regret, and Mr. Max Jacobs has ceased to be a member under Rule 4.

Mr. Morley presented a copy of his "Revenue Stamps of Spain," and Mr. Thompson "Moen's Fiscal Catalogue," to the Library. Further donations will be welcomed.

The election of officers for the ensuing season resulted as follows:

Hon. President—W. Schwabacher.

Hon. Vice Presidents—T. P. Dorman, A. P. Pearce, A. E. Lawrence, U. S. A.; M. Langlois, France.

Committee—O. Marsh, W. Morley, E. H. Selway, A. M. South, H. Thompson, D. Thomson.

Librarian—L. W. Fulcher.

Sec., Treas. and Ex. Supt.—A. B. Kay.

Auditors—H. Thompson, D. Thomson.

The Society commences its second season with a membership of fifty.

The Home Exchange packet for October

consisted of 14 sheets, totalling to £230, and the contribution to the Continental Exchange to fr. 1611.

Next meeting will be held on Thursday, October 16th, at 6.30 P. M., at 65 Bishopsgate Street Without, London, E. C., when the fiscals of Jamaica, Leeward Islands, Malta and Mauritius will be discussed and catalogued. Members are expected to bring their collections of these countries, or if unable to be present, at least assist by sending notes of what stamps they may have.

Rules of the Society, Exchange Sections, etc., will shortly be re-issued, and copies of same, or any other information can be had on application to the Secretary, A. B. Kay, 2 Haarlem Mansions, West Kensington, London, W.

Stamps to Burn, at my prices they are cheaper than coal.

	Cat. Price.	My Price.
Hungary 1900, 3 kr, fine.....	\$0.60	\$0.18
Same, per ten, fine.....	6.00	1.20
Netherlands, 1896, 1 gulden, fine.....	.15	.07
Same, per 10.....	1.50	.60
Peru No. 115, 1 sol, fine.....	.25	.10
Same, per ten, fine.....	2.50	.85
Belgium 2 fr 1886, postmarked, fine.....	.20	.09
Per 10, postmarked, fine.....	2.00	.80
Queensland No. 79, rev. can., fine (per 10, 2c).....	10	.04
Canada No. 46, fine..... (per 10, .40)	.12	.05
Canada No. 57, fine..... (per 10, .63)	.25	.08
Canada 50c Jubilee..... (per 10, 1.05)	.30	.12
Canada 2a Jubilee..... (per 10, 4.15)	1.50	.50
U. S. 7c Navy.....	10.00	3.25
U. S. 7c 1871, o. g.....	6.00	1.40
Postage extra.....		

E. C. DODD,
259 So. Hermitage Ave., CHICAGO, ILL.

The Weekly Philatelic Era

A PAPER DEVOTED TO STAMP NEWS.

50c PER YEAR.

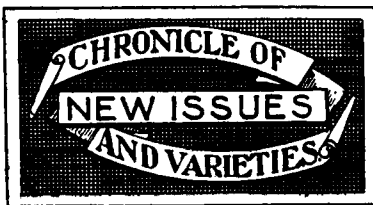
ENTERED AT PORTLAND POST OFFICE AS SECOND CLASS MATTER JAN. 10, 1890.

2c PER COPY.

Vol. XVII. No. 6.

PORTLAND, ME., SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 1902.

WHOLE No. 494.



BY HENRY A. KIDDER.

Friends of the ERA are invited to send to the editor of this department any information regarding new issues or varieties that may prove of interest. Such information will be suitably acknowledged. Address, HENRY A. KIDDER, 17 Addison Street, Arlington, Mass.

Exchanges will please send Mr. Kidder a copy of each issue to the foregoing address, and an extra copy of the ERA will be gladly sent whenever desired.

UNITED STATES.—It is now stated that the new 13c stamp will be ready for shipment by the first week in November. The color is to be slate. The Bureau people consider the design for the 2c "the handsomest design for a postage stamp ever turned out of any stamp factory in the world."

ALBANIA.—Three stamps have been issued for the Italian office Albania, which we find we have omitted to chronicle. They are 10p, 35p and 40p, the surcharge being the same on all with the exception of the figures of value. They are overprinted in black in two lines, "Albania—10 para 10," upon the regular issues of Italy. These stamps have been in circulation since Sept. 1st.

Adhesives (Regular):
10p on 5c green and black.
35p on 20c orange and black.
40p on 25c blue and black.

ALEXANDRIA.—*L'Essor Philatelique* reports having seen the 25c black on rose with overprint inverted.

ANGOLA.—In common with the other Portuguese colonies various stamps have been surcharged in two lines of ornamental type, with an ornamental dash below, making three lines in all.

Adhesives (Provisional):
Surcharged in Black on Issue of 1886.
65r on 40r chocolate.
65r on 300r orange.
115r on 10r green.
115r on 200r gray-violet.
130r on 50r blue.
130r on 100r brown.
400r on 50r rose.
400r on 25r violet.
Surcharged in Red, Same Issue.
400r on 3r black.

Surcharged in Black on Issue of 1894.
65r on 3r yellow.
65r on 11r red violet.
65r on 22r lavender.
65r on 55r green.
115r on 80r light green.
115r on 100r brown on buff.
115r on 130r carmine on rose.
130r on 15r chocolate.
130r on 75r rose.
130r on 300r dark blue on salmon.
400r on 50r light blue.
400r on 80r dark blue on blue.
Surcharged in Black on Newspaper Stamp of 1893.
400r on 2½r brown.
Surcharged "Provisorio" in Black on Issue of 1898.
15r brown.
25r blue green.

AUSTRALIA.—The postage due stamps with "N. S. W." erased are also reported on sale in Tasmania by the *Australian Philatelist*. There are two types, the higher values having the blank space filled in, thus avoiding the unsightly white blotch which appears on the lower values.

CAPE VERDE.—Similar surcharges to those for Angola, mentioned above.

Adhesives (Provisional):
Surcharged in Red on Issue of 1896.
65r on 5r black.
Surcharged in Black on Same Issue.
65r on 200r gray lilac.
65r on 300r orange.
115r on 10r green.
115r on 20r rose.
130r on 50r blue.
130r on 100r brown.
400r on 25r violet.
400r on 40r chocolate.
Surcharged in Black on Issue of 1894.
65r on 10r red violet.
65r on 20r lavender.
65r on 100r brown on buff.
115r on 5r orange.
115r on 25r blue green.
115r on 150r carmine on rose.
130r on 80r yellow green.
130r on 200r dark blue on blue.
400r on 50r light blue.
400r on 300r dark blue on salmon.
Surcharged in Black on Newspaper Stamp of 1893.
400r on 2½r brown.

Surcharged "Provisorio" in Black on Issue of 1898.
15r brown.
25r blue green.
CHILE.—The 30c and 50c, bi-colored, of the current set have been received here.

GUINEA.—Similar surcharges to those for Angola and Cape Verde, mentioned above.

Adhesives (Provisional):
Surcharged in Black on Issue of 1886-89.
65r on 10r green.
65r on 20r carmine.
65r on 25r red lilac.
115r on 40r chocolate.
115r on 50r blue.
115r on 300r orange.
130r on 80r gray.
130r on 100r brown.
400r on 200r gray lilac.
Surcharged in Red on Same Issue.
400r on 3r black.
Surcharged in Black on Issue of 1893-94.
65r on 10r red violet.
65r on 15r chocolate.
65r on 20r lavender.
65r on 50r light blue.
115r on 5r yellow.
115r on 25r blue green.
130r on 150r carmine on rose.
130r on 200r dark blue on blue.
130r on 300r dark blue on salmon.
400r on 75r rose.
400r on 80r light green.
400r on 200r brown on buff.
Surcharged in Black on Newspaper Stamp of 1893.
115r on 2½r brown.
Surcharged "Provisorio" in Black on Issue of 1898.
15r brown.
25r dark green.

INDO-CHINE.—A correspondent writes to *Le Revue Postale* that Hai-Hoo and Canton surcharges on Indo-Chine stamps are exhausted and no longer to be procured in the colony.

LEEWARD ISLANDS.—Mr. F. P. Brown has shown us the complete set from ½d to 5sh, except the 2sh, which his correspondent at St. Kitts informs him has not yet

King Edward British Colonials.

Cayman ½d.....	\$0.08	Gold Coast ½d.....	.02
England ¼d and 1d.....	.05	1d.....	.04
¼d.....	.04	2d.....	.06
½d.....	.06	Gambia ¼ and 1d.....	.06
¾d.....	.06	2d.....	.06
1d.....	.08	3d.....	.08
2d.....	.10	4d.....	.10
3d.....	.12	5d.....	.12
4d.....	.15	6d.....	.15
5d.....	.20	7d.....	.18
6d.....	.22	8d.....	.20
7d.....	.28	9d.....	.25
8d.....	.35	10d.....	.30
9d.....	.40	11d.....	.35
10d.....	.45	12d.....	.40
11d.....	.50	13d.....	.45
12d.....	.55	14d.....	.50
13d.....	.60	15d.....	.55
14d.....	.65	16d.....	.60
15d.....	.70	17d.....	.65
16d.....	.75	18d.....	.70
17d.....	.80	19d.....	.75
18d.....	.85	20d.....	.80
19d.....	.90	21d.....	.85
20d.....	.95	22d.....	.90
21d.....	1.00	23d.....	.95
22d.....	1.05	24d.....	1.00
23d.....	1.10	25d.....	1.05
24d.....	1.15	26d.....	1.10
25d.....	1.20	27d.....	1.15
26d.....	1.25	28d.....	1.20
27d.....	1.30	29d.....	1.25
28d.....	1.35	30d.....	1.30
29d.....	1.40	31d.....	1.35
30d.....	1.45	32d.....	1.40
31d.....	1.50	33d.....	1.45
32d.....	1.55	34d.....	1.50
33d.....	1.60	35d.....	1.55
34d.....	1.65	36d.....	1.60
35d.....	1.70	37d.....	1.65
36d.....	1.75	38d.....	1.70
37d.....	1.80	39d.....	1.75
38d.....	1.85	40d.....	1.80
39d.....	1.90	41d.....	1.85
40d.....	1.95	42d.....	1.90
41d.....	2.00	43d.....	1.95
42d.....	2.05	44d.....	2.00
43d.....	2.10	45d.....	2.05
44d.....	2.15	46d.....	2.10
45d.....	2.20	47d.....	2.15
46d.....	2.25	48d.....	2.20
47d.....	2.30	49d.....	2.25
48d.....	2.35	50d.....	2.30
49d.....	2.40	51d.....	2.35
50d.....	2.45	52d.....	2.40
51d.....	2.50	53d.....	2.45
52d.....	2.55	54d.....	2.50
53d.....	2.60	55d.....	2.55
54d.....	2.65	56d.....	2.60
55d.....	2.70	57d.....	2.65
56d.....	2.75	58d.....	2.70
57d.....	2.80	59d.....	2.75
58d.....	2.85	60d.....	2.80
59d.....	2.90	61d.....	2.85
60d.....	2.95	62d.....	2.90
61d.....	3.00	63d.....	2.95
62d.....	3.05	64d.....	3.00
63d.....	3.10	65d.....	3.05
64d.....	3.15	66d.....	3.10
65d.....	3.20	67d.....	3.15
66d.....	3.25	68d.....	3.20
67d.....	3.30	69d.....	3.25
68d.....	3.35	70d.....	3.30
69d.....	3.40	71d.....	3.35
70d.....	3.45	72d.....	3.40
71d.....	3.50	73d.....	3.45
72d.....	3.55	74d.....	3.50
73d.....	3.60	75d.....	3.55
74d.....	3.65	76d.....	3.60
75d.....	3.70	77d.....	3.65
76d.....	3.75	78d.....	3.70
77d.....	3.80	79d.....	3.75
78d.....	3.85	80d.....	3.80
79d.....	3.90	81d.....	3.85
80d.....	3.95	82d.....	3.90
81d.....	4.00	83d.....	3.95
82d.....	4.05	84d.....	4.00
83d.....	4.10	85d.....	4.05
84d.....	4.15	86d.....	4.10
85d.....	4.20	87d.....	4.15
86d.....	4.25	88d.....	4.20
87d.....	4.30	89d.....	4.25
88d.....	4.35	90d.....	4.30
89d.....	4.40	91d.....	4.35
90d.....	4.45	92d.....	4.40
91d.....	4.50	93d.....	4.45
92d.....	4.55	94d.....	4.50
93d.....	4.60	95d.....	4.55
94d.....	4.65	96d.....	4.60
95d.....	4.70	97d.....	4.65
96d.....	4.75	98d.....	4.70
97d.....	4.80	99d.....	4.75
98d.....	4.85	100d.....	4.80
99d.....	4.90		
100d.....	4.95		

Return Postage must be added.

STANLEY GIBBONS, INC.,

167 BROADWAY,

NEW YORK CITY.

PERU.

10 varieties unused, cat. 49 cts., post free 18 cts.

Geo. A. Knight,
95] 90 Meridian St., East Boston, Mass.

FREE! 10 different stamps, cat. 30c, to all sending a ref. for Approval Sheets. If you want to increase your collection at small expense try these sheets at 50% discount. The stamps catalogue up to 15c each and are classified by countries. A premium ticket worth 5c free with every 50c purchase from them.

Phil. Island 1892, 1/2m fine, o. g., cat. \$0.25, Price \$0.07
China 1897 5c, 1898 5c, 2 var... ..11, " .05

C. R. TRAVER,
1010 East 133rd St., NEW YORK, N. Y.

EVERYTHING UNUSED, O. G.

1c Justice,	\$0.65
10c "	1.30
12c "	1.30
Dominica, No. 13,	.25
St. Christopher, No. 18,	3.25
" " 19,	.85

Blocks of four at same rates.

CHAS. H. STONE & CO.,

19 Washington St., BOSTON, MASS.

Look!

Rare Stamps 50% Commission!

50% COMMISSION!

Send for some of my approval sheets. Such bargains never offered before. Don't delay but send at once. Collections of stamps bought for cash. Send once and you will again.

Francis R. Dennison, [94*

Box 906, WATERLOO, N. Y.

sion. The stamps are all well printed in sheets of 100, but they are not all arranged in the same manner. Of all the values there is an original plate of 100 arranged in 4 panes of 25, 5 rows of 5; but this is not all. Of the 1/2 grana there is a second plate on which the stamps are arranged in 10 continuous rows of 10, without any division into panes. Of the 1 grana the original plate is spaced 2mm. horizontally between the stamps; a second plate, in the same arrangement of panes, is spaced 1 1/2mm. horizontally between the stamps; a third plate is arranged 10x10, like plate 2 of the 1/2 grana. Of the 2 grana there are also three plates; two in the pane arrangement, the second of which differs from the first only in the occurrence of certain minor varieties, and a third in the 10x10 arrangement. Of the 5 grana there is also a second plate arranged 10x10, like those before mentioned.—*Adhesive.*

The New England Philatelic Association.

Organized February, 1893.

Board of Officers:

President, CHARLES H. SMITH, Dedham, Mass.
Vice President, J. FAVILL CAPRON, 22 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass.

Secretary and Treasurer, H. W. LEECH, Peppercell, Mass.

Sales Department, CHARLES H. STONE, 91 Antrim St., Cambridgeport, Mass.

Information Bureau, MRS. WALLACE DANA SMITH, 20 Withered St., Portsmouth, N. H.

Counterfeit Detector, WILLIS D. KING, Nashua, N.H.
Attorney, HORACE S. BACON, 107 Stevens St., Lowell, Mass.

Governing Board, CHARLES H. STONE, Chairman, 91 Antrim St., Cambridgeport, Mass., JOHN J. CONN, New Dorchester, Mass., FRANK A. WILSON, 185 Highland Ave., Somerville, Mass.

Official Organ, THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA.

Chicago Notes.

Frank Massoth will open the auction season in Chicago, Saturday evening, Nov. 1st, when he will hold his 18th sale under the auspices of the C. P. Society. A good grade of medium priced stamps are listed, while there will also be an unusually large number of wholesale lots, consisting chiefly of U. S. postage and the revenues of both the Civil and the late war.

The present issue of *Robinson's Review* was somewhat delayed in making its appearance, the result of an accident in the printing office where it is published.

P. M. Wolstetter's long deferred auction sale will probably be held Saturday evening, Nov. 15th.

A beautiful lot of old U. S. issues from 1847 to 1871, all unused, o. g., was purchased last week by a local dealer who received them from an Eastern connection.

The United Stamp Co. will be installed next week in their spacious and elaborate suite of offices on the 11th floor of the Marquette Building.

Congratulations are being offered to Chas. S. Smack, a popular member of the C. P. S., who recently became a Benedict. Fred Michael, the ex-Manager of the Open Exchange, will soon emulate his example.

John J. Oesch, the Manager of the Circuit Sales Dept. of the A. P. A., reports that the stamps sent out on circuit are selling unusually well and remarks that members are sending in books from all quarters. There is always room for one more just the same.

CLIFFORD.

ALL SOLD!
SENF'S 1902-3

(German) POSTAL CARD CATALOGUES.
Orders will be filled in rotation, as received, from the second importation, now afloat.
Price 35 Cents, Postpaid.
A. LOHMEYER,
922 N. Gumor St., BALTIMORE, MD.

HAVE YOU DUPLICATES?

If you have any fine duplicates of United States and foreign stamps, in small or large quantity, which you wish to dispose of to the best possible advantage, write us today. Send description of the stamps, but do not send the stamps until you hear from us.

HOLTON STAMP CO., BOSTON, MASS.

DEALERS. WHOLESALE.

Our new wholesale list of 40 pages has just been issued and offers a very large variety of stamps, sets, packets, mixtures and dealers' supplies. Mailed free. Prices will interest every dealer.

MARKS STAMP CO., Toronto, Canada.

Wanted! We are open to purchase for spot cash, stamps of every country in quantity, Collections, Job Lots, Consignments. Offers and Price-Lists wanted.

WANTED. [14] WANTED.

AUCTION SALES

ARE OUR SPECIALTY.

We hold them about every two weeks during the season.

We charge a reasonable commission depending on the grade of the goods offered.

We make prompt settlements.

We want you on our mailing list if you are interested.

We want to sell your collection if you are desirous of disposing of it.

We want to do business with you and will treat you fairly.

Bogert & Durbin Co.,

722 Chestnut St., PHILADELPHIA, PA.
[1114*]

THE 1903 OR 62nd EDITION

OF THE

Standard Postage Stamp Catalogue

WILL BE READY IN DECEMBER.

PRICE 58c POST FREE.

ADVANCE SHEETS.

Mailed to subscribers, as each form is printed, on payment of \$5.00. No dealer can afford to be without them.

INTERNATIONAL POSTAGE STAMP ALBUM.

Nineteenth and Twentieth Century Editions now in course of preparation, will be published November 15th and sold at popular prices. Write for particulars and 84-page price list.

[98*

SCOTT STAMP & COIN CO.,

18 EAST 23RD ST.,

NEW YORK, N. Y.

**MAINHART'S
WEEKLY STAMP NEWS.**

COLLECTORS! I have a limited number of sets of unused Porto Ricans—U. S. surcharge: Porto Rico 1c, 2c, 5c, 8c, 10c; Puerto Rico 1c, 2c and Porto Rico Unpaid Letter Stamps 1c, 2c, 10c, all unused, catalogued at \$2.37.

My Price \$1.25.

Take advantage of this offer, as the number is limited.

Collectors who have had my Approval Selections

At 50% Discount

say that my stamps are the best and lowest priced in the market. Send me a trial order today.

THEO. MAINHART, JOHNSTOWN, PA.

60 Per Cent. Discount.

Order by Catalogue No. and Price and deduct 60%. * Unused.

Money refunded for anything returned that is not satisfactory.

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC

Nos. 21, 26, 29, 35, 37, 38, 52, *57, 61, 63, 65, 74, 79, 80, 81, *83, *84.

DENMARK

Nos. 3, 5, 12, 19, 24, 27, 32, 34, 30.

DUTCH INDIES

Nos. 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 15, 16, 28, 31, 33, 34, 35.

EGYPT

Nos. 11, 13, 18, 20, 22, 24, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, *38, 38, 39, 41, 42.

E. F. GAMBS ESTATE,

P. O. Box 2681, SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

Topics About Town.

FROM NEW YORK CITY.

Among those successful in landing prizes at the Pacific Philatelic Society exhibition held last month in San Francisco, Cal., I note the following city collectors: Alex. Holland, the Makins & Co. Bronze Medal, for the third best exhibit of stamps of Hawaiian Islands; the A. Linck Silver Medal, best exhibit of stamps of Tonga and Samoa; the Golden Gate Stamp Co.'s Bronze Medal, for the third best exhibit of the stamps of South America. John N. Luff, the Makins & Co. Silver Medal, for the best exhibit of the stamps of Shanghai; the W. F. Greany Silver Medal, for the best collection of stamps of the United States; the Frank Koenig Bronze Medal, for the best exhibit of the stamps of the Leeward Islands; the Makins & Co. Silver Medal, for the best exhibit of stamps of China, Chinese Treaty ports and Hong Kong.

A new weekly stamp paper will shortly appear from Minneapolis to be published by E. S. Martin.

At the next meeting of the Manhattan Philatelic Society, November 6th, the stamps of England and Colonies in Europe will be exhibited.

VOLUNTEER.

Literature Department.

Conducted by WILLIAM C. STONE, 384 Union Street, Springfield, Mass., to whom all books, magazines and papers intended for review should be addressed. Exchanges will please send one copy to the above address.

The early literature of stamp collecting is receiving no little attention at the hands of some of the leading collectors of this country and Europe and in that well known English magazine, *Notes and Queries*, I recently found an extended article by P. J. Anderson of the University Library of Aberdeen. It contains so much of value that I am going to ask Brother Jewett to reprint it in full. Numerous other references to stamp collecting have been printed in the columns of *Notes and Queries* and a list of them is given at the commencement of the article. Some time I shall look them up and reprint those which are of interest. Mr. Anderson's article is as follows:

STAMP COLLECTING AND ITS LITERATURE FORTY YEARS AGO.

The mania for amassing vast numbers of used stamps dates from a much earlier period than anything of the nature of philately proper. So far back as 1841 I find this advertisement in the *Times*:

"A young lady, being desirous of covering her dressing-room with cancelled postage stamps, has been so far encouraged in her wish by private friends as to have succeeded in collecting 16,000. These, however, being insufficient, she will be greatly obliged if any good-natured person who

UNITED STAMP CO.

P. M. WOLSIEFFER, President.
F. N. MASSOTH, Sec'y and Treas.

Wolsieffer's Auction Sale, Nov. 15th, will contain the Bartlett U. S. Collection and Higginson Wholesale Stamps. Also a few rarities such as the 1c and 4c

Inverted Pan-Americans,
Knoxville Envelope No. 67

and many others of lesser value. Some rare Mexican uncancelled varieties, foreign imperforate pairs etc. The catalogue is now ready.

That Pocket Ed. Stock Book, cloth, to hold 560 stamps, is still offered at 25 cents postpaid.

United Stamp Co., 1149 Marquette Bldg., Chicago.

TONGA—SAMOA—HAWAII.

Tonga 1897, 2d, unused..... \$0.08
" 1897, 2½d "10
Samoa 1899, ¼p "03
" 1899, 1p, "05

Cat.
" 1894-1900, 1½p on 2p, unused.... \$0.12 .06
" 1894-1900, 3p on 2p, black surch. .25 .12

HAWAII.

1893 1c violet, unused..... .20 .11
1c blue, "20 .12
1c green, "06 .04
10c black, "40 .26
25c violet, " 1.50 .80
2c brown, "30 .20
2c rose, "12 .08

BLOCKS OF FOUR.

Queensland Nos. 102 and 102a, in block, unused .25
" " 98 and 98a, in block, unused.. .30
Victoria No. 124, unused..... .16

J. T. STARR STAMP COMPANY, Coldwater, Mich.

PLUMMER OF DENVER

wants to send you approval books at 50 per cent. discount.

ARE YOU WILLING ?

Stamps for beginners a specialty. Special discounts to agents. [d^o]

ED. PLUMMER,

Box 1029, DENVER, COLO.

"MEKEEL'S STAMP COLLECTOR."

Mailed Weekly from St. Louis. Vol. XV. commenced with 1902. All subscriptions must now commence with current number (3 months' trial, 25c), subscription \$1.00 per year in U. S. etc., and \$1.50 per year abroad. Sample of large magazine edition 10c.

SPECIAL BARGAINS!

UNITED STATES LOCAL

ADAMS & Co.'s EXPRESS
Scott's No. 2201 (Type L2) 25c black, catalogued \$5.00, special price..... \$1.25
A fine copy of a very interesting stamp.

U. S. REVENUE

Fourth Issue, Scott's No. 1066, 2c black and orange on green paper, *inserted Medallion*, catalogued \$5.00, special price..... \$2.75

U. S. POSTAGE

National Print, 1870—15c bright orange without embossing, fine unused copy, full gum, catalogued \$5.00, special price..... \$3.25
An Embossed Copy, 1870, 15c fine, unused, o.g. \$20.00

A FREAK (U. S. Revenue)

A misprint sheet of 2c postage surcharged I. R. shows following freaks:
a .R. (No 1)..... \$2.00
b .R. 1..... 2.00
c .R. (showing ¼ of 1 each side)..... 2.00
A set of the three varieties..... 5.00

There was only one sheet of these and we only have a few left.

\$200.00 U. S. REVENUE

First Issue, perforated, (Scott's No. 2901) a superb copy, bright colors and very fine, catalogued \$15.00, special price..... \$10.00

25 QUEEN'S HEAD QT. BRITAIN

1882, 25 orange (Scott's No. 93) with small Glasgow cancellation, a superb copy, sure to advance, special price..... \$10.00

COLOMBIAN REPUBLIC

1892 Issue, unused, o. g., fine.
.5 pesos (Catalogued 61st Ed. \$4.50)..... \$0.75
10 pesos (Catalogued 61st Ed. 9.00)..... 1.25
We paid twice as much for some recently, but an exceptional circumstance enables us to offer a few very low.

OTHER SNAPS.

Our Net Price
U. S. Eagle Carrier (Scott's No. 802) 1c blue, unused..... \$0.65
U. S. Revenue, Third Issue, \$5.00..... .50
U. S. Proprietary 1871, 6c black and green.... .75
Hawaii 1889, 2c black blue, unused..... .75
Hawaii Prov. Govt. 25c violet, unused..... .90
U. S. 1894, \$2.00 Sapphire, used..... 1.75
U. S. 1895, \$2.00 Omaha, superb unused, o. g. 2.70
U. S. Revenue 1900, \$1.00 carmine, unused, o. g. 4.00

A COLLECTION OF 5000 VARIETIES of POSTAGE STAMPS, carefully selected from our own stock, \$175.00. Satisfaction Guaranteed.

3000 for \$45.00 ♦ 2000 for \$13.50 ♦ 1000 for \$3.40 ♦ ALL GENUINE POSTAGE STAMPS

550 Varieties mounted in a blank book (cataloguing by Scott's 61st edition Catalogue \$10.00), post free \$1.50. A Bargain for Dealer or Collector!

C. H. MEKEEL STAMP & PUBLISHING CO., ST. LOUIS, MO.

may have these (otherwise useless) little articles at their disposal would assist her in her whimsical project. Address to E. D., Mr. Butt's, Glover, Leadenhall Street; or Mr. Marshall's, Jeweller, Hackney."

In 1842 *Punch* had a skit on the same subject:

"A new mania has bitten the industriously idle ladies of England. To enable a large wager to be gained they have been indefatigable in their endeavours to collect old penny stamps; in fact, they betray more anxiety to treasure up Queen's heads than Harry the Eighth did to get rid of them. Colonel Sibthorpe, whose matchless genius we have so often admired, sends us the following poem upon the prevailing epidemic:

When was a folly so pestilent hit upon
As folks running mad to collect every spit-upon

Post-office stamp, that's been soiled and
been writ upon?

Oh, for Swift! such a subject his spleen to
emit upon.

'Tis said that some fool in mustachios has
split upon

The rock of a bet,
And therefore must get,
To avoid loss and debt,

Half the town as collectors to waste time and
wit upon

Bothering and forcing their friends to sub-
mit upon

Pain of displeasure,
To fill a peck measure
With the coveted treasure

Of as many old stamps as perforce can be
hit upon,

To paper a room, or stuff cushions to sit
upon.

Do, dearest Punch, let fly a sharp skit
upon

This new pursuit, and an ass's head fit
upon

The crest of the Order of Knights of the
Spit-upon."

It yet remains for *N. and Q.* to fix with something like accuracy the date when stamp collecting in the true sense (*i. e.*, the collecting of different varieties of stamps) first began to attract general attention in Britain. Judge Suppanschitsch, of Vienna, claims to have unearthed a reference to collecting in the *Family Herald* for 22 March, 1851. The *Philatelic Journal of America* for March, 1885, asserts that advertisements from English dealers appeared as far back as 1857. I have been unable to obtain confirmation of this assertion, but probably the advertisement pages of the early volumes of the first series of Beeton's *Boy's Own Magazine*, 1855-62, if anywhere accessible, might yield some result.

In the *Museum* (Edinburgh, James Gordon) for July, 1861, appeared an article on "Education through the Senses," by the author of "Rab and his Friends." Dr. Brown urges the propriety of interesting children in occupations requiring the use of their own hands and eyes, and remarks incidentally:

"Even the immense activity in the Post-office-stamp line of business among our youngsters has been of immense use in many ways, besides being a diversion and an interest. I myself came to the knowledge of Queensland, and a great deal more, through its blue twopenny."

The earliest printed matter devoted exclusively to collecting appears to have been:

1. A list of stamps (12 pp., no title) issued privately in September, 1861, by M. Oscar Berger-Levrault, Strassburg (second edition in December).

2. "Catalogue des Timbres Poste crees dans les divers Etats du Globe," issued in December of the same year by M. Alfred Potiquet, Paris (43 pp.; second edition in March, 1862).

3. "Manuel du Collectionneur de Timbres Poste et Nomenclature generale de tous les Timbres adoptes dans les divers Pays de l'Univers," published in January, 1862, by M. J. B. Moens, Brussels (72 pp.; second edition in same year). A sketch and portrait of M. Moens will be found in the *Philatelic Record* for December, 1893.

In 1862 English philatelic literature made a fair start. In April there appeared "Aids to Stamp Collectors: being a List of English and Foreign Stamps in Circulation since 1840," by a Stamp Collector. Brighton, H. & C. Treacher. This volume was little more than a translation from the works of Potiquet and Moens. Second and third editions of the "Aids" rapidly followed within the same year, the title-page bearing the name of the author, Frederick Booty. Mr. Booty also brought out a "Stamp Collector's Guide" (same publishers and year), the earliest illustrated catalogue. The lithographs of stamps, some 200 in number, are said to be the result of Mr. Booty's own artistic skill, and are at least recognizable.

In May, 1862, appeared a book which, though not more systematic than Booty's, gained a much wider popularity, "Catalogue of British, Colonial, and Foreign Postage Stamps," by Mount Brown. London, Passmore (second edition in June; third, December; fourth, May, 1863; fifth, March, 1864). Mr. Brown originally based his list on the collection of the Rev. F. J. Stainforth, Perpetual Curate of Allhallows, Staining, one of our earliest collectors, who died in 1866. The number of varieties described rises from 1,200 in the first edition to 2,400 in the fifth. Of the latter fifty copies were printed on large paper, forming decidedly the handsomest specimens of early English philatelic literature. An American piracy of the first edition was published in 1862 at Philadelphia by A. C. Kline, under the title of "The Stamp Collector's Manual: being a Complete Guide to the Collectors of American and Foreign Postage and Despatch Stamps." This seems to be the earliest American philatelic publication. A more remarkable proof of the popularity of Mr. Brown's work was afforded by the appearance of a "Catalogue of nearly Two Thousand Varieties of British, Colonial, and Foreign Postage Stamps," by a Collector. Gloucester, 1863. This was simply an almost verbatim reprint of Mr. Brown's third edition. It was suppressed at his instance, and is consequently very scarce. A sketch and portrait of Mr. Mount Brown will be found in the *Philatelic Record* for December, 1894.

In the number for June, 1862, of *Young*

England (London, Tweedie) the late Dr. John Edward Gray, of the British Museum, began a series of articles entitled "The Postage Stamps of the World."

"The collecting of postage stamps," writes Dr. Gray, "having lately become a fashion, especially among the young persons at school, it certainly will be interesting to the readers of *Young England* to have as complete a list of them as I have been able to form. . . . I may state that I began to collect them shortly after the system was established, and many years before it had become the fashion, simply because I believe that I was the first that proposed the system of a small uniform rate of postage, to be prepaid by stamps, having satisfied myself that the great cost of the Post-office was not the reception, carriage, and delivery of the letters, but the complicated system of accounts that the old system required, and that the collection of money by stamps was the most certain and most economical. But I found there was little chance of getting any attention to the plan without I could devote the whole of my time and energy to the development and the agitation of it. Fortunately Mr. (now Sir) Rowland Hill, who had leisure at his command, undertook the question, and with the assistance of Mr. G. Moffatt, Mr. Henry Cole, and sundry merchants and members of Parliament, whom they induced to interest themselves in the question, they carried the measure after great exertion."

Further instalments of Dr. Gray's contribution appeared in *Young England* for July, August, and September, 1862, and the substance of these articles was reprinted in book form as "A Hand Catalogue of Postage Stamps for the Use of Collectors," London, Hardwicke (second edition, 1863; subsequent editions, having the title altered to "The Illustrated Catalogue," &c., in 1865, 1866, 1870, 1875). The claim of priority of suggestion set forth by Dr. Gray was not allowed to pass unchallenged. An interesting correspondence on the subject, embracing letters from Sir Rowland Hill and Mr. Charles Knight, will be found in the *Athenaeum* for 13, 20, 27 December, 1862; 3 and 10 January, 1863.

In *All the Year Round* for 19 July, 1862, is given a short sketch, "My Nephew's Collection," descriptive of "the last new mania."

In the number for 26 July, 1862, of *Cassell's Illustrated Family Paper* (series II. vol. x. p. 140) appeared the first of an extended series of copiously illustrated articles under the heading "Postage Stamps." The articles are anonymous, and the present editor of *Cassell's Magazine* tells me that it is now impossible to trace the authorship. The articles are continued in vols. x. xi. xii. xiii. xiv., and in series III. vols. III. and IV. Unlike Dr. Gray, the writer does not seek to give a complete catalogue of known postage stamps, but rather inclines to dwell on the collateral topics suggested by the emissions of each country. He was probably indebted for some of his details to two similar series of articles which appeared in the *Magasin Pittoresque*, Paris, 1862-6 ("Les Timbres-poste de tous les Etats du Globe," by M. Natalis Rondot), and in the *Basar*, Berlin, 1862-4.

("Beschreibung aller Briefmarken der Erde").

In September, 1862, the first number of the *Monthly Intelligencer* was published by William Macmillan, Birmingham. It was largely, but not exclusively, devoted to stamps, and ceased with the tenth number. A more important periodical was the *Monthly Advertiser*, published by Edward Moore & Co., Liverpool—the true literary progenitor of the copious philatelic press of the present day. No. 1 was dated 15 December, 1862. "Towards the middle of the year 1862," writes Mr. T. W. Kitt in the *Philatelist*, vol. i. p. 31,

"when philately was becoming very popular, appearances led me to conclude that a periodical entirely devoted to that subject would prove a great boon to collectors, and also a lucrative investment to its proprietors. Accordingly, in the summer of the year named, I inserted an advertisement in the *Boys Own Magazine*, requesting any gentlemen who were of a similar opinion to join me in the undertaking. This advertisement was productive of innumerable replies, requesting further information; but not so many as half-a-dozen of them spoke favourably of my scheme. In order to 'leave not a stone unturned' for the attainment of the end in view, I had personal interviews with many of the leading English collectors residing in or near London; and in consequence of its being 'Exhibition year' I was also enabled to meet several from the country; but public opinion seemed so much against me, that I reluctantly abandoned the enterprise, thinking it folly to undertake what my superiors in the knowledge of philately thought so unpromising. My voluminous correspondence on the subject, and earnest endeavours to bring about the consummation of my wishes, were, however, rewarded with success; for Mr. A. Perris, of Liverpool (one of the few gentlemen who thought favourably of my plans), entered warmly into the matter, but from reasons above stated I declined rendering him any pecuniary assistance, though I placed my pen at his service, of which he availed himself. However, *finis coronat opus*—on December 15th, 1862, the harbinger of a new style of literature made its appearance, in the shape of the *Monthly Advertiser*, afterwards known as the *Stamp Collectors' Review*." From the outset the late Mr. E. L. Pemberton was the leading spirit of this magazine, contributing to it the first sketch of his "Forged Stamps: How to Detect Them," together with much general criticism. When the second volume began, in January, 1864, he was formally installed as editor. In June of the same year the *Review* came to an untimely end "through the folly of the proprietors," writes Mr. Pemberton in the *Philatelic Journal*, vol. i. p. 217; "we have the MS. for the July number by us as written for publication."

The prepared stamp album, like the catalogue, had its origin in France, and the only example that falls to be mentioned here is the English reproduction of the well known "Album-timbres-poste orne des Cartes," par Justin Lallier. Both French and English first editions were published in Paris in 1862. This handsome book—in spite of many errors that were persistently left uncorrected, notwithstanding much adverse criticism in the

American Philatelic Association.

(INCORPORATED.)

THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA—OFFICIAL JOURNAL.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

ALEXANDER HOLLAND, President, 40 Grace Court, Brooklyn, N. Y.
 Board of Vice-Presidents.
 FRANK H. BURT, Chairman, Room 1046, Tremont Buildg., Boston, Mass.
 GORDON IRELAND, Secretary, Holyoke House 21, Cambridge, Mass.
 J. F. JOHNSON, 383 Lexington St., Auburndale, Mass.
 H. E. DEATS, Secretary, Flemington, N. J.
 E. DOEBLIN, International Secretary, Box 736, Pittsburg, Pa.
 C. L. ANNAN, Treasurer, Little Rock, Ark.
 H. B. PHILLIPS, 1311 Grove St., Berkeley, Cal.
 F. W. CONING, Maryville, Tenn.

RESIDENT VICE-PRESIDENTS.

BOSTON, MASS.—J. F. JOHNSON, 383 Lexington St., Auburndale, Mass.
 SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.—W. E. LOY, 2431 Ellsworth St., Berkeley, Cal.
 NEW YORK CITY.—W. F. GREGORY, 71 Nassau St.
 PITTSBURG, PA.—E. DOEBLIN, Box 736.
 CHICAGO, ILL.—A. F. MUELL, 432 Marquette Building.
 MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.—ELEAN S. MARTIN, 3344 First Avenue, South.
 WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS.—J. D. BARTLETT, 332 Main St., Springfield.

APPOINTIVE OFFICERS.

E. H. ANDERSON, Librarian, Carnegie Library, Pittsburg, Pa.
 H. D. WATSON, Collecting Agent, 64 Cedar St., New York City.
 JOHN J. OESCH, Superintendent of Sales Dept., 34 Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill.
 H. E. DEATS, Assistant Librarian, Flemington, N. J.
 W. F. GREGORY, Auction Purchasing Agent, 71 Nassau St., New York City.
 P. M. WOLSIEFFER, Auction Purchasing Agent, 1009 Atwood Bldg., Chicago, Ill.
 A. W. BATCHELDER, Auction Purchasing Agent, 21 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass.

REPORT OF SECRETARY

For the Week Ending November 1st.

Application for Membership.

HUGHES, C. A., Box 3, Altoona, Penn., age, 42; occupation, Coal Operator, Lilly Coal Co. References: P. M. Wolsieffer, C. E. Severn.

New Stockholder.

1778. WEEKS, GEO. DEWITT, 235 Quincy St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

Changes of Address.

553. GOERNER, W. F., from 20 Warren St. to 56 Plenty St., Providence, R. I.
 86. STERLING, E. B., from 115 E. 23rd Ave. to 1580 Penn. Ave., Denver, Colo.
 164. SELLSCHOPP, W., from 118 Stockton St., San Francisco, Cal., to Gr. Bleichen, Artushof, Hamburg, Germany.

Membership Summary.

Membership Oct. 25th..... 556
 New Stockholder..... 1
 Total membership Nov. 1st..... 557
 H. E. DEATS, Secretary.

English journals—long retained a hold on public favour, thirteen editions appearing in 1863-76.

It remains to speak only of the price lists of dealers, of which 1862 produced a plentiful crop. Among the more important were those of C. Gloyn, Manchester; T. W. Kitt, London; E. Moore & Co., Liverpool; E. L. Pemberton, Birmingham; Stafford Smith & Smith, Bath; J. J. H. Stockall & Co., Liverpool; G. Swaysland, Brighton; H. R. Victor, Belfast; J. J. Woods, Hartlepool; B. York & Co., London.

Mr. Ingleby inquires as to the highest price ever paid for a postage stamp. I believe that the record is held by the 1d and 2d "Post Office" Mauritius of 1847. Only 1,000 copies of these stamps were printed, 500 of each; and only twenty-one are known to survive, twelve of the 1d and nine of the 2d. The pair that had formerly been in the collection of Dr. Legrand (1d used, 2d unused) was acquired in 1897 by M. Jules Bernichon at the enormous price of 48,000 fr. (1,920f). The British Museum possesses a pair in the collection bequeathed to the nation by the late Mr. T. K. Tapling, M.P. Not far behind the Mauritius stamps comes the Sandwich Islands 2c of 1851. Only ten copies are

known, one of which, used, changed hands in 1897 for 700l. But of a still higher degree of rarity is the British Guiana 1c of 1856. Of this stamp only a single copy is believed to be in existence, in the collection of M. La Renotiere, Paris, who obtained it many years ago for what would now be considered a ridiculously small sum.

P. J. ANDERSON.
 University Library, Aberdeen.

\$1000.00 Cash to Spend!

We wish to purchase several large lots of U. S. Revenues of the Civil War issue catalogued from 5c up to any sum. We take same in any quantity or variety. Must be in good condition. No part or imperforated stamps unless in pairs, strips, or blocks. Especially want 1c, 3c, 4c Playing Cards, \$1.00 Mortgage and Passage Ticket and all values up to \$200.00. Also want U. S. general issue and Departments used or unused. Write us, with full particulars, stating the quantity and variety and your price.

We also wish to purchase a good collection of U. S. and a good general collection U. S. and Foreign.

GUARANTEE STAMP CO.,
 106 E. 111th St., NEW YORK.

The Boston Philatelic Society.

M. H. LOMBARD, President, Winchester, Mass.
 C. F. ROTHFUCHS, Vice-President, Boston.
 C. A. HOWES, Secretary, 55 Kilby St., Boston.
 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 Sales, 136 Congress St.,
 Boston, Mass.
 THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA, Official Journal.

The October Meeting.

The 119th regular meeting was held in Elks' Hall on Tuesday evening, October 21, at 8 o'clock, with President Lombard in the chair and 32 members and friends present.

The minutes of the September meeting were read and approved.

The Committee appointed to inquire into the matter of counterfeit surcharges in this city reported as follows:

To the Boston Philatelic Society:

Your Committee, who were instructed to inquire into the circumstances of the alleged sales of fraudulent surcharges in Boston, respectfully submit the following report:

We have written to many collectors and dealers in various localities asking for information on the subject of the investigation, without mentioning the name of any dealer in connection therewith, and have followed every clue that presented itself. Certain charges proved to be utterly without any foundation, the parties who had been active in putting rumors in circulation refusing to substantiate them or give the Committee any information on which it could act.

Information was received by your Committee tending to show the sale of certain counterfeit surcharges to several persons, the goods in all cases coming from one and the same dealer in this city.

We have had meetings of the full Committee on three different days, the last session occupying from 4.30 to 10.30 P. M., and in the course of the meetings have held two conferences, occupying five hours in all, with the dealer referred to. We carefully went over with him all complaints which were backed by tangible evidence. He frankly admitted the sale of certain stamps which we are satisfied bear fraudulent surcharges, but emphatically denied having had any knowledge or suspicion of their character and denied that he had knowingly sold to any person any counterfeits or fraudulent surcharges.

Certain of the stamps in question he stated that he obtained abroad from parties whose names he gave and whom he believed to be perfectly reliable. The greater number and the highest priced stamps, however, he stated that he bought of a party then residing in Boston, not actively engaged as a stamp dealer, not generally known to the stamp public, and not a member of this Society nor of the American Philatelic Association. The name of this party, for reasons which the Committee were bound to respect, he was not willing to divulge, but all other questions regarding him he answered fully and freely. He was a person, our informant stated, in whom he had had implicit confidence and with whom he had had considerable dealings in stamps, both surcharged and un-surcharged, during a period of several years. The party, he states, has now left Boston permanently, and in our informant's belief has wholly given up dealing in stamps, and such action has been had by our informant and by relatives of the party in question as will, in the belief of your Committee, effectually prevent the re-umption of the business by the said party. Our informant further states that in the event of its being shown that the party in

On Sept. 16, 1902, a committee was appointed by the Boston Philatelic Society to investigate the selling of fraudulent surcharges here in Boston. We understand that said committee will make a report upon their investigation in this paper. Therefore, we, the undersigned, desire to call attention to the fact that we have in no way been connected with these fraudulent transactions. We refer all inquiries to said committee of investigation.

(Signed) NEW ENGLAND STAMP CO.
 HOLTON STAMP CO.
 FRANK P. BROWN.
 J. M. BARTELS CO.
 B. L. DREW CO.
 GEORGE A. FLAGG.

question has resumed the sale of fraudulent stamps, he will at once disclose his identity.

Your Committee are glad to state that they believe that the business is permanently broken up and that the objects called for by the order of investigation have been fully accomplished.

Respectfully submitted,

M. H. LOMBARD, Pres.,
 C. A. HOWES, Sec'y,
 L. L. GREEN, Treas.,
 FRANK H. BURT,
 RICHARD F. BURNS,
 Committee.

BOSTON, October 21, 1902.

The report was accepted and the Committee discharged.

The following applications for membership were posted:

MR. RUDOLF C. BARTSCH, W. Roxbury, Mass.; proposed by B. L. Drew.

MR. JAMES H. CROCKER, Boston; proposed by G. F. Loring and W. O. Lovell.

MR. W. H. RANDALL, Medford, Mass.; proposed by E. M. Carpenter.

MR. CLARK W. BROWN, Watertown, Mass.; proposed by C. A. Howes.

The following were elected members:

No. 353, Mr. Chas. A. Grimmons, Somerville, Mass.

No. 354, Mr. John W. Prevost, Longmeadow, Mass.

The resignation of Mr. F. W. Stanton was read and accepted.

Mr. E. M. Carpenter offered two medals for collections of stamps of the 20th Century, which was accepted with thanks and referred to the next Exhibition Committee.

A motion was passed to invite the Rhode Island Philatelic Society to visit us at our next meeting, and a committee consisting of Messrs. Putney, Colson and Johnson was appointed to arrange for their reception.

The following amendment to the Constitution was passed:

Art. XI. Sect. 6. Any person dropped

for non-payment of dues may apply for re-instatement as a new member after having paid the subscription due the Society, according to the Constitution, up to the time his name was dropped from the rolls.

A motion was passed to appoint an Exhibition Committee for 1903, and the President has announced the following: Messrs. E. F. Sawyer, J. H. Lyons and L. G. Barrett.

After an informal auction Mr. Batchelder gave us a very interesting talk on the 25th Anniversary of the Dresden Philatelic Society where he represented our Society.

The exhibitions for the evening were then shown. In Class A, Transvaal and Orange River Colony, there were four collections entered, Mr. Luff winning the silver medal and Mr. Lombard the bronze medal. In Class B, 50 used stamps to catalogue not less than 50 cents nor over \$1, condition alone considered, there were three entries, Mr. P. F. Bruner receiving the silver medal and Mr. C. A. Howes the bronze medal.

Adjourned at 10 o'clock.

C. A. Howes,
 Secretary.

Please mention ERA when answering ads.

Stamps to Burn, at my prices they are cheaper than coal.	Cat.	Price	My Price
Hungary 1900, 3 hr, fine.....	\$2.50	\$2.10
Same, per ten, fine.....	6.00	1.20
Netherlands, 1896, 1 gulden, fine.....15	.07
Same, per 10.....	1.50	.60
Peru No. 115, 1 sol, fine.....25	.10
Same, per ten, fine.....	2.50	.85
Belgium 2 fr 1886, postmarked, fine.....20	.09
Per 10, postmarked, fine.....	2.00	.80
Queensland No. 79, rev. can. fine (per 10, 3pc)	1.00	.04
Canada No. 46, fine..... (per 10, .40)15	.05
Canada No. 47, fine..... (per 10, .63)25	.08
Canada 50c Jubilee..... (per 10, 1.05)30	.12
Canada 2s Jubilee..... (per 10, 4 1/2)	1.50	.50
U. S. 7c Navy.....	10.00	3.45
U. S. 7c 1871, o. g.....	6.00	1.40
Postage extra.

E. G. DODD,
 259 So. Hermitage Ave., CHICAGO, ILL.

JONES' BARGAINS.

- U. S. Columbian Set 16 stamps, unused... \$14.00
1861 3c pink, a beautiful shade... 4.00
1861 5c buff, imperforate horizontally... 7.00
1867 5c, grided all over... 6.00
1862 5c red brown... 1.75
1870 10c Embossed... 3.50
1870 30c... 4.50

Money refunded if stamps don't suit. Why Not write me about the U. S. stamps you need?

FRED G. JONES, 2013 Brook St., LOUISVILLE, KY.

CHAPTER VIII.

I would not urge OSGOOD'S FAMOUS BIG SELECTIONS

upon you so persistently were I not sure that a acquaintance with them would redound to your benefit as well as my own.

U. S. 1898 Revenues: \$1.00 green, \$1.00 grey, \$2.00 grey, \$3.00 brown, \$5.00 orange, uncut and fine, Only 25c. Price lists free.

D. W. OSGOOD, South Fork, Rio Grande Co., Colorado. [To be Continued.]

U. S. BARGAINS.

- 1858, 30c brown, \$.18 | 1894, \$1 blk. cat. \$1.25, .40
90c purple, .60 | 1895, 50c orange, .05
1890, 30c black, .04 | 1895, \$1.00 black, .95
90c orange, .30 | 30c Columbian, .18
1894, 50c or., cat. 35c, .12 | 50c Omaha, .15

OMAHA STAMP & COIN CO., 209 So. 13th St., OMAHA, NEB.

- *SEYCHELLES 1902, Surcharges, 2c on 4c, 30c on 75c, 30c on 1r, 45c on 1r, and 45c on sr 25c 1.85
MONTERRAT 1d Revenue, good space filler, pen cancelled... .85
TRANSVAAL 1/2d on ad brown and green, E. R. I..... .04
GUATEMALA 1c on 2c rose red, violet surcharge..... .08
RUSSIA 1890, 35k violet and green..... .08
1880, 1r brown and orange..... .15
ARGENTINE 1890, 1/2c on 2c blue, black surcharge..... .04
ECUADOR 1901, 10c blue and black..... .04
MAURITIUS 1902, 25c surcharged Postage & Revenue, 15c; 50c, same surcharge 30c; both..... .42

* Unused. Postage Extra. COLUMBIAN STAMP CO., Arlington, Mass.

- Postal Cards (Provisional): 1c on 3c black and carmine on white, "1901". 121C " 323C " " " " T. 3, "1901". 1c " 8c " " blue " " "1902". 1c " 3c " " carmine on white, "1903". 121C " 323C " " " " T. 3, "1903".

ECUADOR.—The surcharge on the current stamps mentioned in No. 493, has been explained by a correspondent in Ewen's Weekly as follows: 'In the fire which nearly burned down the city of Guayaquil a few months back, considerable quantities of stamps were stolen; so to protect the postal authorities, the Governor of the Province of Guayas, in which Guayaquil is situated, signs (probably by India rubber fac simile stamp) all stamps before being issued by the postal authorities to the general public. The signature is 'C. Benj. R.,' and his name is Carlos Benjamin, Resaler—the latter name being, no doubt, his mother's name, which is often strung on to proper names.'

Adhesives (Provisional): 1c red and black, surcharge violet. 1c red and black, surcharge black. 2c green and black, surcharge light blue. 5c violet and black, surcharge light blue. 10c blue and black, surcharge blue black. 30c gray and black, surcharge blue black.

Fiji Islands.—Mr. M. H. Lombard the 1/2d, 1d, 2 1/2d, 4d and 6d with perforations 11 1/2 x 11.

FRENCH OFFICES IN THE LEVANT.—

Mr. J. H. Lyons of the New England Stamp Co. has shown us part of the new set issued for the French officers in the Levant. The stamps thus far seen are similar to the current French set except that the word "Postes" is removed and the word "Levant" substituted. In the 1c, 2c, 3c, 4c and 5c this occurs at the bottom of the stamp. The oblong 40c has the word "Postes" removed from the curved label at the top and "Levant" inserted. The 50c, 1f, 2f and 5f have the same substitution, and in addition have a new value surcharged in piastres. The 10c, 15c, 20c, 25c and 30c have not yet appeared in the new type.

- Adhesives (Regular): 1c gray. 2c violet brown. 3c red orange. 4c yellow brown. 5c green. 40c red and pale blue. 50c on 50c bistre brown, lavender and black. 4p on 1f claret, olive and black. 8p on 2f gray violet, yellow and black. 20p on 5f dark blue, buff and black.

GREAT BRITAIN.—The 10d King's head stamp has been surcharged 4 piastres in black for use in British offices in the Levant.

- Adhesive (Regular): 4p on 10d carmine and lilac.

GUATEMALA.—The New England Stamp Company has shown us the 50c, 75c, 1p and 2p of the new bi-colored set previously chronicled (No. 488).

LABUAN.—A handsome new set of stamps in colors has been issued for this colony. We have been shown sets by Mr. F. P. Brown and also Mr. M. H. Lombard. They are very handsomely printed by Messrs. Waterlow & Sons. The colors are well chosen and compare very favorably with other new issues. The values correspond roughly to the British values, no 1c stamp having yet been issued. The design is the same for all values. The frame is in the form of a triumphal arch of handsome design, upon the inner circle of which appears the words "Postage & Revenue."

TRADE COLUMN.

Under this head we will print exchange, want and for sale notices, business announcements, 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. One four-line notice free with each subscription, providing copy accompanies the subscription.

THREE Consecutive Insertions of SAME ad in this Column for PRICE OF TWO.

Pre-Cancelled stamps for sale; 20 varieties, 5c, including values other than 1c; also dated specimens, 50 var., 25c. CHAS. A. TOWNSEND, Akron, O. [97]

75 var U. S. Dues, Depts., etc., cat. 1c to 10c each, 15c; 1000 finely mixed U. S., many kinds, cat. 1c-10c, 15c; 1000 extra fine mixed Foreign, 100 var., 15c. D. F. GLAZIER, 3 Summer St., Hartford, Ct.

New So. Wales 5d, No. 65, 5c; 8d, No. 50, 13c. Victoria 4d, No. 188, 3c; 5d, No. 200, 5c; 6d, No. 207, 6c; 9d, No. 208, 8c; 12d, No. 203, 10c; 15d, No. 176, 8c; 24d, No. 187, 5c; 6d, No. 165, 5c; 24d, No. 218, 28c; 24d, No. 350, etc. Canada 2c purple envelope, entire, unused, No. 212, 25c. Postage extra. Send current U. S. stamps for an order. A. MACK, Box 992, Ottawa, Ont. [97]

A very odd thing about my Long-Value Series of dime packets is the high grade of the stamps you will find in them. "Quality first" is their motto. That is the reason they are called "Long-Value," because they are the stamps of permanent value, the stamps you will always prize as a part of your collection. Does it sound absurd to speak of really valuable dime packets? It is a new departure in stampology, I admit. The beginner who buys these will not throw away money on cheap stamps that he might "pick up" without cost, while the more advanced collector, even if he occasionally duplicates something already in his album, has still a standard stamp of trading value. Suppose you buy one or two of these as a sample. Then you will take the rest as a matter of self-interest. Your address on a postal, sent in now, will secure the list of these packets promptly upon publication. In the meantime you can buy 14 unused Abyssinians, including the obsolete 1804 issue, for 60c; the \$1 1895 U. S. for 22c, or 14 good Japan, for 18c. Postage extra. FRANK STEINSON, Box 54, Station F, Washington, D. C. [97]

54 var. fine foreign, Cuba 1857, etc., all good copies, cat. value 74c, 12c postpaid. H. R. McKENZIE, Rumford Falls, Me. [96]

Have 200 shares industrial stock, paying good divs., to exchange for stamps, certain countries, or general collection listing \$150 to \$300. Price stock 50 cents share, advanced soon. W. B. BELCHES, Winterport, Me.

A Calligraph typewriter, sole leather gun case and 500 Copper Coins for rare stamps, graphophone or others. JAMES A. ANDERZEN, Loomis, Neb. [97]

U. S. Departments at very low prices. Agriculture 1c, \$1.50; Interior 15c, new, 40c; 30c, 40c; 9c, \$1.40; Justice 1c, new, but cleaned, 65c; 3c new, \$1.20; 6c, 50c; 10c, \$1.50; 12c, \$1.25; 15c, \$3.50; Executive 3c, \$4.00; Post Office 10c, 65c; 12c, 35c; 15c, 50c; 24c, 50c; 30c, 50c; 90c, \$1.25; State 1r, \$1.25; 3c, 40c; 6c new, 45c; 7c, \$1.60; 10c, \$1.25; 25c new, \$2.10; 24c, \$5.00; Navy 1c, 60c; 2c, 50c; 6c, 25c; 10c, new, \$1.40; 15c, \$1.60; 30c, \$1.60. Other good U. S. and for. at low price for cash. G. A. Joplín, Mt. Sterling, Ky.

Two-thirds List for foreign cat. over 5c, in exchange for stamps at list. Lots under \$2 declined. Have 800 var. on hand. F. W. Pickard, 2477 Ingleside, Cincinnati, O. [500]

63 genuine U. S. and Foreign stamps, no duplicates, for 75c post paid. Have recently bought collection and am selling duplicates in this way. Quantity limited. W. E. Dickinson, 108 Peace St., Providence, R. I.

Will give either U. S. and Confederate stamps, bills, and bonds, or Indian relics for Moonshard's Pre-Historic Implements, Scott's Gold and Silver, Copper and Nickel Catalogues. J. M. BROWNE, Denver, S. C. [97]

Fireproof safe, 17 x 17 x 11 inside, combination lock, fine order, to trade for any good, salable stamps. Write if interested. I want many odd numbers of "Am. Jnl. of Philately" and "Boston Stamp Book" ANDREW J. KIRBY, 30 Ash St., Fall River, Mass. [96]

If you want any part or a full set of the late Private Proprietaries, let me hear from you. I have the scarce ones in perfect condition. GEO. H. ANDERS, Norrist wn, Pa. [94]

U. S. Depts. at 1/2 price. All fine specimens. * Unused Justice 2c, \$1.00; 3c, 50c; * 10c, \$1.00; * 24c, \$6.60. Interior * 24c, 45c; 30c, 35c. P. O. * 12c, 24c, 35c each; * 30c, 40c. Navy 7c, 35c; 10c, 85c; 12c, 30c. State * 4c, 85c; 2c, 25c; 6c, 25c; 7c, \$1.00; 15c, \$1.50; 24c, \$3.00; 30c, \$3.00. Treasury 7c, 30c; 24c, \$1.00; 25c, 20c; 90c, 20c. War * 10c, 25c; 24c, 25c; * 15c, 10c; * 24c, 10c. * 30c, 25c. F. H. PINKHAM, Newmarket, N. H. [195]

10,000 mixed tobacco tags at 8c per 100 post. Cannot assort them. JOEL H. DUBOSE, Huguenot, Ca. [96]

Wanted for cash U. S. pre-cancelled postage stamps. WALTER L. GATES, Teaticket, Mass. [100]

Want lists filled at 1/2 to 3/4 off Scott. 8000 varieties in stock. F. W. Pickard, 2477 Ingleside, Cincinnati, O. [97]

50 St. Louis World's Fair Stickers, size 1 x 1 1/2 in. hex, views of 20 different World's Fair buildings in different colors, only 12c. Beautiful souvenirs of the fair. STAR STICKER CO., Box 920, St. Louis, Mo. [95]

Pre-cancelled postage wanted. Will pay three cents for every one I can use in my collection. If preferred will give more in trade. ERNEST R. ALDRICH, Remson, Miss. [11]

You will like my approval sheets; try them. References required. GEO. A. KNIGHT, 90 Meridian St., East Boston, Mass. [98]

Want to buy Hawaiian Numeral stamp, used or unused, Scott's numbers 10 to 26 inclusive. What can you offer me? J. R. VIETS, 26 Greystone Park, Lynn, Mass. [97]

Try an Ad in this Column. It Pays.

We shall include in our
THIRD SALE ON NOV. 29th
THE
FINEST AND MOST COMPLETE
COLLECTION OF
CIVIL WAR ENVELOPES

EVER OFFERED.

2856 specimens mounted in 3 volumes. It contains many rarities and unique pieces and deserves the attention of the most advanced collector.

Consignments solicited.

Priced Catalogues of our sales will be furnished postpaid: 1st Sale, 35c; 2nd Sale, 50c; 3rd Sale, 40c.

THE MANHATTAN COIN CO.,
18 WALKER ST., NEW YORK, N. Y.

SPECULATIVE STAMPS!
I HAVE THEM.

Gold Coast 2d Queen.....	\$1.10
" 1sh " .....	.60
" 2sh " 	1.20
" 5sh " 	2.30
" 10sh " 	4.75
South Nigeria 2sh 6d Queen.....	1.40
" 5sh " 	2.90
" 10sh " 	5.90
Mauritius 12c on 36c, new.....	.08

ALL MINT.

FRANK P. BROWN,
333 Washington St., BOSTON, MASS.

UNIONTOWN, TENN.,
CONFEDERATE PROVISIONAL,
Scott 61st Catalogue No. 140, 5c green on gray blue, used, on original cover. Positively one of the finest known copies.

PRICE ONLY \$325.00.

We are headquarters for Confederate Provisionals and rarities.

\$1000.00 Revenue, fine cut copy..... \$25.00

C. E. HUSSMAN STAMP CO., ST. LOUIS, MO.

Chicago Notes.

Among the out of town visitors of the week were Alex. Holland, New York, Dr. Downing, a leading collector of Minneapolis, and L. T. Brodstone, Superior, Nebr., who is making an extended trip East.

In compliance with the requests of some of their numerous patrons, the United Stamp Co. have decided to offer a certain number of shares of stock at par, which no doubt will be quickly disposed of.

The publishers of the *Chicago Philatelist* have decided to discontinue the publication of their paper. It was edited by a small dealer on the north side, and not meeting with the success expected, it came to an untimely end.

Only a fair sized crowd was in attendance at Massoth's auction "opening." It is so long since an auction sale was held here that "the boys" did not turn out "en

masse," consequently the floor bidding was a trifle dull.

Following are a few of the prices realized:

	Cat. Price	Sale Price
U. S. No. 2991,	\$12.00	\$3.50
" block 4, 24c P. O., o. g.,	4.00	2.10
" 15c 1869,	1.50	1.10
" Cut Sq. Env. No. 1565,	1.25	.60
" " " " 1320,	8.00	3.60
" \$5.00, No. 278,	1.75	1.20
Cuba, No. 77, o. g.,	2.00	2.00
" " 83, o. g.,	5.00	2.90
D. W. Indies, No. 1, o. g.,	4.00	3.55
Guadeloupe, pair, No. 14, error Gnadélope,	?	.95
Newfoundland No. 5, unused,	1.50	.75
Virgin Island No. 17, "	1.85	.95
Netherlands 5 gulden, used,	1.75	.80
St. Vincent No. 35,	1.75	.85
Transvaal No. 115,	1.25	.65

The way the Doc. Revs. sold was a surprise party, as each kind, both cut and uncut, brought stiff prices.

CLIFFORD.

UNITED STAMP CO.

P. M. WOLSIEFFER, President.
F. N. MASSOTH, Sec'y and Treas.

1149 MARQUETTE BLDG.

Chicago Collectors will now find us in our new quarters, and in a short time we hope to have everything working smoothly, and liberal offers to make to all classes of buyers.

SPECIAL THIS WEEK.

6c Proprietary, No. 2830, a good copy, only.....	\$25.50
\$100.00 No. 3043, uncut, a good copy.....	10.00
Persia 1808, 250k No. 151, (cat. \$9.00).....	3.50

United Stamp Co., 1149 Marquette Bldg., Chicago.

N. B. 5c buys that Pocket Edition Stock Book you are so greatly in need of.

1903 PRICES.

	Cat. Price	50c Used
50c Omaha.....	\$0.50	\$0.18
\$2 1895.....	1.50	.98
Belgium No. 8, imp.....	.18	.08
" No. 11, imp.....	.18	.08
Curacao 50c, King.....	.30	.90
" 2g 50c.....	2.00	1.10
" 25 on 30c.....	.50	.30
" 25 on 20c.....	.30	.30
Dutch Indies, King, \$1.50.....	.25	.25
" Queen, 2.50.....	.60	.35
" 1900, 2 1/2 on 2 1/2.....	1.00	.50
" unpaid, No. 52.....	.75	.40

J. T. STARR STAMP CO., Coldwater, Mich.

Please mention ERA when answering ads.

ANNOUNCEMENT!

We wish to announce to Collectors that we are again prepared to send out some fine selections of stamps on approval, at the same liberal discounts as heretofore.

We have been fortunate in securing several fine collections lately and have mounted them just as we received them, a good chance to fill up vacant spaces, and will be pleased to submit selections of same on approval to all furnishing satisfactory references.

Remember we allow 50% discount on practically everything.

A Trial Solicited.

Satisfaction Guaranteed.

THE QUEEN CITY STAMP CO.,

Room 2 Sinton Bldg., N. W. Cor. 5th and Vine Sts.,

CINCINNATI, OHIO.

"MEKEEL'S STAMP COLLECTOR."

Mailed Weekly from St. Louis. Vol. XV. commenced with 1902.

All subscriptions must now commence with current number (3 months' trial, 25c), subscription \$1.00 per year in U. S. etc., and \$1.50 per year abroad.

Sample of large magazine edition 10c.

SPECIAL BARGAINS!

UNITED STATES LOCAL

ADAMS & Co.'s EXPRESS

Scott's No. 2201 (Type La) 5c black, catalogued \$5.00, special price..... \$1.25
A fine copy of a very interesting stamp.

U. S. REVENUE

Fourth Issue, Scott's No. 2066, 2c black and orange on green paper, *Inserted Medallion*, catalogued \$5.00, special price..... \$2.75

U. S. POSTAGE

National Print, 1870-18c bright orange without embossing, fine unused copy, full gum, catalogued \$5.00, special price..... \$3.25
An Embossed Copy, 1870, 15c fine, unused, o. g. \$20.00

A FREAK (U. S. Revenue)

A misprint sheet of 2c postage surcharged I. R. shows following freaks:

a .R. (No 1).....	\$2.00
b .R. I.....	2.00
c .R. (showing 1/2 of each side).....	2.00
A set of the three varieties.....	5.00

There was only one sheet of these and we only have a few left.

\$200.00 U. S. REVENUE

First Issue, perforated, (Scott's No. 2901) a superb copy, bright colors and very fine, catalogued \$15.00, special price..... \$10.00

25 QUEEN'S HEAD GT. BRITAIN

1882, 4s orange (Scott's No. 93) with small Glasgow cancellation, a superb copy, sure to advance, special price..... \$10.00

COLOMBIAN REPUBLIC

1892 Issue, unused, o. g., fine.
5 pesos (Catalogued 61st Ed. \$4.50)..... \$0.75
10 pesos (Catalogued 61st Ed. 9.00)..... 1.25

We paid twice as much for some recently, but an exceptional circumstance enables us to offer a few very low.

OTHER SNAPS.

	Our Net Price
U. S. Eagle Carrier (Scott's No. 802) 1c blue, unused.....	\$0.65
U. S. Revenue, Third Issue, \$5.00.....	.50
U. S. Proprietary 1871, 6c black and green.....	.75
Hawaii 1889, 5c black blue, unused.....	.75
Hawaii Prov Govt. 25c violet, unused.....	.90
U. S. 1894, \$2.00 Sapphire, used.....	1.75
U. S. 1898, \$2.00 Omaha, super unused, o. g.....	2.70
U. S. Revenue 1900, \$1.00 carmine, unused, o. g.....	4.00

A COLLECTION OF 5000 VARIETIES of POSTAGE STAMPS, carefully selected from our own stock,

\$175.00. Satisfaction Guaranteed.

3000 for \$45.00 + 2000 for \$13.50 + 1000 for \$3.40 ALL GENUINE POSTAGE STAMPS

550 Varieties mounted in a blank book (cataloguing by Scott's 61st edition Catalogue \$10.00), post free \$1.50. A Bargain for Dealer or Collector!

C. H. MEKEEL STAMP & PUBLISHING CO., ST. LOUIS, MO.

Stray Notes on Sheets of Stamps.

R. R. THIRLE.

If stamps were to rank in interest according to their beauty, the issues of Colombia and its states would come rather low in the list, but beauty is not a necessity to an interesting postage stamp, though it is certainly desirable, and so Colombian stamps have always attracted considerable attention, though perhaps not as much as they deserve. American collectors especially ought to be more partial to them. For one thing, Colombia has always shown a sturdy individuality of its own in its stamp issues; only one Panama issue is of foreign make, all other Colombian stamps are home products, excepting the Seebeck annuals of Bolivar.

From the very beginning of stamps in Colombia, away back in 1859 under the Grenada Confederation, they have been made wholly or in part by the lithographic firm of Daniel Ayala (later Ayala & Medrano) at Bogota, the Federal capital. Up to 1868 he held the contract alone; in that year it was awarded to a rival firm, that of Demetrio Paredes, also of Bogota. I do not know just what reasons led to the arrangement, but whatever the cause Paredes divided the contract with Ayala and thereafter for many years two sets of plates for each stamp were made and half the required quantity printed by each firm. This, no doubt, largely accounts for the shades in which many Colombian stamps are so prolific; in some cases it is known from which office certain varieties have come. For instance the 25c black on blue of 1870 (Scott Type A 24, No. 63) was printed by Ayala, while the 25c black on rose of the same design in 1879 (Scott No. 90) was printed by Paredes; the same value in the same design, but green on white (Scott No. 89) was produced chiefly by Paredes. And so on.

But this by the way; we are now more concerned with the sheets of these stamps and their arrangement. Here I have not as much information at hand as I might wish, all the more as of the earlier issues not much is known in detail. I may be able to supplement the present notes later. The sheets seem to have been rather arbitrary with the printer. Thus the 5c lilac (or violet-blue) of the very first issue in 1859 came in sheets of 55, in 5 horizontal rows of 11, which present some peculiarities (one or two entire sheets being still in existence). In the first row, the 9th and 11th stamps are inverted, thus making tete-beche varieties; the same is true of the 2nd stamp in the second row and the 6th stamp in fifth row. The 5th stamp in the fourth row is peculiar, its value being indicated above and below as 50 centavos, but it seems this error was never placed in circulation; on an entire sheet of this value turned up in New York some years ago

this stamp was cancelled by a punch, so the sheets were probably issued in this way. This sheet was of the second type of 1859, the one usually designated as issue of 1860. The 10c yellow-buff of the first type of 1859 came in sheets of 50, 5 rows of 10; the second stamp of the second row was inverted. The 20c blue of the second type of 1859 also contained 50 stamps to the sheet, 5 rows of 10; the second stamp of the second row was inverted; the third stamp of the third row must have been an error at one time, as it had evidently been altered to 20c on the stone and in so doing had been badly disfigured, the pearled circle being very badly restored and the word CENT in the lower label being little more than a white blotch. The second stamp of the fourth row is the famous error 5 centavos blue (Scott No. 10a) a wrong transfer in the plate of the 20c. In color it does differ from the ordinary 5c; I do not think a copy could be distinguished as the error except *se tenant* with the 20c. Of the 20c sheets are also known without any errors, containing 55 stamps, in 5 rows of 11, so there must have been at least two stones.

If the catalogues are correct in stating that there are 10 varieties each of the 5c, 20c and 1 peso of 1861—the only issue made under the title of Estados Unidos de Nueva Grenada—then it seems that there could have been only that many stamps in the sheet, though the number seems small. The reasons for this assumption are as follows. The 2½ centavos is the original of this set. The 5, 10 and 20 were altered from transfers taken from the original die of the 2½c, on the 10 and 20c the numerals only were altered, the word CENTAVOS remaining unchanged, but as the single figure 5 on the 5c left too much blank space, the CENTAVOS was also redrawn for this value. The 1 peso was printed from the same actual stone as the 2½, altered to the new value; some copies still show faint traces of the figures 2½ and the words UN PESO, separately engraved for each stamp, differ so much that ten types are distinguishable. But, as before said, I only assume on this account that this was the number in the sheet; I have no definite information as to the latter.

As to the issues of the next succeeding few years I have no definite information at hand, either, at this writing. For the issue after 1868 sheets of 50, 5 rows of 10, seem to have been the regular thing, at least as far as my observation has gone. The cubiertas, though, so far as I know at present, have been printed in sheets of 10. On the sheet of the 1 peso cubierta of 1890 there is one error lettered PESOS instead of PESO.

Even in times of peace communication is slow in the interior of Colombia, hence the occasional necessity for the manufacture of type-set provisionals in outlying offices when supplies do not arrive on time. The recent civil war has made this worse and has brought us a lot of new provis-

ional issues. About some of them little information as to sheets etc. is yet at hand, I give what I have ascertained so far. The provisionals issued at Tumaco in 1901 (Scott Nos. 200-217) are all from the same setting, only the value being altered as necessary. They were all printed in sheets of 12, 4 horizontal rows of 3. Another set of provisionals was issued by the postmaster at Rio Hacha, a 5 and 10c value (Scott Nos. 185-189). These are also typeset and both values are from the same setting; they were printed in sheets of 16, 4 x 4, so that sixteen varieties of each may be distinguished. Still more provisionals emanated from Cartagena, but these were a little more elaborate. The 5c red provisional of 1899 or 1900 with figure V in upper left corner (Scott No. 174) was printed from electrotypes or casts in sheets of 50, 5 horizontal rows of 10; a row of 10 was duplicated five times to form the plate and these ten all differ slightly. The 1 and 2c provisionals of 1901 (Scott numbers 218 and 218) were lithographed in sheets of 100, 10 x 10. On the original shown there were only two horizontal rows; these were transferred five times to form the printing stone, on which these transfers were separated by black lines. Each five stamps on the sheet were afterwards ornamented by a surcharge, consisting of a double lined rectangle containing fifteen letters S in script type. The provisionals of 1900 (Scott Nos. 170-173) are printed in sheets of 60, 6 horizontal rows of 10. The 1 and 2c values are printed from the same electros used for the 5 and 10c, these being cut down to leave the value blank which was afterwards inserted by type. Electros of both values were used; on the sheet of the 1 and 2c the first 9 stamps are made from 5c electros, the 10th from a 10c electro. Here is still another note concerning a provisional of earlier date. It is the so called Call provisional (Scott Nos. 83-88). The printer, Nicolas Hurtado, made in all four settings for these provisionals; the first three settings consisting of 5 varieties for each value, they being printed in sheets of that size; the last setting contained only four varieties.—*The Adhesive.*

IF YOU WISH TO

BUY, SELL OR EXCHANGE

Stamps, Desired Results can
be had through

AN AD IN THE WEEKLY ERA.

American Philatelic Association.

(INCORPORATED.)

THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA—OFFICIAL JOURNAL.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

ALEXANDER HOLLAND, President,
40 Grace Court, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Board of Vice-Presidents.

FRANK H. BURT, Chairman,
Room 1046, Tremont Building, Boston, Mass.

GORDON IRELAND, Secretary
Holyoke House 21, Cambridge, Mass.

J. F. JOHNSON,
383 Lexington St., Auburndale, Mass.

H. E. DEATS, Secretary,
Flemington, N. J.

E. DOEBLIN, International Secretary,
Box 736, Pittsburg, Pa.

C. L. ANNAN, Treasurer,
Copper Range R. R., Houghton, Mich.

H. B. PHILLIPS,
1311 Grove St., Berkeley, Cal.

F. W. CONING,
Maryville, Tenn.

RESIDENT VICE-PRESIDENTS.

BOSTON, MASS.—J. F. JOHNSON, 383 Lexington St., Auburndale, Mass.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.—W. E. LOV, 2621 Ellsworth St., Berkeley, Cal.

NEW YORK CITY.—W. F. GREGORY, 71 Nassau St.

PITTSBURG, PA.—E. DOEBLIN, Box 736.

CHICAGO, ILL.—A. F. MERELL, 438 Marquette Building.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.—E. S. MARTIN, 3344 First Avenue, South.

WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS—J. D. BARTLETT, 328 Main St., Springfield.

APPOINTEE OFFICERS.

E. H. ANDERSON, Librarian,
Carnegie Library, Pittsburg, Pa.

H. D. WATSON, Collecting Agent,
64 Cedar St., New York City.

JOHN J. OESCH, Superintendent of Sales Dept.,
34 Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill.

H. E. DEATS, Assistant Librarian,
Flemington, N. J.

W. F. GREGORY, Auction Purchasing Agent,
71 Nassau St., New York City.

P. M. WOLSEFFER, Auction Purchasing Agent,
1000 Atwood Bldg., Chicago, Ill.

A. W. BATCHELDER, Auction Purchasing Agent,
21 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass.

REPORT OF SECRETARY

For the Week Ending November 8th.

Application for Membership.

CORDERY, CARL LESLIE, 59 Congress Ave., Providence, Rhode Island; age, 15; occupation, Student. References: R. F. Chambers, John J. Oesch; Guarantor; E. A. Cordery.

New Stockholder.

1779. **WARNER, EDWARD L.,** 48 Morris Ave., Grand Rapids, Mich.

Re-instated.

195. **PATTISON, ARTHUR E.,** 369 Washington Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.

Change of Address.

1327. **ANNAN, C. L.,** from Little Rock, Arkansas, to Copper Range R. R., Houghton, Mich.

Membership Summary.

Membership Nov. 1st.....	557
New Stockholder.....	1
Re-instated.....	1
Total membership Nov. 8th.....	559

The Board of Directors have appointed Robert D. Maynard Resident Vice-President for Western Massachusetts in place of J. D. Bartlett resigned, on account of removal from the State.

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR DUES?

The time set by the By-Laws for the payment of dues has already expired, but over 100 members are still to be heard from. If you are among the number and wish your name in the Year Book, it will be necessary for you to remit at once. The Treasurer's address is now Copper Range R. R., Houghton, Mich., but those who wish may remit direct to me.

H. E. DEATS, Secretary.

Detroit Paragraphs.

Henry C. Crowell of the Crowell Stamp Co. of Cleveland was here last week as a guest of Howard Beck. Incidentally Mr. C. picked up a fine lot of stamps that will be of benefit to him.

Well, this time I have the gang of collectors skinned. A friend of mine in Havana sent me a copy of the 1 on 3 centavo, Cuban surcharge. He says so great was the demand for them that the entire issue of 200,000 were sold at once to speculators and collectors.

A new stamp firm, known as Leonard & Co., have opened up in the Leonard Building with a stock of philatelic supplies.

E. Lewis Bange, one of Baltimore's philatelic lights, is making a month's stay here in the interest of the B. & O. R. R., as special inspector for the Company. As a philatelist he has had years of experience, as well as the ups and downs of collecting. During this time he has had several collections. Some years ago he sold his splendid collection of some 5,000 varieties with the evil intention of withdrawing from philately altogether. Of course, as the old saying goes, "Once a collector always a collector." Such was the case here, and about a year later the love for stamps came to him again. Today he has another collection, not a general one, but specializes in U. S. and Central American stamps. In addition to stamps he also has a collection of coins, medals and paper money, of the former some 1600 varieties, and his collection of paper money is said to be the finest in the Oyster City.

Allan R. Fernald, formerly of the Michigan Stamp Co., spent several days here last week, meeting some of the old "phils." He is now representing J. B. Ford & Co., of Wyandotte, Mich., through Ohio.

HERMAN W. BOERS.

The New England Philatelic Association.

Organized February, 1893.

Board of Officers:

President, **CHARLES H. SMITH,** Dedham, Mass.

Vice President, **J. FAVILL CAPRON,** 28 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass.

Secretary and Treasurer, **H. W. LEGG,** Pepperell, Mass.

Sales Department, **CHARLES H. STONE,** 91 Antrim St., Cambridgeport, Mass.

Information Bureau, **MRS. WALLACE DANA SMITH,** 20 Wibird St., Portsmouth, N. H.

Counterfeit Detector, **WILLIS D. KING,** Nashua, N. H.

Attorney, **HORACE S. BACON,** 107 Stevens St., Lowell, Mass.

Governing Board, **CHARLES H. STONE,** Chairman, 91 Antrim St., Cambridgeport, Mass., **JOHN J. CONN,** New Dorchester, Mass., **FRANK A. WILSON,** 185 Highland Ave., Somerville, Mass.

Official Organ, THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA.

AUCTION SALES ARE OUR SPECIALTY.

We hold them about every two weeks during the season.

We charge a reasonable commission depending on the grade of the goods offered.

We make prompt settlements.

We want you on our mailing list if you are interested.

We want to sell your collection if you are desirous of disposing of it.

We want to do business with you and will treat you fairly.

Bogert & Durbin Co.,

722 Chestnut St., PHILADELPHIA, PA. [1112]

The Postal Card Society of America.

Officers for 1902-3.

President, **HORACE E. CARPENTER, JR.,** Care N. B. Bradley & Sons, Bay City, Mich.

Vice-President, **J. T. ALBERT HOBBACH,** 1428 North 53rd St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Secretary, **W. F. AGEE,** Hope, Ark.

Treasurer, **JOHN N. MORSE,** 105 Devonshire St., Boston, Mass.

Executive Committee, **GUY A. BRYANT,** Princeton, Ill.; **W. D. ARNOLD,** The Portland, Broadway, St. Paul, Minn.; **N. HASKELL WITMER,** 230 S. 9th St., La Crosse, Wis.

Exchange Superintendent, **J. T. A. HOBBACH,** 1428 No. 53rd St., Phila., Pa.

Purchasing Agent, **ADOLPH LOHMEYER,** 922 N. Gilmer St., Baltimore, Md.

International Secretary, **E. DOEBLIN,** P. O. Box 736, Pittsburg, Pa.

Official Journal, THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA.

The *Perforator* for October illustrates two of J. F. Seybold's Swiss covers. One cover bears an unsevered pair of 2½ rp "Basle" and the other a pair of 4c "Vaud."

Wm. v. d. Wettern, Jr.,
WHOLESALE DEALER IN
♦ POSTAGE + STAMPS. ♦
411 W. Saratoga St., Baltimore, Md.
New special list just issued, sent free on application to dealers only.

Items from the Dub.

Tuesday, November 4th.

A few days ago a party called upon one of the Boston dealers and desired to purchase some stamps. He produced a Scott's catalogue of the 25th edition and expected to buy with this as a basis for prices, and this modern Rip Van Winkle was much disappointed when he found the dealer would not do so.

Frank P. Brown has on sale a large collection of unused stamps which he has recently acquired. In it are many of the hard to find odd stamps which collectors are always seeking. Mr. Brown's reputation for this class of stamps is already well known.

At the recent San Francisco exhibition of stamps under the auspices of the Pacific Philatelic Society, Boston collectors and members of the Boston Philatelic Society were well represented in the entries and among the trophy winners. In the exhaustive report of this exhibition in the *American Journal of Philately* I notice the omission of the Diploma of excellence awarded Mr. C. A. Howes of Boston for his superb collection of the Chinese Treaty Ports exhibited in Class 22, but not in competition.

B. L. Drew & Co.'s 99th sale was held Oct. 29th and 30th, when 1118 lots were disposed of to the highest bidders. I append a few of the prices realized:

	Cat.	Bid.
U. S. 1868, 3c 12x14, unused,	\$20.00	\$10.05
1869, 90c, used,	14.00	8.30
Antigua 1886, 1sh, P. O. state,	5.50	4.05
Barbados 1874-8, 3d, P. O. state,	3.50	2.90
1882-5, 5sh, P. O. state,	7.00	4.20
Canada 1857, 1/2d, used,	3.50	2.30
Fernando Po 1898, 5 on 10c, No. 23, unused,	1.50	1.10
Gold Coast 1884-94, 2, 5, 10, 20sh, used,	3.20	2.60
Guam, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8 and 15c, P. O. state,	7.25	6.40
Hawaii 1882, 15c, P. O. state,	2.50	2.20
1882, 25c, P. O. state,	3.50	3.05
Prov. Govt. 1893, 2c vermil., P. O. state,	3.50	2.05
\$1.00, P. O. state,	3.50	2.05
Newfoundland 1861, 3c, vermil., o. g.,	4.00	3.05
New Zealand 1900, 6d, No. 92, o. g.,	—	4.05
St. Lucia 1864, 1d, CC, 14, practically P. O. state,	7.50	6.05
Sierra Leone 1876-85, 2d, CC, 14, unused,	3.00	2.15
Tasmania 1853, 4d, used,	3.50	2.25
Uruguay 1894, 25r, used,	1.25	1.30
1894, 2p, P. O. state,	4.00	3.00
3p, P. O. state,	6.00	4.05
Western Australia 1889, 2d gray, P. O. state,	2.00	1.20

Zanzibar on India, 2r, P. O. state,	3.00	2.50
3r, P. O. state,	3.75	2.70
5r, P. O. state,	6.25	3.80
1897, 1 and 2r, P. O. state,	2.00	2.10
1895-96, 1, 1 1/2, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 12a, 1r, P. O. state,	6.08	3.70
1895-96, 1/2, 1, 1 1/2, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 4, 6a, P. O. state,	3.01	2.00
Zululand 1892, 5a, P. O. state,	2.50	1.50
1896, 1/2, 1, 2 1/2, 3, 6a, 1 and 4sh, P. O. state,	3.98	2.10

WM. D. ELDRIDGE.

The Boston Philatelic Society.

M. H. LOMBARD, President, Winchester, Mass.
 C. F. ROTHFUCHS, Vice-President, Boston.
 C. A. HOWES, Secretary, 55 Kilby St., Boston.
 L. I. GREEN, Treasurer, 47 Tremont St., Boston.
 J. H. LYONS, Supr. of Auctions, P. O. Box 16, Roxbury, Mass.
 J. F. JOHNSON, Supr. of Sales, 156 Congress St., Boston, Mass.
 THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA, Official Journal.

BOSTON, Nov. 11, 1902.

The one hundred and twentieth regular meeting of the Society will be held in the upper Elks' Hall, 24 Hayward Place, Boston, on Tuesday evening, November 18th, at 8 o'clock sharp.

Order of Business.

1. Reading of Minutes of Last Meeting.
2. Reports of Committees.
3. Communications.
4. Election of Candidates.
5. Unfinished Business.
6. New Business.
7. Informal Auction Sale.

Entertainment.

A reference to the report of the October meeting will recall the fact that an invitation was extended to the Rhode Island Philatelic Society to visit us at this meeting. Let as many members as can be on hand to welcome our sister Society and make their evening an enjoyable one.

The eighth exhibition of the second series occurs at this meeting. There are two classes: Class A, including St. Lucia and St. Vincent, will be judged according to the usual schedule; Class B, imperforate pairs, strips and blocks, not exceeding fifty pieces, will be examined for condition and rarity alone.

St. Lucia and St. Vincent were included in the present series of exhibitions as representatives of the always interesting British West Indies, but we little thought what added interest the latter island would obtain through the past summer. Both countries are capable of fine exhibits.

Class B should make a most entertaining display, for there is an opportunity to show many surprises and oddities. The number of pieces (not stamps) is limited to fifty, but may be less. The rarity, which counts most, will be judged not wholly by catalogue value but, as nearly as possible, according to the relative scarcity of a stamp in pairs, blocks or sheets; i. e. the showing of stamps in unusual conditions, as specified, will carry much weight over mere catalogue value. Some stamps can be obtained in large blocks almost as readily as singly and a block would therefore count for little; another might be fairly common in pairs but very scarce in strips or blocks, and if presented in the latter condition would count much more than the mere multiple of catalogue price.

N. B.—For the convenience both of the Exhibition Committee and intending exhibitors, collections may be sent to or left with Mr. J. H. Lyons at the New England Stamp Co.'s store, 27 Bromfield St., Boston.

C. A. HOWES,
Secretary.

\$1000.00 Cash to Spend!

We wish to purchase several large lots of U. S. Revenues of the Civil War issue catalogued from 5: up to any sum. We take same in any quantity or variety. Must be in good condition. No part or imperforated stamps unless in pairs, strips, or blocks. Especially want 1c, 3c, 4c Playing Cards, \$1.00 Mortgage and Passage Ticket and all values up to \$200.00. Also want U. S. general issue and Departments used or unused. Write us, with full particulars, stating the quantity and variety and your price.

We also wish to purchase a good collection of U. S. and a good general collection U. S. and Foreign.

GUARANTEE STAMP CO.,
106 E. 111th St., NEW YORK.

THE 1903 OR 62nd EDITION

OF THE

Standard Postage Stamp Catalogue

WILL BE READY IN DECEMBER.

PRICE 58c POST FREE.

ADVANCE SHEETS.

Mailed to subscribers, as each form is printed, on payment of \$5.00. No dealer can afford to be without them.

INTERNATIONAL POSTAGE STAMP ALBUM.

Nineteenth and Twentieth Century Editions now in course of preparation, will be published November 15th and sold at popular prices. Write for particulars and 84-page price list.

SCOTT STAMP & COIN CO.,

18 EAST 23RD ST.,

NEW YORK, N. Y.

The Weekly Philatelic Era

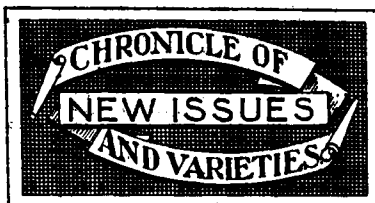
A PAPER DEVOTED TO STAMP NEWS.

50c PER YEAR.

ENTERED AT PORTLAND POST OFFICE AS SECOND CLASS MATTER JAN. 10, 1890.

2c PER COPY.

VOL. XVII. No. 8. PORTLAND, ME., SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1902. WHOLE No. 496.



BY HENRY A. KIDDER.

Friends of the ERA are invited to send to the editor of this department any information regarding new issues or varieties that may prove of interest. Such information will be suitably acknowledged. Address, HENRY A. KIDDER, 17 Addison Street, Arlington, Mass.

Exchanges will please send Mr. Kidder a copy of each issue of the foregoing address, and an extra copy of the ERA will be gladly sent whenever desired.

UNITED STATES.—According to the Washington correspondent of the *Metropolitan Philatelist*, the Post Office Department is seriously considering the advisability of issuing a stamp of a value between the present 15c and .50c values. This is said to be due to the requests of business men throughout the country. If issued the new value will possibly be 25c; probably, 30c.

The issue of the new 13c stamp is still delayed, though it was expected that the stamps would be forwarded to the leading offices this week. Drawings have been prepared of the new designs for the envelopes to be furnished by the Department during the next four years. The drawing of the new 5c stamp with portrait of Abraham Lincoln has been approved. The dies for the 10c special delivery and 4c postage stamps are nearly finished, and work is being pushed on the 8c and 2c values.

ALBANI.—We are indebted to Mr. Charles de Grave Sells for a copy of the Italian postal card of 1895, 10c rose on cream, surcharged "Albania—20 Para 20" in two curved lines. The card is dated Cornigliano, Ligure, Oct. 27, 1902; and according to Mr. Sells had just been issued. Our correspondent pleasantly adds, "May the WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA ever flourish." The 10c letter card of the same issue has also been surcharged.

Postal Card (Regular):

10c red and black on cream.

Letter Card (Regular):

10c red and black on cream.

BELGIUM.—The new set of parcel post stamps has appeared here, but is rather disappointing in appearance, as the colors are not harmonious in all cases.

CHILE.—The 20c of the current series chronicled in 489 has appeared here, and appears to be printed in gray of the previous type. The 10c is chronicled by the *Metropolitan Philatelist*. This apparently completes the set.

Adhesives (Regular):

10c scarlet and black.

20c gray.

COOK'S ISLAND.—The low values have been reprinted on watermarked paper, N. Z. star, close together, in new shades. The ½d comes in three shades green, the 1d in bright rose pink, and the 2½d in shades of dark blue, according to *Ewen's Weekly*.

COLOMBIA.—*Meeke's Weekly* chronicled another value in Cartagena set of which the 20c was chronicled in No. 488. This is the 10c, which represents the iron pier at Savonilla. It is imperforate.

Adhesive (Regular):

10c carmine.

CYPRUS.—*Der Philatelist* reports having seen specimen copies of the following new stationery, with King's head stamps.

Post Cards (Regular):

½ piastre, green on yellow, 122x75.

1 piastre, carmine on yellow, 140x90.

Wrappers (Regular):

½ piastre, green on yellow, 125x302.

10 paras, carmine on yellow, 95x275.

DENMARK.—The New England Stamp Co. has received the new 1, 5 and 10 ore official stamps.

ECUADOR.—In addition to the surcharge mentioned last week two others are reported. Those that have been seen here include "DE" in tall gothic letters and "S" in fancy type. *Meeke's Weekly* suggests that as there are thirteen provinces in Ecuador further curiosities may be expected. The "S" surcharge is supposed to be for Esmeralde and the "DE" is as yet unplaced. The list to date is as follows:

Surcharged "C. Benj. R.", 1, 2, 5, 10, 20c.

Surcharged "D. E.", 5, 10c.

Surcharged "S", 5, 10, 20c.

FRENCH GUIANA.—Mr. J. H. Lyons of the New England Stamp Co. has shown us a new 2 franc stamp for this colony printed in violet and red on salmon.

Adhesive (Regular):

af violet and red on salmon.

GRENADA.—The first supply of 10sh King's head stamps has been sold out, and a new supply ordered from England, says *Ewen's Weekly*.

GREECE.—A new supply of 5, 10 and 25l has been ordered from London. A correspondent of *Ewen's Weekly* says the new unpaid letter stamps are to be in use until Oct. 14 (O. S.), 1904.

HUNGARY.—The 6 filler current stamp is reported as appearing in straight bistre.

ICELAND.—The *Nordisk Filatelistisk Tidsskrift* chronicled the new set of stamps with portrait of King Christian IX. The inscription around the four sides reads:

King Edward British Colonials.

Cayman ½d.....	\$0.08	Gold Coast ½d.....	.02
England ½d and rd.....	.05	rd.....	.04
1½d.....	.04	Gambia ½ and rd.....	.06
2d.....	.06	rd.....	.06
3½d.....	.06	2½d.....	.08
3d.....	.08	3d.....	.10
4d.....	.10	4d.....	.12
5d.....	.12	6d.....	.16
6d.....	.15	1sh.....	.20
9d.....	.20	2sh.....	.25
10d.....	.20	St. Helena ½ and rd.....	.06
15d.....	.28	St. Vincent ½ and rd.....	.06
1sh 6d.....	.66	Straits 3c.....	.04
5sh.....	1.35	8c.....	.08
40 paras.....	.08	25c.....	.18
Grenada ½ and rd.....	.06	30c.....	.20
rd.....	.06	Transvaal ½ and rd.....	.06
2½d.....	.08	rd.....	.06
3d.....	.08	2½d.....	.08
5sh.....	1.60	6d.....	.16

Return Postage must be added.

STANLEY GIBBONS, INC.,

167 BROADWAY,

NEW YORK CITY.

JONES' BARGAINS.

U. S. Columbian Set 16 stamps, unused ..	\$14.00
1861 3c pink, a beautiful shade.....	4.00
1861 5c buff, imperforate horizontally	7.00
1867 3c, grilled all over.....	6.00
1862 5c red brown.....	1.75
1870 10c Embossed.....	3.50
1870 30c	4.50

Money refunded if stamps don't suit.
Why Not write me about the U. S. stamps you need?

FRED G. JONES,

2013 Brook St., LOUISVILLE, KY.

CHAPTER IX.

Mr. J. M. G. writes of one of Osgood's Famous Big Selections: "There is only one fault with the approval book and that is it makes me long to own it outright as it contains many, many stamps not in my collection." Better stock and better arrangement than ever. References.

U. S. 1865 \$1.00 black, used..... \$0.25
The Stampman, a unique price list, free for asking. October No. now ready.

D. W. OSGOOD,

South Fork, Rio Grande Co., Colorado.
[To be Continued.]

"Island—3 aur—Frimerki—Chr. IX., R. D."

Adhesives (Regular):

- 2a orange.
- 4a rose and grey.
- 5a green.
- 6a grey brown.
- 10a red.
- 16a red brown.
- 20a blue.
- 25a green and brown.
- 40a lilac.
- 50a steel blue and grey.
- 1k brown and blue.

INDO-CHINE.—A correspondent reports the stamps of Indo-Chine surcharged "Chine" in English letters, with two Chinese words in another line below. The catalogue numbers thus surcharged are Nos. 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19.

INDIA.—The *Philatelic Journal of India* reports the current 2 anna stamp in a "rich purple instead of the usual rather pale lilac."

LEEWARD ISLANDS.—It is reported the remainders of the unsurcharged Queen's head stamps have been destroyed. The *Leeward Islands Gazette* of September 11, publishes full particulars of the number of the recent 1d surcharges on 4d, 6d, and 7d. According to the official circular issued by the Acting Colonial Secretary, 37,200 of each denomination were printed and were distributed as follows: Antigua, 16,800 of each denomination; St. Kitts, none; Nevis, 12,000 of each; Dominica, 6000 of each; Montserrat, 1800 of each; Virgin Islands, 600 of each.

MAURITIUS.—Mr. L. G. Barrett has shown us varieties of the surcharged 12c on 36c Jubilee. The most pronounced variety is caused by a different figure "1" the serif being much different from the regular type. Other varieties are the use of two parallel rules in the bar over the value at the bottom, instead of one thick rule. And by the way, the later is in two pieces placed end to end, with the short piece to the right in some and to the left in others.

PORTUGUESE CONGO.—A series of surcharges has appeared for this colony similar to those chronicled for various colonies in No. 494.

Adhesives (Provisional):

Surcharged in Black on Issue of 1894.
65r on 15r chocolate.

UNITED STAMP COMPANY.

P. M. WOLSEFFER, President.

F. N. MASSOTH, Secy.-Treas.

We promised some bargains as soon as our two stocks were consolidated. Here are a few. We need the space more than the stamps. Your money may take up more room than the stamps, but we have a very accommodating bank that takes care of it free of charge. In order to give all our customers a chance we will **ONLY FURNISH ONE TO A CUSTOMER.**

U. S. REVENUE BARGAINS.

	Cat.	Price
5c Proprietary.....	\$0.75	\$0.30
5c Playing Card, red.....	.75	.28
2c Certificate, orange.....	.40	.15
3c Proprietary, unused.....	.40	.10
10c Foreign Exchange.....	.40	.15
25c Warehouse Receipt.....	.60	.22
1c Express, imperforate.....	1.00	.25
25c Life Insurance.....	.70	.08
1c blue and black, and Issue.....	.75	.35
3c " " ".....	.68	.05
5c Third Issue, unused.....	.07	.07
6c blue, 1878, on silk.....	1.00	.35
6c violet, wmkd.....	1.50	.45

UNITED STATES POSTAGE.

SPECIAL BARGAINS.

1851 1c blue.....	.25	.11
1857 1c blue.....	.18	.05
1857 10c green.....	.30	.18
1861 2c black.....	.05	.03
1861 10c green (cheap at cat.).....	.12	.07
1869 1c buff.....	.60	.25
1867 1c grilled, 9 x 13.....	.75	.28
1867 1c " " slight tear.....	.75	.10
1871 15c orange, National.....	.75	.25
1873 30c black, Continental.....	.50	.20
1879 15c orange.....	.15	.06
1890 15c blue (cat. too low).....	.06	.03

U. S. DEPARTMENTS.

Interior 6c, unused.....	.08	.04
Interior 2c, ".....	.08	.03
War 12c, used.....	.30	.08
War 10c, used.....	.30	.10
War 6c, used.....	.05	.02
Treasury 6c, used.....	.10	.04
P. O. 12c, unused.....	1.00	.35
P. O. 3c, unused.....	1.00	.40

U. S. WHOLESALE BARGAINS.

1861 3c red.....	\$0.20 per	100
1869 3c blue.....	.75 "	100
1871 1c blue.....	.40 "	100
1873 1c blue.....	.50 "	100
1873 6c red.....	.50 "	100
1875 2c vermilion, hard paper.....	.50 "	100
1879 2c vermilion, soft paper.....	.15 "	100
1879 1c blue.....	.50 "	100
1884 5c brown.....	.40 "	100
1884 2c brown.....	2.00 "	10,000
1884 1c blue.....	8.00 "	10,000
1888 4c carmine.....	.75 "	100
1888 1c blue.....	.50 "	1,000
1890 2c red.....	1.00 "	5,000
1890 4c brown.....	.50 "	500
1890 1cc green.....	1.00 "	2,000
1893 1c Col.....	.50 "	1,000
1893 2c Col.....	.80 "	10,000
1893 4c Col.....	.45 "	100
1893 5c Col.....	.50 "	100
1893 10c Col.....	.75 "	100
1895 4c Sherman.....	1.00 "	1,000
1895 8c Sherman.....	.50 "	100
1898 4c.....	.50 "	1,000
1895 3c.....	1.00 "	1,000
1895 4, 5 and 10c.....	1.00 "	2,000
1895 Special Delivery.....	.40 "	100
1895 Postage Dues 1 and 2c.....	.75 "	1,000

U. S. REVENUES.

2c orange, U. S. I. R.....	.50 "	1,000
2c blue, Liberty.....	.50 "	1,000
25c Certificate, blue.....	1.50 "	1,000
25c Insurance, red.....	.80 "	100
5c Certificate.....	.15 "	100
50c Entry of Goods.....	1.25 "	100

FREE WITH EVERY ORDER

a copy of Robie's Canadian Revenue Catalogue. State on your order if you want this popular catalogue, and add 1c to pay postage.

Don't forget we are still selling Wolseffer's Pocket Edition Stock Book to hold 500 stamps, cloth bound, for 25c post paid. They are in use everywhere and you can save the cost of it in less than a week.

Auction Sales are one of our specialties. If you are an auction buyer you should patronize our sales, by all odds the best held anywhere. Our catalogues are models of explicitness.

UNITED STAMP CO., 1149 Marquette Bldg., CHICAGO.

- 65r on 20r lavender.
- 65r on 25r green.
- 65r on 300r dark blue on salmon.
- 115r on 10r red violet.
- 115r on 50r light blue.
- 130r on 5r yellow.
- 130r on 75r rose.
- 130r on 100r brown on yellow.
- 400r on 80r yellow green.
- 400r on 150r carmine on rose.
- 400r on 200r dark blue on blue.
- Surcharged in Black on Newspaper Stamp of 1894.
- 115r on 2 1/2r brown.
- Surcharged "Provisorio" in Black on Issue of 1898.
- 115r brown.
- 25r blue green.

ST. THOMAS AND PRINCE ISLANDS.—A set of surcharges has also been issued for this colony, similar to those chronicled elsewhere.

Adhesives (Provisional):

- Surcharged in Black on Issue of 1859-77.
- 115r on 50r green.
- 400r on 10r yellow.
- Surcharged in Red on Issue of 1887.
- 130r on 5r black.
- Surcharged in Black on Issue of 1887.
- 65r on 20r rose.
- 65r on 25r violet.
- 65r on 100r yellow brown.
- 115r on 10r green.
- 115r on 300r orange.
- 130r on 200r gray lilac.
- 400r on 40r chocolate.
- 400r on 50r blue.
- Surcharged in Black on Issue of 1895.
- 65r on 5r yellow.
- 65r on 10r red violet.
- 65r on 15r chocolate.
- 65r on 20r lavender.
- 115r on 25r green.
- 115r on 150r carmine on rose.
- 115r on 200r dark blue on blue.
- 130r on 75r rose.
- 130r on 100r brown on yellow.
- 130r on 300r dark blue on salmon.
- 400r on 20r light blue.
- 400r on 80r yellow green.
- Surcharged in Black on Newspaper Stamp of 1893.
- 400r on 2 1/2r brown.
- Surcharged "Provisorio" in Black on Issue of 1898.
- 115r brown.
- 25r blue green.

SEYCHELLES.—It is reported that the 2c will be the first value to be issued in the new King's head series.

Adhesive (Regular):

2c violet and green.

SOMALI COAST.—A new set of stamps is being issued for the French colony of Somali Coast, four values of which have now appeared.

Adhesives (Regular):

- 1c lilac and orange.
- 2c brown and green.
- 5c green and yellow green.
- 10c claret and orange.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—Mr. L. G. Barrett has shown us the 9d claret of the current type with "Postage" only, in one line in the upper white label.

SOUTHERN NIGERIA.—*Der Philatelist* chronicles the new King's head set for Southern Nigeria. The design is the same as the Queen's head type of 1901, except that the Imperial crown appears in the oval above the head, with pearls at either side.

Adhesives (Regular):

- 1/2d yellow green and gray black.
- 1d carmine and gray black.
- 2d red brown and gray black.
- 4d olive green and gray black.
- 6d violet and gray black.
- 12h black and green.
- 25h 6d brown and gray black.
- 52h yellow and gray black.
- 102h red brown and gray black on yellow.
- 5r violet and green.

VICTORIA.—The 9d of the "postage" set now comes printed in a much deeper color; it may be called deep rose red.

Big Cut in 1898 Proprietaries.

1/2c, 3/4c, 1c two shades, 3/4c, 1c, 1 1/2c, 2c, 2 1/2c, 3c, 4c, 5c
 Catalogue Price 43 Cents for Set of 13.
 Our Price Only 15 Cents Postpaid.

Private Dies 1898-1900 Proprietaries
AT 50 TO 70 % DISCOUNT.

Antikamnia 2 1/2c	Cat \$0.25	Our Price \$0.13
Emerson Drug Co. 1/2c	05	01 1/2
" " " 1/2c	08	03
" " " 1/2c	05	08
" " " 2 1/2c	10	05
A. Fletcher 1 1/2c	10	03
Hostetter Co. 2 1/2c	15	05
Laanman & Kemp 3/4c	10	04
" " " 1 1/2c	20	08
Johnson & Johnson 3/4c	03	01
J. Elwood Lee 3/4c	10	05
Chas. Marchand 1 1/2c	10	04
" " " 1 1/2c	05	03
" " " 1 1/2c	15	07
" " " 1 1/2c	30	15
" " " 1 1/2c	1.00	50
Od Chemical Co. 1 1/2c	05	10
Piso Co. 3/4c	05	01 1/2
Radway & Co. 3/4c	10	03 1/2
Warner's Safe Cure 3/4c	20	07
Williams Medicine Co. 1 1/2c	10	03 1/2

The above are all priced at the lowest price in catalogue. You are just as likely to get Old as new roulette, as they have never been picked.

When you order ask for 1902 and 1903 Price List if you have none.

C. E. HUSSMAN STAMP CO., ST. LOUIS, MO.

Springfield, Mass., Notes.

Our Club has recently adopted a sort of compulsory education law. Each member in the order of his number is to give a talk or paper on some philatelic subject to be selected by himself. It works well so far and we hope to be able to go entirely through the list. Passive members if they cannot attend when their turn comes may write out their talk and send it to the Secretary. Thus far we have had talks on Mexico, French cancellations and Luxemburg by Messrs. Curtis, Prevost and Stone. It is Bartlett's turn next and he will hold forth November 21.

On account of Mr. Bartlett's removal to Vermont he resigned the Presidency of the Club and also the Resident Vice-Presidency of our National organization, and Robert D. Maynard has been chosen to fill the vacancy.

Please note that Mr. Prevost has removed from Longmeadow to Spencer Avenue, Springfield. John is now a member of the Boston Society, having been admitted at the October meeting.

A directory of the collectors of the city is being compiled by a committee of the local Club. It will include young collectors as well as old, as we want to know who the future members of our Club are to be.

Mr. Morrison of the Scott Stamp & Coin Co. was in the city for a couple of days recently, and Warren Colson of the New England Stamp Co. stopped over night recently on his way back from the west. Mr. Colson is a passive member of our Club.

S. S. C. No. 3.

Topics About Town.

FROM NEW YORK CITY.

A wall case on the outside of the building 112 Nassau street, and belonging to the Universal Stamp Co., was stolen recently. The thieves have not as yet been apprehended.

On Friday evening, Nov. 28th, the Section on Philately of the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences, will have a debate at its rooms, 174 Montague street (Art Building), on the subject, "Is the Private Post Superior in Efficiency to the Post Office Department." Dr. Wm. H. Mitchell of Bayonne, N. J., will take the affirmative side and Dr. T. P. Hyatt, the negative. It is also proposed to give a series of exhibitions under the auspices of the Section, during the coming winter, further particulars as to which will be given shortly.

The Brooklyn Stamp Club has felt obliged to secure new and more commodious quarters, corner Broadway and Dekalb Ave. (Brooklyn), to take care of its increasing membership. Meetings are held the first and third Monday evenings of each month.

The next meeting of the Manhattan Philatelic Society will occur on November 20th. The stamps of Italy, Italian States and Spain, will be exhibited by the members. The Secretary of the Philatelic Society, Mr. J. A. Klemann, has notified the Manhattan Philatelic Society that they could use the rooms of that Society until the first of May, at the same rental as heretofore, after which new arrangements would have to be made.

VOLUNTEER.

Detroit Paragraphs.

Ever "Smiling Brody" (L. T. Brodstone) of Superior, Neb., spent Wednesday here on his return from New York, where he saw his mother off for London. Brody was bound for Chicago to attend the meeting of the Chicago Philatelic Society, of which he is a member. From there he returned home to get down to business again, getting out the *West*. "My paper was never in a more prosperous condition than at present," said he. While here he called on a number of the old boys.

Speaking of the coming season, everything points towards great doings in the stamp line.

While B. L. Drew was here recently, J. Kellar took advantage of the occasion and was not slow in filling up a number of countries, which he has been wanting to complete for some time.

HERMAN W. BOERS.

ALL SOLD!
SENF'S 1902-3
 (German) POSTAL CARD CATALOGUES.
 Orders will be filled in rotation, as received, from the second importation, now afloat.
 Price 35 Cents, Postpaid.
A. LOHMEYER,
 922 N. Gilmer St., BALTIMORE, MD.

WHOLESALE PRICE LIST.

Have you sent in your order from our six-page wholesale price list which appeared in the ERA for Oct. 25, 1902? Our prices were so low that we have had a great many orders. All orders are filled in rotation to give first orders preference. Send for a revised copy of the list at once. Let us have your order at the earliest possible moment.

HOLTON STAMP CO., BOSTON, MASS.

NEW YORK, N. Y.,

Catalogue No. 846, Issue 1842-46,
 3c blue glazed on original cover.
 Price only \$7.50 on cover.

You cannot get a finer one.
 \$7.00 on Revenue, cut but fine..... \$24.90
 On approval if desired.

C. E. HUSSMAN STAMP CO., ST. LOUIS, MO.

U. S. BARGAINS.

1858, 30c brown, \$0.18	1894, 5c blk., cat. \$1.25, .40
" 90c purple, .60	1895, 30c orange, .05
1890, 30c black, .04	1899, 8c black, .05
" 90c orange, .30	30c Columbian, .18
1894, 50c or., cat. 35c, .12	50c Omaha, .15

OMAHA STAMP & COIN CO.,

209 So. 18th St., OMAHA, NEB.

Unused U. S. Entire Envelopes

In the Finest of Condition.

Scott's 1402.....	\$0.50
" 1474.....	.40
" 1477.....	2.00
" 1513.....	.15
" 1515.....	.30
" 1525.....	3.50
" 1561.....	4.00
" 1728.....	.35

Many others at equally low prices. Your want list please.

CHAS. H. STONE & CO.,

19 Washington St., BOSTON, MASS.

•SEYCHELLES	1902, Surcharges, 2c on 4c, 30c on 75c, 30c on 1r, 45c on 1r, and 45c on 1r 5c 1.25
•MONTSERRAT	1d Revenue, go id space filler, pen cancelled.... .35
•TRANSVAAL	1/4 on 2d brown and green, E. R. I..... .04
•GUATEMALA	1c on 12c rose red, violet surcharge..... .08
•RUSSIA	1890, 35k violet and green..... .08
•ARGENTINE	1890, 1r brown and orange..... .15
•EGUADOR	1890, 1/2c on 12c blue, black surcharge..... .04
•MAURITIUS	1901, 10c blue and black..... .04
	1902, 45c surcharged Postage & Revenue 15c; 20c, same surcharge 30c; both..... .48

* Unused. Postage Extra.

COLUMBIAN STAMP CO., Arlington, Mass.

DEALERS. WHOLESALE.
 Our new wholesale list of 40 pages has just been issued and offers a very large variety of stamps, sets, packets, mixtures and dealers' supplies. Mailed free. Prices will interest every dealer.

MARKS STAMP CO., Toronto, Canada.
 Wanted! We are open to purchase for spot cash, stamps of every country, in quantity, Collections, Job Lots, Consignments. Offers and Price-Lists wanted.

WANTED. [14] WANTED.

NEW INTERNATIONAL ALBUMS!

We expect to have the new albums Nos. 1, 2 and 3 on sale November 15th. The higher priced editions will be ready November 25th.

"The Nineteenth Century Edition" contains spaces for all stamps issued up to the end of 1900.

"The Twentieth Century Edition" contains spaces for the stamps issued in the twentieth century (1901-1902).

BINDINGS AND PRICES:

Prices on the two editions are as follows. The "postfree price" is the price for which the album will be sent by mail, postage paid. The "counter price" is the price when purchased at our store, no carriage charges being paid by us. Absolutely no deviation from these prices will be allowed by the publishers.

Nineteenth Century Edition.			Twentieth Century Edition.		
No.	Post Free.	Counter Price.	No.	Post Free.	Counter Price.
No. 1 Boards, half cloth...	\$1.50	\$1.20	No. 1 Boards, half cloth...	\$1.00	\$0.80
No. 2, full cloth.....	2.50	2.00	No. 2, cloth, gilt.....	1.50	1.20
No. 3, "interleaved	3.50	3.00	No. 4, "with stubs	2.00	1.60
No. 4, cloth, 2 vols.....	6.50	5.00			

Prices of more expensive editions on application.

Order at once and Albums will be sent immediately on publication.

Have you sent for list of our long series of Approval Sheets at 50 and 25 % discount ?

NEW ENGLAND STAMP CO.

21-27 Bromfield Street,

BOSTON, MASS.

It is to *Morley's Philatelic Journal* that I am indebted for the above information.

The London Society is planning another African exhibition for December. The countries to be shown will be those not included in the exhibit of last year. This will include the following: British Central Africa, British East Africa, Gambia, Gold Coast, Lagos, Madagascar (Consular mail), Mauritius, Morocco Agencies, Niger Coast, Northern Nigeria, Saint Helena, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Southern Nigeria, Sudan, Uganda and Zanzibar.

The very interesting "Notes" on Tasmania which were read before the London Society by R. B. Yardley is concluded in the current number of the *London Philatelist*. A very handy and useful synopsis is given of the stamps current between 1871 and 1899, which ought to be a great help to collectors in arranging the numerous "prints" etc. of these stamps. Each value is taken by itself and the check list would well pay for reprinting.

We have just been deluged with a flood of Portuguese colonial surcharges to the number of a couple of hundred or so and now *L'Echo de la Timbrologie* gives us the pleasing information that the van guard of the French foreign offices set are at hand. There are only nine offices heard from so far and only partial sets have so far been seen. But they will all be here before long, including post cards, reply cards, letter cards, envelopes etc. There will be about two hundred of them in all probably. And the "King's heads" are not all in yet!

There is also the following pleasing official decree published in the *Journal Officiel* of Portugal.

The rates for letters for the colonies having been modified according to the postal convention of Washington by decree of December 24, 1901, it becomes necessary to create stamps corresponding to these

rates and to change the colors of certain existing stamps.

It is therefore decreed:

Art. 1. The series intended for the African Colonies will include the following values: 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200, 400, 500, 700 reis. There will be different series with special inscription for Cape Verde, Guinea, St. Thomas and Prince, Angola, Congo, Mozambique, Lourenco Marques, Inhambane and Zambesia.

Art. 2. The series for the Indies will include 1, 1½, 2, 2½, 3, 4½, 6 and 9 reis, 1, 2, 2½, 4, 5, 8 and 12 tangas and 1 and 2 rupees.

Art. 3. The series for Macao will include ½, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 12, 13, 16, 18, 20, 31, 47 and 78 avos.

Art. 4. The series for Timor will include ½, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 9, 10, 12, 13, 15, 22, 31, 47 and 78 avos.

Art. 5. The stamps of 15 reis, 6 reis (Indes), 2 avos (Macao), 3 avos (Timor), will be green in color. The 25 reis (African colonies), 1 tanga, 4 avos (Macao), and 5 avos (Timor) will be vermilion; the 65 reis, 2½ tangas, 10 avos (Macao) and 12 avos (Timor) will be blue.

Art. 6. All the stamps newly created or changed in color will be of the current design.

Art. 7. Relates to the withdrawal of useless values.

Art. 8. The new stamps will be put in use January 1, 1903.

The question is how long will some of them be in use. For as I write these lines William II of Germany is visiting Edward VII in England and is to meet King Carlos of Portugal. Well founded rumors are current that a secret (?) agreement has been made for the acquirement in some means by Germany and Great Britain of the East African colonies of Portugal and their partition. While this might mean some more stamps, it may not, for the territories would most likely be joined to the now existing states.

The Boston Philatelic Society.

M. H. LOMBARD, President, Winchester, Mass.
C. F. ROTHFUCHS, Vice-President, Boston.
C. A. HOWES, Secretary, 55 Kilby St., Boston.
L. L. GREEN, Treasurer, 47 Tremont St., Boston.
J. H. LYONS, Supt. of Auctions, P. O. Box 18, Roxbury, Mass.
J. F. JOHNSON, Supt. of Sales, 136 Congress St., Boston, Mass.
THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA, Official Journal.

The Postal Card Society of America.

Officers for 1902-3.
President, HORACE E. CARPENTER, JR., Care N. B. Bradley & Sons, Bay City, Mich.
Vice-President, J. T. ALBERT HOBRACH, 1422 North 53rd St., Philadelphia, Pa.
Secretary, W. P. AGEE, Hope, Ark.
Treasurer, JOHN N. MORSE, 105 Devonshire St., Boston, Mass.
Executive Committee, GUY A. BRYANT, Princeton, Ill.; W. D. ARNSOLD, The Portland, Broadway, St. Paul, Minn.; N. HASKELL WITMER, 230 S. 9th St., La Crosse, Wis.
Exchange Superintendent, J. T. A. HOBRACH, 1422 No. 53rd St., Phila., Pa.
Purchasing Agent, ADOLPH LOHMEYER, 923 N. Gilmer St., Baltimore, Md.
International Secretary, E. DOEBLIN, P. O. Box 736, Pittsburg, Pa.
Official Journal, THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA.

Wm. v. d. Wettern, Jr.,

WHOLESALE DEALER IN

POSTAGE + STAMPS.

411 W. Saratoga St., Baltimore, Md.

New special list just issued, sent free on application to dealers only.

\$1000.00 Cash to Spend!

We wish to purchase several large lots of U. S. Revenues of the Civil War issue catalogued from 5c up to any sum. We take same in any quantity or variety. Must be in good condition. No part or imperforated stamps unless in pairs, strips, or blocks. Especially want 1c, 3c, 4c Playing Cards, \$1.00 Mortgage and Passage Ticket and all values up to \$200.00. Also want U. S. general issue and Departments used or unused. Write us, with full particulars, stating the quantity and variety and your price.

We also wish to purchase a good collection of U. S. and a good general collection U. S. and Foreign.

GUARANTEE STAMP CO.,

106 E. 111th St..

NEW YORK.

IF YOU WISH TO

BUY, SELL OR EXCHANGE

Stamps, Desired Results can be had through

AN AD IN THE WEEKLY ERA.

American Philatelic Association.

(INCORPORATED.)

THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA—OFFICIAL JOURNAL.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

ALEXANDER HOLLAND, President,
40 Grace Court, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Board of Vice-Presidents.
FRANK H. BURT, Chairman,
Room 1046, Tremont Building, Boston, Mass.
GORDON IRELAND, Secretary,
Holyoke House 27, Cambridge, Mass.
J. F. JOHNSON,
383 Lexington St., Auburndale, Mass.

H. E. DEATS, Secretary,
Flemington, N. J.
E. DOEBLIN, International Secretary,
Box 736, Pittsburg, Pa.
C. L. ANNAN, Treasurer,
Copper Range R. R., Houghton, Mich.
H. B. PHILLIPS,
1311 Grove St., Berkeley, Cal.
F. W. CONING,
Maryville, Tenn.

RESIDENT VICE-PRESIDENTS.

BOSTON, MASS.—J. F. JOHNSON, 383 Lexington St., Auburndale, Mass.
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.—W. E. LOV, 2433 Ellsworth St., Berkeley, Cal.
NEW YORK CITY.—W. F. GREGORY, 71 Nassau St.
PITTSBURG, PA.—E. DOEBLIN, Box 736.
CHICAGO, ILL.—A. F. MERRELL, 432 Marquette Building.
MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.—ERNEST S. MARTIN, 3344 First Avenue, South.
WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS.—J. D. BARTLETT, 332 Main St., Springfield.

APPOINTIVE OFFICERS.

E. H. ANDERSON, Librarian,
Carnegie Library, Pittsburg, Pa.
H. D. WATSON, Collecting Agent,
64 Cedar St., New York City.
JOHN J. OESCH, Superintendent of Sales Dept.,
34 Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill.

H. E. DEATS, Assistant Librarian,
Flemington, N. J.
W. F. GREGORY, Auction Purchasing Agent,
71 Nassau St., New York City.
P. M. WOLSEFFER, Auction Purchasing Agent,
1009 Atwood Bldg., Chicago, Ill.
A. W. BATCHELDER, Auction Purchasing Agent,
21 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass.

I will pay a good cash price for the following Pre-Cancelled stamps in fine condition, well centered and well perforated. Numbers are by Aldrich's list in the ERA. Send any you have. Moodus, 1. So. Glastonbury 2, 3, 4, 5. Chicago 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 19, 20, 27, 35, 45, 46, 47, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 65, 66, 67, 68, 74, 75, 76, 77, 80, 103, 105, 106, 124, 130, 144, 150, 203, 204, 205, 206, 208, 200. Dixon 10 invert. Fr. Grove 2, 3, 4. Galena 1. Moline 2. Rock La. 2, 3. Attica 9, 10. Indianapolis 5, 6, 8, 9. Muncie 1. Princeton 1. Litchfield 1. Lexington 3, 5, 6, 7, 9, 9. Boston 2, 23, 24, 73, 81, 99, 102, 104, 112, 113, 116, 118, 120. St. A. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9. East Cambridge 12, 21, 31, 33, 51, 52, 54, 61. Lowell 2, 3, 4. Lynn 6, 0. R. Cross 6, 7, 12, 17, 18, 19, 20. Salem 1 to 7. Battle Creek 3, 4, 5, 6. Bay City 4. Gr. Rapids 2. St. Jo 1. Fairbault 1, 3, 4. Minneapolis 1, 4, 5, 7, 9, 10, 13, 14, 15, 18, 19, 20, 28, 30, 43, 44, 48, 86, 89, 93. St. Paul 1, 2, 4, 5, 16, 19, 20, 24, 27, 29. Lincoln 2, 4. Lockport 5, 8. N. Y. H. 6, 9. Vankers 1, 2a. Ashland 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 12, 15, 16, 17, 19, 20. Calla 2, 4, 5. Cincinnati 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16. Chattanooga 2, 3, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 21, 28. Putney 1, 2, 4. St. Albans 2. La Crosse 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10. Milwaukee 15, 16, 17, 19, 29, 30, 41. Racine 9, 4, 9, 30, 35. F. L. SMITH, 40 Exchange Place, N. Y. 1028

Pre-cancelled stamps not in my collection wanted. Best cash or trade price. E. R. ALDRICH, Benson, Minn. 1028

I have Stamps, Coins, Indian Relics, Revolver, Eggs, Books, Magazines, West Stevens' Pistol and good pair No. 9 Moccasin. Canvas canoe for sale. F. H. RICKER, Box 108, Lisbon, Me.

Ten View Post Cards of Boston and vicinity sent postpaid for 23 cents in unused stamps. C. W. SAWTELLE, 80 Water St., Boston, Mass. 1028

Pre-can. U.S. on approval. Ex. desired with advanced collectors. L. E. Richardson, Carrier 3, Putnam, Ct. 1028

3c P. Card, \$2.00; 15c 1867, grill, 30c; 7c Ver., 20c. KING, 141 East 19th St., New York. 1028

Pre-Cancelled stamps for sale; 20 varieties, 25c, including values other than 1c; also dated specimens, 20 var., 25c. CHAS. A. TOWNSEND, Akron, O. 1028

New So. Wales 5d, No. 65, 5c; 8d, No. 20, 13c. Victoria 4d, No. 188, 3c; 5d, No. 200, 5c; 6d, No. 201, 6c; 9d, No. 202, 8c; 12d, No. 203, 12c; 15d, No. 176, 8c; 2d, No. 187, 5c; 6d, No. 165, 5c; 3sh, No. 218, 18c; 4sh, No. 320, 21c. Canada 2c purple envelope, entire, unused, No. 212, 25c. Postage extra. Send current U. S. stamps for an order. A. MACK, Box 494, Ottawa, Ont. 1028

A very odd thing about my Long-Value Series of dime packets is the high grade of the stamps you will find in them. "Quality first" is their motto. That is the reason they are called "Long-Value" because they are the stamps of permanent value, the stamps you will always prize as a part of your collection. Does it sound absurd to speak of really valuable dime packets? It is a new departure in stampology, I admit. The beginner who buys these will not throw away money on cheap stamps that he might "pick up" without cost, while the more advanced collector, even if he occasionally duplicates something already in his album, has still a standard stamp of trading value. Suppose you buy one or two of these as a sample. Then you will take the rest as a matter of self-interest. Your address on a postal, sent in now, will secure the list of these packets promptly upon publication. In the meantime you can buy 14 unused Abyssinia, including the obsolete 1804 issue, for 60c; the \$1 1895 U. S. for 22c, or 14 good Japan, for 18c. Postage extra. FRANK STETSON, Box 54, Station F, Washington, D. C. 1028

54 var. fine foreign, Cuba 1857, etc., all good copies, cat. value 74c, 12c postpaid. H. R. MCKENZIE, Rumford Falls, Me. 1028

A Caligraph typewriter, sole leather gun case and 500 Copper Coins for rare stamps, graphophone or offers. JAMES A. ANDERZEN, Loomis, Neb. 1028

Two-thirds list for foreign cat. def. 5c, in exchange for stamps at list. Lots under \$5 declined. Have 8000 var. on hand. F. W. PICKARD, 2427 Ingleside, Cincinnati, O. 1028

Will give either U. S. and Confederate stamps, bills, and bonds, or Indian relics for Moosehead's Pre-Historic Implements, Scott's Gold and Silver, Copper and Nickel Catalogues. J. M. BROWNE, Denver, S. C. 1028

Fireproof safe, 17 x 17 x 21 inside, combination lock, fine order, to trade for any good, salable stamps. Write if interested. I want many odd numbers of "Am. Jnl. of Philately" and "Boston Stamp Book" ANDREW J. KIRBY, 30 Ash St., Fall River, Mass. 1028

Wanted for cash U. S. pre-cancelled postage stamps. WALTER L. GATES, Testicket, Mass. 1028

You will like my approval sheets; try them. References required. GEO. A. KNIGHT, 90 Meridian St., East Boston, Mass. 1028

Want to buy Hawaiian Numeral stamps, used or unused, Scott's numbers 10 to 36 inclusive. What can you offer me? J. R. VIETS, 26 Greystone Park, Lynn, Mass. 1028



REPORT OF SECRETARY

For the Week Ending November 15th.

Applications for Membership.

MERRELL, DR. F. B., 100 State St., Chicago, Ill.; age, 43; occupation, Dentist. References: J. J. Oesch, R. Robinson; Resident Vice-President, A. F. Merrell.
STAAB, W. O., 163 and 165 Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill.; age, 31; occupation, Book-

keeper with Frank Heining & Son. References: John J. Oesch, Stan Zajicek; Resident Vice-President, A. F. Merrell.

New Stockholders.

1780. BULTMANN, ROBERT, 200 E. Randolph St., Chicago, Ill.
1781. FISKE, GEO. F., 100 State St., Chicago, Ill.

Resignations Accepted.

1427. COSBY, FRANK CLARK, 120 Broadway, New York City.
1533. HOLT, FRED P., Colorado Springs, Colo.
1496. INGLES, C. J., 406 N. Exchange St., St. Paul, Minn.

Membership Summary.

Membership Nov. 8th.....	559
New Stockholders.....	2
Resignations accepted.....	3
Total membership Nov. 15th.....	558

H. E. DEATS, Secretary.

NOVEMBER PERFORATOR.

CONTENTS.

A Rare Zurich Cover (illustrated).
A Unique Oldenburg (illustrated).
A Reminiscence of 1883, by J. E. Handshaw.
Three Original Prize Articles.
Check List of Printed Proprietary Cancellation, by E. B. Sterling.
"Poehneck" Philatelic Society, by Dr. Wm. Evans.
Editorials on Interesting Topics.
Perforations.
Dept. on Advertising and many other features.

SAMPLE COPY FREE.

Address all communications to

THE PERFORATOR,

106 E. 111th Street. NEW YORK CITY.

TRADE COLUMN.

Under this head we will print exchange, want and for sale notices, business announcements, 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 1 cent.

One four-line notice free with each subscription, providing copy accompanies the subscription.

THREE Consecutive Insertions of SAME ad in this Column for PRICE OF TWO.

We want to buy used Pan-Americans, Omahas, Current Dues, Special Deliveries, high value Current Revs. Buying list 2c. * 3 Cuban War Stamps 1898-99, 2c, 4c, 5c, only 5c. Greece 1 dr, 1901, only 6c. Ask for our lists of 1/2 & 1c stamps. Toledo Stamp Co., Toledo, O. 1028

Approval sheets at 50¢. 100 mixed Porto Ricans sold. G. A. TUCKER, 12 Arlington St., Amesbury, Mass. 1028

3000 word description: "How to Make Rubber Stamps," written by best authority in America, giving entire particulars how to start a well paying business at a very small outlay. Price 95c. R. F. WRIGLEY, 223 King St., West, Toronto, Ont.

2000 Die Cut Stamp Hinges 10c postpaid. LEO F. FAGAN, 924 N. 3rd St., Springfield, Ill.

The Weekly Philatelic Era

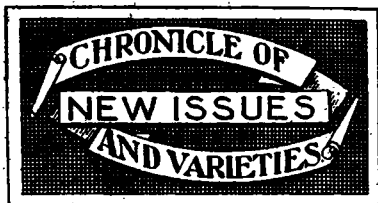
A PAPER DEVOTED TO STAMP NEWS.

50c PER YEAR.

ENTERED AT PORTLAND POST OFFICE AS SECOND CLASS MATTER JAN. 10, 1890.

2c PER COPY.

VOL. XVII. No. 9. PORTLAND, ME., SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 1902. WHOLE No. 497.



BY HENRY A. KIDDER.

Friends of the ERA are invited to send to the editor of this department any information regarding new issues or varieties that may prove of interest. Such information will be suitably acknowledged. Address, HENRY A. KIDDER, 17 Addison Street, Arlington, Mass.

Exchanges will please send Mr. Kidder a copy of each issue to the foregoing address, and an extra copy of the ERA will be gladly sent whenever desired.

UNITED STATES.—We are again indebted to the Washington correspondence of the *Metropolitan Philatelist* for some interesting facts regarding the new stamps. The issue of the 13c stamp has been postponed until the end of the month. A new series of envelopes in process of preparation by the Post Office Department. It is reported that the new designs will be entirely different and distinct from anything in the stamped envelope line that the United States government has ever issued.

From the same authority we learn that the design for the new 1c stamp has just been approved. It is entirely different from the designs for other values thus far approved. Instead of the old profile portrait of Franklin, a new one appears photographed from the noted painting in the National Gallery of Portraits. This is considered the best portrait of Franklin in existence, and represents him with a serene and contented countenance; his long hair falling in curls upon his shoulders, and his neck enveloped in a wealth of cravat. The words "Series of 1902" appear at the extreme top of the design in very small letters. "United States of" is below in a straight line, and "America" in a slight curve following the line of the oval. The face appears in an opening oval above and square below. Emblematical figures upon either side, support the panel containing words above, while each holds aloft an electric light bulb, typical of Franklin's service to the world through the discovery of electricity. The figures are placed on two pedestals, upon the front

of which appear the figures of value. The name of the philosopher and the dates of his birth and death appear immediately below the bust. Postage One Cent is seen in two straight lines at the bottom of the design.

Mr. J. H. Lyons, of the N. E. Stamp Co., has shown us a block of the new 13c stamps, said to be from the first sheet issued to the public. It presents a handsome appearance, the color is a rich slate. The design has already been described.

ALBANIA.—Mr. Lohmeyer chronicles the 10c Italian card with control number "902," surcharged for use in Albania, mentioned by us last week.

ALWUR.—The *Philatelic Record* states that the post office of this state has been taken over by the Imperial Post Office, and consequently the local issues of stamps will be superseded by ordinary Indian stamps.

ARGENTINE.—Mr. Lohmeyer shows us a new 5c envelope printed on safety paper, but not embossed. His correspondent states that this new type, not embossed, will also be used for the postal cards and letter cards as soon as the present stock becomes exhausted. Mr. A. W. Dunning has also submitted for our inspection a used copy of the same dated "Buenos Aires, 4 P. M., Oct. 9, 1902." The design is a striking head of Liberty, upon a solid background with "Republica Argentina," "5 centavos" in a circular border with ruled lines.

Mr. Dunning's correspondent informed him that on Oct. 26, there was to be issued a commemorative stamp, 5c value, to commemorate the beginning of the Rosario de Sante Fe port works. The number to be issued was 1,000,000.

Envelope (Regular):
5c red on white safety paper, 120x152.

BOLIVIA.—*Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal* chronicles a new value in the current set.

Adhesive (Regular):
2b brown, arms.

BUNDI.—This is another of the protected Indian states, whose post offices have been taken over by the Imperial post office. At present it is the stamp collector who most needs to be protected from the stamp issues of these states.

CAYMAN ISLANDS.—A correspondent of *Ewen's Weekly* says that Oct. 1 there was still £180 worth of 1d Queen's head stamps left in stock at the Islands. The project of an early printing of a 1d King's head is not therefore very bright. Of the ½d Queen's head was only £6 worth left in stock, the rest of the stock being the new issue.

COLOMBIA.—The 10c of the new series, of which the 20c was chronicled in No. 489, has been shown us on covers, by Mr. Edward de Z. Kelley. Like the previous value the 10c is very poorly executed and represents the iron pier at Savanilla. It is printed in red, with "Republica de Colombia" at the top, the bottoms of the letters following the curved line of the opening in which appears the condor flying in the face of the sun. A band across the center of the stamp has the word "Correos," while "10" appears in white letters in a large circle at the left. "Centavos" is printed at the bottom of the stamp. The specimens seen are imperforate. Mr. Kelley states that owing to the depreciation of the Colombian currency, three times the usual postage is exacted. The envelope before us has three registration and four 10c postage stamps.

Mr. Edward de Z. Kelley has shown us the new 2c blue green of the Baranquilla

SAMPLE CATALOGUES.

A number of our customers were disappointed in not receiving Part 2 (Foreign countries) of our 1902 catalogue as supply was exhausted.

We now have 500 more from London, and will mail a copy (450 pages) on receipt of

TWENTY CENTS.

STANLEY GIBBONS, INC.,

167 BROADWAY,

NEW YORK CITY.

JONES' BARGAINS.

- U. S. Columbian Set 16 stamps, unused .. \$14.00
1861 3c pink, a beautiful shade..... 4.00
1861 5c buff, imperforate horizontally 7.00
1867 3c, grilled all over..... 6.00
1862 5c red brown..... 1.75
1870 10c Embossed..... 3.50
1870 20c "..... 4.50

Money refunded if stamps don't suit. Why Not write me about the U. S. stamps you need?

FRED G. JONES,

2013 Brook St., LOUISVILLE, KY.

CHAPTER X.

The October Stampman, which will be sent free on request, is a unique price list which you cannot afford to miss.

U. S. 1895, 3c and 50c Dues only..... \$0.40

Osgood's Famous Big Selections

contain many fine medium scarce stamps, are arranged by countries and in Big Books holding 300 or more. Quite the best means of adding to your collection at right prices.

D. W. OSGOOD,

South Fork, Rio Grande Co., Colorado. [To be Continued.]

issue, both used and unused, which is the best printed of the three thus far issued. The new value is a horizontal oblong like the 10c and 20c previously mentioned, but unlike them the frame enclosing the central picture is square. At the top appears "Republica de Colombia" in white letters on a colored ground. At each end in white tablets with round ends is printed the word "Correos." The figure of value appears in the lower corners in white in square colored frames, while the word centavos is seen on a white tablet with round ends between. The central picture represents the River Magdalena, as the inscription in very small letters testifies. Mr. Kelley has received whole sheets of both the 2c and 10c, showing that the stamps are lithographed in sheets of two panes of 25 stamps in each. All stamps of these two values thus far seen are imperforate.

CUBA.—Mr. F. W. Sprague has shown us a variety of the 3c surcharged on United States. In one type the "3" is exactly over the "P" of Peso while in the other the "3" is placed about 1m further to the left. The color of the two stamps also differs materially, and the surcharge in one case appears much blacker and heavier.

HAYTI.—Varieties in the recent surcharges have been discovered as follows: Postage—1c with inverted surcharges; 1, 2, 7, 8, 10c with double surcharge. Postage due—2c with inverted surcharge; 2c double surcharge. The journalistic controversy over the issue of the surcharged stamps with the date changed to "Juin" and "Juillet" goes merrily on.

HAI-HAO.—The American Journal of Philately chronicles the 15c blue surcharged in red. Only one sheet was issued, the bulk of the issue being in the new color, gray.

HYDERABAD.—Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal chronicles the first value of a new series, and a change in colors in the 4a and 12a of the previous set.

Adhesives (Regular):

- 1/2 blue.
4a deep green.
12a slate green.

ICELAND.—The new series chronicled last week has been issued, according to Ewen's Weekly, and the stamps withdrawn. New official stamps are also to be issued in this month, when the old official stamps are also to be withdrawn. With commendable (?) thrift, however, the stamps withdrawn are to be re-issued, after being surcharged "I GILDI-'02-'03" in two lines. They will then be available for postage until the end of 1903.

LAGOS.—Mr. F. W. Sprague has shown us the 6d printed in new colors. Instead of the pale lilac and red violet of the earlier printing it now comes in bright lilac and carmine. The change is so marked as to make it appear like a new stamp.

MADAGASCAR.—M. Theodore Champion writes to Ewen's Weekly that sheet of 150 of the 10c on 50c authorized by the decree of Aug. 9, was the Diego Suarez issue instead of Madagascar. Also, that one stamp in each sheet of the 1c and 5c stamps was overprinted 00,1 and 00,5 respectively instead of 0,01 and 1,05.

MEXICO.—Mr. A. W. Dunning reports having seen an entire unused envelope (Scott's No. 730) with the impression inverted.

NORWAY.—Mr. F. W. Sprague has shown us the 2 ore on 12 ore stamp with the "O" of ore broken so as to make a figure "9".

TRADE COLUMN.

Under this head we will print exchange, want and for sale notices, business announcements, 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 20 cents.

One four-line notice free with each subscription, providing copy accompanies the subscription.

THREE Consecutive Insertions of SAME ad in this Column for PRICE OF TWO.

U. S. Revs. at 1/2 Cat. Send want list. Approval Sheets 66 2/3 Com. J. H. WILSON, 335 Water St., Pittsburg, Pa.

Have you these? Dutch Indies Provisional, 1/2 on 5c, in use only 2 1/2 months, price 5c; 1 1/2 on 3c, in use only a week and will be rare, 8c. Postage extra. Mint condition, cash returned if sold out. J. F. DODGE, Hanover, Pa.

Extra fine copies. \$1.00 Passage Ticket, \$2.00; \$1 Mortgage, \$1.00. King, 141 East 19th St., N. Y. City.

Asbestos lined Fire Proof Iron Box, 11 1/2 x 16 1/2 x 11 1/2 inches, cost \$15, will trade for some of following U. S.: 20 or 90c 1860; 15c to 75c Colum.; 7 or 9c Navy; 1c Interior. W. E. Dickinson, 108 Peace St., Prov., R. I.

Christmas approaches and what will you give your friends? Save time shopping and send stamp for my catalogue describing and illustrating over 300 articles suitable young and old, comprising watches, clocks, jewelry, table-ware, smoker's articles, cutlery, tricks, games, toys, novelties, books, printing presses, musical instruments, electrical apparatus, etc. You can spend 5 cents or 50 Dollars. Some specialties: Horse shoe nail ring, 7 cts.; magic trick nail, box pens, 8 cts. each; Ping Pong puzzle, Santos-Dumont Flying machine, Boer War puzzle, Electric Money Bank, Dream Book, Books (156) songs, Swiss Cottage Bank, Aluminum Vest Pocket Cup, Great Combination Needle Case, Camera Cigar Holder, Barless Mouse Trap, Small Toilet Case, 10 cents each; large assortment rings 15 cents up; Ladies' Purse 20 cts.; Darning Machines, 25 cts.; Gribbage Board or Safety Razor, 50 cts. each; Toy Steam Engine, \$1.00; Boxing Gloves \$1.50 and \$2.00; Shaving Set, \$1.65; Mantel Clock, \$1; Typewriter, \$2.25. Joseph B. Flynn, Dept. E, 138 W. 63rd St., N. Y.

We want to buy used Pan-Americans, Omaha, Current Dues, Special Deliveries, high value Current Revs. Buying list see: 2 1/2 Cuban War Stamps 1898-99, 2c, 4c, 5c, 1/2 5c. Greece c. 1901, only 6c. Ask for our lists of 30 & 25 stamps. Toledo Stamp Co., Toledo, O.

Approval sheets at 50¢. 100 mixed Porto Ricans 20c. G. A. TUCKER, 12 Arlington St., Amesbury, Mass.

Approval sheets 60¢ discount. Net sheets for advanced collectors, 8000 var. in stock. Want lists desired. F. W. PICKARD, 2427 Ingleside, Cincinnati, O.

I will pay a good cash price for the following Pre-Cancelled stamps in fine condition, well centered and well perforated. Numbers are by Aldrich's list in the ERA. Send any you have. Moodus, 1. So. Glastonbury 1, 2, 3, 4, 5. Chicago 11, 22, 14, 15, 16, 17, 19, 20, 26, 27, 33, 43, 46, 47, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 67, 68, 74, 75, 76, 77, 80, 103, 105, 106, 134, 140, 144, 150, 203, 204, 205, 206, 208, 209. Dixon 1c invert. Fr. Grove 2, 3, 4. Galena 1. Moline 2. Rock Is. 2, 3. Attica 9, 10. Indianapolis 5; 6; 8; 9. Muncie 1. Princeton 1. Litchfield 1. Lexington 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9. Boston 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000.

Pre-cancels not in my collection wanted. Best cash or trade price. E. R. ALDRICH, Benson, Minn.

Ten View Post Cards of Boston and vicinity sent postpaid for 25 cents in unused stamps. C. W. SAWTELLE, 80 Water St., Boston, Mass.

Pre-can. U.S. on approval. Ea. desired with advanced collectors. L. E. Richardson, Carrier 3, Putnam, Ct.

3c P. Card, \$2.00; 15c 1867, grill, 30c; 7c Ver., 20c. KING, 141 East 19th St., New York.

Pre-Cancelled stamps for sale; 20 varieties, 25c, including values other than 1c; also dated specimens, no var., 25c. CHAS. A. TOWNSEND, Akron, O.

New So. Wales 5d, No. 65, 5c; 8d, No. 80, 13c. Victoria 4d, No. 188, 3c; 5d, No. 200, 5c; 6d, No. 201, 6c; 8d, No. 202, 8c; 1sh, No. 203, 12c; 1sh, No. 176, 8c; 3d, No. 187, 5c; 6d, No. 165, 5c; 1sh, No. 218, 8c; 4sh, No. 300, 21c. Canada 5c purple envelope, entire, unused, No. 222, 5c. Postage extra. Send current U. S. stamps for an order. A. MACK, Box 104, Ottawa, Ont.

A very odd thing about my Long-Value Series of dime packets is that the high grade of the stamps you will find in them. "Quality first" is their motto. That is the reason they are called "Long-Value," because they are the stamps of permanent value, the stamps you will always prize as a part of your collection. Does it sound absurd to speak of really valuable dime packets? It is a new departure in stampology, I admit. The beginner who buys these will not throw away money on cheap stamps that he might "pick up" without cost, while the more advanced collector, even if he occasionally duplicates something already in his album, has still a standard stamp of trading value. Suppose you buy one or two of these as a sample. Then you will take the rest as a matter of self-interest. Your address on a postal, sent in now, will secure the list of these packets promptly upon publication. In the meantime you can buy 14 unused Abyssinia, including the obsolete 1894 issue, for 60c; the \$1 1895 U. S. for 25c, or 14 good Japan, for 18c! Postage extra. FRANK STETSON, Box 54, Station F, Washington, D. C.

A Calligraph typewriter, sole leather gun case and 500 Copper Coins for rare stamps, graphophone or others. JAMES A. ANDERZEN, Loomis, Neb.

Two-thirds List for foreign cat. over 5c, in exchange for stamps at list. Lots under \$2 declined. Have 8000 var. on hand. F. W. Pickard, 2427 Ingleside, Cincinnati, O.

Will give either U. S. and Confederate stamps, bills, and bonds, or Indian relics for Mooshead's P. H. Historic Implements, Scott's Gold and Silver, Copper and Nickel Catalogues. J. M. BROWNE, Denver, S. C.

Wanted for cash U. S. pre-cancelled postage stamps. WALTER L. GATES, Teaticket, Mass.

You will like my approval sheets; try them. References required. GEO. A. KNIGHT, 90 Meridian St., East Boston, Mass.

Want to buy Hawaiian Numeral stamps, used or unused, Scott's numbers 10 to 86 inclusive. What can you offer me? J. R. VIETS, 26 Greystone Park, Lynn, Mass.

**MAINHART'S
WEEKLY STAMP NEWS.**

Here are some more of the cheap sets that went like hot cakes a few weeks ago, only that they are cheaper than ever.

*Ecuador 1896, Jubilee, 1c to 15, cat. \$1.25 \$0.25
 *Nyassa 1898, 2 1/2 to 200r, complete..... .50
 *Nyassa, Giraffe, 2 1/2 to 200r, 13 var..... .85
 *Havli 1896, 3c to 20c, complete..... .15
 * Unused. Remit by money order, or unused 2c stamps.

Collectors say that my stamps on approval
AT 50% DISCOUNT
 are the best and cheapest they've ever bought. Drop me a line and receive a nice selection of stamps on approval by return mail.

THEO. MAINHART, JOHNSTOWN, PA.

PLUMMER OF DENVER

wants to send you approval books at 50 per cent. discount.

ARE YOU WILLING ?

Stamps for beginners a specialty. Special discounts to agents.

ED. PLUMMER,

Box 1029, DENVER, COLO.

FOR SALE!

300 Full Sets of U. S., O. G. Proprietary Stamps 1/2c, 3/4c, 1c, 1 1/2c, 2c, 2 1/2c, 3 1/2c, 4c, 5c, at face. Not less than 50 sets at that price. Postage o. g. bought at a discount.

NATHAN COBE & CO., Waltham, Mass.

PARAGUAY.—A correspondent informs us that there were printed 66,000 of the recent surcharge, 20c on 24c blue.

PORTUGUESE INDIA.—Various journals report a great speculative fever in the colony over the recently surcharged stamps. They are evidently attracting more attention there than elsewhere.

RUSSIA.—Mr. A. W. Dunning has shown us a card for Russian China. The card bears a regular 1k stamp surcharged "China" in Russian characters.

SIERRA LEONE.—Ewen's Weekly publishes a circular letter from the Colonial Postmaster General to the effect that the plates and dies of all the Victorian postage stamps, envelopes, post cards and newspaper wrappers of the colony have been destroyed. A complete issue of King's heads has been ordered and will probably be in circulation early in 1903.

URUGUAY.—Mr. Dunning has shown us used copies of the 10c blue and 20c orange postage due stamps, chronicled in No. 489.

The New England Philatelic Association.
 Organized February, 1895.

Board of Officers:

- President, CHARLES H. SMITH, Dedham, Mass.
 - Vice President, J. FAVILL CAPRON, 22 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass.
 - Secretary and Treasurer, H. W. LEGG, Pepperell, Mass.
 - Sales Department, CHARLES H. STONE, 91 Antrim St., Cambridgeport, Mass.
 - Information Bureau, MRS. WALLACE DANA SMITH, 20 Wilder St., Portsmouth, N. H.
 - Counterfeit Detector, WILLIS D. KING, Nashua, N. H.
 - Attorney, HORACE S. BACON, 107 Stevens St., Lowell, Mass.
 - Governing Board, CHARLES H. STONE, Chairman, 91 Antrim St., Cambridgeport, Mass., JOHN J. COWE, New Dorchester, Mass., FRANK A. WILSON, 185 Highland Ave., Somerville, Mass.
- Official Organ, THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA.

Topics About Town.

FROM NEW YORK CITY.

The J. M. Bartels Co. will exhibit the contents of their 14th auction sale in this city at the office of J. C. Morganthau & Co., 87 Nassau street, Nov. 24th to 27th.

At the last meeting of the Collector's Club, it was decided to hold the exhibition of the stamps of Australia, Tasmania and New Zealand for competition of the Stanley Gibbons' prizes on January 8, 1903. The following exhibitions have been decided upon for 1903:

- February—Great Britain.
- March—U. S. Documentary and Proprietary.
- April—Russia, Finland and Poland.
- May—Egypt and Soudan.

It was also adopted that all competitive exhibitions held under the auspices of the Club shall hereafter be restricted to members only.

The Madison Club, a social organization of the upper part of the city, contains the names of five prominent collectors on the membership roll.

The *Perforator* for November contains sixteen pages. The illustrations of the Zurich and Oldenburg covers look fine. An article by J. E. Handshaw is interestingly written. I note that the Holton Stamp Co., of Boston, has contracted for twenty pages of advertising space. This speaks well for the popularity and circulation of the paper.

Bogert & Durbin will hold their 187th auction sale on Saturday afternoon, November 29th, at 116 Nassau street. There are 935 lots listed.

VOLUNTEER.

The Boston Philatelic Society.

- M. H. LOMBARD, President, Winchester, Mass.
 - C. F. ROTHFUCHS, Vice-President, Boston.
 - C. A. HOWES, Secretary, 55 Kilby St., Boston.
 - 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 Sales, 136 Congress St., Boston, Mass.
- THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA, Official Journal.

DANISH WEST INDIES.

I have received a few of the following desirable Cards:
 1889, 22c, blue on white..... \$0.19
 1902, 1 CENT on 2c blue on white, used or unused .40
 1902, 1 CENT on 3c carmine on white, "1902" extra .25
 Stock limited. Postage extra.
ADOLPH LOHMEYER,
 922 N. Gilmore St., BALTIMORE, MD.

Our Next Auction Sale

TAKES PLACE

DECEMBER 17TH.

It will contain a general assortment of U. S. and Foreign stamps including many of the now obsolete Queen's Heads and recently issued King's Heads in complete sets all P. O. State. Catalogues are free. If you are not on our Mailing List send us your address on a postal and receive our catalogues regularly.

CHAS. H. STONE & CO.,

19 Washington St., BOSTON, MASS.

WHOLESALE MIXTURES.

- All nice, clean, saleable copies. Postage 2c extra. Prices are per 100. Remit by M. O., stamps or bills.
- Siam, 7-10 kinds, \$1.40
- Newfound., 10 kinds, 1.15
- Bulgaria, assorted, .30
- 1901 issue, .60
- Greece, 1901 issue, .40
- Olympians, 1896, .50
- Indo China, assorted, .65
- China 1/2, 1, 2c, .35
- better mixture, .50
- Fr. Colonies: Reunion, .40
- I. China, etc., 20-25kds, .40
- Peru, well assorted, .40
- Uruguay, 10 kd. ds., .50
- Havli, 2-10 kinds, .50
- Italy, 1901 issue, .20
- Spain, 25-30 kinds, fine, .20
- 30-40 " " .35
- Straits Settlements, \$0.50
- Hong Kong 2-10c, .50
- Ecuador, well asstd., .65
- Turkey 1901, .40
- Tunis, .35
- Reunion, assorted, .40
- Martinique, .75
- Persia, assorted, .65
- " best mixture, .40
- Japan 1900, 3 kinds, .10
- " 1900, 9 kinds, .40
- Hon. uras 1897-8, 8, .65
- N. Caragoa, well asstd., .80
- Bolivia, asstd., 1.20, .40
- Asia Mixture, 4 kinds, .40
- Perak, Johore, etc., fine, .20
- Straits Revenues, .75

Dealers! Have you received our wholesale list No. 25 consisting of 40 large pages? We will send same to any dealer or speculator, post free.

MARVEN STAMP CO., Toronto, Canada.

GIVEN AWAY—FREE—NO CHARGE.

With each purchase of \$1.00 or over, a customer is given a coupon which entitles him to all the stamps he can buy.

	Cat. Price	My Price
Nyassa 1898, fine, (13), o. g.....	\$1.88	\$0.65
" 1901, " (13).....	1.58	.53
Bulgaria No. 17.....		.02
" " 18.....		.03
" " 36.....		.02
" " 37.....		.05
" " 38.....		.02
" " 45.....		.03
" " 167.....		.02
" " 169.....		.05
" " 164.....		.02
" " 163.....		.02
" " 53, O. G.....		.04
" King, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 25.....		.15
U. S. 1c Navy, O. G.....	1.25	.45
" 3c ".....	1.00	.32
" 8c ".....		.40
" 7c " used, 1/16 off center.....	10.00	2.65

WHOLESALE SELECTIONS

on approval to responsible dealers. References required.

GUARANTEE STAMP CO.,
 106 E. 111th St., NEW YORK.

THE TIME AND PLACE TO BUY IS WHEN AND WHERE YOU CAN BUY CHEAPEST!

We are now offering stamps at exceptional low prices.

A FEW OFFERS.

	Catalogue Value	Our Price
U. S. 1867, 2c black, embossed 11x13, unused, no gum, but fine.....	\$7.00	\$1.98
Belgium 1866, 1 frank, violet, a scarce stamp.....	1.00	.49
Canada 1867-72, 3c rose, imperforate, with fine large margins, rare...	1.50	1.65
Canada 1866-66, 6p vermilion, wmkd. large star.....	3.50	1.49
Nova Scotia 1851-53, 3p blue.....	2.00	.98
Spain 1877-78, 4 poseta, violet, fine copy.....	4.00	1.30

All used unless otherwise stated. Postage extra. Money refunded if not entirely satisfactory.
 Our 50¢ Sheets contain an elegant variety of stamps, many not usually found on sheets at any discount.
 Our Net Sheets contain such stamps which we are enabled to offer at lowest possible prices. Selections of above will be sent on approval to all furnishing satisfactory references.

GIVE US A TRIAL.

THE QUEEN CITY STAMP CO.,

Room 2 Sinton Bldg., Cor. 5th and Vine Sts., CINCINNATI, OHIO.

You Want These!

United States.

1847	10c black on part cover	.....	\$1.75
1857	30c orange, new, o. g.	.....	4.50
1888	90c purple, new, o. g.	.....	1.40
Omaha,	\$2.00 brown	.....	1.35

Hawaii.

1853	13c red, new	.....	9.00
1883	25c dark violet, new, o. g.	...	2.25
1883	50c red, new, o. g.	.....	5.50
1883	\$1.00 rose red, new, o. g.	.....	8.00
1893	12c mauve, red sur., new, o. g.	.....	3.00
1893	2c verm., black sur., new, o. g.	.....	2.25
1893	12c mauve, black sur., " "	.....	11.00
Official set,	new, o. g.	.....	3.25

All of above are very fine and have full o. g. (except 13c). I have all Hawaiians from 1864 to 1894 and envelopes. Send want list. Prices low.

More U. S. Bargains.

1898	Rev., 1/2c orange, new, o. g.	....	.04
1898	\$30 red, \$100 brown & black, cut but fine.	.....	Prices on application.
1895	Periodicals, set new, o. g.	.....	3.25

All stamps on approval to parties giving satisfactory references.

CHAS. W. CUTTER,

138 Harvard St., Brookline, Mass.

Just a Word More! I have new King's Heads and will be pleased to put your name on my list to send you one of each as they appear. My prices are from 30 to 33 1/2 % over face, thus I charge 16c for 6d and 33c for 1 sh stamps. Send want list.

CANADA.

Fine selections sent on approval. Almost everything in stock. Satisfactory references required. I have many rare Canadian Coins for sale. If interested write for prices. 197

A. C. ROUSSEL,

2106 St. Catherine St., MONTREAL, CAN.

5 pesos,		7.50	3.40
Newfoundland, No. 17, unused,		7.50	4.10
Netherland, 1c, No. 21a, imperf., o. g.,	?	2.10	
Strip of 3 No. 23a, imperf., o. g.,	?	5.50	
P. E. Island, strip of 3 No. 13a, imperf., no gum,	?	2.90	
Imperf. pair No. 14a,	—	3.00	
Transvaal, No. 107, o. g.,	2.50	3.00	
Turkey, imperf. horizontal pair No. 77, o. g.,	?	5.60	
Imperf. horizontal pair No. 91, o. g.,	?	6.60	
Zanzibar, No. 27, o. g.,	10.00	5.10	
Cyprus, No. 25, used, unused price	3.00	2.10	
Nova Scotia, No. 4,	10.00	3.90	
St. Vincent, No. 38,	7.50	3.05	
Straits Settlements, No. 60,	10.00	6.10	
Transvaal, No. 193, Rustenberg, V R,	—	4.50	
No. 194, Rustenberg, V R,	—	4.75	
" 196, " "	—	5.25	
Victoria, No. 338,	?	6.60	

The wholesale lots with very few exceptions brought good prices.

CLIFFORD.

Items from the Dub.

Tuesday, Nov. 18th.

Mr. G. L. Toppan of Racine, Wisconsin, paid a visit to Boston last Monday and Tuesday.

Mr. Warren H. Colson, the traveling representative of the New England Stamp Co., is on a Southern trip through Baltimore and Washington, and other principal Southern points.

The J. M. Bartels Co. will hold a two-night sale early in January. There will be no combination lots in this sale, but will contain the pick of a 9000 variety collection, and will be practically single stamps.

Frank P. Brown's eighth sale, held on November 12th, was a good average sale, and the prices realized were up to the average.

Of the new provisional 1c on 3c Cuba little seems to be known. 200,000 were printed which were bought up by local parties. Would advise collectors not to be anxious to buy except at a low price.

WM. D. ELDRIDGE.

United Stamp Co.

P. M. WOLSIEFFER, President.
F. N. MASSOTH, Sec'y and Treas.
1149 Marquette Bldg., Chicago.

We are now located in our new quarters, our new sales books are almost ready. All classes of buyers will find something they want.

SPECIAL THIS WEEK!

U. S. Newspaper 1875, 2c black, Cat.	\$0.50,	Price \$0.15
" " 1875, 10c carn.	" 2.50,	" 1.00
" " 1875, 24c "	" 2.00,	" .90
" 1857, 5c brick red, fine	" 10.00,	" 6.00
" 5c red brown, fine	" 6.00,	" 3.00
Confederate 1863, 3c green, unused, o. g., very fine, catalogued at \$2.00 and well worth it, price only 90 Cents.		

NETHERLANDS.

1869	1 1/2 rose, used	.....	\$0.10	\$0.06
1858	13 orange, used	.....	.40	.25
1867	1c black, used	.....	.30	.35
1872	2 1/2 gld, used	.....	.35	.25
1888	1 1/2 gld, used	.....	.60	.40
1888	1 1/2 gld, used	.....	.15	.09
1891	1 1/2 gld, used	.....	.10	.06
1891	1 1/2 gld, used	.....	.15	.09
1896	1 gld, used	.....	.50	.30
1899	5 gld, used	.....	.15	.09
1899	5 gld, used	.....	1.25	.75

Try us on stamps and albums. 1903 albums in stock. International 1903, \$1.50.
J. T. STARR STAMP CO., Coldwater, Mich.

1861 REVENUE BARGAINS!

1c Playing Cards	.....	Catalogue \$3.00,	Price \$1.25
3c Certificate, blue	.....	.60,	.15
3c Playing Card	.....	6.00,	1.75
5c "	.....	.75,	.25
25c Warehouse Receipt	.....	.60,	.20
30c Foreign Exchange	.....	1.50,	.60
50c	.....	.50,	.15
\$1.00 Mortgage	.....	3.00,	.90
\$2.00 Probate of Will	.....	1.00,	.35

Omaha Stamp & Coin Co., 209 S. 18th St., Omaha, Neb.

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

"MEKEEL'S STAMP COLLECTOR."

Mailed Weekly from St. Louis. Vol. XV. commenced with 1902. All subscriptions must now commence with current number (3 months' trial, 25c), subscription \$1.00 per year in U. S. etc., and \$1.50 per year abroad. Sample of large magazine edition 10c.

SPECIAL BARGAINS!

UNITED STATES LOCAL	
ADAMS & Co.'s EXPRESS	
Scott's No. 220: (Type La) 25c black, catalogued \$5.00, special price	..... \$1.25
A fine copy of a very interesting stamp.	
U. S. REVENUE	
Fourth Issue, Scott's No. 2966, 2c black and orange on green paper, <i>Inverted Medallion</i> , catalogued \$5.00, special price	..... \$2.75
U. S. POSTAGE	
National Print, 1870-15c bright orange without embossing, fine unused copy, full gum, catalogued \$5.00, special price	..... \$3.25
An Embossed Copy, 1870, 15c fine, unused, o. g.	..... \$90.00
A FREAK (U. S. Revenue)	
A misprint sheet of 2c postage surcharged I. R. shows following freaks:	
a .R. (No 1)	..... \$0.00
b .R. I	..... 2.00
c .R. (showing 1/4 of each side)	..... 2.00
A set of the three varieties 5.00	
There was only one sheet of these and we only have a few left.	

\$200.00 U. S. REVENUE	
First Issue, perforated, (Scott's No. 2901) a superb copy, bright colors and very fine, catalogued \$15.00, special price	..... \$10.00
25 QUEEN'S HEAD GT. BRITAIN	
1882, 25 orange (Scott's No. 93) with small Glasgow cancellation, a superb copy, sure to advance, special price	..... \$10.00
COLOMBIAN REPUBLIC	
1892 issue, unused, o. g., fine.	
5 pesos (Catalogued 61st Ed. \$4.50)	..... \$0.75
10 pesos (Catalogued 61st Ed. 9.00)	..... 1.25
188 3/4 paid twice as much for some recently, but an exceptional circumstance enables us to offer a few very low.	

OTHER SNAPS.

U. S. Eagle Carrier (Scott's No. 802) 1c blue, unused	..... \$0.65
U. S. Revenue, Third Issue, \$5.00	..... .50
U. S. Proprietary 1891, 6c black and green	..... .75
Hawaii 1889, 5c black blue, unused	..... .75
Hawaii Prov. Govt. 25c violet, unused	..... .90
U. S. 1894, \$2.00 Sapphires, used	..... 1.75
U. S. 1895, \$2.00 Omaha, superb unused, o. g.	..... 2.70
U. S. Revenue 1900, \$1.00 carmine, unused, o. g.	..... 4.00

A COLLECTION OF 5000 VARIETIES of POSTAGE STAMPS, carefully selected from our own stock, \$175.00. Satisfaction Guaranteed.

3000 for \$45.00 + 2000 for \$13.50 + 1000 for \$3.40 + ALL GENUINE POSTAGE STAMPS

550 Varieties mounted in a blank book (cataloguing by Scott's 61st edition Catalogue \$10.00), post free \$1.50. A Bargain for Dealer or Collector!

C. H. MEKEEL STAMP & PUBLISHING CO., ST. LOUIS, MO.

A Supplementary Reference List

Of Pre-Cancelled United States Postage Stamps.

Additions to List in ERA Nos. 474 and 475.

Compiled by E. R. ALDRICH.

In explanation: The normal position in reference to vertical inscription is understood to be down, and inscription reading up is indicated by an asterisk (*), in horizontal inscription this character is used to denote inverted inscription. All inscriptions in black ink unless specially noted. In a few cases I have listed specimens where I believe they exist but have not seen, in which case I denote possible doubt by an interrogation point, and should be pleased to hear from any person possessing these specimens or of any variety not listed. Address Ernest R. Aldrich, Benson, Minn.

CALIFORNIA.

REDLANDS.

- 1 cent.

COLORADO.

PUEBLO.—Two types, the first in two curved lines in caps, Pueblo—Colo. P. O., the second in large caps around an oval Pueblo—Colo., enclosed within an oval, so placed that it takes four stamps to show full design.

- 1 cent Due, horizontal sur., Type I.
- 2 cent " " "
- 5 cent " " "
- 10 cent " " "
- 10 cent " vertical " (?)
- 1 cent " Type II
- 2 cent "
- 5 cent "
- 10 cent "

CONNECTICUT.

ANSONIA.

2. 1 cent Due
3. 2 cent "
4. 5 cent "
5. 10 cent "
6. 2 cent*

DANBURY.

4. 1 cent*

NEW BRITAIN.—Three line horizontal inscription in caps between bars, New Britain—Conn.

1. 1 cent
2. Same*

NEW HAVEN.—Two line horizontal inscription between bars, New Haven—Conn. Two types, first heavier type than second.

1. 4 cent, Type I
2. 4 cent, Type II
3. 2c Due, hand stamped

ILLINOIS.

AURORA.

- 1a. 1 cent, double print
5. 1 cent, blue surcharge

- 5a. Same, double print
6. 1 cent, lower line half length
7. 1 cent, lower line almost a hair line

CHICAGO.

- 1a. 1 cent, double print
- 1b. Same, triple print
- 3a. 3 cent, double print
- 6a. 6 cent, " "
- 10a. 50 cent, " "
- 16a. 6 cent, " "
- 18a. 10 cent, " "
- 36a. 6 cent, " "
40. 50 cent, (?) double print
- 42a. 2 cent, double print
- 45a. 5 cent, " "
- 54a. 4 cent, " "
- 72a. 2 cent, " "
- 83a. 3 cent, " "
- 86a. 6 cent, " "
- 113a. 3 cent, " "
- 141c. 1 cent, first 1 broken
- 148a. 10 cent, double print
- 196a. 6 cent, " "
- 196b. 6 cent, triple print
- 201a. 1 cent, double print

Series 4-1, Serif on the 1.

231. 1 cent

Series 7-1, Serif on the 1.

261. 1 cent

Series 9-1, Serif on the 1.

281. 1 cent

Series 10-1, Type II, Serif on the 1.

301. 1 cent

Series 12-1, Serif on the 1.

311. 1 cent

312. 2 cents

313. 3 cents

314. 4 cents

Series 1-1 Serif on the 1.

321. 1 cent

- 321a. Same, double print

Series 2-2, Type I, no hyphen.

333. 3 cent

339. 15 cent

Series 2-2, Type IV, the second 2 smaller than the first.

341. 1 cent

349. 15 cent

New design Chicago—Illinois, in black type between ruled lines.

351. 1 cent

- 351a. Same, double print

352. 2 cent

353. 3 cent

354. 4 cent

- 354a. Same, double print

355. 5 cent

- 355a. Same, double print

356. 6 cent

357. 8 cent

358. 10 cent

359. 15 cent

365. 5 cent*, large type.

DECATUR.—Diagonal broad bars.

1. 1 cent

DIXON.

2. 1 cent*

- 2a. Same, double

ROCK ISLAND.

9. 6 cent

INDIANA.

ATTICA.

13. 1 cent, Type I, blue surcharge

ELKHART.

2. 1 cent, 5 thin lines.

EVANSVILLE.—State name begins under centre of city name.

3. 1 cent

INDIANAPOLIS.

10. 1 cent, Type I*
11. 1 cent, similar, circle larger.
12. 3 cent, Type I
13. 4 cent, Type II

VALPARAISO.—Type I, two line vertical inscription in small type, Valparaiso—Ind, between two lines. Type II, two line horizontal inscription, Valparaiso—Indiana, line above, below and between.

1. 1 cent, Type I (?)
2. Same*
3. 1 cent, Type II.

KANSAS.

ATCHISON.—Type II, vertical inscription.

2. 1 cent,* Type I
3. 1 cent, Type II

WICHITA.

6. 1 cent, blue surcharge

KENTUCKY.

LEXINGTON.—Type IV, Lexington, Ky.

10. 1 cent, Dec. 1901
11. 1 cent, Jan 1902 (?)

LOUISVILLE.—The Due stamps have been sheet cancelled with date.

1. 1 cent Due
2. 2 cent "
3. 5 cent "

MAINE.

AUGUSTA.—Type I, four broad bands. Type II, diagonal inscription, Augusta Me, in caps.

1. 1 cent, Type I
2. 2 cent, Type II

MARYLAND.

BALTIMORE.—Dues hand-stamped and said to have been used pre-cancelledly, two varieties.

1. 2 cent Due, Type I.
2. 2 cent Due, Type II.

MASSACHUSETTS.

BEVERLY.

2. 1 cent
3. 2 cent
4. 8 cent

BOSTON.

121. 1 cent, Type I, error Buston
122. Same*
131. 1 cent, Type II, State name missing.

BOSTON—STATION A.

61. 1 cent, no date
62. Same*

EAST CAMBRIDGE.

56. 1 cent, 4-02
57. Same*
72. 4 cent, no date*

NORTHAMPTON.—Type III, three line diagonal upward inscription, 1902—Northampton—Mass.

24. 1 cent
- 24a. Same, double print
25. 1 cent*
26. 1 cent, error, colon after Mass.
27. 2 cent
28. Same, error, colon after Mass.
29. 3 cent
30. 4 cent
31. 5 cent

ROXBURY.

25. 1 cent, no date
26. Same* (?)

MICHIGAN.

BATTLE CREEK.

- 1a. 1 cent, double print

GRAND RAPIDS.

5. 1 cent, date 3-02
6. 1 cent, 3A inverted

MINNESOTA.

MINNEAPOLIS.

- 26c. 3 cent, no lower bar (?)
83. 2 cent, April 1902
84. Same*
101. 1 cent, June 1902
102. Same*
104. 2 cent,* (June)
111. 1 cent, July 1902
112. Same*
113. 2 cent
114. 2 cent,* July
121. 1 cent, Aug. 1902
122. Same*
123. 2 cent
124. 2 cent* (Aug.)
128. 5 cent
129. Same*
131. 1 cent, (Sept. 1902)
132. Same*
139. 6 cent* (Sept.)
140. 1 cent, Due (Sept.)

ST. PAUL.

47. 4 cent brown*, Type I
48. 8 cent, " "
49. 10 cent, " "
50. Same* (?) " "
52. 3 cent, blue surcharge, Type I

NEBRASKA.

BLAIR.

1. 1 cent

LINCOLN.

5. 1 cent blue

NEW JERSEY.

ASBURY PARK.—Hand-stamped vertically.

1. 1 cent

BINGHAMTON.

9. 1 cent, 6-02
10. 5 cent, "
11. 1 cent, 7-02
12. 5 cent, "
13. 1 cent, 8-02
14. 5 cent, "
15. 1 cent, 9-02 (?)
16. 5 cent, " (?)
17. 1 cent, 10-02
18. 5 cent, " (?)

LOCKPORT.—New type, Lockport—N. Y., in small type between lines.

10. 1 cent

MINNEWASKA.

1. 1 cent

NEW YORK.

12. 1 cent, May*
13. 1 cent, Dec., broken N in city name.
14. 1 cent, Dec., thinner type
16. 1 cent, Feb, " "
18. 1 cent, May, " "

YONKERS.

- 2a. Erase.
4. 1 cent, purple surcharge*
5. 1 cent, Y in city missing

OHIO.

AKRON.

- 6a. 2 cent Due, double print
12. 1 cent Pan Am., horiz. surc.
13. 1 cent, Type IV, curved lower line
14. 3 cent, same.
15. 1 cent 1891, Due, Type IV, vertical
16. 2 cent 1891, Due, same.
17. 1 cent,* Type I
18. 2 cent, Type I

ASHLAND.

21. 4 cent, Type II
22. 4 cent, horizontal surcharge, no bar.

CINCINNATI.—Type III, two line vertical inscription in caps, Cincinnati—Ohio—between lines.

17. 1 cent
18. Same*
19. 1 cent Pan Am., 4 vertical bars.
20. 1 cent, first variety no inner circle

COLUMBUS.—Printed surcharge, vertical, two lines, Columbus—Ohio, between ruled lines. Type II, heavier type, no lines.

4. 1 cent
5. Same* (?)
6. 1 cent, error Ohio
7. 1 cent, Type II

RAVENNA.—Ravenna between lines.

3. 1 cent

SPRINGFIELD.—Two lines vertical, Springfield—Ohio, between lines.

6. 1 cent
7. Same*

TOLEDO.—Two line horizontal in caps between lines.

1. 1 cent
2. 3 cents

PENNSYLVANIA.

COREY.

1. 4 cent

FRICKS.—Stamps cancelled in bold type, Fricks—Pa, and date, part on envelope and part on stamp.

1. 1 cent, Dec 1901
2. 1 cent, Feb 1902.

HARRISBURG.

7. 1 cent, Dec., blue ink
8. 1 cent, Dec., no state name.

NEW OXFORD.—Rubber stamp

1. 1 cent, red surcharge.

PITTSBURG.—Two lines horizontally in caps, Pittsburg Pa

1. 1 cent
2. 2 cents

SCRANTON.

7. 8 cent
8. 10 cent
9. 1 cent*

10. 1 cent, short bars
11. 4 cent, " "

TITUSVILLE.

2. 2 cent

RHODE ISLAND.

PROVIDENCE.

42. 2 cent Due, red surcharge

TENNESSEE.

CHATTANOOGA.—St. Elmo Station

22. 3 cent, Type I
23. 5 cent, date 3-02
24. 1 cent, date 4-02
25. 1 cent, date 5-02
26. 1 cent, date 6-02
27. 1 cent, date 7-02
28. 1 cent, date 8-02

VERMONT.

BURLINGTON.

7. 1 cent 1888*
8. 1 cent 1895*

WISCONSIN.

LA CROSSE.

11. 5 cent*
12. 1 cent*
13. 2 cent*

RACINE.

35. 1 cent, date 4-02
36. Same*
37. 5 cent
38. Same* (?)
39. 1 cent, 5-02
40. Same*
41. 5 cent
42. Same* (?)
43. 6 cent
44. Same* (?)
45. 8 cent
46. Same* (?)
47. 1 cent, 6-02
48. Same*
49. 5 cent
50. Same*
51. 1 cent, 7-02
52. Same*
53. 5 cent
54. Same*
55. 1 cent, 8-02
56. Same* (?)
57. 5 cent
58. Same* (?)
59. 1 cent, no date
60. Same*

A limited number of copies of Nos. 474 and 475 containing the original "Reference List of Pre-cancelled United States Postage Stamps" can be supplied for 10 cents for the two postpaid.

WANTED TO PURCHASE!

A good stamp collection. Will pay spot cash for one that will suit.

GUARANTEE STAMP CO.,
106 E. 111th St., NEW YORK CITY.

THE PERFORATOR

Is original from cover to cover.

J. F. SKYBOLD'S COLLECTION

Is original from cover to cover.

A sample of the November free; a postal will do.

Address: **THE PERFORATOR,**
106 E. 111th Street, NEW YORK CITY.

The Collectors Club, 351 FOURTH AVE., New York.

The 85th meeting of the Board of Governors was held at the club house on Monday evening, November 10, 1902.

Present: Messrs. Andreini, Luff, Morgenthau, Scott and Perrin.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

A vote of thanks was tendered Mr. R. S. Nelson for his donation of several interesting old U. S. hand-stamped envelopes.

The Treasurer's report showing a cash balance in bank of \$534.23, exclusive of \$1000 bond, was accepted as read.

The House Committee's report was read and received.

Mr. H. B. Phillips presented the club with a photograph of the medals, etc., awarded at the San Francisco Exhibition.

A vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Phillips, and the photograph will be suitably framed and hung in the assembly room.

Moved, seconded and carried that all competitive exhibitions held under the auspices of the club shall hereafter be restricted to members only.

It was decided to hold the exhibition of the stamps of Australia, Tasmania and New Zealand for competition of the Stanley Gibbons prizes on January 8, 1903.

The judges appointed are: Messrs. Andreini, Power and Rich.

All exhibits for above competition must be in the hands of the judges at least three days before the exhibition takes place.

The following exhibitions have been decided upon for the coming season.

February, 1903—Great Britain.

March, 1903—U. S. Documentary and Proprietary.

April, 1903—Russia, Finland and Poland.

May, 1903—Egypt and Soudan.

The following applicants for membership having been posted the required length of time, were balloted upon and duly declared elected subscribing members.

Mr. D. R. Kennedy, N. Y. City.

Mr. A. H. Greenbaum, San Francisco.

Mr. Frank Koenig, San Francisco.

Mr. H. B. Phillips, San Francisco.

Adjourned at 10 P. M.

ALBERT PERRIN, Secretary.

Bridgeport Philatelic Society.

The meeting of the Bridgeport Philatelic Club which was held at their rooms in the Sturdevant Building, Wednesday evening, Nov. 12th, was the largest attended by the members this season. The meeting was called to order at 8 o'clock by the President, W. S. Wilmot. After the regular routine of business the stamps of Hawaii received the attention by all present. Mr. Field exhibited this country's envelopes printed on both sides of the paper. Those of Dr. Bowers, Messrs. Wilmot, Loveland and Kempe, were the most complete collections exhibited, which included many of the early issues of the numeral type. It was noticeable that members had their albums arranged so that the stamps of this country could only be inspected, which is a capital idea and no doubt meets with the approval of many collectors. A new idea is that when a member has duplicate stamps which are catalogued at not less than 10c he is to turn over to the Secretary of the Club one at each meeting, and then to be drawn for by the members. If the successful member has in his collection any of the stamps drawn, he is to deposit them with the Secretary to be drawn for again. In this way members who have

American Philatelic Association.

(INCORPORATED.)

THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA—OFFICIAL JOURNAL.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

ALEXANDER HOLLAND, President,
40 Grace Court, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Board of Vice-Presidents.

FRANK H. BURT, Chairman,
Room 1046, Tremont Buildg., Boston, Mass.

GORDON IRELAND, Secretary
Holyoke House 21, Cambridge, Mass.

J. F. JOHNSON,
383 Lexington St., Auburndale, Mass.

H. E. DEATS, Secretary,
Flemington, N. J.
E. DOEBLIN, International Secretary,
Box 736, Pittsburg, Pa.
C. L. ANNAN, Treasurer,
Copper Range R. R., Houghton, Mich.
H. B. PHILLIPS,
1311 Grove St., Berkeley, Cal.
F. W. CONING,
Maryville, Tenn.

RESIDENT VICE-PRESIDENTS.

BOSTON, MASS.—J. F. JOHNSON, 383 Lexington St., Auburndale, Mass.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.—W. E. LOY, 2421 Ellsworth St., Berkeley, Cal.

NEW YORK CITY.—W. F. GREGORY, 71 Nassau St.

PITTSBURG, PA.—E. DOEBLIN, Box 736.

CHICAGO, ILL.—A. F. MERRILL, 432 Marquette Building.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.—ESEN S. MARTIN, 3344 First Avenue, South.

WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS.—J. D. BARTLETT, 332 Main St., Springfield.

APPOINTEE OFFICERS.

E. H. ANDERSON, Librarian,
Carnegie Library, Pittsburg, Pa.

H. D. WATSON, Collecting Agent,
64 Cedar St., New York City.

JOHN J. OESCH, Superintendent of Sales Dept.,
34 Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill.

H. E. DEATS, Assistant Librarian,
Flemington, N. J.

W. F. GREGORY, Auction Purchasing Agent,
71 Nassau St., New York City.

F. M. WOLSIEFFER, Auction Purchasing Agent,
1009 Atwood Bldg., Chicago, Ill.

A. W. BATCHELDER, Auction Purchasing Agent,
21 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass.

REPORT OF SECRETARY

For the Week Ending November 22nd.

Application for Membership.

WARDEN, JOSEPH, 326 Springfield Ave.,
Canton, Ohio; age, 48; occupation,
Watchmaker. References: R. Robin-
son, Jno. J. Oesch.

New Stockholder.

1782. SEERBA, F. C., 1009 Mason St.,
San Francisco, Cal.

Deceased.

321. RAMBORGER, H. G. O., Philadel-
phia, Pa. Died Feb. 23, 1902.

Membership Summary.

Membership Nov. 15th..... 558

New Stockholder..... 1

Deceased..... 1

Total membership Nov. 22nd..... 558

Notwithstanding my efforts to issue the Year Book during the month of November, it will not be ready until near the middle of December and all remittances received by the Treasurer or me, before December 1st will be in time. There are still a goodly number who have failed to remit.

H. E. DEATS, Secretary.

none of the stamps drawn for in his collection is assisted in completing his collection. Should a member be successful in winning the same stamps twice he is to place them on sale to be sold to the highest bidder, the proceeds therefrom to be contributed to the Club's treasury. At the meeting to be held next Tuesday evening the topic selected for discussion is, "The Country of Uruguay." Should any philatelist who may be sojourning in the city

that evening wish to visit the Club, he can do so and is cordially invited.

Wm. v. d. Wettern, Jr.,

WHOLESALE DEALER IN

POSTAGE + STAMPS.

411 W. Saratoga St., Baltimore, Md.

New special list just issued, sent free on application to dealers only.

THE 1903 OR 62nd EDITION

OF THE

Standard Postage Stamp Catalogue

WILL BE READY IN DECEMBER.

PRICE 58c POST FREE.

ADVANCE SHEETS.

Mailed to subscribers, as each form is printed, on payment of \$5.00.
No dealer can afford to be without them.

INTERNATIONAL POSTAGE STAMP ALBUM.

Nineteenth and Twentieth Century Editions now in course of preparation, will be published November 15th and sold at popular prices.
Write for particulars and 84-page price list.

SCOTT STAMP & COIN CO.,

18 EAST 23RD ST.,

NEW YORK, N. Y.

The Weekly Philatelic Era

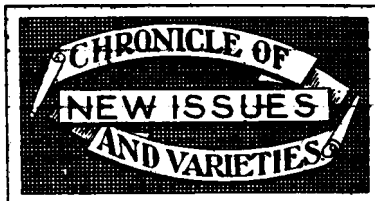
A PAPER DEVOTED TO STAMP NEWS.

50c PER YEAR.

ENTERED AT PORTLAND POST OFFICE AS SECOND CLASS MATTER JAN. 10, 1890.

2c PER COPY.

VOL. XVII. No. 10. PORTLAND, ME., SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 1903. WHOLE No. 498.



BY HENRY A. KIDDER.

Friends of the ERA are invited to send to the editor of this department any information regarding new issues or varieties that may prove of interest. Such information will be suitably acknowledged. Address, HENRY A. KIDDER, 17 Addison Street, Arlington, Mass.

Exchanges will please send Mr Kidder a copy of each issue to the foregoing address, and an extra copy of the ERA will be gladly sent whenever desired.

UNITED STATES.—The issue of the new 13c stamp by the Post Office Department has aroused considerable interest among collectors, and non-collectors as well. The local stamp clerks have been besieged with inquiries as to when the new stamp will be on sale. Undoubtedly the cause of Philately will be benefited by the new issue, as has been the case with all recent issues. The beauty of the design of the stamp assures us that all the others will be equally beautiful. The 1c, 2c, 4c, 5c, 8c and special delivery stamps are more or less advanced. The 4c and special delivery will probably be the next to be issued, though it is uncertain which will come first. **Wp chronicle.**

Adhesive (Regular):
13c slate.

ALBANIA.—Mr. Lohmeyer informs us that we were in error in chronicling the issue of an Italian letter card surcharged for use at the offices in Albania. The statement was made on the authority of the *American Journal of Philately*, October number. Mr. Lohmeyer says "Italy has no 10c letter card, consequently it could not have been surcharged for use in Albania."

BAHAMAS.—New King's head stationery has been issued for the Islands according to *Bwan's Weekly*.

Envelope (Regular):
2½d blue on white, laid paper, 151x88.

Envelope (Registration):
2d red, inscriptions in blue on white, 151x95.

COLOMBIA.—The New England Stamp Co. has shown us the 2c and 10c Barran-

quilla stamps in a variety of colors. As far as seen the 2c is printed in light green, dark green, blue and dark blue. The 10c comes in two colors, red and brown. Colombia will offer a wide field to specialists "when the cruel war is over."

DJIBOUTI.—Mr. Bartels has called our attention to a variety, the recent surcharge 10c on the triangular 2f Obock, caused by variations in the figures of value.

FRANCE.—An interesting series of stamps has been issued for various foreign offices, all being of the current type and color of the mother country, but with the name of the colony in place of "Postes" and "Poste" in place of "Republique." We have been shown the following by Mr. J. M. Bartels, part of them being also shown us by Mr. Lyons of the New England Stamp Co. We have previously mentioned those for the Levant, but repeat them here for convenience. Thus far we have seen the 1c in only one colony, Port Said.

Adhesives (Regular):

ALEXANDRIA.

3c violet brown.
3c red orange.
4c yellow brown.
5c green.
40c red and pale blue.
50c bistre and lavender.
1f claret and olive.
2f violet and yellow.
5f dark blue and buff.

CAVALLE.

5c green.
2 piastres on 50c bistre and lavender.
4p on 1f claret and olive.
8p on 2f violet and yellow.

CHINA.

5c green.
40c red and pale blue.
50c bistre and lavender.
1f claret and olive.
2f violet and yellow.
5f dark blue and buff.

CRETE.

3c violet brown.
3c red orange.
4c yellow brown.
5c green.
40c red and pale blue.

50c bistre and lavender.
1f claret and olive.
2f violet and olive.
5f dark blue and buff.

DEFEAGH.

5c green.
9 piastres on 50c bistre and lavender.
4p on 1f claret and olive.
8p on 2f violet and yellow.

LEVANT.

1c gray.
2c violet brown.
3c red orange.
4c yellow brown.
5c green.
40c red and pale blue.
9 piastres on 50c bistre and lavender.
4p on 1f claret and olive.
8p on 2f violet and yellow.
20p on 5f dark blue and buff.

PORT SAID.

1c gray.
2c violet brown.
3c red orange.
4c yellow brown.
5c green.
40c red and pale blue.
50c bistre and lavender.
1f claret and olive.
2f violet and yellow.
5f dark blue and buff.

ZANZIBAR.

½a on 5c green.
4a on 40c red and pale blue.
5a on 50c bistre and lavender.
10a on 1f claret and olive.
20a on 2f violet and yellow.
50a on 5f dark blue and buff.

INDIA.—The *Deutsche Briefmarken Zeitung* reports the new 1a King's head, surcharged "On H. M. S." in black.

Adhesive (Official):
1a carmine and black.

MADAGASCAR.—Mr. J. M. Bartels has shown us unused copies of the recent surcharges, including 0,01 on 2c, 0,05 on 3c, 0,10 on 50c, 0,15 on 75c and 0,15 on 1f; also used copies of the 05 on 50c and 15 on 1f.

MAURITIUS.—We have seen, through the courtesy of the New England Stamp Co., three new values in the current set. Two are of the regular type, while the rupee value is considerably enlarged. All three are unsurcharged.

Adhesives (Regular):

25c dark green and red on green.
50c green and dark green on yellow.
1 rupee brown and red.

SAMPLE CATALOGUES.

A number of our customers were disappointed in not receiving Part 2 (Foreign countries) of our 1902 catalogue as supply was exhausted.

We now have 500 more from London, and will mail a copy (450 pages) on receipt of

TWENTY CENTS.

STANLEY GIBBONS, INC.,

167 BROADWAY,

NEW YORK CITY.

**"HOME AGAIN! HOME AGAIN!
FROM A FOREIGN SHORE," ETC.**

After joining me in "Home Again" I sincerely invite you to send me an order to my new quarters. To make it an object for you I have made the following

SPECIAL REDUCTIONS

U. S. STAMPED ENVELOPES.

They are beauties with large margins.

Cat. No.	Description	Cat. Price	My Price
1377	1870, 1c blue on amber.....	\$1.50	\$0.35
1397	1870, 2c brown on orange.....	.55	.07
1407	1874, 3c green on white.....	.10	.04
1411	1874, 10c brown on white.....	.30	.18
1416	1874, 90c carmine on white.....	2.00	.95
1420	1874, 5c blue on white.....	.25	.08
1421	1876, 3c red on amber.....	.60	.20
1429	1874, 2c blue on amber.....	.48	.03
1440	1874, 2c brown on amber.....	.32	.12
1448	1874, 5c blue on amber.....	.25	.08
1451	1882, 3c brown on amber.....	.20	.07
1452	1880, 2c vermilion on cream.....	1.50	.30
1458	1874, 2c blue on orange.....	.10	.03
1460	1874, 2c brown on orange.....	1.50	.35
1473	1883, 2c blue on blue.....	.30	.10
1478	1875, 1c blue on fawn.....	.50	.15
1492	1883, 3c red on fawn.....	.25	.06
1494	1883, 4c green on white.....	.15	.06
1496	1883, 4c green on amber.....	.15	.06
1504	1884, 2c red on fawn.....	.75	.20
1509	1884, 2c brown on blue.....	1.00	.30
1515	1884, 2c brown on fawn.....	1.00	.30
1530	1886, 10c brown on blue.....	.40	.18
1565	1887, 30c chocolate on buff.....	1.25	.50
1587	1893, 5c chocolate.....	.10	.05
1708	1884, 2c wrapper.....	.65	.25
1719	1884, 2c vermilion.....	.10	.04
1724	1884, 2c brown on white.....	.50	.20
1740	1884, 2c brown, die B.....	1.00	.30
1831	1873, 3c Post Office.....	.10	.03
1834	1874, 3c Post Office.....	.05	.02
1805	1874, 6c Post Office.....	.10	.03
1810	1876, black on white.....	.10	.03
1813	1878, P. Service, blue.....	.10	.03
1854	1875, War, 3c on cream.....	.10	.03
1860	1875, War, 3c on blue.....	.10	.03
1861	1875, War, 3c on fawn.....	.10	.03
1862	1873, War, 1c on manilla.....	.25	.12
1864	1875, War, 1c on manilla.....	.05	.02

Postage extra on orders under \$1.00. Please remit by Bills or Money Order.

C. F. ROTHFUCHS,
38 MONROE ST., ROXBURY, MASS.

PLUMMER OF DENVER

wants to send you approval books at 50 per cent. discount.

ARE YOU WILLING?

Stamps for beginners a specialty. Special discounts to agents.

ED. PLUMMER,

Box 1029, DENVER, COLO.

Our approval selections are worthy of your attention, write for sample selection today, with reference please.

We have them at 25% and 50% Discounts.

OSWEGO STAMP & PUB. CO.,
INCORPORATED.
OSWEGO, NEW YORK.

\$100.00 REWARD!

For the conviction of any dealer who is found selling good stamps at lower prices than mine.

Prov.	Cat.	My Price	Price
84c '60, fine copy.....	\$5.00	\$1.95	
15c '60, ".....	1.50	.70	
\$5.00 sapphire, No. 265, fine, o. g.....	5.00	3.15	
\$1.00 black, No. 261, fine, used.....	1.25	.60	
1c State, fine, o. g.....	2.50	.90	
6c ".....	.75	.30	
3c Justice, fine, o. g.....	2.00	.73	
7c Treasury, fine, o. g.....	2.50	1.00	
24c lilac, 1871, used, fine.....	1.50	.65	
1c Rev., 3rd issue, used, fine.....	1.40	.60	
30c P. O., o. g., fine.....	1.00	.37	
Novar Scutia No. 4, fine.....	10.00	4.00	
Boliviar No. 60, o. g., fine.....	1.00	.30	
U. S. Columbia No. 153, o. g., fine.....	.80	.26	
Dom. Republic No. 35, unused.....	.80	.08	

I want to buy a collection, accumulation, anything in the stamp line. Can give gift edge references, or make a spot cash payment, which, by the way, is as superior to the former as a pine apple is to a pill.
E. C. Dodd, 259 So. Hermitage Ave., Chicago.

which is seldom seen at the present time.

Mr. C. A. Howes offered two medals, one bronze, one silver, for the two best original essays upon subjects having an immediate and practical bearing on the study of postage stamps. By original is meant that which has required personal study and research upon the part of the author and not simply an exposition of facts already well known or merely condensed from the labors of others. The only other conditions are that each competitor be allowed to select his own subject and that the two successful competitors shall read this paper before the Society unless they select a representative to do this for them. The offer of Mr. Howes was accepted and a vote of thanks passed.

J. M. Bartels Co.'s 13th sale occurred on Nov. 19th at their salesroom. I quote a few of the prices:

Description	Cat.	Bid.
1851-56, 1c, type I, strip of 3, showing full ornaments, pen cancellations,	\$75.00	\$70.00
1861, encased postage stamp, 5c red brown, used, advertising Burnett's Cocaine etc. on back,	—	2.30
\$5.00 Documentary on Newspaper stamp, surcharge reading down, used,	5.00	3.10
Geo. Ringgold, 5c on orange, No. 119d, entire envelope, used,	—	45.00
Baltimore No. 2659, fine cancelled copy on entire envelope, used in 1856,	35.00	19.00
St. Vincent, 1sh orange, CA, perf. 12½, No. 39, o. g.,	3.00	4.00
1p pink, No. 43, o. g.,	1.75	1.30
5sh blue green, No. 70, unused,	—	1.65
Cuba, Y½, No. 6, fine used copy,	25.00	21.00
Egypt, 5c on 2½c, inverted surcharge, No. 27c, mint,	—	3.15
Fernando Poo, 50c blue on 5c gray blue, No. 9, used,	—	8.95
50c blue on 1c green, used,	—	13.75
50c black on 1c green, No. 12a, used,	—	13.50
Hayti, Unpaid stamps, 2, 5, 10, 50c, surcharge Mar. St. Pre, P. O. state,	1.10	2.05
Luxemburg, error 1 franc, o. g.,	16.00	8.75
Porto Rico 1876, 25c, inverted surcharge, not catalogued, used copy,	—	11.10
1879, 10c brown, block of 4, o. g.,	5.00	4.55
Surinam, 25c on 40c and 25c on 50c, 50c on 1 gl, o. g.,	1.50	1.50
Uruguay 1897, Paz set complete, o. g.,	1.25	2.00
Official, 1c red brown, surcharge inverted, No. 201a, unused,	—	1.55

WM. D. ELDRIDGE.

DANISH WEST INDIES.

I have received a few of the following desirable Cards:
1889, 22c, blue on white..... \$0.25
1902, 1 CENT on 2c blue on white, used or unused..... 40
1902, 1 CENT on 3c carmine on white, "1902"..... 125

Stock limited. Postage extra.

ADOLPH LOHMEYER,
922 N. Gilmore St., BALTIMORE, MD.

RARE STAMPS FOR DIAMONDS.

I have some exceptionally fine and rare stamps to trade for a fine diamond, weighing from 1 to 3 kts. I will make liberal exchange. What have you?

C. E. HUSSMAN, 415 Fullerton Bldg., St. Louis, Mo.

Our Next Auction Sale

TAKES PLACE

DECEMBER 17TH.

It will contain a general assortment of U. S. and Foreign stamps including many of the now obsolete Queen's Heads and recently issued King's Heads in complete sets all P. O. State. Catalogues are free. If you are not on our Mailing List send us your address on a postal and receive our catalogues regularly.

CHAS. H. STONE & CO.,
19 Washington St., BOSTON, MASS.

OUR BARGAIN LISTS.

Our bargain lists are out through French Colonies and include our prices on U. S. Postage, Departments, Envelopes and Revenues. They will be sent post free upon request. Keep in touch with us. Our prices are always low and orders are filled with saleable stamps only. Satisfaction guaranteed.

Foreign Envelopes and Postals.

We have a fine stock of these interesting varieties. There has never been a boom on them and the catalogue prices are low and we cut the catalogue price in half. If you want to buy a few dollars' worth write to us, sending either a general or a specific want list, together with reference, if unknown to us. It will please you to see how far five dollars will go. Write us today

HOLTEN STAMP CO., BOSTON, MASS.

1861 REVENUE BARGAINS!

1c Playing Cards.....	Catalogue \$3.00, Price \$1.25
2c Certificate, blue.....	60, " 15
3c Playing Card.....	6.00, " 1.75
5c ".....	75, " .75
25c Warehouse Receipt.....	60, " .20
30c Foreign Exchange.....	1.50, " .60
50c ".....	.50, " .15
\$1.00 Mortgage.....	3.00, " .60
\$2.00 Probate of Will.....	1.00, " .35

Omaha Stamp & Coin Co., 209 S. 13th St., Omaha, Neb.

Fiscal Philatelic Society.

The next meeting of the Society will be held on Thursday, December 4th, 1902, at 6.30 P. M., at 65 Bishopsgate S. Without, London, S. E., when the revenues of the New Republic, New South Wales and New Zealand, will be discussed and catalogued. Will members assist by sending notes of varieties, perforations, etc., in these countries.

The Exchange sections are working well. From the October Home packet £29 was taken from a total of £130, whilst the November packet totalled to £191. The total value of the October Continental packet was fr. 3261, and the contribution from home members for the November circulation was fr. 1426.

New Rules, etc., have lately been issued, and copies, with any desired particulars, can be had from Hon. Sec. A. B. Kay, 2 Haarlem Mansions, West Kensington, London, W.

THEO. MAINHART, JOHNSTOWN, PA.

A WORD ABOUT

MY APPROVAL SHEETS

At 50% Discount.

When selecting stamps from my approval sheets, you have the opportunity to choose from a stock of over 12,000 varieties. My stamps are uniformly marked at catalogue prices, Scott's 61st edition, on which I allow a discount of 50%. Others are pleased with my approval sheets and you will be if you see them. Drop me a line.

THEO. MAINHART, JOHNSTOWN, PA.

ONE WAY OF EARNING MONEY

is to buy the things you need at the lowest prices. Here, for example, is

\$50 1898 DOCUMENTARY \$50

A strip of three nice copies for **\$4.50**

REVENUES OLD AND NEW.

As a rule only a few copies at these prices. Please consider these prices carefully. Stamps not sent on approval but anything not entirely satisfactory may be returned. All uncut. Postage extra.

	Cat.	Price
1c Express, imperforate.....	\$1.00	.45
5c Bank Check, blue, imperforate.....	.04	.18
5c Certificate, orange.....	.40	.18
5c Express, orange.....	.08	.18
5c Certificate, imperforate.....	.25	.19
5c Proprietary.....	.75	.30
5c Insurance, imperforate.....	.25	.19
5c Power of Attorney, imperforate.....	.25	.10
5c blue and black.....	.09	.01
1c small I. R. 1898.....	.18	.05
3/4c uncut block of 4.....	..	.08
1 1/2c " " brown violet.....	..	.12
1 dollar, green, pair.....	..	.09
3 dollar, brown.....	..	.06

FRANK STETSON,

Box 54, Station F, WASHINGTON, D. C.

DON'T OVERLOOK

the opportunity to buy stamps cheaper than you ever bought them before, but send for a selection of our

NET PRICED SHEETS.

Also have some splendid selections at 50% discount, if preferred. Send references.

QUEEN CITY STAMP CO.,

Room 2 Sinton Bldg.,
N. W. Cor. 5th and Vine Sts., Cincinnati, O.

this year by its absence. The United Stamp Co., with its force of five, is kept busy all day filling orders, and even then the members of the firm are forced to stay in the office of an evening now and then, in order to complete the mail orders of the day.

The nomination of officers of the C. P. S. for the ensuing year occurred last meeting. For President, Chas. Schliekert; for Vice-President, F. H. Farrell; Treasurer, T. J. Allin; Secretary, I. Dickinson; Members of Governing Board: A. F. Merell, Dr. F. B. Merrill, W. F. E. Garley, Dr. H. M. Flishe, R. Bultman, W. O. Staab, L. Michael, A. F. Boehm, F. J. Lefever, W. H. Mamppe. The manager of the Circulating Sales Department, Stan Zajlock, and the Manager of the Open Exchange, E. C. Dodd, are fixtures.

CLIFFORD.

Topics About Town.

FROM NEW YORK CITY.

W. F. Gregory's next auction sale will occur on December 4th, at the Collectors Club.

Mr. Nathan Cobe of Waltham, Mass., was a recent visitor. He picked up quite a few nice things while in town.

At the next meeting, Dec. 4th, of the Manhattan Philatelic Society, a prize competition will be held. The stamps of Great Britain and Colonies will be exhibited.

At the last meeting of the Philatelic Society it was decided "that the exhibition for January, Ceylon, be a competitive exhibition and that for February, exhibition of Siam be withdrawn and competitive exhibition, art and architecture on postage stamps comprising buildings, statuary and pictures, and giving subject of picture, names of artist, sculptor or architect and brief information as to subject etc.," be substituted. Collections entered to be in hands of judges five days before date of exhibition.

The November prize competition, viz: Largest number of postage stamps, each to bear a different portrait, giving correct date of birth and death, and quoting

United Stamp Co.

F. M. WOLSEFFER, President.
F. N. MASSOTE, Sec'y-Treas.

CUT SQUARES AND REVENUES

are popular. A very fine lot of them will be in the next Wolseffer Auction Sale. A number of the Cut Squares came out of the well known Landis collection that Mr. Wolseffer sold at auction several years ago. The catalogue is free to Auction buyers.

Newfoundland No. 17, *2d, mint.....	\$4.50
Newfoundland No. 21, *6 1/2d, mint.....	1.05
Newfoundland No. 22, *8d, mint.....	1.20
Newfoundland No. 23, 24c, used.....	.85
Newfoundland No. 38, 5c, used.....	.18

United Stamp Co., 1149 Marquette Bldg., Chicago.
N. B. Wolseffer's Pocket Ed. Stock Book, cloth, to hold 560 stamps, 25c post paid.

50c. 1895.

Catalogue 10c in 1903 advance sheets. Will sell a few copies for 3c each; only one to a customer.

Look up our ads for the last few weeks and order something of us.

U. S. REVENUES.

	Cat.	1903.
25c Bond.....	\$0.18	\$0.04
25c Entry of Goods.....	.10	.03
25c Life Insurance.....	.80	.07
25c Warehouse.....	.60	.80
10c Proprietary.....	.95	.18
50c Entry of Goods.....	.10	.03
70c Foreign Exchange.....	.18	.04
\$1.00 Manifest.....	.60	.90
\$2.50 Inland Exchange.....	.18	.04

1903 International Albums in stock; \$1.50, post free.
J. T. STARR STAMP COMPANY, Coldwater, Mich.

FOR SALE!

300 Full Sets of U. S., O. G. Proprietary Stamps 1/2c, 3/4c, 1c, 1 1/2c, 2c, 2 1/2c, 3 1/2c, 4c, 5c, at face. Not less than 50 sets at that price.
Postage o. g. bought at a discount.

NATHAN COBE & CO., Waltham, Mass.

Please mention ERA when answering ads.

"MEKEEL'S STAMP COLLECTOR."

Mailed Weekly from St. Louis. Vol. XV. commenced with 1902. All subscriptions must now commence with current number (3 months' trial, 25c), subscription \$1.00 per year in U. S. etc., and \$1.50 per year abroad. Sample of large magazine edition 10c.

Almost every dealer sends approval selections at 50% Discount—BUT there are some stamps in our selections of this class that are not to be had as cheap elsewhere.

A Missionary Packet
of attractive stamps given away to interest new collectors in our hobby.

We will send one of our Missionary Packets for free circulation to any collector requesting an approval selection, telling us what album he has and the number of stamps in his collection and mentioning this advertisement.

A COLLECTION OF 5000 VARIETIES of POSTAGE STAMPS, carefully selected from our own stock, **\$175.00.** Satisfaction Guaranteed.

3000 for \$45.00 + 2000 for \$13.50 + 1000 for \$3.40 ALL GENUINE POSTAGE STAMPS

550 Varieties mounted in a blank book (cataloguing by Scott's 61st edition Catalogue \$10.00), post free \$1.50. A Bargain for Dealer or Collector!

C. H. MEKEEL STAMP & PUBLISHING CO., ST. LOUIS, MO.

American Philatelic Association.

(INCORPORATED.)

THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA—OFFICIAL JOURNAL.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

ALEXANDER HOLLAND, President,
40 Grace Court, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Board of Vice-Presidents.
FRANK H. BURT, Chairman,
Room 1046, Tremont Buildg., Boston, Mass.
GORDON IRELAND, Secretary,
Holyoke House #1, Cambridge, Mass.
J. F. JOHNSON,
383 Lexington St., Auburndale, Mass.

H. E. DEATS, Secretary,
Flemington, N. J.
E. DOEBLIN, International Secretary,
Box 756, Pittsburg, Pa.
C. L. ANNAN, Treasurer,
Copper Range R. R., Houghton, Mich.
H. B. PHILLIPS,
1311 Grove St., Berkeley, Cal.
F. W. CONING,
Maryville, Tenn.

RESIDENT VICE-PRESIDENTS.

BOSTON, MASS.—J. F. JOHNSON, 383 Lexington St., Auburndale, Mass.
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.—W. E. LOV, 2431 Ellsworth St., Berkeley, Cal.
NEW YORK CITY.—W. F. GREGORY, 71 Nassau St.
PITTSBURG, PA.—E. DOEBLIN, Box 756.
CHICAGO, ILL.—A. F. MERELL, 432 Marquette Building.
MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.—ESEN S. MARTIN, 3344 First Avenue, South.
WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS—J. D. BARTLETT, 335 Main St., Springfield.

APPOINTEE OFFICERS.

E. H. ANDERSON, Librarian,
Carnegie Library, Pittsburg, Pa.
H. D. WATSON, Collecting Agent,
64 Cedar St., New York City.
JOHN J. OESCH, Superintendent of Sales Dept.,
34 Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill.

H. E. DEATS, Assistant Librarian,
Flemington, N. J.
W. F. GREGORY, Auction Purchasing Agent,
71 Nassau St., New York City.
P. M. WOLSIEFFER, Auction Purchasing Agent,
1009 Atwood Bldg., Chicago, Ill.
A. W. BATCHELDER, Auction Purchasing Agent,
51 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass.

REPORT OF SECRETARY

For the Week Ending November 29th.

New Stockholders.

1783. LINKE, DR. WM. H., 902 36th St., Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
1784. MORGENTHAU, J. C., 87 Nassau St., New York City.
1785. NOEL, WM. G., 83 Lee St., Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Changes of Address.

1659. BAUER, WM. H., from 1021 N. Leavitt St. to 32 Eugenie St., Chicago, Ill.
1547. CONING, F. W., from Maryville, Tenn., to 350 George St., New Brunswick, N. J.

Application for Re-Instatement.

943. REYNOLDS, JNO. N., 1660 Monadnock, Chicago, Ill.

Membership Summary.

Membership Nov. 22nd.....	558
New Stockholders	3
Total membership Nov. 29th.....	561

I have received the dues of a considerable number of members who had forgotten to remit to the Treasurer and will endeavor to include in the Year Book the names of all those whose remittance reach me up to Dec. 1.

H. E. DEATS, Secretary.

Detroit Paragrapbs.

A. Smith, of Smith & Forbes of Belleville, was a visitor here this week. Gus Jonas of Chicago also paid his respects to several of the "phils" here.

Eugene Bressler, after touring abroad for nearly nine weeks, has returned home.

Thomas McCarthy, one of our leading collectors, formerly with McConnell Tailoring Co., has opened a tailoring establishment for himself on State Street.

When L. T. Brodstone, of Superior, Neb., was here recently he showed me the new set of due stamps of New Zealand. They are quite attractive, being printed in two shades, but lacks the engravers' skill. They are not up-to-date as other issues are now-a-days.

Well, the "ghost is up" with the *Fortnightly Philatelist*. It has passed among the rest of "dead uns." A. K. Graves, the publisher, tells me that he hasn't the time to devote to the publishing of same, as it interfered with the course of studies he is pursuing. Rather sorry for A. K., as he was getting along splendidly. He had a good circulation, buying out several papers to increase his list of subscribers, and now to pass it up. It is not all glory publishing a paper. Well, *Requiescat in pace*.

In a recent trial of two burglars charged with breaking and entering into a store here, the people's case hinged on a bent Canadian penny and a cancelled postage stamp.

HERMAN W. BOERS.

The New England Philatelic Association.

Organized February, 1895.

Board of Officers:

President, CHARLES H. SMITH, Dedham, Mass.
Vice President, J. FAVILL CAPRON, 28 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass.
Secretary and Treasurer, H. W. LEGG, Pepperell, Mass.
Sales Department, CHARLES H. STONE, 91 Antrim St., Cambridgeport, Mass.
Information Bureau, MRS. WALLACE DANA SMITH, 20 Wibird St., Portsmouth, N. H.
Counterfeit Detector, WILLIS D. KING, Nashua, N.H.
Attorney, HORACE S. BACON, 107 Stevens St., Lowell, Mass.
Governing Board, CHARLES H. STONE, Chairman, 91 Antrim St., Cambridgeport, Mass., JOHN J. CONE, New Dorchester, Mass., FRANK A. WILSON, 185 Highland Ave., Somerville, Mass.
Official Organ, THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA.

NOTICE.

The next regular meeting of the New England Philatelic Association will be held at 22 Bromfield St., Tuesday evening, Dec. 2nd, at 8 o'clock sharp

The last meeting of the Association was held at 22 Bromfield St., Nov. 4th, with Vice-President Capron in the chair and eight members present.

Minutes of the September meeting were read and approved, also report of the Treasurer showing balance of \$12.30 unexpended.

The exhibit for the Chas. H. Stone medals was ordered postponed until the January meeting and the Secretary was requested to send a notice to all members notifying them to that effect.

After the transaction of some other business of a miscellaneous nature the meeting adjourned at 10 o'clock.

ENTERTAINMENT for the next meeting, Tuesday, Dec. 2nd. Mr. Chas. H. Stone has kindly volunteered to show his collection of "King's Heads" at our next meeting. Mr. Stone has these stamps complete to date, mounted in a most attractive manner. All members who are interested in these popular stamps should endeavor to be present at this meeting.

H. W. LEGG, Secretary.

Please mention the ERA when writing advertisers.

Wm. v. d. Wettern, Jr.,
WHOLESALE DEALER IN
POSTAGE + STAMPS.
411 W. Saratoga St., Baltimore, Md.

New special list just issued, sent free on application to dealers only.

The Postal Card Society of America.

Officers for 1902-3.

President, HORACE E. CARPENTER, JR., Care N. B. Bradley & Sons, Bay City, Mich.
Vice-President, J. T. ALBERT HOESBACH, 1429 North 53rd St., Philadelphia, Pa.
Secretary, W. F. AGNE, Hope, Ark.
Treasurer, JOHN N. MORSE, 105 Devonshire St., Boston, Mass.
Executive Committee, GUY A. BRYANT, Princeton, Ill.; W. D. ARNOLD, The Fortland, Broadway, St. Paul, Minn.; N. HASKELL WITMER, 230 S. 9th St., La Crosse, Wis.
Exchange Superintendent, J. T. A. HOESBACH, 1429 No. 53rd St., Phila., Pa.
Purchasing Agent, ADOLPH LOHMEYER, 922 N. Gilmer St., Baltimore, Md.
International Secretary, E. DOEBLIN, P. O. Box 756, Pittsburg, Pa.
Official Journal, THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA.

The Boston Philatelic Society.

M. H. LOMBARD, President, Winchester, Mass.
 C. F. ROTHFUCHS, Vice-President, Boston.
 C. A. HOWES, Secretary, 35 Kilby St., Boston.
 L. L. GREEN, Treasurer, 47 Tremont St., Boston.
 J. H. LYONS, Supt. of Auctions, P. O. Box 14, Roxbury, Mass.
 J. F. JOHNSON, Supt. of Sales, 136 Congress St., Boston, Mass.
 THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA, Official Journal.

The November Meeting.

The 120th regular meeting was held in Elks' hall on Tuesday evening, November 18, at 8 o'clock. President Lombard occupied the chair and 46 were present, including a delegation of 15 visitors from the Rhode Island Philatelic Society.

The minutes of the October meeting were read and approved.

A letter was received from Mr. W. J. Gardner of San Francisco thanking the Society for the silver medal given by us in the Pacific Philatelic Society's Exhibition, where he won it for the best display of Russia.

The following applications for membership were posted:

MR. FREDERICK W. PARKER, Somerville, Mass.; proposed by George F. Loring.
 MR. EDW. DE Z. KELLEY, Boston; proposed by C. A. Howes.

The following were elected members:

No. 355, Mr. Rudolf C. Bartsch, W. Roxbury, Mass.

No. 356, Mr. James H. Crocker, Boston.

No. 357, Mr. W. H. Randall, Medford, Mass.

No. 358, Mr. Clark W. Brown, Watertown, Mass.

Mr. C. A. Howes offered two medals, one of silver and one of bronze, for the best two essays on subjects connected with the study of postage stamps. This was accepted with a vote of thanks.

The Exhibition Committee for 1903 reported that they would send out their schedule for next year's exhibitions with the call for the December meeting.

President Lombard made a short address of welcome to the members of the Rhode Island Philatelic Society, which was responded to by President Mason of the latter Society.

An informal auction was held and some 50 lots disposed of.

The regular exhibition for the evening comprised two classes. In Class A, St. Lucia and St. Vincent, Mr. Luff won the silver medal and Dr. Gascoyne the bronze medal. Both collections were very complete, but Mr. Luff's excelled in unused copies and shades. In Class B, pairs, strips and blocks, not to exceed 50 pieces, two magnificent collections were shown, each being valued in the neighborhood of \$5500. Mr. Lombard won the silver medal and Mr. Holland the bronze medal. Space does not permit telling of the fine things seen in this exhibit.

Much interest was added to the evening's entertainment by Mr. Hopkins and Mr. Dawson of the Providence Society, the former bringing his fine collection of blocks of four and the latter a large volume of freaks and oddities from the postal service. A vote of thanks was passed these gentlemen for their kindness.

Refreshments were served in the hall below and the meeting finally adjourned at 10.10 P. M.

C. A. HOWES, Secretary.

WHOLESALE SELECTIONS

on approval to responsible dealers. References required.

GUARANTEE STAMP CO.,

106 E. 111th St.,

NEW YORK.

Moldavian Reprints.

On page 35 of the October 25th last issue of the ERA we reprinted under the heading "Roumanian Reprints" a letter translated from *L'Echo de la Timbrologie*. Inasmuch as such good authority as the editor of *Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal* seems to doubt the accuracy of some of the statements of the writer of the aforesaid letter, we reprint entire an "Editorial" appearing in the October issue of the *M. J.*, as follows:

We do not know who Paul Paulescu may be, or what opportunities he may have had of learning the history which he gives in so much detail, but there are a few points in his letter which arouse a certain amount of suspicion. Unless his statement that "the stamps of Moldavia were first printed in 1858" is due either to a slip of the pen or to a misprint on the part of the *Echo*, it is evident that he is not a very learned Philatelist; and if such is the case why have the constant requests for information, alluded to in the first paragraph of his letter, been addressed to him? Does he occupy some official position in connection with the Post Office at Bucharest? and if so, what position? And for how long has he been suffering from the daily deluge of letters, which have at last drawn a public protest from him?

Now let us see what is supposed to have happened. In 1891 an official reprinting of the four values of 1854 and of the 5 paras of 1858 is stated to have taken place, all (according to the description given) being struck upon paper differing distinctly from that of the originals—the 81 paras alone being on *laid* paper, whereas the originals were on *wove*; the 27, 54, and 108 paras on *wove* instead of on *laid*; and the 5 paras on *lilac-rose* paper, which is equally incorrect. These impressions should therefore be easily recognised by collectors. They were printed eleven years ago, and yet not one single specimen seems to have come into the hands of a Philatelist.

How many copies were put in circulation, so to speak, at that date, we are not told; "a small number" was printed, "the majority of these stamps" were destroyed, and "a small number" remained to be distributed amongst the friends and acquaintances of Colonel Gorjan, who seem to have most carefully preserved them as *souvenirs* during all these years, and there was not a Philatelist among them!

Between Act 1 and Act 2 a period of ten years is supposed to have elapsed. In 1901 "the workman—Jon Popp—who made the reprints sold several specimens to two or three collectors who were intimate friends," and who also kept very quiet about it, and did not even try to dispose of any of their duplicate sets. Now when did Mr. Popp make these specimens that he is said to have sold last year? Were they part of the "small number" printed in 1891, the greater part of which were destroyed and the rest (?) given away? Or has Mr. Popp had access to the dies since? According to the figures given (if at least one-half of the reprints was destroyed), the numbers available for the friends of Colonel Gorjan and of Mr. Popp were very small, no doubt, but still one would suppose that some of the "collectors" who took part in the second friendly deal would have revealed to the philatelic Press the existence of the treasures they had obtained.

When one has been collecting stamps for a good few years one is apt to become a little sceptical in these matters, perhaps too much so. But we would venture to ask, Is it possible that the interesting narrative we have quoted above may be a story with a purpose? That is not so much historical as prophetic, and that impressions purporting to be Moldavian reprints may yet be put on the market, after being well advertised by Mr. Paul Paulescu's letter? Can "Jon Popp" be another *alias* of the gentleman who popped off so quietly from London a few years ago, after distributing to intimate friends and acquaintances a small number of excellent reproductions of the early stamps of Switzerland?

THE 1903 OR 62nd EDITION

OF THE

Standard Postage Stamp Catalogue

WILL BE READY IN DECEMBER.

PRICE 58c POST FREE.

ADVANCE SHEETS.

Mailed to subscribers, as each form is printed, on payment of \$5.00.
 No dealer can afford to be without them.

INTERNATIONAL POSTAGE STAMP ALBUM.

Nineteenth and Twentieth Century Editions now in course of preparation, will be published November 15th and sold at popular prices.

Write for particulars and 84-page price list.

[98*

SCOTT STAMP & COIN CO.,

18 EAST 23RD ST.,

NEW YORK, N. Y.

The Weekly Philatelic Era

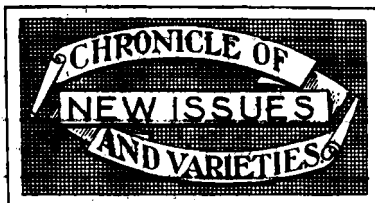
A PAPER DEVOTED TO STAMP NEWS.

50c PER YEAR.

ENTERED AT PORTLAND POST OFFICE AS SECOND CLASS MATTER JAN. 10, 1890.

2c PER COPY.

VOL. XVII. No. 11. PORTLAND, ME., SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1902. WHOLE No. 499.



BY HENRY A. KIDDER.

Friends of the ERA are invited to send to the editor of this department any information regarding new issues or varieties that may prove of interest. Such information will be suitably acknowledged. Address, HENRY A. KIDDER, 17 Addison Street, Arlington, Mass.

Exchanges will please send Mr Kidder a copy of each issue to the foregoing address, and an extra copy of the ERA will be gladly sent whenever desired.

UNITED STATES.—From the *Metropolitan Philatelist* budget we learn: That the Post Office officials hope to have the new, rectangular type, 2c envelope on sale Jan. 1; that the Post Office Department has received sample sheets of the 4c and special delivery stamps; that the latter is a superb stamp both in design and coloring; that the 8c Martha Washington stamp is regarded as the prize winner of the new series; that the stamps are being printed from the 8c plates; that the Bureau is at work on the design for the 10c stamp, and that the 6c and 3c will follow soon after.

ARGENTINE.—An official decree is published in the *Revista de la Sociedad Filatelica Argentina*, authorizing the use of private postal cards.

Mr. J. H. Lyons shows the 5c commemorative stamp announced in No. 497. It is printed in dark slate blue, the shape being a long, horizontal rectangle. The legend "Republica Argentina" appears in a curved line at the top, while the figures of value are seen in the bottom corners in small circles. The value also appears in abbreviated words in small scrolls over the circles. The main portion of the stamp is occupied by a finely drawn and spirited picture of the port of Rosario, bearing the legend, "26 de Octubre de 1902."

Adhesive (Commemorative):
5c slate blue.

AUSTRALIA.—We glean some interesting items from the *Australian Journal of Philately*, which are too pungent and interesting to be overlooked:

"Poor Australia! Such was the exclamation made by a collector on learning the methods adopted by the Federal Postal authorities to bring the stamps of this commonwealth into uniformity, and well might he say so. During the past month the old and tried 9d stamp of South Australia has been superseded. Why, we cannot tell. The die in use for the postage and revenue values from 2sh 6d upwards has been altered, the word 'Revenue' taken out and 'Nine pence' inserted at the foot, and the public are expected to accept such as an ordinary postage stamp! It is almost twice the length of the usual size. During the same period the die of the current 3½d Victorian stamp has had the word 'Victoria' taken out and 'West Australia' inserted instead, the value being altered to five shillings, the color changed to a hideous green, and lo! the latter state is in possession of something to be truly ashamed of. The current 2sh Victoria has had the name changed to 'West Australia,' the color altered to red, printed on yellow paper, watermarked V and crown, and that state is provided for the time being with another stamp. The 2sh 6d South Australian stamp has been issued afresh in a slightly paler color, with the word 'Revenue' left out, and we are informed that another new 2sh 6d stamp has been issued in West Australia.

It is to be hoped the person who is responsible for these kaleidoscopic changes is pleased with his work; but in our opinion, such productions as the two West Australia stamps are a disgrace to the Commonwealth. There seems to be neither rhyme nor reason in the plans of the postal authorities. Were it not that at the present day 'postage stamps' are critically examined by all and sundry and regarded by many as something more than 'bits of paper' such procedure might pass

unnoticed; but for the great Australian Commonwealth to bring about its consummation in such an inglorious manner is enough to make one ashamed of his country, philatelically speaking. The peculiarity of the whole affair is that whereas Victoria was the first state to issue postage stamps with the King's head, only two stamps of the value of £1 and £2, respectively, were issued, and no others bearing the portrait of His Majesty have since seen the light of day. The South and West Australian stamps above referred to are really the first new issues that have taken place since the Victorian £1 and £2 stamps and all bear the late Queen's portrait. We can understand Victoria and Queensland remaining loyal to the memory of her late Majesty, but it seems a strange proceeding to issue new stamps bearing her portrait in South Australia and West Australia, almost two years after her death. . . . The excuse that the bookkeeping clause of the Constitution prevents the issue of uniform types and values for all the states is too flimsy. . . . The difficulties, insofar as the issue of a uniform series of postage stamps is concerned could easily have been overcome, and no changes should have been made until suitable stamps, creditably produced, were ready for use in all the states."

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.—Mr. A. W. Dunning submits for examination unused copies of the 4c and 5c current unpaid letter stamps. Hitherto these have only been seen here in cancelled condition.

FRANCE.—We gather from several of our secular contemporaries that the Republic will soon issue a new series of stamps, the design of which is to be adopted as the final symbol of the Republic. The figure

SAMPLE CATALOGUES.

A number of our customers were disappointed in not receiving Part 2 (Foreign countries) of our 1902 catalogue as supply was exhausted.

We now have 500 more from London, and will mail a copy (450 pages) on receipt of

TWENTY CENTS.

STANLEY GIBBONS, INC.,

167 BROADWAY,

NEW YORK CITY.

JONES' BARGAINS.

2nd Issue Revenues, Blue and Black.

1c.....	\$0.38	50c.....	\$0.01
2c.....	.01	60c.....	.38
3c.....	.20	70c.....	.33
4c.....	.35	\$1.00.....	.05
5c.....	.04	\$1.50.....	.15
6c.....	1.25	\$1.90.....	1.75
10c.....	.01	\$2.00.....	.30
15c.....	.25	\$2.50.....	.30
20c.....	.08	\$3.00.....	.60
30c.....	.38	\$5.00.....	.38
40c.....	.30	\$10.00.....	1.75

Money Back if stamps don't suit. Why not write me about the Revenues you need?

FRED G. JONES,

2013 Brook St., LOUISVILLE, KY.

CHAPTER XII.

A BARGAIN! U. S. 1895, 30 and 50c Dues \$0.40
Pittsburg, Pa., 1c Precan..... .03

I send out precancels on approval. If interested write me.

A collector can hardly do himself justice if he overlooks the economical and easy method of adding stamps to his collection afforded by OSGOOD'S FAMOUS BIG SELECTIONS. References.

The Stampman No. 38 is yours for the asking. Ask now.

D. W. OSGOOD,

South Fork, Rio Grande Co., Colorado.
[To be Continued.]

on the new issue will be the beautiful "La Semeuse" of M. Roty, which is already in use on the latest French coins. The ministry has for some time past been anxious to make use of this drawing, but as the design for the new stamps had been thrown open to competition and M. Roty was one of the committee appointed to decide the question, there was naturally some difficulty in the matter. This difficulty has now been overcome, says the London *Sketch*, and M. Trouillot has definitely adopted "La Semeuse." It is said that the new stamps will be issued about the middle of December.

In addition to the new stamps for French colonies in the East, chronicled in the last number, we mention still others on the authority of Mr. J. M. Bartels and others.

Adhesives (Regular):

ALEXANDRIA.

1c gray.

CRETE.

1c gray.

FRENCH MOROCCO.

3 centimes in carmine on 5c green.
50 centimes in black on 5c bistre and lavender.
1 peseta in black on 1c claret and olive.
1 peseta in black on 1c violet and yellow.

NICARAGUA.—We are informed that two new surcharges have appeared, 15c on 2c and 20c on 1c, but full particulars are lacking.

HAYTI.—We are informed by a correspondent that he has seen Scott's No. 125 with the current surcharge in red.

Adhesive (Provisional Unpaid Letter):
5c greenish black and red.

INDIA.—The *Bombay Gazette* says: "There seems to be an impression abroad that the new issue of postage stamps in India bearing King Edward's effigy is to be limited to stamps of the smaller values. This is erroneous, and is no doubt due to the fact that at present only quarter, half and one anna stamps of the new issue are obtainable. The fact is there is such a sudden and overwhelming demand from all parts of the British Empire for new issues of colonial stamps with the

King's head, that Messrs. De La Rue, the official purveyors, can only supply the various requirements gradually. In these circumstances it was thought best by the Indian postal authorities to start with the stamps of the lower values, because these are the widest and most popular used. The others, however, will certainly follow as soon as they can be supplied."

INDO-CHINE.—To the surcharges chronicled in No. 496, the same correspondent adds Scott's No. 8, surcharged "Hai-Hao."

LOURENÇO-MARQUES.—Surcharges for this colony have also appeared in addition to those chronicled in Nos. 494 and 496.

Adhesives (Provisional):

Surcharged in Black on Issue of 1895.

65r on 2 1/2r brown, Newspaper.

65r on 5r yellow.

65r on 15r chocolate.

65r on 20r lavender.

115r on 10r reddish violet.

115r on 20r dark blue on blue.

115r on 30r dark blue on salmon.

130r on 25r green.

130r on 60r yellow green.

130r on 150r carmine on rose.

400r on 50r light blue.

400r on 75r rose.

400r on 100r brown on yellow.

Surcharged "Provisorio" in Black on Issue of 1898.

25r brown.

25r blue green.

MAURITIUS.—In addition to the varieties of the 12c on 36c Jubilee, mentioned recently, the *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly* says that the rule over the old value is also found in a single thick piece.

The New England Stamp Co. has shown us several new values in addition to those chronicled last week. The rupee values are of the larger size. All are unsurcharged. The second color is that of the value.

Adhesives (Regular):

5c mauve on flesh.

2r 30c greenish blue and black on bluish.

5r black and carmine on red.

MOZAMBIQUE.—This is another of the Portuguese colonies to receive a full set of surcharges in the new values.

Adhesives (Provisional):

Surcharged in Black on Issue of 1886.

65r on 20r rose.

65r on 40r chocolate.

65r on 200r gray violet.

115r on 50r blue.

130r on 25r lilac.

130r on 30r orange.

400r on 10r green.

400r on 100r yellow brown.

(Continued on next page.)

TRADE COLUMN.

Under this head we will print exchange, want and for sale notices, business announcements, 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. One four-line notice free with each subscription, providing copy accompanies the subscription.

THREE Consecutive Insertions of SAME ad in this Column for PRICE OF TWO.

Pre-Cancelled Stamps sent on approval at Net prices to persons sending reference. For 25c coin I will send you my beginner's packet No. 1 of pre-cancelled stamps. It contains 23 varieties some of which are dated, and some other than the 1c value. (Limited number on hand). If you have any pre-cancelled stamps for sale send them to me on approval and I will make you a price on them, if not entirely satisfactory I will return your stamps with postage. Isn't this fair? If you think so let me hear from you. If you don't care to buy or sell I would like to exchange with you. Address CLARENCE G. DALTON, Stillwater, Box 46, Oklahoma.

U. S. Pre-Cancelled postage stamps. I will pay a good price in cash or exchange for any not in my collection. F. L. SMITH, 40 Exchange Pl., N. Y. 124c

British Colonies, unused, 2 for 5c: (1) Cape Good Hope 1/2 green; (2) Orange River Col. on Cape 1/2 green; (3) Orange Free State V. R. 1, 1/2; (4) Brit. So. Africa 1/2 green; (5) New Zealand 1/2 green; (6) Malta 1/2 green; (7) Tasmania 1/2 orange; (8) Tobago 1/2 green; (9) West Australia 1/2 green; (10) St. Lucia 1/2 green. Many others at same rate, post. extra. LINCOLN STAMP & COIN CO., Lincoln, Neb. 102

You'll have to do the soaking and sorting! Civil War Revenues 25c per 500; 40c per 1000; \$1.75 per 5000. U. S. Postage 15c per 1000; 60c per 5000. Postage extra. C. W. ABBOTT, Upper Montclair, N. J. 101

Mexico Postage or Revenue: 15 all diff., 10c; 75 assorted 27; 100 mixed 12c. Payment in stamps. FELIPE NAVEDA, Urbina 8, Toluca City, Mexico. 101

After having seen our approval sheets and the prices at which we sell you will be a regular patron. Send for a trial selection. Don't bother about a reference. THE NEBRASKA STAMP CO., So. Omaha, Neb. 101

Strips, pairs, blocks, imp. U. S. bargain prices; 6c Prop., \$14.00. KING, 141 East 19th St., N. Y. City. 101

4,000 Indian arrow heads to sell or exch. for C. S. A. or Broken Bank bills or stamps. JOEL H. DUBOSE, Huguenot, Ga. 100

50 var. U. S. and foreign, cat. 1-25, for 17c post paid. W. E. Dickinson, 108 Peace St., Providence, R. I. 100

U. S. Dirt Cheap! Unpaid Letter, mostly unused: 1899, 1c to 30c, cat. \$2.45, 85c; 1893, 1c to 30c, cat. \$2.87, \$1.00; 1891, 1c to 30c, cat. 76c, 95c; 1894, 1c to 50c, cat. \$2.23, \$1.00; 1895, wmk, 1c to 50c, 0. 8c, cat. \$2.08, 75c. Newspaper 36c, red, \$1.00; 96c rose, \$3.25; 1895, wmk, 1c, 2c, 5c, 10c, 20c, 30c. Revenues, 2nd issue, \$1.00, \$2.00, \$3.00, \$4.00, 4 for 80c; 3rd issue 1c, 2c, 5c, 10c, 20c, 40c, \$1.00, \$2.00, \$3.00, 8 for \$1.75. 43 var. Telegraph, cat. at \$6.67, for \$3.25. Confed. States, 11 var., cat. at \$1.00, for \$1.50. Many other U. S. at cat. prices. What do you want? F. H. PINKHAM, Newmarket, N. H. 199

Omaha Set complete, mint, splendid condition, \$4.00. Columbian 1893, 1c to \$1.00 inclusive, mint, fine, \$2.70. St. Christopher 1d on 1/2d, No. 19, 20c; 1d on 6d, No. 16, 45c. Canada Envelopes 5c, No. 801, entire, unused, 65c; 2c No. 212, entire, unused, 25c. U. S. postage taken, any amount. A. MACK, Box 494, Ottawa, Ont. 100

Wanted: Last Issue Revs. \$5, 10c, \$30 blk. & gr's & \$50 gray. E. S. Phelps, 165 W. Canton St., Boston, Mass. 100

Christmas approaches and what will you give your friends? Save time shopping and send stamp for my catalogue describing and illustrating over 300 articles suitable young and old, comprising watches, clocks, jewelry, table-ware, smoker's articles, cutlery, trunks, games, toys, novelties, books, printing presses, musical instruments, electrical apparatus, etc. You can spend 5 cents or 50 Dollars. Some specialties: Horse shoe nail ring, 7 cts.; magic trick nail, box pens, 8 cts. each; Ping Pong puzzle, Santos-Dumont Flying machine, Beer War puzzle, Electric Money Bank, Dream Book, Books (156) songs, Swiss Cottage Bank, Aluminum Vest Pocket Cup, Great Combination Needle Case, Camera Cigar Holder, Barless Mouse Trap, Small Toilet Case, 10 cents each; large assortment rings 15 cents up; Ladies' Purse 27 cts.; Darning Machines, 25 cts.; Cribbage Board or Safety Razors, 50 cts. each; Toy Steam Engine, \$1.00; Boxing Gloves \$1.50 and \$2; Shaving Set, \$1.65; Mantel Clock, \$2; Typewriter, \$2.25. Joseph B. Flynn, Dept. E, 138 W. 63rd St., N. Y. 199

Approval sheets 6% discount. Net sheets for advanced collectors, 8000 var. in stock. Want lists desired. F. W. PICKARD, 2427 Ingleside, Cincinnati, O. 100

Pre-cancelled not in my collection wanted. Best cash or trade price. E. K. ALDRICH, Benson, Minn. 101

Pre-can. U. S. on approval. Ex. desired with advanced collectors. L. E. Richardson, Carrier 3, Putnam, Ct. 104

Two-thirds List for foreign cat. over 5c, in exchange for stamps at list. Lots under \$ declined. Have 8000 var. on hand. F. W. Pickard, 2427 Ingleside, Cincinnati, O. 1500

Wanted for cash U. S. pre-cancelled postage stamps. WALTER L. GATES, Teaticket, Mass. 110

WHOLESALE SELECTIONS

on approval to responsible dealers. References required.

GUARANTEE STAMP CO.,

106 E. 111th St., NEW YORK.

\$150.00 Worth For \$15.00!

BARGAINS! BARGAINS!! BARGAINS!!!
Unused U. S. Stamped Envelopes.

Cat. No.	Cut Square. Large Margins.	Cat. Price.	My Price Per 1. Per 10
1366	1870, 1c blue on white....	\$0.50	\$0.20 \$1.75
1377	1870, 1c blue on amber...	1.50	.35 2.50
1396	1870, 1c blue on orange...	.50	.95 2.00
1397	1870, 2c brown on orange...	.25	.07 .50
1416	1874, 90c on white.....	2.00	.93 9.00
1420	1874, 5c blue on white.....	.24	.08 .75
1421	1876, 3c red, Centennial...	.60	.20 1.75
1429	1874, 1c blue on amber...	.08	.03 .20
1428	1874, 5c blue on amber...	.25	.08 .75
1451	1884, 5c brown on amber...	.20	.07 .50
1463	1880, 2c on cream.....	1.50	.30 2.00
1468	1874, 1c blue on orange...	.10	.03 .20
1469	1874, 2c brown on orange...	1.50	.35 2.50
1473	1874, 1c blue on blue.....	.32	.10 .50
1474	1880, 2c on blue.....	1.00	.45 4.00
1478	1875, 2c blue on fawn.....	.50	.15 1.25
1492	1883, 2c red on fawn.....	.25	.06 .50
1494	1883, 4c green on white...	.15	.06 .50
1496	1883, 4c green on amber...	.15	.06 .50
1498	1884, 2c brown on white...	.10	.05 .40
1463	100 for \$15, Catalogue Price	\$150.00	
1397	100 for \$4.50, Catalogue Price	25.00	
1429	100 for \$1.50, Catalogue Price	8.00	
1451	100 for \$5.75, Catalogue Price	20.00	
1468	100 for \$1.75, Catalogue Price	10.00	
1478	100 for \$10.00, Catalogue Price	50.00	
1492	100 for \$4.75, Catalogue Price	25.00	

Postage extra on orders under \$1.00.
Please remit by Bills or P. O. Money Order.
C. F. ROTHFUCHS,
38 MONROE ST., ROXBURY, MASS.

PLUMMER OF DENVER

wants to send you approval books at 50 per cent. discount.
ARE YOU WILLING?
Stamps for beginners a specialty. Special discounts to agents.
ED. PLUMMER,
Box 1049, DENVER, COLO.

AUCTION SALES ARE OUR SPECIALTY.

We hold them about every two weeks during the season.
We charge a reasonable commission depending on the grade of the goods offered.
We make prompt settlements.
We want you on our mailing list if you are interested.
We want to sell your collection if you are desirous of disposing of it.
We want to do business with you and will treat you fairly.

Bogert & Durbin Co.,
722 Chestnut St., PHILADELPHIA, PA.
(Estm*)

- Surcharged in Red on Issue of 1886. 115r on 5r black.
- Surcharged in Black on Issue of 1893. 65r on 10r reddish violet. 65r on 15r chocolate. 65r on 20r lavender. 115r on 2 1/2 brown, Newspaper. 115r on 5r yellow. 115r on 25r green. 130r on 75r carmine. 130r on 100r brown on buff. 130r on 150r carmine on rose. 130r on 200r dark blue on blue. 400r on 50r light blue. 400r on 80r yellow green. 400r on 300r dark blue on salmon.
- Surcharged "Provisorio" in Black on Issue of 1898. 15r brown. 25r blue green.

SOMALI COAST.—A correspondent reports having seen the 15c of the new type.

The frame is in blue and the centre in orange brown. The 1c, 2c, 5c and 10c were chronicled in No. 496. Mr. Bartels has also shown us this new value.

Adhesive (Regular):
15c blue and orange brown.

SUDAN.—The 2m current stamp now appears with a new watermark, crescent and star. They are crowded so close together that several appear on each stamp.

SWITZERLAND.—Mr. Lyons and Mr. Bartels have both shown us blocks of the 1f printed in carmine. The change was announced in No. 494.

TRANSVAAL.—The New England Stamp Co. shows a copy of the 2sh 6d, Scott's No. 150, surcharged "E. R. I." This appears to be the latest of the "E. R. I." surcharges.

Adhesive (Provisional):
2sh heliotrope and green, black surcharge.

VENEZUELA.—Mr. A. W. Dunning sends us a 50c orange of the 1899 type, surcharged 1900, which appears to be printed on varnished or glazed paper. Have any of the readers of the ERA seen similar stamps?

WEST AUSTRALIA.—The *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly* says new 2sh and 5sh stamps have been issued for this colony. The stamps are printed from the dies of the present Victorian 2sh and 2 1/2d respectively. In the former the words "West Australia" have been substituted for Victoria. In the 5sh stamp the scroll over Victoria in the present 2 1/2d has been removed, and replaced by the word "West," while the word "Victoria" has been replaced by "Australia." Both are printed on V and crown paper and perforated 12 1/2. The same authority says that an issue of the 1d stamp (current design) has been made on paper watermarked V and crown and perforated 12 1/2. As the watermark is printed upright, it is difficult to get a copy showing the complete watermark. The design is very much coarser in appearance and a trifle larger than the stamp it has displaced.

Adhesives (Regular):
2sh red brown on yellow.
5sh green.

ZAMBEZIA.—Though alphabetically last it is safe to presume that the new surcharges were issued for this colony simultaneously with those previously chronicled. This completes one-half the list of colonies, the total varieties for these eight colonies being 184.

- Adhesives (Provisional):**
- Surcharged in Black on Issue of 1894. 65r on 10r reddish violet. 65r on 15r chocolate. 65r on 20r lavender. 65r on 300r dark blue on salmon. 115r on 5r yellow. 115r on 25r green. 115r on 80r yellow green. 130r on 2 1/2 brown, Newspaper. 130r on 75r carmine. 130r on 150r carmine on rose. 400r on 50r light blue. 400r on 100r brown on buff. 400r on 200r dark blue on blue.
 - Surcharged "Provisorio" in Black on Issue of 1898. 15r brown. 25r blue green.

AGAIN IN STOCK. SEN'S POSTAL CARD CATALOGUE.

(German)
I have just received another importation of this new catalogue, and can now fill orders promptly.
PRICE 35c POSTPAID.
ADOLPH LOHMEYER,
922 N. Gilmor St., BALTIMORE, MD.

1861 REVENUE BARGAINS!

1c Playing Cards.....	Catalogue \$3.00, Price \$1.25
2c Certificate, blue.....	60, " .15
3c Playing Card.....	6.00, " 1.75
5c " ".....	.75, " .25
25c Warehouse Receipt....	.60, " .20
30c Foreign Exchange....	1.30, " .60
50c " ".....	.50, " .15
\$1.00 Mortgage.....	3.00, " .90
\$2.00 Probate of Will.....	1.00, " .35

Omaha Stamp & Coin Co., 209 S. 13th St., Omaha, Neb.

Chicago Notes.

Franklin Coombs of Benton Harbor, the stamp drummer, arrived in town last week. While here he will make his headquarters at the office of the Imperial Stamp Co

Two new philatelic papers have been received here recently, the *Minneapolis Philatelist*, and the *Junior* published at Bethlehem, Pa.

The two new Barranquilla provisionals, 2 and 10c, have been shown by a collector, who has correspondents in the Colombian Republic. The general appearance is not very striking to say the least.

The arrest of the Fuller Bros. of Minneapolis while trying to dispose of \$1400.00 worth of unused U. S. stamps, recalls to mind the famous stamp robbery perpetrated here some months ago.

The parties who had the stamps for sale claimed to have come by them in a legitimate way, but were nevertheless taken in custody by the P. O. officials.

F. N. Massoth will hold an auction shortly under the auspices of the C. P. S. P. M. Wolsieffer is working hard upon his next sale, which will probably take place in the latter part of December.

R. Robinson of the Randolph Stamp Co. informed the writer that his counter trade, which has steadily increased the last year, has been so abnormally large during the last two months that both himself and his lady assistant have been obliged to attend to the greater part of his large approval trade during the evenings.

A local scalper captured a few \$30.00 Documentary Revenue, cut, but otherwise fine, which he got from a Board of Trade firm who disposed of their old commercial papers in preference to burning them as most of the brokers did.

CLIFFORD.

If you don't see something in this list you want why not ask me for something else?

Justice Dept. 9cc, unused, o. g., a fine copy.....	\$17.50
U. S. 1890, imperf. 2c, fine block of 4, only.....	8.00
Pair (vertical).....	3.50
Porto Rico 1878, 10c brown, fine, unused.....	13.00
Porto Rico 1890, 40c orange, unused, o. g., fine.....	5.50
Philippine 1877, 2c, fine, unused.....	11.25
Victoria 1864, 9d orange (No. 78), superb, unused, o. g.....	9.25
Congo 1898, 3 from 50c, unused, o. g.....	1.05
Congo 1898, 10 from green, unused, o. g.....	2.80
St. Lucia 1864, 6d lilac, o. g., superb 1sh orange, " ".....	10.50
St. Vincent 1/2d green, CA, perf. 12, unused, scarce.....	17.00
Leeward Is. 1897, Jubilee, 5sh, mint 1902, "King" 2sh 6d, mint 5sh, mint.....	2.10
Transvaal 1878, 1/2d vermilt., unused 1sh green.....	6.70
1887, 10sh brown, mint.....	.83
1894, 1sh green, "pole".....	1.65
1896, 2sh 6d green, mint.....	8.25
Zanzibar, "black whiskers," 4 rupee, mint.....	8.50
Zanzibar, "black whiskers," 5 rupee, mint.....	3.25
Zulu and self on English, mint.....	3.25
	2.80
	3.50
	14.00

All the issues as they come out.

FRANK P. BROWN,

333 Washington St., BOSTON, MASS.

THEO. MAINHART, JOHNSTOWN, PA.

HERE ARE A FEW

Real Good Stamp Bargains.

1900, Cuba 1, 2, 3, 5, 10c, entire set.....	\$0.08
U. S. 50c Columbia, cat. 50c, my price.....	.25
U. S. 50c Omaha, cat. 30c.....	.33
*1908, Germany, 3 pf, error "DF".....	.25

Don't Forget

to write for my approval sheets

At 50% Discount.

Stamps for the beginner, stamps for the advanced collector, stamps for everybody.

THEO. MAINHART, JOHNSTOWN, PA.

Hawaii, 1859-65 Numeral, 2c, No. 11, used,	25.00	19.10
Numeral 1c, No. 15, unused,	15.00	10.00
5c, No. 21, used,	15.00	9.90
5c, " 22, unused,	8.50	7.50
1c, " 23, " "	10.00	9.60
2c, " 24, " "	7.50	4.50
2c, " 26, " "	12.50	12.00
Philippine Islands 1854, 10c, No. 2, used,	15.00	13.20
1859, 1rp green, No. 8, used,	6.00	4.75
1863, 1r, No. 18, unused,	7.50	4.50
1879, 200m, No. 53, " "	10.00	14.75
1897-89, 10c, No. 69, " "	18.00	16.75
Prov. Issue, 1868-74, 10c, No. 163, unused,	9.00	7.00
Barbados 1874, 6d used,	5.00	3.00
Brazil, 30r, used,	3.00	2.10
30r, used pair,	6.00	8.00
60r, unused,	4.50	3.80

Argentine Republic 1864, 15c blue, No. 13, used pair,	5.00	4.25
1871, 20p green, used on cover,	15.00	10.00
1899, 10p, No. 135, unused,	7.50	6.75
British Bechuanaland, 1sh, No. 9, unused,	7.50	6.60
British Central Africa 1891, 10sh green, P. O. state,	4.00	3.30
1895, 1t, used,	10.00	7.60
1896, 5sh, CC, P. O. state,	5.00	4.25
British Guiana 1850, 1c magenta, used,	35.00	28.10
Cape Good Hope 1853-54, 1d red, unused,	3.50	2.60
1853-54, 1d red, block of 4, unused,	4.40	5.05
Ceylon, 9d lilac brown, used,	25.00	20.15
1sh 9d green, unused,	25.00	17.05
8d, No. 30, used,	30.00	22.10
Gambia 1869, 6d, CC, unused,	7.50	7.05
1880, 6d, CC, unused,	3.00	3.05
Great Britain 1882, 1/2s,	12.50	8.50
Mauritius 1848, 1d orange, No. 3,	7.50	16.00
2d, No. 6,	20.00	25.50
Nevis, 6d green, unused,	35.00	22.00
Newfoundland, 2d scarlet,	35.00	14.50
6d scarlet, used,	75.00	71.05
1863, 1sh orange red,	150.00	91.00
Samoa, 6d, used,	7.00	6.00
9d, used,	7.00	6.50
Uruguay 1897, 25c,	1.25	2.00
Venezuela 1880, 10b,	2.50	5.10

The sale realized about \$8000.

WM. D. ELDRIDGE.

United Stamp Co.

P. M. WOLKIEFFER, President.
F. N. MASSOTH, Sec'y-Treas.

1149 Marquette Bldg., Chicago.

OUR DECEMBER SALE

will interest dealers as well as collectors. In addition to many fine single retail lots, it will also contain many of the popular Combination and Wholesale lots.

MATCH AND MEDICINE

stamps will be the feature of our January Sale, comprising the fine collection of Mr. Geo. L. Toppan, of Racine, Wis.

All sales will be described in the usual "Explicit Wolsieffer Style." Catalogues are free.

50c. 1895.

Catalogues 10c in 1903 advance sheets. Will sell a few copies for 3c each; only one to a customer.

Look up our ads for the last few weeks and order something of us.

U. S. REVENUES.

25c Bond.....	Cat. in 1903.	\$0.19	\$0.04
25c Entry of Goods.....		.10	.03
25c Life Insurance.....		.20	.07
25c Warehouse.....		.60	.20
10c Proprietary.....		.25	.10
50c Entry of Goods.....		.70	.23
70c Foreign Exchange.....		.12	.04
\$1.00 Manifest.....		.60	.20
\$2.50 Inland Exchange.....		.12	.04
1903 International Albums in stock; \$1.50, post free,			

J. T. STARR STAMP COMPANY, Coldwater, Mich.

NEBRASKA BARGAINS

1899 U. S. Newspaper Set, 1c to \$100.00.....	\$3.50
Set No. Borneo, surch. "Brit. Prot.," 7 var.....	.20
Cuban War Stamps, 3 var.....	.05
Full Set '08 U. S. Prop. Stamps, 12 var.....	.15
Faultless Hinges 1000.....	.05
Send for a selection of stamps on approval at 50 and 66 2/3 % Disc. You will be surprised at class of goods on our sheets. No reference required. Tell us what you want, and get our price before you buy elsewhere.	
THE NEBRASKA STAMP CO.,	
Harry F. Trumble, Mgr. So. Omaha, Neb.	

Please mention ERA when answering ads.

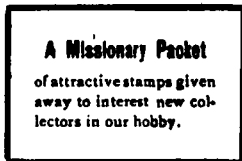
"MEKEEL'S STAMP COLLECTOR."

Mailed Weekly from St. Louis. Vol. XV. commenced with 1902.

All subscriptions must now commence with current number (3 months' trial, 25c), subscription \$1.00 per year in U. S. etc., and \$1.50 per year abroad.

Sample of large magazine edition 10c.

Almost every dealer sends approval selections at 50% Discount—BUT there are some stamps in our selections of this class that are not to be had as cheap elsewhere.



We will send one of our Missionary Packets for free circulation to any collector requesting an approval selection, telling us what album he has and the number of stamps in his collection and mentioning this advertisement.

A COLLECTION OF 5000 VARIETIES of POSTAGE STAMPS, carefully selected from our own stock, \$175.00. Satisfaction Guaranteed.

3000 for \$45.00 ♦ 2000 for \$13.50 ♦ 1000 for \$3.40 ♦ ALL GENUINE POSTAGE STAMPS

550 Varieties mounted in a blank book (cataloguing by Scott's 61st edition Catalogue \$10.00), post free \$1.50. A Bargain for Dealer or Collector!

C. H. MEKEEL STAMP & PUBLISHING CO., ST. LOUIS, MO.

Our approval selections are worthy of your attention, write for sample selection today, with reference please.

We have them at 25% and 50% Discounts.

OSWEGO STAMP & PUB. CO.,
INCORPORATED.
OSWEGO, NEW YORK.

Hawaii No. 51, unused, o. g., fine 50c

The Boston Philatelic Society.

M. H. LOMBARD, President, Winchester, Mass.
C. F. ROTHFUCHS, Vice-President, Boston.
C. A. HOWES, Secretary, 55 Kilby St., Boston.
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 Sales, 136 Congress St., Boston, Mass.
THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA, Official Journal.

BOSTON, Dec. 9, 1903.

The one hundred and twenty-first regular meeting of the Society will be held in Elks' Hall, 24 Hayward Place, Boston, on Tuesday evening, December 16th, at 8 o'clock sharp.

Order of Business.

1. Reading of Minutes of Last Meeting.
2. Reports of Committees.
3. Communications
4. Election of Candidates.
5. Unfinished Business.
6. New Business.
7. Informal Auction Sale.

Entertainment.

Mr. Batchelder has already given us an account of the anniversary of the Dresden Philatelic Society, and Mr. Colson, whose talk was postponed from the September meeting, will now give us some side lights on the trip. Come and get some points.

The ninth and closing exhibition of the second series will be held this evening. The steadily rising interest taken in the stamps of Greece led the Committee to include that country in the list, and we hope the result of the exhibition will justify us. The difficulties and questions which confront the collector of Greek stamps make it necessary that he should study them well, so that when one seriously attempts a collection of this country he usually has a good deal to exhibit.

Class B was intended as a grand wind-up to the series and we hope for a great display of rarities. The exhibits must contain 50 stamps which may be used or unused, but only one stamp under any catalogue number can be exhibited, e.g. if No. 7a is shown, 7 and 7b are ineligible.

Any single stamp cataloguing over \$20 (£4; mk 80; fr 100) which is listed in any standard catalogue will be accepted, but Scott's valuation is to be taken as a basis if it is there given.

All stamps should have the catalogue number marked below them, and if the numbering is from a foreign catalogue it should be so noted.

N. B.—For the convenience both of the Exhibition Committee and intending exhibitors, collections may be sent to or left with Mr. J. H. Lyons at the New England Stamp Co.'s store, 27 Bromfield St., Boston.

C. A. Howse, Secretary.

Series of Philatelic Exhibitions

TO BE GIVEN BY SECTION ON PHILATELY OF THE BROOKLYN INSTITUTE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES.

Three open competitive exhibitions are to be held the coming season on the dates and under the regulations following:

The First Exhibition to be held on the evening of January 23rd, 1903, shall be an open competition for the best 50 Different Cancelled Stamps, condition not rarity, to count. The total of 300 points may be scored as follows: For each stamp, one point for color or brilliancy, two points for centering, and three points for cancellation. Legible town cancellations shall count three, ordinary town cancellations shall count two, bar or cork cancellations shall count one. No damaged or repaired stamp can score any point. Pairs or blocks count as one stamp.

First Prize, One Institute Silver Medal (contributed by Mr. J. M. Andreini).

Second Prize, Ribbon or Parchment as an Honorable Mention.

The Second Exhibition to be held on the evening of Feb. 27th, 1903, shall be for the best exhibit of stamps of any one of the following countries: Chili, Hong Kong, Belgium, Jamaica, Netherlands, Egypt.

The total of 10 points may be scored as follows: Three points for condition, three points for rarity, three points for numbers, and one point for general effectiveness and skill in arrangement.

First Prize, One Institute Silver Medal (contributed by Mr. Wm. H. Sussdorff).

Second Prize, Ribbon or Parchment as an Honorable Mention.

The Third Exhibition to be held on the evening of March 27th, 1903, shall be for the best 50 different unused stamps of the Catalogue value of \$10 and under.

The total of 300 points may be scored as follows: For each stamp one point for color or brilliancy, two points for centering and three points for rarity. No damaged or repaired stamp can score any point.

First Prize, One Institute Silver Medal (contributed by Section on Philately).

Second Prize, Ribbon or Parchment as an Honorable Mention.

At least three entries must be made to compete for a first prize, and at least five entries for both prizes.

The list of entries close two weeks before the date of exhibition. The Exhibits shall be in the hands of the Judges within one week of the closing of the list; Judges shall report on and present for inspection the entries at the meeting of the Section to be held on the evening of January 23rd, 1903, Feb. 27th, 1903, and March 27th, 1903, respectively. The President may appoint the Judges, but competitors shall not be eligible as such.

SEYCHELLES	1902, Surcharges, 2c on 4c, 30c on 75c, 30c on 1r, 45c on 1r, and 45c on 2r 50c 1.25
MONTERRAT	1d Revenue, good space filler, pen cancelled..... .25
TRANSVAAL	1/4d on 2d brown and green, E. R. I..... .04
GUATEMALA	1/2c on 12c rose red, violet surcharge..... .03
RUSSIA	1890; 35k violet and green..... .03
ARGENTINE	1880; 1r brown and orange..... .15
ECUADOR	1890, 1/2c on 12c blue, black surcharge..... .04
MAURITIUS	1901, 10c blue and black..... .04
PUERTO RICO	1902, 25c surcharged Postage & Revenue, 15c; 50c, same surcharge 20c; both..... .42
	unused postal cards, 2c green, 2c blue, 3c carmine, Baby Head, the 3 for..... .05

* Unused. Postage Extra.
COLUMBIAN STAMP CO., Arlington, Mass.

THE PERFORATOR

Is original from cover to cover.

J. F. SEYBOLD'S COLLECTION

Is original from cover to cover.

A sample of the November free; a postal will do.

Address

THE PERFORATOR,
106 E. 117th Street, NEW YORK CITY.

IF YOU WISH TO

BUY, SELL OR EXCHANGE

Stamps, Desired Receipts can be had through

AN AD IN THE WEEKLY ERA.

Arrangements have been made with Mr. A. Krassa, 81 Nassau St., New York, (a member of the Committee) whereby all stamps intended for competition may be sent in a sealed package in his care addressed

"To the Judges of the First, Second or Third Exhibition (as the case may be) of the Section on Philately of the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences."

The name of the Exhibitor should not appear on the package, but a private mark may be affixed, indicating such Exhibitor's ownership and the Secretary of the Committee advised in relation thereto. All packages will be numbered in the order received by Mr. Krassa in behalf of the Committee and placed in a safe to be opened only by the Judges.

The members of the Executive Committee having the series of Exhibitions in charge are Messrs. J. M. Andreini, J. D. Carberry, Theo. W. C. Happle, T. P. Hyatt, A. Krassa, Geo. W. Ring, H. E. Robinson, Louis E. C. Schmidt, Wm. H. Sussdorff, H. A. Talbot.

Any communications concerning the Exhibitions should be sent to the Secretary, Mr. J. D. Carberry, 999a Lafayette Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.

American Philatelic Association.

(INCORPORATED.)

THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA—OFFICIAL JOURNAL.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

- | | |
|---|---|
| ALEXANDER HOLLAND, President,
40 Grace Court, Brooklyn, N. Y. | H. E. DEATS, Secretary,
Flemington, N. J. |
| Board of Vice-Presidents. | E. DOEBLIN, International Secretary,
Box 736, Pittsburg, Pa. |
| FRANK H. BURT, Chairman,
Room 1046, Tremont Buildg., Boston, Mass. | C. L. ANNAN, Treasurer,
Copper Range R. R., Houghton, Mich. |
| GORDON IRELAND, Secretary,
Holyoke House 21, Cambridge, Mass. | H. B. PHILLIPS,
1311 Grove St., Berkeley, Cal. |
| J. F. JOHNSON,
383 Lexington St., Auburndale, Mass. | F. W. CONING,
Maryville, Tenn. |

RESIDENT VICE-PRESIDENTS.

- BOSTON, MASS.—J. F. JOHNSON, 383 Lexington St., Auburndale, Mass.
 SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.—W. E. LOV, 8421 Ellsworth St., Berkeley, Cal.
 NEW YORK CITY.—W. F. GREGORY, 77 Nassau St.
 PITTSBURG, PA.—E. DOEBLIN, Box 736.
 CHICAGO, ILL.—A. F. MERRELL, 438 Marquette Building.
 MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.—EVEN S. MARTIN, 3344 First Avenue, South.
 WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS—J. D. BARTLETT, 338 Main St., Springfield.

APPOINTEE OFFICERS.

- | | |
|--|---|
| E. H. ANDERSON, Librarian,
Carnegie Library, Pittsburg, Pa. | H. E. DEATS, Assistant Librarian,
Flemington, N. J. |
| H. D. WATSON, Collecting Agent,
64 Cedar St., New York City. | W. F. GREGORY, Auction Purchasing Agent,
77 Nassau St., New York City. |
| JOHN J. OESCH, Superintendent of Sales Dept.,
34 Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill. | P. M. WOLSIEFFER, Auction Purchasing Agent,
1009 Atwood Bldg., Chicago, Ill. |
| | A. W. BATCHELDER, Auction Purchasing Agent,
21 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass. |

REPORT OF SECRETARY

For the Week Ending December 6th.

New Stockholder.

1786. HUGHES, C. A., Box 3, Altoona, Pa.

Changes of Address.

776. APPLETON, R. S., from 102 St. and Slip 2, Station S, cr. Calumet Elevator Co., So. Chicago, to 220 Western Union Bldg., Chicago, Ill.

497. BERNICHON, JULES, from 54 Rue Lafayette to 4 Rue Rochambeau, 4, Paris, France.

1187. BLACK, JOHN F., from 23 W. 126th St. to 39 Cotton Exchange, New York City.

1739. CHAPMAN, DR. S., from 107 East 23rd St., New York City, to Virtudes 92, Havana, Cuba.

1500. DAVIS, CHAS. K., from 209 E. 3rd St., Cincinnati to 861 Lexington Ave., Station I, Cincinnati, Ohio.

1255. EWEN, J. SANGSTER, from 123 California St., San Francisco to 318 Pine St., Room 5, San Francisco, Cal.

1268. HARTSHORNE, EDW. C., from 9 W. 51st St. to 25 Broad St., New York City.

1615. JOHNSON, C. C., from 204 Grand Ave., Room 70, to 54 and 55 Loan & Trust Bldg., Milwaukee, Wis.

1311. KRENTZLIN, JULIUS A., from Office of Auditor for the P. O. Dept. to 1718 N. Capitol St., Washington, D. C.

1705. MARKS, E., from 169 McCaul St. to 526 Euclid Ave., Toronto, Ontario.

1343. MARTIN, EBEN S., from 641 Andrus Bldg. to 18 Fourth St., Minneapolis, Minn.

1646. MENDEL, EDWARD, from Hotel Del Prado, Hyde Park, Chicago to 4348 Ellis Ave., Chicago, Ill.

1214. NELSON, ROBERT SIDNEY, from 2315 Arlington Ave. to 2210 Highland Ave., Birmingham, Ala.

1537. PARTELLO, CAPTAIN J. M. T., from Bangued to Lingayen, Pangasinan, Philippine Islands.

1669. PUTNEY, FREEMAN, JR., from 292 Washington St. to 21 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass.

1611. PRINDLE, E. C., from Box 122, Lorin Station to Box 122, S. Berkeley Station, Berkeley, Cal.

300. PRICE, C. WESLEY, from General Delivery, Toronto, Ont., to Truro, Nova Scotia.

47. ROTHFUCHS, C. F., from 3118 Washington St., Boston, Mass., to 38 Monroe St., Roxbury, Mass.

1603. REINSCHILD, CARL, from 60 Maiden Lane to 5 Hamilton Terrace, New York City.

1622. SCHARZLER, OTTO VON, from Burlington Boulevard, West Grossdale, Congress Park, to Hotel Grace, Chicago, Ill.

1627. SMACK, CHAS. S., from 434 West 65th St. to 445 W. 73rd St., Chicago, Ill.

266. VINCENT, F. P., from Lock Box 56, Chatham, N. Y., to 53 E. 88th St., New York City.

1545. WURTELE, ERNEST F., from Box 381 to Box 344, Quebec, Canada.

1222. WOFF, LUDWIG, from 176 Indiana St. to 1923 Barry Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Suspended for Non-Payment of Dues Under Date of Nov. 1, 1902.

771. ANDREWS, WM. H.
 1636. BABCOCK, CHAS. E.
 483. BALDWIN, FRED J.
 899. BARBOUR, W. JAMES.
 1329. BEIFELD, JOS.
 1568. BECK, HOWARD C.
 1535. BLAKE, WM. L.
 1640. BLACKMAN, W. P.
 846. CONANT, FREDERICK O.
 1416. CONAN, ROBERT E.
 1499. COE, GEO. E.
 1726. CRAWFORD, DANIEL C.
 640. CRITTENTON, GEO. W. D.

CASH

by return mail will be paid for unused Postage Stamps at a Discount—from 1c to \$5.00.
 Also Foreign Postage bought.

HUB STAMP CO.,
 NATHAN COBE, Prop. WALTHAM, MASS.

1756. DAVIS, F. W.
 1629. DENEMOURS, J. G.
 1510. ETTINGER, MAX C.
 1702. GIBBS, FRANK P.
 1641. HARRINGTON, THOMAS F.
 1595. HOYT, MRS. FREDERICK A.
 1703. HUNTER, M. T.
 1585. JOHNSON, FRANK E.
 1682. KNOTH, JOHN V.
 1745. LIVERMORE, S. B.
 1579. McLELLAN, MALCOM N.
 1527. MIER, LOUIS M.
 1610. OTT, A. L.
 1654. OLSON, MARSHALL.
 259. PLATZ, A.
 676. PAXSON, R. H.
 1215. PATTERSON, WM. R.
 316. RASMUS, W.
 1258. RICHARDSON, E. L.
 1243. ROBIE, LEWIS.
 1679. SMITH, W. T., JR.
 240. STILSON, E. S.
 1645. STORROW, J. McK.
 2. VAN DERLIP, W. C.
 1681. WHITE, WM. MOORE.
 1404. WILLCOX, R. H.
 757. WITHEE, N. HASKELL.
 952. WILSON, H. E.
 1487. YOUNG, ALBERT H.
 1708. ZUEHLKE, W. H.

Membership Summary.

Membership Nov. 29th.....	561
New Stockholder	1
	562
Suspended for Non-payment Dues ..	43
Total membership Dec. 6th.....	519

Notices of suspension for non-payment of dues were mailed to the above members on December 2. All those whose remittances reach me up to December 5, will be published next week as reinstated and their names will be included in the Year Book. All received after that will have to apply in the usual manner for re-instatement. The Year Book should be ready and mailed by Dec. 20, at the latest.

H. E. DEATS, Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

HOUGHTON, MICH., Nov. 24, 1902.
 The following statement shows the condition of the Treasury Nov. 1, 1902:

General Fund.	
<i>Receipts.</i>	
On hand Aug. 8, 1902,	\$27.87
Collections in August,	61.20
" " September,	272.40
" " October,	118.40
	\$479.87

Disbursements.

Aug. 6, C. L. Annan, Treas., dues of E. H. Anderson, A73, \$1.20	
H. E. Deats, Sec'y expenses to con- vention, A74, 31-40	
Sept. 8, Arkansas Demo- crat, printing 1200 cards, A75, 3-50	
10, Kohn Bros., 700 annuals, A76, 10-50	
18, C. L. Annan, Treas., 500 stamped envel- opes, A79, 10-70	
19, Arkansas Demo- crat, 500 postal cards and 500 en- velopes, A78, 8-25	
Oct. 3, E. Doebelin, sub- scription to Vert. Kor. Blatt, A80, 5-00	
	90-55
Balance in Fund Nov. 1, 1902,	\$409-32
Stock Fund.	
On hand Aug. 8, 1902,	\$1762-00
Received during Sept. and Oct.,	8-00
Amount in Fund Nov. 1, 1902,	\$1770-00
Insurance Fund.	
On hand Aug. 8, 1902,	\$879-37
Sept. 9, H. G. Smith, acct. stamps missing, A77, 5-67	
Amount in Fund Nov. 1, 1902,	\$873-70
Respectfully submitted, C. L. ANNAN, Treas.	

\$100.00 REWARD!

For the conviction of any dealer who is found selling good stamps at lower prices than mine. Cat. My Price. Price.

Providence, beyond criticism.....	5.00	2.15
24c '69, fine copy.....	1.50	1.95
15c '69, ".....	1.50	.90
\$2.00 sapphire, No. 262, fine, o. g.....	5.00	3.15
\$1.00 black, No. 261, fine, used.....	1.75	.60
1c State, fine, o. g.....	2.50	.90
6c ".....	.75	.50
3c Justice, fine, o. g.....	9.00	.73
7c Treasury, fine, o. g.....	2.50	1.00
24c lilac, 1891, used, fine.....	1.50	.65
1c Rev., 3rd issue, used, fine.....	1.40	.60
30c P. O., o. g, fine.....	1.00	.37
Nova Scotia No. 4, fine.....	10.00	4.50
Bolivar No. 60, o. g., fine.....	1.00	.48
U. S. Colombia No. 153, o. g., fine.....	.90	.68
Dom. Republic No. 28, unused.....	.90	.68

I want to buy a collection, accumulation, anything in the stamp line. Can give gilt edge reference, or make a spot cash payment, which, by the way, is as superior to the former as a pine apple is to a pill.
E. C. Dodd, 259 So. Hermitage Ave., Chicago.

WANTED TO PURCHASE!

A good stamp collection. Will pay spot cash for one that will suit.

GUARANTEE STAMP CO.,

106 E. 111th St., NEW YORK CITY.

Wm. v. d. Wettern, Jr.,

WHOLESALE DEALER IN

POSTAGE + STAMPS.

411 W. Saratoga St., Baltimore, Md.

New special list just issued, sent free on application to dealers only.

Have You Any Friends

whom you would like to please at Christmas? If they are stamp collectors there is no present more suitable than stamps. There is none so absolutely elastic as regards the cost of the gift and the age of the recipient; none so equally appropriate to all conditions. Of course the present of presents is a set of the new albums, cloth bound, and the 1903 Catalogue, all for \$4.58 prepaid. In this and other issues of the ERA, I suggest items suitable for all classes and conditions of collectors. Please add 2c for postage on all orders.

- 14 Abyssinia, unused. With portrait of the famous Menelek II and the Abyssinian lion. Includes obsolete 1894 issue..... .00
 - 14 Netherlands 1890, 1/2c to 50c complete. This set includes bi-colored stamps, and the highest value, in bronze-green and red is especially attractive..... .14
 - 16 1898 Documentary Revenues, including 40 and 80c, three and five dollars, etc., cat. 79c..... .30
 - 14 Good respectable Japan..... .18
 - One pound of stamps, chiefly foreign..... .70
- I think this price is unprecedented. About 5000 to the pound and from 200 to 300 varieties.
- 19th Century Album, cloth, prepaid..... 2-50
 - 20th Century Album, cloth, prepaid..... 1-50
 - 1903 Catalogue, cloth, prepaid..... .58
- Have you seen my double-super-supreme Dime Packets? I refer to the "Long Value Series." Send ten cents for a sample.

Any of the stamps listed below may be returned if not satisfactory. Only a few copies in most cases, and it is well to add a supplementary order. * means unused.

UNITED STATES.	REVENUES.
*1888 5c..... \$0.10	2c Play. Card, blue... .12
*1888 5c..... .40	2c Telegram..... .12
*1890-93 15c..... .20	5c Playing Card... .35
*1890-93 70c..... .40	10 Manifest..... .30
1890-93 92c..... .25	50 Mortgage..... .50
1895 \$1.00..... .50	SECOND ISSUE.
8 Columbus 1c-10c..... .14	1c..... .40
Columbus 30c..... .25	3c..... .15
*Agriculture 2c..... .40	4c..... .30
" " 3c..... .15	15c..... .25
*Interior 1c..... .10	1898 REVENUES.
" " 3c..... .25	*4 Proprietaries..... .04
* " 6c..... .30	40c Doc..... .03
* " 10c..... .30	3c dollar, brown..... .06
* " 15c..... .40	*40, 50 and 80c at face.

FRANK STETSON, Box 54, Station F, WASHINGTON, D. C.

Topics About Town.

FROM NEW YORK CITY.

Geo. R. Tuttle will hold his 54th auction sale on Thursday evening, Dec. 11th, at 116 Nassau St. There are 845 lots listed.

The J. W. Scott Co. will hold their next auction on Tuesday evening, Dec. 16th, at the Collectors Club, 351 Fourth Ave. The sale contains several fine general collections and a choice collection of United States revenues. There are 559 lots listed.

The advance sheets of the Catalogue will shortly be issued complete. The Catalogue will be ready on or about Christmas.

The residence of Mr. Henry L. Calman, No. 7 West Sixty-eighth St., was recently entered by robbers and jewels valued at \$2000 were stolen.

Just received two new things from Ecuador. The regular issued surcharges with

a symbol that looks very much like a \$. Also same surcharge with what appears to be the signature of some person. It reads, as far as I am able to decipher, "L. Bey Re."

At the general meeting of the American Fiscal Philatelic Society, held in New York City, the following officers for 1903 were elected: President, A. E. Lawrence; Vice-President, F. Noyes; Vice-President for Can., W. R. Beatty; Sec'y-Treas., Chas. A. Daly, 326 W. 44th St., N. Y.; Collecting Agent, A. H. Hall; Librarian, B. H. Dayton; Auction Mgr., Joel H. DuBoe; Trustees, J. C. Miller, F. J. Schoof, H. E. Wilson; Honorary Foreign Committee, Messrs Walter Morley, E. H. Selway and A. B. Kay of England. The Society now has 61 members. Its Sales Department is entirely free of commission, and has proven of great benefit to its members. Brooklyn, N. Y., has been selected for the Society to meet there in convention during 1903. Any reader of the ERA wishing to attend the monthly meetings can do so, and a special invitation is extended to all. The fees and dues of the Society are nominal, and within reach of any collector.

VOLUNTEER.

UNUSED UNITED STATES STAMPS.

	Color Paper:	White.	Amber.	Or. Buff.	Blue.	Man. Am.	Man.
1883-86	4c green.....	\$0.07	\$0.07	\$7.50	\$7.50	\$0.10	\$0.10
1874-86	5c blue.....	.10	.08	5.00	2.50	none	none
1874-86	10c brown.....	.15	.15	.15	.15	.15	.15
1874-86	30c black.....	.75	1.75	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00
1874-86	90c carmine.....	1.10	..	7.50	7.50	5.00	5.00
1887	4c carmine.....	.05	.05	.08	.07	.08	.08
1887	5c blue.....	.06	.06	.07	.07	none	none
1887	30c chocolate.....	.50	.50	.50	.50	.50	.50
1887	90c purple.....	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.50	1.50	1.25

All these envelopes are unused, cut square, large margins and in perfect condition. All can be supplied entire if 10c extra is sent with each order to pay extra postage and packing. Registration extra. Postage extra on orders under 50c. Order at once. Supply very limited. Our prices on other U. S. Envelopes given upon request. If you have any rare Envelopes, write us.

HOLTON STAMP COMPANY, BOSTON, MASS.

The Weekly Philatelic Era

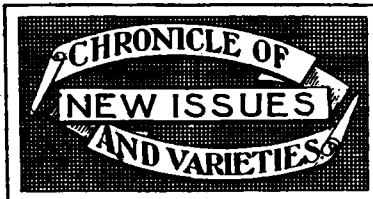
A PAPER DEVOTED TO STAMP NEWS.

50c PER YEAR.

ENTERED AT PORTLAND POST OFFICE AS SECOND CLASS MATTER JAN. 10, 1890.

2c PER COPY.

VOL. XVII. No. 12. PORTLAND, ME., SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1902. WHOLE No. 500.



BY HENRY A. KIDDER.

Friends of the ERA are invited to send to the editor of this department any information regarding new issues or varieties that may prove of interest. Such information will be suitably acknowledged. Address, HENRY A. KIDDER, 17 Addison Street, Arlington, Mass.

Exchanges will please send Mr Kidder a copy of each issue to the foregoing address, and an extra copy of the ERA will be gladly sent whenever desired.

UNITED STATES.—It is reported that the new 8c, 4c, 5c and 2c stamps will be issued in the order named, it is hoped all before Jan. 1. The new special delivery stamps are also well under way.

ANTIOQUIA.—The New England Stamp Co. has received the new stamps already chronicled, but not previously seen here. These are the 3c green, 4c lilac, 5c red, 10c rose lake postage stamps; purple on blue registration stamp, and black on rose return letter stamp.

AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH.—The *London Philatelist* says that the first stamp to be issued for the Commonwealth will be the ½d newspaper, though full particulars are still wanting. The Melbourne *Argus* says that the Commonwealth stamps required for use by state governments are perforated with the initials of the various states.

BERMUDA.—We have been shown the new 1d stamp chronicled in No. 487, printed in carmine and brown. The stamp presents a much better appearance than the advance illustration indicated.

COLOMBIA.—Mr. J. M. Bartels shows the new 10c Barranquilla stamp in red brown, as well as in red as previously chronicled. The 20c of the same set is also issued in dark blue.

ECUADOR.—*Mekel's Weekly* chronicles the 5c lilac and black, surcharged in black "Rios" in plain gothic letters.

FRANCE.—*La Cote Reelle* notes that the 15c of the current type, retouched, has appeared with a change of color, being now printed in old rose. At the same time a description is given of the new stamp mentioned in the ERA last week. The "sower" stands in the centre of the stamp with feet resting on the frame at the bottom and the cap nearly touching at the top. Under the left arm extended in front is the sack of grain, while the right hand is brought back in the act of sowing the grain in the furrow. The rising sun appears just above the distant horizon. "Republique Française" appears at the top in small letters, while the value is printed at the bottom in front of the central figure. The word "Postes" is awkwardly arranged in a vertical position in the lower right corner. The appearance of the whole, however, is artistic and spirited, and forms an agreeable change from the chubby little conventional gods and goddesses so long familiar. For a wonder the nude will be conspicuous by its absence from the new stamp. The colors are not yet settled upon for the different values, except for those fixed by the Postal Union requirements.

ICELAND.—Mr. H. O'Neill has shown us a used copy of the 5 aur green of the new issue with portrait of King Christian chronicled in No. 496. The engraving is crowded and the color is poor, the old stamps being much superior in appearance.

The New England Stamp Co. shows the 10 aur official in blue but with new perforation, 12½c.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.—It is reported that 400 1c postage due stamps were issued provisionally as postage stamps, during a temporary shortage in the regular supply.

Mr. J. H. Lyons has shown us a real curiosity hitherto uncatalogued and un-

chronicled, being No. 10, printed in rose on watermarked paper. A large sized "R" appears in the watermark in double lined letters followed by a period in the form of a circle. The "R" is large, more than one-half as high as the stamp and of good width. So far as known this is the only watermarked stamp of this colony known.

RUSSIA.—The *London Philatelist* chronicles the 20k current stamp as printed on vertically laid paper.

TURKS ISLAND.—*Mekel's Stamp Collector* says that all the remainders were bought up by a local firm when the new stamps came in in 1900, and are now being offered to the trade. The 1d have become exhausted but the ½d, 2½d, 4d, 5d, 6d and 1sh are offered in larger or smaller lots.

TASMANIA.—The large 1d with view of Mt. Wellington, printed on watermarked paper V and crown, now comes in a new shade, the color being changed from carmine to dull red.

Chicago Notes.

Chicagoans are not superstitious, judging by the ready sale the new 13 cent stamp has had since it made its advent here. It is gorgeous and attractive in appearance, and is destined to command a good price in proportion to the denomination it bears, when in a used condition.

One of the shining lights of the C. P. S. is Chicago correspondent of the *Philatelic World*. He has chosen the nom de plume of "Phoenix", as he was issued a few days after the Chicago fire.

SAMPLE CATALOGUES.

A number of our customers were disappointed in not receiving Part 2 (Foreign countries) of our 1902 catalogue as supply was exhausted.

We now have 500 more from London, and will mail a copy (450 pages) on receipt of

TWENTY CENTS.

STANLEY GIBBONS, INC.,

167 BROADWAY,

NEW YORK CITY.

WHY DON'T YOU

write me about the U. S. Revenues you need? Beginners want lists especially wanted.

FRED G. JONES,

2013 Brook St., LOUISVILLE, KY.

CHAPTER XIII.

The constant receipt of fine stamps through my commission department makes

OSGODD'S FAMOUS BIG SELECTIONS

all that up to date approvals should be. Try and see References.

U. S. Rev. 1c green, small surcharge, 1/2c orange
Doc., \$1.00 green, \$1.00 red, \$1.00 gray, only 1cc
Stampman fee!

D. W. OSGOOD,

South Fork, Rio Grande Co., Colorado.
(To be Continued.)

All Unused, O. G., Fine.

Gambia Nos. 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20	\$1.10
Gold Coast 5sh, No. 21	2.75
Haiti 1c, No. 46	.40
" 3c, No. 48	.55
St. Lucia 1889, 5sh, No. 37	1.75
" 10sh, No. 38	3.50
St. Vincent 1898, 1/2 to 1sh.	1.10
Seychelles 45 on 48, No. 12	1.15
Hawaii No. 58	.20
" 62	.30
" 64	.75
" 67	.20

CHAS. H. STONE & CO.,

19 Washington St., BOSTON, MASS.

WANTED TO PURCHASE!

A good stamp collection. Will pay **spot cash** for one that will suit.

GUARANTEE STAMP CO.,

108 E. 111th St., NEW YORK CITY.

Robinson's Review for November contains 32 pages of interesting matter and attractive ads. It claims a circulation of some six thousand copies, and Robinson says if the ads increase the next six months in proportion to the last, he will have a pamphlet of fifty pages, fully half of which will be covered with ads.

S. E. Moisant, of Kankakee, was in attendance at the C. P. S. meeting Thursday evening. He had contemplated a trip through the Southwestern States, but has cluded to postpone it until spring.

P. M. Wolsieffer's next sale, which will take place at the Club Room of the C. P. S., Saturday evening, Dec. 20., will contain a very fine assortment of U. S. envelopes, which formed a part of the Landis sale. A feature of the sale will be the wholesale lots, which will consist of some of the finest stamps ever offered in quantities at public auction. They are part of the stock of F. Noyes, of Alice, Texas.

In the C. P. S. competitive exhibition of 100 stamps issued prior to 1880, Irving Dickinson was awarded the first prize, and Chas. Schlieckert captured the second.

CLIFFORD.

Literature Department.

Conducted by **WILLIAM C. STONE**, 38, Union Street, Springfield, Mass., to whom all books, magazines and papers intended for review should be addressed. Exchanges will please send one copy to the above address.

Those of my readers who are interested in the history of our Post Office Department will do well to write the Third Assistant Postmaster General for a copy of the leaflet issued by his office giving in tabular form the postal statistics of the country since 1775. One page is devoted to a list of the Presidents, showing the names and dates of appointment of the Postmaster Generals and Assistants under each. Our twenty-six Presidents have so far been assisted by no less than forty Postmaster Generals and previous to the inauguration of Washington there had been three other incumbents of the office. The longest terms are those of Gideon Granger, appointed in 1801 by Jefferson served until March, 1814, and he was succeeded by R. J. Meigs who served until June, 1823. The shortest term is that of Horatio King who was appointed by Buchanan, February 12, 1861, and who served until March 5th, when Lincoln appointed his cabinet. A good side line for those interested would be a collection of the autographs of these officials.

Two pages of the leaflet are given up to a table showing year by year the receipts and expenditure of the department with numerous other items of interest. Here can be seen at a glance the tremendous growth of the department, which has increased its gross revenue from \$7,510 in 1789 to \$111,000,000 in 1901. The last fifteen years has seen the revenue doubled.

The annual reports of the Post Office Department have been given to the public recently and contain many interesting facts.

From that of the Third Assistant I call the following recommendations which he makes:

A new rate at four cents a pound for all publications now admitted to the second class mail, except daily, tri-weekly, semi-weekly and weekly newspapers, in the generally understood sense of the word "newspaper." This rate is to be paid on the bulk weight without regard to the number of pieces, the same as is now the case under the pound rate.

The consolidation of the third and fourth classes of mail matter, and that the postage thereon be at the rate of one cent for each two ounces or fraction thereof, to be prepaid by stamps affixed, is also recommended.

Congress is asked to authorize the Postmaster General to accept, under suitable regulations, mailings of large quantities of identical pieces of printed matter and small articles of merchandise without the necessity of affixing stamps to the individual pieces.

The recommendation for the rate of 4 cents a pound is an outgrowth of the investigation into the abuses of the second-class mail privileges. Mr. Madden says that

TRADE COLUMN.

Under this head we will print exchange, want and for sale notices, business announcements, 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.

One four-line notice free with each subscription, providing copy accompanies the subscription.

THREE Consecutive Insertions of SAME ad in this Column for PRICE OF TWO.

Is your collection for sale? Get your dealer to make a price on it, add 20% to his offer, and send book to me. It's 10 to 1 I buy it. **F. W. PICKARD**, 2427 Ingleside, Cincinnati, O. [102]

Stamp exch. relations wanted on equal basis. Good duplicates. **J. W. Witty**, Box 1352, Springfield, Mass. [102]

Have you mice? Best and cleanest trap on market 20 cents. Requires no bait. Great "Ping Pong" puzzle 10 cents. Send stamp for illustrated catalogue, 300 useful articles, novels, books, etc. See my notice **ERA** No. 499, giving Christmas hints. Autographs, relics, etc., bought and sold. **JOSEPH B. FLYNN**, Dept. E, 138 West 63rd Street, New York. [102]

Extraordinary value: Peru 1c, bistre, inverted surcharge, unused, Scott's No. 1232, 27c each. Blocks and strips same rate. **H. L. RICH**, Somerville, Mass. [102]

U. S. Pre-Cancelled postage stamps. I will pay a good price in cash or exchange for any not in my collection. **F. L. SMITH**, 40 Exchange Pl., N. Y. [102]

British Colonies, unused, 5c for 5c: (1) Cape Good Hope 1/2d green; (2) Orange River Col. on Cape, 1/2d green; (3) Orange Free State V. R. 1, 1/2d; (4) Brit. So. Africa 1/2d green; (5) New Zealand 1/2d green; (6) Malta 1/2d green; (7) Tasmania 1/2d orange; (8) Tobago 1/2d green; (9) West Australia 1/2d green; (10) St. Lucia 1/2d green. Many others at same rate, post. extra. **LINCOLN STAMP & COIN CO.**, Lincoln, Neb. [102]

You'll have to do the soaking and sorting! Civil War Revenues 25c per 500; 40c per 1,000; \$1.75 per 5000. U. S. Postage 15c per 1000; 60c per 5000. Postage extra. **C. W. ABBOTT**, Upper Montclair, N. J. [102]

Mexico Postage or Revenue: 25 all diff., 12c; 75 assorted 27; 100 mixed 12c. Payment in stamps. **FELIPE NAVEDA**, Urbina 2, Toluca City, Mexico. [102]

Strips, pairs, blocks, imp. U. S. bargain prices; 6c Prop., \$14.00. **KING**, 141 East 19th St., N. Y. City. [102]

4,000 Indian arrow heads to sell or exch. for C. S. A. or Broken Bank bills or stamps. **JOEL H. DUBOSE**, Huguenot, Ga. [102]

50 var. U. S. and foreign, cat. 1-5c; for 17c post paid. **W. E. Dickinson**, 108 Peace St., Providence, R. I. [102]

Omaha Set complete, mint, splendid condition, \$4.00. **St. Christopher** 1d on 1/2d, No. 19, 70c; 1d on 6d, No. 16, 45c. **Canada Envelopes** 5c, No. 201, entire, unused, 65c; 2c No. 212, entire, unused, 25c. U. S. postage taken, any amount. **A. MACK**, Box 494, Ottawa, Ont. [102]

Wanted: Last issue Revs. \$5, \$1c, \$50 blk. & gr'n & \$50 grey. **E. S. Phelps**, 165 W. Canton St., Boston, Mass. [102]

Approval sheets 60% discount. Net sheets for advanced collectors, 8000 var. 10 stock. Want lists desired. **F. W. PICKARD**, 2427 Ingleside, Cincinnati, O. [102]

Pre-cancels not in my collection wanted. Best cash or trade price. **E. R. ALDRICH**, Benson, Minn. [102]

Pre-can. U.S. on approval. Ex. desired with advanced collectors. **L. E. Richardson**, Carrier 3, Putnam, Ct. [102]

Two-thirds List for foreign cat. over 5c, in exchange for stamps at list. Lots under \$2 declined. Have 8000 var. on hand. **F. W. Pickard**, 2427 Ingleside, Cincinnati, O. [102]

Wanted for cash U. S. pre-cancelled postage stamps. **WALTER L. GATES**, Teaticket, Mass. [102]

Try an Ad in this Column. It Pays.

7 VAR. SEEBECKS

Unused and Fine, Cat. 20c, Price 10 Cents. **A. W. DUNNING**, NEWTON, MASS.

THEO. MAINHART, JOHNSTOWN, PA.

**Stamps On Approval
At 50% Discount.**

I make the approval sheet business a specialty, consequently you get here better value for your money, better variety and better service.

Drop me a line and I shall be pleased to mail you a nice lot of stamps on approval.

THEO. MAINHART, JOHNSTOWN, PA.

JUST TO GET ACQUAINTED!

I will offer a few good things in CONFEDERATE STATES.

1861	1c light blue, P. O. state, block of 4	\$4.00
"	" " " " unsevered pair	2.00
"	" " " " " slightly damaged	1.00
"	" " " " " slightly damaged	1.00

USED ON ENTIRE ENVELOPE

Memphis, Tenn., 5c red	6.00	
" " " " " 10c	12.00	
Mobile, Ala., 3c blue	6.50	
New Orleans, La., 5c brown	2.50	
" " " " " 5c blue	2.75	
1861	5c green	.40
"	5c light green	.40
"	10c blue	.75
"	10c light blue	.75
1862	5c green, strip of 3 cut vertically	9.00
"	5c " " " " " 5 " " horizontally	15.00
"	5c blue	.50
"	5c " pair	1.00
"	5c " dark	.75
"	5c " light	.75
"	5c " pair	1.00
"	10c rose	3.00
"	10c carmine rose	4.50
"	5c blue, perf. unsevered pair, fine	2.00
1863	5c brown red	8.00
"	5c " " " 3 used with 5c	6.00
"	5c " " " 5c	10.00
"	5c blue, perforated, fine (A7)	1.00
"	5c dark blue, outer line 3 sides, fine, (A8)	1.00
"	5c milky blue, laid p., strip of 3, fine, (A8)	1.00
"	5c green	2.00
"	5c " pair	4.00
"	5c " diagonal half used as 10c, fine	1.00

Cheaper varieties also used on letter, single and in pairs; almost every shade and type, at Scott's price for stamp alone. Cash must accompany all orders. Money returned at once if stamps are not satisfactory. Perhaps I have got something else that you want. Correspondence answered promptly.

ISAAC HILLS,
A. P. A. 63e. N. E. P. A. 100.
93 Orchard St., W. SOMERVILLE, MASS.

Topics About Town.

FROM NEW YORK CITY.

The next meeting of the Manhattan Philatelic Society will occur on Tuesday evening, December 18th. The stamps of Africa, all nations, will be exhibited by the members.

At the next meeting of the National Philatelic Society, Monday evening, December 15th, Mr. John N. Luff will exhibit his collection of reprints. A good attendance is assured.

Rarities of the best kind were recently shown the writer by Mr. John Kleeman, of the Nassau Stamp Co. Among others I noticed full sheets of the 5c Hawaiian Islands 1853, in both dark and light blue. Mr. Kleeman is authority for the statement that he has seen the \$1000.00 U. S. Revenue in a strip of four. I was always under the impression that these stamps were issued only in blocks of four. This is a piece of news which perhaps may cause much speculation as to its identity.

VOLUNTEER.

Bridgeport Philatelic Society.

The meeting of the Bridgeport Philatelic Club was held at their rooms in the Sturdevant Building, Tuesday evening, Dec. 2nd. Owing to the evening being very stormy only twelve members were present. After the regular business the stamps of Uruguay were taken up for discussion. We wish to thank Mr. W. F. Gregory through the columns of the ERA for his interest in the Club's welfare, although not present, was ably represented by Mr. Cole in exhibiting the most complete collection of this country. We learn from good authority that the collection remained in town, having been purchased by Mr. Wilmot.

There were several duplicate stamps received for the drawing by the Secretary, and they catalogued from 22c to 60c each, and were won by Mr. Reeve.

The members have completed arrangements through its President, Mr. Wilmot, whereby they are to receive complete new issues of stamps from every country as soon as issued, both in used and unused condition.

During the month of December the meetings of the Club will be held on Tuesday evenings in place of Wednesday evening.

The next meeting will be taken up by the country of Venezuela.

DEALERS LARGE AND SMALL

will be interested to know that over 200 lots of **WOLSEFFER'S DEC. 20th SALE** consist of fine stamps selected from the stock of **MR. F. NOYES, ALICE, TEXAS.**

Many stamps are offered in quantities at your own price that you cannot purchase at wholesale. The catalogue is mailed to all known dealers. Please send in your bids early.

This sale also contains 125 lots of the finest Cut Square Envelopes and Revenues of the U. S. you ever saw, as well as 350 lots of other U. S. and Foreign. Sale Catalogue Free.

United Stamp Co., 1149 Marquette Bldg., Chicago. N. B. Look out for the M. and M. Sale in January of the Geo. L. Toppan collection.

BARGAINS.

\$10 black, lightly cut and lightly canceled	\$.21
\$5 green and black	.07
THE TWO, POSTPAID	.85
Brazil 1899, 1000 on 700, cat. 30c	.14
Philippines on U. S. A. 10c, cat. 15c	.07

Fine Approval Books.

10 for 15c. POSTPAID	50 for 50c.
103 International and National Albums in Stock.	
No. 1. International,	\$1.50 postpaid.
No. 2. Twentieth Century,	1.00 "
No. 3. National,	1.50 "

The 1903 Catalogue catalogues the \$1.00 1895, 45c; we will sell, for 15c, one each to a customer.

French Congo, 4 varieties	\$.05
Turkey 1901, 6 varieties	.15

J. T. STARR STAMP COMPANY,
COLDWATER, MICH.

20 BLOCKS OF FOUR

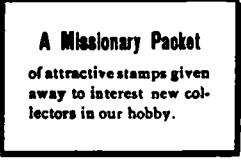
Unused and Fine, Cat. over \$9.75.
(No Venezuela, P. I., Cuba or Porto Rico)

PRICE \$1.15.
A. W. DUNNING, Newton, Mass.

'MEKEEL'S STAMP COLLECTOR.'

Mailed Weekly from St. Louis. Vol. XV. commenced with 1902. All subscriptions must now commence with current number (3 months' trial, 25c), subscription \$1.00 per year in U. S. etc., and \$1.50 per year abroad. Sample of large magazine edition 10c.

Almost every dealer sends approval selections at 50% Discount—BUT there are some stamps in our selections of this class that are not to be had as cheap elsewhere.



We will send one of our Missionary Packets for free circulation to any collector requesting an approval selection, telling us what album he has and the number of stamps in his collection and mentioning this advertisement.

A COLLECTION OF 5000 VARIETIES of POSTAGE STAMPS, carefully selected from our own stock, **\$175.00.** Satisfaction Guaranteed.

3000 for \$45.00 ♦ 2000 for \$13.50 ♦ 1000 for \$3.40 ♦ ALL GENUINE POSTAGE STAMPS

550 Varieties mounted in a blank book (cataloguing by Scott's 61st edition Catalogue \$10.00), post free \$1.50. A Bargain for Dealer or Collector!

C. H. MEKEEL STAMP & PUBLISHING CO., ST. LOUIS, MO.

Stray Notes on Sheets of Stamps.

R. R. THIELE.

To return to the regular issues of Colombia, I have to add something as regards the issue of 1862 (Scott type A4). These were printed in small sheets of ten stamps, in two horizontal rows of 5 each, the same as I argued the preceding issue had been printed. All values of the 1862 issue came from the same original drawing which was transferred to as many stones as there are values, the figures of value then being inserted separately on each stone and transfer, so that there are ten varieties of each value.

The same sheet arrangement was used for the 1863 issue, and at least part of the 1865 issue: the 5, 10, 20 and 50 centavos, of which ten varieties each may be distinguished. Of the 1 peso of this issue only six varieties have been discovered; I cannot say now whether the sheet contained only that many stamps.

The regular issues of most of the States of Colombia have largely been produced by the same firms above mentioned as having lithographed the national issues and sheets of 50 are therefore the usual arrangement of most of the stamps, so far as known to me at this writing. This is true, for instance, of the stamps of Antioquia, excepting, of course, the numerous type set provisionals. Nevertheless, I know of at least one exception. The issue of 1869 was printed in sheets of 25, 5x5. In 1874 this issue was surreptitiously reprinted, but in sheets of 30, 5 horizontal rows of 6 each. The provisionals of 1888 are in sheets of 30, 5 horizontal rows of 6 each. The provisionals of 1888 are in sheets of 10, two rows of 5 each; this is true, at least, of the 2½c red (Scott No. 76, type A36) and of the 5c red on yellow (No. 75, type A35); as they are typeset, there are ten varieties of each. Of the 2½c black on yellow (No. 73, type A33) only two varieties exist; these were in the last row of the sheet of the 5c black on yellow (No. 74, type A34). This sheet, I believe, contained twelve stamps, as of the 5c ten varieties are known. The provisionals of 1890 (Scott Nos. 84-88 are also typeset; they were printed in sheets of 10, like the former and there are ten varieties of each value, except of the 5c, of which there were probably two settings. The 1c of 1901 (Scott No. 128) and the Too Late 2½c of the same year (Scott No. 302) were both printed in very small sheets of four stamps, 2x2, forming as many varieties. The new issue of Antioquia, just out, is the product of a new firm, J. L. Arango of Medellín; the entire set comes in sheets of 50, 5 rows of 10, except the Advice of Receipt stamps, which comes in sheets of 45, 5 rows of 9.

The issues of the State of Bolívar from 1882 to 1885 inclusive are of the Seebeck variety of annuals and were furnished by

the Hamilton Bank Note Company of New York. Whether they came in sheets of 50 or 100, I cannot now say and few of my readers are apt to collect Seebecks in entire sheets, anyway.

Cundinamarca has blessed us with divers provisionals (Scott Nos. 12-16). As you will observe, there are four types known of the 10c and 2 each of the 50c and 1 peso; but whether there were no more than this number on the sheet I cannot say now.

Scott's Catalogue lists the provisionals for Garzon among the State issues, but I think they are a federal issue, being inscribed merely R. de C. without the name of a State. They were printed in sheets of 4 at the time first issued; two of the stamps were of the 1c value (Scott No. 1) and the other two of the 1 peso value (Scott No. 2). How the 1c dated June 1894 (Scott No. 3) was printed, I cannot now state. The other two were issued about April 1894.

The lithographed map stamps of Panama, issue 1887, were printed in sheets of 50, but arranged in 10 horizontal rows of 5, instead of 5 rows of 10, as usual in Colombia. If I am correctly informed, this is also the arrangement of the engraved stamps in the same design. But when these stamps were surcharged in 1894, it seems that a part, at least, of the sheets the top row was removed, so that the surcharged sheets contain only 45 stamps in 9 rows of 5. Perhaps this was done to eliminate an erroneous surcharge? Still there are errors enough left as it is; see your catalogue for particulars. I cannot now state the size of the sheet of the 10c registration stamps of 1888 (Scott No. 51); but the 10c black on blue registration stamp of 1900 (No. 56) was printed in sheets of 12, 2 horizontal rows of 6.

As you are aware, the first issue of Tolima was typeset. The original plate—or rather: form—consisted of 10 stamps in 5 horizontal rows of 2 each. These were all of the value of 5 cents and formed ten varieties of this value. Afterwards this form was altered so that the two lower rows now read 10c; the sheet therefore still consisted of ten stamps, but six of them were 5c, the lower four 10c, there being 4 varieties of the 10c. Later on these four 10c stamps were again changed to 5c, their original value, the 10c being removed from the form and 5 inserted. The form was so much disturbed by this operation that additional varieties of the unaltered 5c stamps also resulted and of certain printings of the 5c no less than twenty principal varieties are known, let alone minor varieties.

In a former instalment I gave some notes on the early issues of the Dominican Republic, upon which I must make some slight corrections. The 1862 issue is printed in sheets of 12, as there stated, but arranged in two horizontal rows of 6, instead of 3 rows of 4. The same form was used for both values, the ½ real being printed first and the word *Us Real* being then sub-

stituted for *Medio Real*. There are thus 12 varieties of each value. For the 1865 issue two plates were used. One was used only for the ½ real and is an alteration of the 1862 form. The other form served for both ½ and 1 real; this form contains only ten stamps in 2 rows of 5 each, two of the varieties in the first form being dropped from this one, possibly because of an accident. Thus the ½ real is printed from both forms in 12 varieties, the 1 real from only one form in 10 varieties. It is also not quite correct that all the later issues are in sheets of 100. The 1879 issue is in sheets of 50, 5 rows of 10; I do not now know who made this set. The issue of 1880 is the work of the Manhattan Bank Note Company of New York, formerly Mr. Seebeck's firm; this issue came in sheets of 100, 10x10. This is also true of the 1885 issue, but this set was produced by the American Bank Note Company of New York, who also made that of 1895 with four figures of value. The ill-favored Columbus Memorial set of 1899 was in sheets of 25, 5x5; I do not know who was the printer. The map issue of 1900 was printed in sheets of 143, in 11 rows of 13 each—rather a curious arrangement, the reason for which is not apparent. The printers of this issue are unknown to me; they have no reason to be proud of their job. Then there is the bi-colored set of 1901; this comes in sheets of 100, 10x10. I do not know positively who manufactured this issue; Mr. Luff in a letter to me argued from the style of printing that it is the De la Rue work, and the work certainly does look like theirs, even to the colored lines surrounding the sheet as printed. The new memorial issue was produced by the Hamilton Bank Note Company; I do not as yet know the size of the sheets.—*The Adhesive*.

ISSUE OF ONE-HALF CENT STAMPS.

The attention of postmasters is drawn to the fact that the postal necessity for the ½ cent stamp, as such is now confined to one purpose—prepayment of newspapers and periodicals posted singly and weighing not more than one ounce each (see Postal Guide, page xii., sec. 47). As publications of the kind referred to must, in the nature of things, be few, and as in the case of their being mailed to subscribers by the office of publication, the bulk rate of postage would be far cheaper and more convenient for the publisher, the demand for the ½ cent stamp throughout the Dominion must be appreciably diminished as a result of this restriction of its use. Whilst, of course, any number of ½ cent stamps on an article of correspondence will be recognized to the full extent of their aggregate value, it is not the wish of the Department to supply them except for the sole specific purpose above mentioned, an intimation to that effect should be given by postmasters to patrons of their office who are in the habit of buying ½ cent stamps for other postal purposes.—From a Canadian Paper.

American Philatelic Association.

(INCORPORATED.)

THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA—OFFICIAL JOURNAL.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

- ALEXANDER HOLLAND, President,
40 Grace Court, Brooklyn, N. Y.
- Board of Vice-Presidents.
- FRANK H. BURT, Chairman,
Room 1046, Tremont Buildg., Boston, Mass.
- GORDON IRELAND, Secretary,
Holyoke House 27, Cambridge, Mass.
- J. F. JOHNSON,
383 Lexington St., Auburndale, Mass.
- H. E. DEATS, Secretary,
Flemington, N. J.
- E. DOEBLIN, International Secretary,
Box 736, Pittsburg, Pa.
- C. L. ANNAN, Treasurer,
Copper Range R. R., Houghton, Mich.
- H. B. PHILLIPS,
1311 Grove St., Berkeley, Cal.
- F. W. CONING,
350 George St., New Brunswick, N. J.

RESIDENT VICE-PRESIDENTS.

- BOSTON, MASS.—J. F. JOHNSON, 383 Lexington St., Auburndale, Mass.
- SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.—W. E. LOY, 2431 Ellsworth St., Berkeley, Cal.
- NEW YORK CITY.—W. F. GREGORY, 71 Nassau St.
- PITTSBURG, PA.—E. DOEBLIN, Box 736.
- CHICAGO, ILL.—A. F. MERELL, 432 Marquette Building.
- MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.—ELEN S. MARTIN, 3244 First Avenue, South.
- WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS.—ROBERT D. MAYNARD, 36 Oak Grove Ave., Springfield.

APPOINTIVE OFFICERS.

- E. H. ANDERSON, Librarian,
Carnegie Library, Pittsburg, Pa.
- H. D. WATSON, Collecting Agent,
64 Cedar St., New York City.
- JOHN J. OESCH, Superintendent of Sales Dept.,
34 Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill.
- H. E. DEATS, Assistant Librarian,
Flemington, N. J.
- W. F. GREGORY, Auction Purchasing Agent,
71 Nassau St., New York City.
- P. M. WOLSEIFFER, Auction Purchasing Agent,
1009 Atwood Bldg., Chicago, Ill.
- A. W. BATCHELDER, Auction Purchasing Agent,
21 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass.

Detroit Paragraphs.

In a test made several days ago to learn as to what can be done with an automobile in winter weather for rural mail delivery, a run of 24 miles was made in three hours and two minutes, including all stops. These trial tests are being made by the postmaster at Adrian under the sanction of the government.

A collector more fortunate than many of us is Howard Beck, who is always "stands in" somehow and lands the plums. Howard received from a friend one of the rejected die proof McKinley postal cards, also a "Specimen" of the new 13c stamp, taken from the first sheet that was printed.

The new 13c Harrison stamp was put on sale here last week, the locals have all fairly well provided themselves with a copy, and others several more copies for friends abroad. The general opinion here is that it is one of the best yet issued, and comes beyond expectations.

And now comes the sad news from "over ome" that it's reported there will be no King Edward stamp issued for Canada. A correspondent of mine writes me this: "I don't think we are going to have any King's head issue, at least it is so reported here at Ottawa. The dear old Queen is upon our stamps only of all the British possessions, and it is said that King Edward does not wish us to change her picture for any other, I am not sure of this, but it has been the rounds of the newspapers and may be the case." Well, guess we won't lose any sleep.

HERMAN W. BOERS.

REPORT OF SECRETARY

For the Week Ending December 13th.

Applications for Membership.

- JOHANGER, CARL, 241 State St., Chicago, Ill.; age, 39; occupation, Watchmaker. References: R. Robinson, John J. Oesch; Resident Vice-President, A. F. Merell.
- MICHAEL, LEONARD, 810 Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, Ill.; age, 21; occupation, Clerk. References: John J. Oesch, R. Robinson; Resident Vice-President, A. F. Merell.

New Stockholder.

1787. CORDERY, CARL LESLIE, 59 Congress Ave., Providence, R. I.

Re-instated.

846. CONANT, F. O.
1687. YOUNG, ALBERT H.
1708. ZUEHLKE, W. H.
1641. HARRINGTON, THOMAS F.
1404. WILLCOX, R. H.
1610. OTT, A. L.

Application for Re-instatement.

453. ANDREEN, OSCAR, Lexington, Missouri.

Changes of Address.

622. HILLS, ISAAC, from Slanconset to 93 Orchard St., West Somerville, Mass.
1129. STEBBINS, DR. J. H., JR., from 80 Madison Ave. to 351 Fourth Ave., New York City.

Resignation Received.

1487. YOUNG, ALBERT H., New Haven, Conn.

Membership Summary.

Membership Dec. 6th.....	519
New Stockholder	1
Re-instated.....	6
Total membership Dec. 13th.....	526

All applications for re-instatement received after this report is made (Dec. 10) will have to be published, and if no objections are received they will be declared re-instated five weeks thereafter.

H. E. DEATS, Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

HOUGHTON, MICH., Dec. 5, 1902.
Report for month of November, 1902.

General Fund.

Receipts.

On hand Nov. 1, 1902,	\$409.32
Collected in November,	88.40
	————\$497.72

Disbursements.

Nov. 11, C. E. Severn, exp. bd. of V. Ps., Mar. 1 to Oct. 13, 1902,	A81, \$2.20
12, F. H. Burt, stenographic report of 17th an.conv., A82,	45.00
24, Gordon Ireland, exp. bd. of V. Ps. to Nov. 5, 1902, A83,	9.85
	————57.05
	\$440.67

Stock Fund.

In Fund Nov. 1, 1902,	\$1770.00
Received in Nov.,	3.00
	————1773.00

Insurance Fund.

In Fund Nov. 1, 1902,	873.70
Total in funds,	\$3087.37

Respectfully submitted,

C. L. ANNAN, Treas.

IF YOU WISH TO

BUY, SELL OR EXCHANGE

Stamps, Desired Results can be had through

AN AD IN THE WEEKLY ERA.

Wm. v. d. Wettern, Jr.,

WHOLESALE DEALER IN

★ POSTAGE + STAMPS. ★

411 W. Saratoga St., Baltimore, Md.

New special list just issued, sent free on application to dealers only.

ALL UNUSED.

	Cat.	My Price	Per 10	Per 100
Antioquia 1893, 10c.....	.15	.05	.25	3.00
Cuba 1894, News, 1c.....	.05	.02	.15	1.25
" 1896, 1c.....	.02	.01	.05	.40
" 5c.....	.02	.01	.05	.40
Ecuador 1896, Jubilee 1c.....	.03	.01	.15	1.35
" " 5c.....	.03	.01	.15	1.35
" " 5c.....	.03	.01	.15	1.35
Honduras 1890, Official 5c.....	.03	.01	.07	.60
" " 5c.....	.03	.01	.07	.60
" " 5c.....	.05	.02	.14	1.10
" " 75c.....	.05	.02	.14	1.10
" 1891, 30c.....	.08	.03	.20	1.60
" " 30c.....	.08	.03	.20	1.60
" " 40c.....	.08	.03	.20	1.60
Monaco 1891, 1c.....	.02	.01	.07	.55
Mozambique Co., 94, No. 34, 2 1/2	.02	.02	.10	.80
Peru Unpaid, No. 201, 1c.....	.04	.02	.15	1.10
Philippine 1891, 1m.....	.05	.02	.60	5.00
" 1891, 1/2c.....	.05	.02	.60	5.00
" 1894, 2c.....	.03	.01	.06	.50
" 1897, 3c.....	.03	.01	.06	.50
" " 3 1/2c.....	.03	.01	.06	.50
" 1892-93, 3 1/2c.....	.04	.02	.10	.80
" 1890, News, 1/2c.....	.02	.01	.05	.40
Porto Rico 1891-3, 1/2m.....	.02	.01	.06	.50
" " 2m.....	.02	.01	.06	.50
" " 4m.....	.02	.01	.06	.50
" 1894, 2m.....	.02	.01	.06	.50
Reunion No. 36, 2 on 30c.....	.08	.04	.20	1.70
" 1891, 1c.....	.03	.02	.10	.75
Salvador 1897, 5c.....	.12	.05	.35	3.00
Switzerland 1881, 50c.....	.04	.02	.14	1.10
" " 1 fr.....	.04	.02	.14	1.10
U. S. Envelope No. 1463.....	1.50	.50	3.70	30.00
" 1813.....	.10	.04	.25	2.00

JOS. B. HENDERSON,
COLUMBUS, KANSAS.

CASH
by return mail will be paid for unused Postage Stamps at a Discount—from 1c to \$5.00.
Also Foreign Postage bought.
HUB STAMP CO.,
NATHAN COBB, Prop. WALTHAM, MASS.

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.]

"BON-A-FIDE" COLLECTING!

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., 25th Nov., '02.
Editor WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA,

Dear Sir: Since the coming to hand of the *Stamp Collector's Fortnightly* of the 8th November, a great uneasiness of mind has seized upon me, so that I have finally decided to appeal to you for relief through the enlightenment that an Editor of a philatelic journal, even though merely an American journal, can probably afford me. I fear you will plead incompetence to supplement anything that an Editor of a British journal has chosen to say from "the Chair," and I am conscious that the exhortations of the American philatelic press repeatedly launched forth by that magnificent magazine with the cover of a self-satisfying shade of green, the *Philatelic Journal of India*, must still be fresh in your ears; but relief I must have, and soon, and you are nearer by than any British journal. Of course, you may not be able to afford me this expected relief, in which luckless case I suppose I shall have to make frantic trans-Atlantic appeal.

This condition of my mind has been, as the *London Philatelist* would say, superinduced by the following passage in the

editorial columns of the *Fortnightly*: "It is really time that those persons who are putting vast sums of money into what is mere 'hoarding' as distinct from a bon-a-fide collecting, should be warned that such a pursuit, if steadily persisted in, is likely to end—we had almost written is *certain* to end—in disaster."

Now I am quite guiltless of "putting vast sums of money," for the reason that I cannot put money in those proportions, but, (I am getting to the point now), what in the name of a sorely troubled soul, is bon-a-fide collecting? The spelling is just as it appears on the sacred page of a British journal, and British journals, not being "rags," cannot mis-spell; and they surely cannot commit emptiness and trash, because only "American rags" can do that. So what, again, is bon-a-fide collecting? It is this question that has oppressively grown upon me so during the past few days that I cannot contain myself longer. We on the Pacific slope are very eager to do everything correctly, and above all things we want to do stamp collecting in the correct way, as was evidenced by our even holding a Stamp Exhibition recently, but, I am positive, no one here knows yet what bon-a-fide collecting is, and we are dejected by the thought that perhaps we are not practicing the true philatelic method after all these active years. You are an editor (even though merely of an American journal, as I have reserved above), and the newspaper man is an eager snapper-up of anything new and piquant, and the new term "bon-a-fide" may have already appealed to your philatelic imagination, and furthermore you are so favored as to reside in the wise East, so I sincerely trust that you or some other wise man in your neighborhood can give me a definition of what bon-a-fide collecting is, clear and concise enough to set us in California on the right way, even though late.

Yours philatelically and humbly,

PACIFI-CUS.

DEDHAM, MASS., Dec. 1, 1902.

DEAR SIR:

In the late 60's (between 1865 and 1869) I bought of some ladies named McIntire and Kidder on School St., Boston, among other stamps, copies of three Moldavian stamps.

When I offered them for sale a few years since they were declared counterfeits or reprints, as were some Oldenburg, Switzerland and other stamps bought of the same ladies, who at the time of purchase assured me that every one was genuine.

If it would add any interest to the question now under discussion in your paper I shall be glad to show these stamps through you to the experts.

I can say they have been in my possession since 1863 at least.

Yours truly,

CHAS. W. WOLCOTT.

EIGHTH MAIL AUCTION

Closes January 10, 1903.

All bids to be made by mail by Lot No., at so much per lot. Stamps in average condition unless otherwise specified.

Lot No.	UNITED STATES.	No. in Cat.	Lot
1	1847, 10c, cut close at right.....	\$3.50	1
2	1861, 10c Assg., type rubbed.....	7.50	1
3	1867, 15c black, grill 11x14.....	4.00	1
4	1867, 15c black, 9x13.....	1.00	1
5	1867, 30c orange, 9x13, creased, heavily cancelled.....	3.50	1
6	1860, 3c, unused, not well centered....	.75	2
7	1860, 6c, damaged.....	.60	2
8	1860, 12c green, heavily cancelled....	.50	2
9	1869, 24c, mended.....	5.00	1
10	1887, 3c vermilion, unused.....	.12	1
11	1887, 100c 2c blue Env., cut square....	2.00	1000
12	1887, 100c 2c green Env., cut square....	2.00	1000
13	1891, 10c Special Delivery.....	8.00	1
14	1898, \$2.00 Omaha, skillfully repaired	10.00	1000
15	1898-9, 1000 1c green.....	10.00	1000
16	1890, 10c green Env., cut square....	1.00	100
17	1867, Essay 3c brown, grided.....	.. 1	
18	40 varieties United States.....	.. 40	
19	10 Postal Telegraph, No. 2116.....	3.00	10
20	Agriculture Dept. 2c, unused, damaged	1.00	1
21	Int. Department 30c, used, fine.....	.75	1
22	Justice Department 1c, unused, o. g.....	1.50	1
23	Justice Dept. 3c, used, slightly damaged	.75	1
24	Navy Department 1c, used.....	1.25	1
25	P. O. Department 30c, used.....	1.00	1
26	Registered seal, green.....	.25	1
27	P. O. Dept., card proofs, complete....	.. 10	
28	Treas. Dept. 1c, 6c, 12c, all damaged	.40	3
29	Treas. Department 7c, used.....	1.50	1
30	Treas. Department 24c, used.....	3.00	1
31	Treas. Dept. card proofs complete....	.. 11	
32	War Dept. 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 25c, used	.82	7
33	100 Revenues, assorted.....	.. 100	
34	Revenues, First issue, imperf., 25c Certificate and Entry of Goods.....	.60	2
35	Same, 25c Life Insurance.....	1.25	1
36	Same, 25c Protest.....	.75	1
37	Same, 50c Original Process, \$1.00 Inland Exchange and \$1.50 Inland Ex.	.75	3
38	100 Mortgage, perf. shaved slightly at bottom.....	3.00	1
39	Second Issue, \$10 Perf. cut off all round	3.00	1
40	100 varieties Postmarks, cut square,...	.. 100	

FOREIGN.

41	14 varieties Argentine.....	.24	14
42	30 varieties Austria.....	.32	30
43	Austria 1890, 50k, 12; 1891, 24k.....	.17	3
44	25 varieties Bavaria.....	.30	25
45	40 varieties Belgium.....	.55	40
46	3 varieties Bermuda.....	.25	3
47	3 varieties Brazil.....	.34	15
48	6 varieties Br. Guiana, Br. Honduras	.57	6
49	15 varieties Bolivia, Bosnia, Bulgaria	.23	15
50	23 varieties Canada.....	.29	23
51	20 var. Cape Good Hope, Ceylon, Chile	.44	20
52	5 varieties Columbia.....	.24	5
53	4 varieties Corsica, 1895, unused.....	.30	4
54	35 varieties Cuba, unused.....	1.32	35
55	11 China & Treaty Ports, used & unused	.38	11
56	15 Denmark and Dutch Indies.....	.18	15
57	8 Ecuador, unused.....	.43	8
58	15 Egypt and Finland.....	.21	15
59	45 varieties France.....	.68	45
60	France 1900, 2 fr, unused, not well cen.	.60	1
61	25 Germany.....	.31	25
62	Germany 1868, 2 gr ultramarine, unused, in gum.....	3.00	1
63	25 Great Britain, Coast and Green.....	.95	25
64	18 Gibraltar, Gold Coast and Green.....	.38	18
65	9 Guatemala and Honduras, unused.....	.47	9
66	9 Hawaii.....	.48	9
67	25 Hungary.....	.28	25
68	10 India and Jamaica.....	.38	10
69	35 Italy.....	.42	35
70	10 Japan.....	.39	10
71	20 Luxemburg, Malta, Mexico.....	.34	20
72	6 Labuan, 1897, cancelled.....	.33	6
73	6 North Borneo, 1897 cancelled.....	.33	6
74	Newfoundland 1876, 5c rouletted.....	.30	1
75	10 Monaco Wrappers, 1c.....	.20	10
76	Newfoundland 1866, 12c unused.....	.60	1
77	Same, block of 4.....	2.40	4
78	Newfoundland 1867, 6c unused.....	.25	1
79	Same, block of 4.....	1.00	4
80	Venezuela, Scott's Nos. 127, 139, 140.....	.65	3
81	100c Continentals, as imported.....	.. 1000	
82	100 Continentals, better lot.....	.. 1000	
83	25 Foreign Covers, all different.....	.. 25	
84	25 varieties Foreign Revenues.....	.. 25	
85	300 varieties Foreign Postage.....	.. 300	
86	100 Austria, assorted.....	.. 100	
87	100 Denmark, assorted.....	.. 100	
88	10 packets 100 varieties foreign.....	.. 10	
89	10 foreign Railway & Tramcar tickets	.. 10	
90	5 different Exposition stickers.....	.. 5	
91	100 2c Omaha.....	1.00	100

Successful bidders will be notified after bids close, when prompt remittance will be required. Postage extra in all cases.

COLUMBIAN STAMP CO.,
ARLINGTON, MASS.

The Weekly Philatelic Era

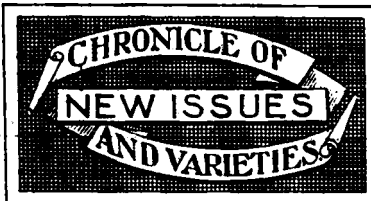
A PAPER DEVOTED TO STAMP NEWS.

50c PER YEAR.

ENTERED AT PORTLAND POST OFFICE AS SECOND CLASS MATTER JAN. 10, 1890.

2c PER COPY.

VOL. XVII. No. 13. PORTLAND, ME., SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1902. WHOLE No. 501.



BY HENRY A. KIDDER.

Friends of the ERA are invited to send to the editor of this department any information regarding new issues or varieties that may prove of interest. Such information will be suitably acknowledged. Address, HENRY A. KIDDER, 17 Addison Street, Arlington, Mass.

Exchanges will please send Mr. Kidder a copy of each issue to the foregoing address, and an extra copy of the ERA will be gladly sent whenever desired.

UNITED STATES.—The Washington correspondent of *Meehan's Weekly* says that there is a good stock of the new 4c postage and 10c special delivery stamps on hand in Washington, but that they will not be issued until the stock of the old issue is exhausted. New designs have been completed for the 3c and 10c and the artists are now at work on the 6c. Plates are now being made for the 2c, and will be ready for printing soon. The 1c and 5c are still in the hands of the engraver.

The portrait of Jackson used on the new 3c stamp is similar to the one upon the United States bank notes of the series of 1875 and 1880.

The 10c design is considered very handsome by the Bureau officials, as it is simpler and has less detail than the other denominations thus far completed. The portrait is that of Webster, the engraving being from a painting by Seeley.

Mr. J. H. Lyons of the New England Stamp Co. has shown us a handsome block of four of the new 8c stamp with portrait of Martha Washington. The color is somewhat lighter than the current 8c stamp, and is nearer to the color of the 13c than is usually allowed in United States stamps. This stamp was described in No. 495. It is not yet on sale in Boston. Apropos of the issue of this new historical portrait it is said that the officials of a post office not a thousand miles from Boston received a letter recently which excited considerable interest. The writer said that a

patriotic meeting was to be held shortly, and the committee of arrangements understood that the office "had some fine steel engravings of Martha Washington for sale at 8c each. Would the postmaster kindly send a lot to be used for decoration etc.?"

ARGENTINE.—*Ewen's Weekly Stamp News* chronicles an official card, with copy of decrees on one side, and an impression of the 5c blue commemorative stamp described in No. 499. The inscriptions on the card are in brown.

BRITISH EAST AFRICA.—It is now stated that the King's head series which was promised in December, "cannot be ready before the end of March. *Ewen's Weekly* says the new issue will be used jointly in British East Africa and Uganda.

CANADA.—The New England Stamp Co. shows something unique in the way of a set of 123 varieties of Canadian tobacco, cigar and cigarette stamps of an obsolete type.

CHILE.—The new inland cards have come to hand. They bear the stamp of the new type with "CORREOS DE CHILI" in a semi-circle above the head of Columbus. The inscription in the upper centre, is in three lines, "TARJETA—POSTAL—EN ESTE LADO &c." and the first of the three address lines is preceded by "Sr." The very artistic design is enclosed in an ornamental frame. The imprint "AMERICAN BANK NOTE CO. NEW YORK."

appears at the bottom, outside of frame.

Post Card (Regular):

2c green on pale green, 91x137mm.
2c red on pale green, 91x137mm.

DUTCH INDIES.—The *Philatelic Journal of India* reports a new series for this colony. The design shows the head of the Queen to left in a narrow white circle.

Adhesives (Regular):

10c gray black.
12½c blue.
15c brown.
50c green black.
25c purple.
30c brick red.
50c lake.

FRANCE.—*Ewen's Weekly* reports that 1, 1½, 2, 1½, and 3 anna stamps are to be issued in the new series chronicled in No. 498, but that only the five values there mentioned have yet been issued. Only 200 copies of the 4a have been sent out thus far.

L'Annuaire Timbrologique reports that the current 15c with retouched die was printed in dull rose to the extent of 500,000 sheets. The new stamps with the design of "the sower," are not expected to be ready until March. The design is to be used on the values from 1c to 30c.

FRENCH OFFICES IN CHINA.—According to *L'Echo de la Timbrologie* the special sets for Canton and Hoi-hao have been discontinued and these offices together with Mong-tse, Thonghing and Packhoi have been supplied with stamps of Indo-Chine, surcharged "Chine" in English capitals and also Chinese charac-

NOW ON SALE! STANLEY GIBBONS' PRICED CATALOGUE

OF THE

POSTAGE STAMPS OF THE WORLD.

1903 Edition in One Volume.

747 Pages.

Price 50 Cents Net or By Mail 60 Cents.

Special Attention is drawn to the very important fact that all prices quoted in this catalogue are those at which we sell fine copies of the stamps, and the prices are not in a single case copied from other catalogues but are all the actual prices of stamps in stock at the time of printing and collectors may therefore send their want lists from this catalogue and be sure of getting almost every stamp ordered.

STANLEY GIBBONS, INC.,
167 BROADWAY, NEW YORK CITY.

JONES' BARGAINS.

PERFORATED REVENUES.

1c Playing Card, red.....	\$1.25
4c " violet.....	4.00
\$1.00 Passage Ticket, red.....	3.00
\$2.00 Probate of Will, red.....	.40
\$5.00 Manifest, red.....	1.00
\$5.00 Mortgage, red.....	.40
\$5.00 Probate of Will, red.....	.43

I would be glad to hear from you about the R.venues you need.

FRED G. JONES,

2013 Brook St., LOUISVILLE, KY.

CHAPTER XIV.

Speaking of **OSGOOD'S FAMOUS BIG SELECTIONS** let me remind you that when you receive a book you get 200 varieties of good stamps neatly mounted, cheaply priced and whenever possible arranged by countries. All that the most exacting collector can desire. References.

Complete Set Pan-Am's., only..... 10c
Price list free.

D. W. OSGOOD,

South Fork, Rio Grande Co., Colorado.
(To be Continued.)

ALBUM WEEDS

or How to Detect Forged Stamps.

726 Pages. By R. B. EAREE.

REPRINTS OF POSTAL ADHESIVE STAMPS.

168 Pages. By E. D. BACON.

Both Profusely Illustrated.

Every collector and dealer ought to own both of these books. With them spurious stamps can be detected and the character of questionable stamps determined.

These books have been used but their condition is as good as new.

The regular price of the first named is \$3.00, my price, post free, only..... \$2.00
The only regular price of the second named is \$1.00, my price, post free, is..... .60

I have only one copy of each.

Wm. D. Eldredge, Boston, Mass.
Boston Correspondent. Box 1352.

WHEN YOU THINK OF SELLING

WRITE TO

B. L. DREW & CO.,

7 WATER ST., (Room 501), BOSTON, MASS.

(cont.)

The Leading Auction Firm in America.

Please mention ERA when answering ads.

OUT TO-DAY!

ORDER IT! IT'S FREE!

The publishers of the Perforator will mail a free sample copy of the

Mammoth Holiday Number

of their publication to any reader of this paper who has never seen the Perforator.

The Special Holiday Edition contains a remarkable array of pleasing philatelic reading matter. There are enough features to keep you interested, everything is absolutely original and if you want to see a real live stamp paper that is up-to-the-minute the Perforator is anxious to prove its claim.

30 CENTS

Pays for a Year's Subscription.

Address

THE PERFORATOR,

106 E. 111th Street, NEW YORK CITY.

"If you see it in the Perforator it's original."

ters indicating value as well as name.

Those issued thus far are:

Adhesives (Regular):

1c black on blue.
2c brown on buff.
4c violet brown.
5c yellow green.
10c carmine.
15c gray.
50c brown on green.
25c black on rose.
25c brown.
40c orange.
50c rose.
75c violet on orange.
1r olive.
5r violet.

ITALY.—*L'Echo de la Timbrologie* says that a sheet of the 5c has been printed by mistake in the color of the 2c red brown.

MALTA.—According to *Ewen's Stamp News*, 2d registration envelopes have been issued with King's head. The same authority says that the red "tick" or mark no longer appears on the 2½d blue stamps sold at the local post office.

Envelope (Registration):
2d blue, King's head.

RUSSIA.—A correspondent of *Ewen's Weekly* adds the 14k to the list of those printed on vertically laid paper. The 2k, 7k, 10k, 20k and 1r have already been chronicled.

L'Annonce Timbrologique reports that the 1k and 5k have also been issued on vertically laid paper.

SARAWAK.—Mr. Lohmeyer has received the new Inland card, issued recently. The stamp is of the type of 1889, (A4). The inscription is in three lines, "POST CARD—SARAWAK—THE ADDRESS ONLY TO BE WRITTEN ON THIS SIDE."

Post Card (Regular):
1c green on cream, 88x140mm.

TRANSVAAL.—Mr. Lohmeyer has received the new King's head single cards and letter card, which are of the same type as the recently chronicled cards of Gambia and Grenada, the letter card being the same as that of Great Britain with the addition of the word "TRANSVAAL" under "LETTER CARD" and, of course, bearing the stamp, inscribed "TRANSVAAL", of the new type adopted for all Colonial cards. His correspondent informs him that the double cards are not yet obtainable.

The 3d and 4d stamps of King's head type have been circulated by the Postal Union. The colors being the same as the 1sh and 2sh, the latter have been printed in new colors and are ready for circulation.

Adhesives (Regular):

3d sage green and black.
4d chocolate and black.
1sh red brown and black.
2sh yellow and black.

Post Cards (Regular):

½d green on white, 89x139mm.
1d carmine on cream, 89x139mm.

Letter Card (Regular):

1d carmine on pale blue, 89x139mm.

Pre-cancels not in my collection wanted. Best cash or trade price. E. R. ALDRICH, Benson, Minn. [17

TRADE COLUMN.

Under this head we will print exchange, want and for sale notices, business announcements, 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.

One four-line notice free with each subscription, providing copy accompanies the subscription.

THREE Consecutive Insertions of SAME ad in this Column for PRICE OF TWO.

Having purchased a dealer's stock, desire to exchange my duplicates. I want good stamps, especially unissued. Will give good trade for same. A. HERRMANN, A16 Produce Exchange, N. Y.

Bargains, St. Vincent, Scott No. 50, 5sh, o. g., carmine lake, \$1.90, single or pairs; New Zealand No. 28, 6d brown, used, 70c; Victoria No. 118, 8d brown, 40c; Newfoundland, unused, No. 3, 80c; No. 18, 50c; No. 22, 35c, block four same, \$1.40. A. MACK, Box 494, Ottawa, Ont. [15]

Many var. foreign revenues to exchange for U. S. or Canada revenue or postage, except commonest kinds. Want duplicates for exchange purposes. Columbians, Omaha, Buffalo, 98 Revenues, etc. Write. THOS. G. SUTHERLAND, West Heniker, N. H.

Offers of Amer. Collectors' Co. common or preferred stock wanted. Basil G. Butler, Box 604, Richmond, Va.

King's Head 40 French Levant, 3c; 2½ Zanibar. 5c; 5c Playing Card, 2cc. Departments in Sets or Single. J. H. HOUSTON, 337 Penn Ave., N. W., Washington, D. C. [16]

1000 Stamp Papers, many complete volumes of leading papers. Make your best offer for the lot. Cash, U. S. Stamps or Proofs. A. E. CHASE, Brunswick, Me. [13]

A few good stamps at half catalogue. GEO. F. CRANE, 90 Nassau St., N. Y. City. [9]

Is your collection for sale? Get your dealer to make a price on it, add 50¢ to his offer, and send book to me. It's 10¢ I buy it. F. W. PICKARD, 2427 Ingleside, Cincinnati, O. [10]

Stamp exch. relations wanted on equal basis. Good duplicates. J. W. Witty, Box 1352, Springfield, Mass. [12]

Have you mice? Best and cleanest trap on market 10 cents. Requires no bait. Great "Ping Pong" puzzle to cents. Send stamp for illustrated catalogue, 300 useful articles, novelties, books, etc. See my notice ERA No. 492 giving Christmas hints. Autographs, relics, etc. Bought and sold. JOSEPH B. FLYNN, Dept. E, 138 West 63rd Street, New York. [12]

Extraordinary value: Peru 1c, bistre, inverted surcharge, unused, Scott's No. 152, 2pc each. Blocks and strips same rate. H. L. RICH, Somerville, Mass. [10]

U. S. Pre-cancelled postage stamps. I will pay a good price in cash or exchange for any not in my collection. F. L. SMITH, 40 Exchange Pl., N. Y. [12c]

British Colonies, unused, 2 for 5c: (1) Cape Good Hope ½d green; (2) Orange River Col. on Cape, ½d green; (3) Orange Free State V. R. 1, ½d; (4) Brit. So. Africa ½d green; (5) New Zealand ½d green; (6) Malta ½d green; (7) Tasmania ½d orange; (8) To. Ago ½d green; (9) West Australia ½d green; (10) St. Lucia ½d green. Many others at same rate, post. extra. LINCOLN STAMP & COIN CO., Lincoln, Neb. [11]

You'll have to do the soaking and sorting! Civil War Revenues 25c per 500; 40c per 1,000; \$1.75 per 5000. U. S. Postage 15c per 1000; 60c per 5000. Postage extra. C. W. ABBOTT, Upper Montclair, N. J. [10]

Mexico Postage or Revenue: 15 all diff., 12c: 75 assorted 27; 100 mixed 12c. Payment in stamps. FELIPE NAVEDA, Urbina 8, Toluca City, Mexico. [10]

Strips, pairs, blocks, imp. U. S. bargain prices; 6c Prop., \$14.00. KING, 141 East 19th St., N. Y. City. [10]

Approval sheets 60¢ discount. Net sheets for advanced collectors, 8000 var. in stock. Want lists desired. F. W. PICKARD, 2427 Ingleside, Cincinnati, O. [10]

Pre-can. U. S. on approval. Ex. desired with advanced collectors. L. E. Richardson, Carrier 3, Putnam, Ct. [10]

Two-thirds list for foreign cat. over 5c, in exchange for stamps at list. Lots under \$5 declined. Have 8000 var. on hand. F. W. Pickard, 2427 Ingleside, Cincinnati, O. [10]

Wanted for cash U. S. pre-cancelled postage stamps. WALTER L. GATES, Testicket, Mass. [11c]

BARGAINS! BARGAINS!! BARGAINS!!!
For COLLECTORS and DEALERS.
Used U. S. Stamped Envelopes.

CUT SQUARE.		Cat. Price.	My Price
No.		Per 1.	Per 10
		\$0.20	\$0.60
1301	1853, 3c red on white.....	.05	.10
1305	1853, 3c red on white.....	.05	.10
1310	1853, 3c red on buff.....	.15	.50
1314	1853, 3c red on buff.....	.05	.10
1323	1871, 3c red on buff.....	.15	.50
1330	1861, 3c pink on white.....	.15	.50
1332	1864, 3c pink on buff.....	.10	.35
1350	1864, 3c pink on white.....	.05	.15
1352	1864, 3c pink on buff.....	.05	.15
1368	1873, 3c green on white.....	.03	.10
1383	1870, 3c green on cream.....	.03	.10
1390	1870, 1c blue on orange.....	.10	.40
1400	1874, 1c blue on white.....	.02	.07
1407	1874, 3c green on white.....	.01	.01
1408	1874, 3c carmine on white.....	.15	.60
1417	1874, 2c vermilion.....	.10	.40
1422	1876, 3c Centennial.....	.25	.75
1415	1874, 3c green on amber.....	.20	.70
1420	1874, 3c green on amber.....	.02	.05
1455	1874, 3c green on cream.....	.05	.10
1462	1874, 1c blue on cream.....	.11	.40
1463	1880, 2c on cream.....	1.00	3.00
1468	1874, 1c blue on orange.....	.05	.10
1470	1874, 3c green on blue.....	.05	.15
1479	1875, 2c vermilion.....	.05	.15
1485	1875, 3c green on fawn.....	.05	.15
1486	U. S. 1883, 2c on white.....	.05	.15
1487	Oct. 1883, 2c on amber.....	.18	.60
1488	Oct. 1883, 2c on fawn.....	.25	.75
1490	Nov. 1883, 2c on white.....	.03	.10
1491	Nov. 1883, 2c on amber.....	.05	.10
1492	Nov. 1883, 2c on fawn.....	.15	.50
1493	1883, 4c green on white.....	.15	.50
1498	May 1884, 2c on amber.....	.05	.15
1499	May 1884, 2c on brown.....	.05	.15
1506	June 1884, 2c brown.....	.05	.15
1510	July 1884, 2c on amber.....	.01	.05
1514	July 1884, 2c on fawn.....	.03	.10
1516	July 1884, 2c on blue.....	.03	.10
1522	1885, 2c on oriental buff.....	.08	.30
1547	1887, 2c blue on white.....	.01	.03
1549	1887, 2c green on white.....	.01	.03
1556	1887, 2c green on amber.....	.01	.03
1562	1887, 2c on oriental buff.....	.01	.03
1568	1887, 2c green on blue.....	.01	.03
1573	1887, 1c on manila.....	.01	.03
1581	1887, 2c on amber manila.....	.01	.03
1585	1893, 1c Columbian.....	.02	.05
1586	1893, 2c Columbian.....	.01	.03
1589	1893, 10c Columbian.....	.20	.75
1800	Post Office 1873, 2c.....	.10	.40
1801	Post Office 1873, 3c.....	.02	.10
1803	Post Office 1874, 2c.....	.05	.15
1804	Post Office 1874, 3c.....	.01	.03
1865	War 1875, 3c on blue.....	.05	.10
1867	War 1875, 3c on buff.....	.01	.10
1314	100 for \$0.75, Catalogue Price	\$5.00	
1350	100 for 1.00, Catalogue Price	5.00	
1358	100 for 1.00, Catalogue Price	5.00	
1480	100 for 1.00, Catalogue Price	5.00	
1486	100 for 1.00, Catalogue Price	5.00	
1487	100 for 1.50, Catalogue Price	8.00	
1490	100 for .50, Catalogue Price	3.00	
1491	100 for .75, Catalogue Price	5.00	
1492	100 for 2.50, Catalogue Price	15.00	
1506	100 for .75, Catalogue Price	5.00	
1510	100 for .30, Catalogue Price	1.00	
1586	100 for .10, Catalogue Price	1.00	
1804	100 for .50, Catalogue Price	1.00	
1860	100 for .75, Catalogue Price	5.00	

Postage extra on orders under \$1.00.
 Unused stamps not accepted in payment.
 Please remit by Bills or Money Order.

C. F. ROTHFUCHS,
 38 MUNROE ST., ROXBURY, MASS.
 Special! No. 1401, unused, cut sq., for \$1.50

Topics About Town.

FROM NEW YORK CITY

The *Perforator* for December will contain two half-tone engravings of two of Mr. J. F. Seybold's gems. One cover represents five two cent Mobile Confederate provisionals; this cover was formerly the property of the late Henry Gremmel and he considered it one of the best things in his stock. The other illustration is that of a very fine copy of the Lenor provisional.

Mr. John D. Carberry will take a trip to

Syracuse the coming week; he expects to call on a few of the "lights" of that enterprising city.

The new stamp of Argentine Republic is one of the prettiest stamps seen in some time; it is a ready seller.

The 13c U. S. is offered used by almost every dealer in town. It sells from seven cents up. A postoffice employee told the writer that the demand is not quite as large as the postoffice people anticipated, but as soon as people get accustomed to it, the demand for this odd value will greatly increase. The other values of the set are eagerly awaited.

It is said that the revolutionary forces in Morocco have issued stamps. The status of these stamps are questioned.

Stanley Gibbons' 1903 Catalogue, in one volume and priced in American money, has been received.

VOLUNTEER.

The Moldavian Reprints.

The November issue of *Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal* adds the following to their editorial in the preceding number which we reproduced on page 84 of No. 498 of the ERA.

Since our last number was in print Mr. C. J. Phillips has succeeded in obtaining for his collection of reprints a set of the impressions of the circular stamps to which we referred last month. These impressions have been submitted to the Expert Committee of the London Philatelic Society, and have been pronounced to be printed from the original dies. There is no danger of any of the reprints that correspond with the set shown us being mistaken for originals, because, as stated last month, the three values which should be on *laid* paper are struck upon *wove*, whilst the one value that should be on *wove* is upon *laid*; but who can say whether impressions may not also have been taken upon papers which correspond more closely with those of the genuine stamps? Of those before us, the 27 paras is upon thick, *rose wove*, the 54 paras upon a thinner *dark green* paper, the 81 paras upon thinish, *grey laid*, with the laid lines very distinct, and the 108 paras on *lilac wove*, of about the same substance as the *green* paper. All are carefully gummed, an addition quite unnecessary in the case of acknowledged reprints. There are evident signs of damage, by rust or ill usage, to the dies of the 27 and 108 paras, especially in the case of the higher value, which shows large breaks in the outer line at upper and lower left, and these should fortunately be irreparable. The 54 and 81 paras are in much better

TRANSVAAL KING'S HEAD CARDS.

Just Received.

1-2d green on white.....	\$0.03
1d carmine on cream.....	.05
1d carmine on blue, Letter Card.....	.05

Postage Extra.

ADOLPH LOHMEYER,
 922 N. Guilmer St., BALTIMORE, MD.

You May Not Think So

But, although we have one of the largest and best stocks of Entire and Cut Square U. S. Envelopes in the world, there are some which we need. Of course, they are not the common ones that are offered at any old price, even cheaper than coal, those do not interest collectors as they all have them. It is the vacant spaces that cause the "I wish I had them" feeling. We want the following envelopes, entire, unused and clean. If you have them to offer write us at once. Numbers according to Scott's Catalogue: 1354, 1355, 1356, 1366, 1368, 1371, 1372, 1373, 1374, 1375, 1376, 1379, 1383, 1384, 1425, 1586, 1587, 1388, 1390, 1391, 1392, 1493, 1394, 1395, 1441, 1443, 1445, 1457, 1459, 1460, 1461.

HOLTON STAMP CO., BOSTON, MASS.

WHOLESALE SELECTIONS

on approval to responsible dealers. Reference required.

GUARANTEE STAMP CO.,
 106 E. 111th St., NEW YORK.

condition, and dangerous work might be done with them; not sufficiently good perhaps to deceive experts, but such as might easily pass for originals with collectors who have only photographs to compare them with, the designs being of course correct.

Le Moniteur du Collectionneur reproduces the letter of M. Paul Paulescu, together with the remarks upon it which appeared in the *London Philatelist*, and adds a letter from M. Moroiu, a well known Philatelist of Bucharest, who claims to know even more about this matter than M. Paulescu, and to have been an intimate friend of General Gorjan, who had the reprints made. M. Moroiu describes the papers much as we have done, but adds that the 54 paras was also reprinted on *pale green wove*, and the 81 paras upon *azure wove*, as well as *laid*. The papers of the 108 paras he terms *rose lilac* and *lilac*, both wove, and he states that the 5 paras of the second issue was reprinted in *black on white pelure*, and upon *azure*, not upon *lilac rose*, as stated by M. Paulescu, who seems in one portion of his letter to have mixed up his description of this value with that of the 108 paras. We do not suppose that we have yet got at the whole truth about this matter; it seems unlikely that the very existence of these reprints should have been kept a profound secret for eleven years, unless there were still hopes of obtaining impressions which might be taken for originals.

Just as we are going to press, Mr. Phillips has received a letter from a correspondent in Bucharest, stating that these supposed reprints are quite recent forgeries! Further details are promised, which we hope to lay before our readers later on.

B. P. S. 1903 Exhibitions.

The following circular has been issued and is reproduced here to give additional circulation:

EXHIBITION COMMITTEE FOR 1903.

BOSTON, December 6, 1902.

To the Members of the Boston Philatelic Society:

The past year has been one of exceptional prosperity and progress for this Society, and one hard to excel, if indeed it can be equaled.

Your Committee, however, feels encouraged by the spirit of enthusiasm manifested, and hopes to achieve at least an equal degree of success during the coming year.

Recognizing that the past prosperity owes everything to the enthusiastic interest and co-operation of the officers and members, we ask to be sustained by the same active and loyal support and assistance accorded your late excellent and hardworking committee. The members and friends, in the name of the Society, have liberally responded in the offering of medals, and if the members will kindly assist your Committee by an equal response in the shape of stamps for competition, the success of the forthcoming and third competitive exhibition can be fully assured.

One offer of prizes, from our worthy Secretary, for original essays, should be especially mentioned and commended, as the dearth of original papers on Philately of late has been notably apparent both in society and journalistic work.

In the interest of the members possessing collections of minor prominence, and who have heretofore failed to obtain a prize, several medals have also been offered.

These competitive exhibitions will be given at the regular meetings of the Society on the dates given hereafter, and the medals to be given to successful competitors have been donated by Messrs. C. A. Howes, E. S. Martin, Dr. W. J. Gascoyne, J. H. Lyons, L. G. Barrett, F. P. Brown, E. F. Sawyer, A. W. Batchelder, W. H. Colson, E. M. Carpenter, and the Pacific Philatelic Society.

At each meeting two medals, one of silver and one of bronze, will be awarded for the exhibits standing first and second on the judges' list, except the exhibit of June 16, when a silver medal will be awarded for entire envelopes and wrappers, and a bronze medal for those cut square. The judges will be, as heretofore, three in number, will be appointed by the committee for each exhibition, and will be ineligible to compete while serving in that capacity.

It is the sincere wish and desire of your Committee that every member possible enter at least one of the exhibits, and thus strive to make this, the third competitive exhibition, equally as attractive and successful as the preceding ones have been.

E. F. SAWYER, }
J. H. LYONS, } *Exhibition*
L. G. BARRETT, } *Committee.*

RULES FOR COMPETITORS.

1. Members of the Society only will be eligible to compete.
2. All stamps entered for competition must be the absolute property of the exhibitors.
3. All exhibits must be in the hands of the Committee by 2 P. M. on the day of the meeting, and the Committee will be responsible for the safety of any collection whose owner is unable to be present.

EXHIBITIONS.

NOTE.—Exhibits to include, when not specially mentioned, both adhesive stamps and envelopes and wrappers issued for postal purposes by governments or postmasters.

Jan. 20. Stamp portraits, not busts, full face and three-quarters view. Percentages: Condition, 75%; arrangement, 25%.

*Feb. 17. Best general exhibit, adhesives only. Collections not to number over 6,000. Percentages: Completeness, 20%; condition, 50%; arrangement, 30%.

Mar. 17. Best collection of stamps of the 20th century, exhibited in printed albums. Single specimens only to count. Percentages: Completeness, 75%; condition, 25%.

*April 21. British-North America. Percentages: Completeness, 20%; condition, 50%; completeness, 30%.

May 19. Russia, including Finland. Percentages: Completeness, 35%; rarity, 30%; condition, 25%; arrangement, 10%.

*June 16. Envelopes and wrappers (entire) of Great Britain and Colonies. Envelopes and wrappers (cut square) of Great Britain and Colonies. Percentages: Completeness, 20%; condition, 50%; arrangement, 30%.

Sept. 15. Victoria. Percentages: Completeness, 35%; rarity, 30%; condition, 25%; arrangement, 10%.

*Oct. 20. United States, adhesives only. Percentages: Completeness, 20%; condition, 50%; arrangement, 30%.

Nov. 17. Commemorative stamps of the world. Percentages: Completeness, 35%; rarity, 30%; condition, 25%; arrangement, 10%.

Dec. 15. Original essays upon subjects having an immediate and practical bearing on the study of postage stamps.

*For members who have never taken a prize. Blocks, strips and pairs to count as single stamps only.

Bridgeport Philatelic Society.

The meeting of the Bridgeport Philatelic Club was held at their rooms in the Sturdevant Building, Tuesday evening, Dec. 9th.

Our President, Mr. Wilnot, gave a short address illustrating the country of Venezuela giving in minute details the many

causes which led this country to surcharging their stamps, which were verified by Dr. Bowers while exhibiting his valuable collection of this country comprising 500 varieties, every issue appearing both used and unused. The imperforates were shown in pairs and blocks.

The surcharged Too Late stamps were shown in black, red, green ink, this alone consisting of 75 stamps on original covers. The scarce 25c orange and black 1893 issue surcharged appeared both used and unused. There were 20 varieties of revenues postally used on original covers and many oddities as triangular $\frac{1}{2}$, Vertical $\frac{1}{2}$ and Horizontal $\frac{1}{2}$ on covers, 40 varieties. The country of Brazil will be the topic for Tuesday evening, Dec. 23rd.

Mr. A. D. Lewis and Dr. Bowers have informed the club that at the first meeting in January they will exhibit the country of Danish West Indies.

We are advised that another collection is soon to make its appearance here, being the property of Mr. C. Van Kirk and totaling \$25,000. The U. S. is complete in every respect and at present stored in a safe deposit vault in Brooklyn.

Our New York philatelic brothers seem to think Bridgeport is a slow town, but the stamp trust is well represented at every meeting.

Detroit Paragraphs.

Stamp collecting in general here is quiet at present, everything is Holidays. Many of us who work downtown have to put in long hours now with no chance for stamps.

The local collectors are now looking forward for the new Catalogue. Some have great expectations and wonder what increase their collections have made.

I see there is an agitation on in St. Louis, Mo., to have letter boxes placed on street corners. The St. Louis papers contained lengthy articles on the new Postal idea.

With Christmas before us and with the many good things that are bestowed upon us, we should not forget that there are many things philatelically, that would be appreciated by collectors, and it would help along the cause a great deal. Some of the younger collectors would certainly feel proud if some one should present them with, say a new album, a catalogue, a package of good stamps, or a year's subscription to the ERA. Could anything be better than the last? It would be a present that would last all the year round. Remember you were young once and appreciated favors from the older ones. Plant the acorn and the philatelic oak will soon grow. Do it now before it's too late.

HERMAN W. BOERS.

American Philatelic Association.

(INCORPORATED.)

THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA—OFFICIAL JOURNAL.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

ALEXANDER HOLLAND, President,
40 Grace Court, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Board of Vice-Presidents.
FRANK H. BURT, Chairman,
Room 1046, Tremont Buildg., Boston, Mass.
GORDON IRELAND, Secretary
Holyoke House St., Cambridge, Mass.
J. F. JOHNSON,
383 Lexington St., Auburndale, Mass.

H. E. DEATS, Secretary,
Flemington, N. J.
E. DOEBLIN, International Secretary,
Box 736, Pittsburg, Pa.
C. L. ANNAN, Treasurer,
Copper Range R. R., Houghton, Mich.
H. B. PHILLIPS,
1311 Grove St., Berkeley, Cal.
F. W. CONING,
350 George St., New Brunswick, N. J.

RESIDENT VICE-PRESIDENTS.

BOSTON, MASS.—J. F. JOHNSON, 383 Lexington St., Auburndale, Mass.
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.—W. E. LOV, 2431 Ellsworth St., Berkeley, Cal.
NEW YORK CITY.—W. F. GREGORY, 71 Nassau St.
PITTSBURG, PA.—E. DOEBLIN, Box 736.
CHICAGO, ILL.—A. F. MERRELL, 439 Marquette Building.
MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.—EDEN S. MARTIN, 3244 First Avenue, South.
WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS—ROBERT D. MAYNARD, 36 Oak Grove Ave., Springfield.

APPOINTIVE OFFICERS.

E. H. ANDERSON, Librarian,
Carnegie Library, Pittsburg, Pa.
H. D. WATSON, Collecting Agent,
64 Cedar St., New York City.
JOHN J. OESCH, Superintendent of Sales Dept.,
34 Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill.

H. E. DEATS, Assistant Librarian,
Flemington, N. J.
W. F. GREGORY, Auction Purchasing Agent,
71 Nassau St., New York City.
P. M. WOLSIEFFER, Auction Purchasing Agent,
1000 Atwood Bldg., Chicago, Ill.
A. W. BATCHELDER, Auction Purchasing Agent,
21 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass.



REPORT OF SECRETARY

For the Week Ending December 20th.

Applications for Membership.

CHAPMAN, SILAS, Hartford, Conn.; age, 57; occupation, Fire Insurance. References: W. H. Bruce, Wm. C. Stone.
HOFERT, WM. F., 543 West 12th St., Chicago, Ill.; age, 18; occupation, Dealer in Stamps, Wm. F. Hofert & Co. References: R. Robinson, John J. Oesch; Resident Vice-President, A. F. Merrell. Guarantor, John Hofert.

New Stockholders.

1788. MERRELL, DR. F. B., 100 State St., Chicago, Ill.
1789. STAAB, W. O., 163 Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Applications for Re-instatement.

259. PLATZ, A., 314 Fourth Ave., Pittsburg, Pa.
952. WILSON, H. E., Fitzsimmons Bldg., Pittsburg, Pa.

Correction.

Application published last week should be CARL JOHANZON, not Johanger, as printed.

Changes of Address.

1783. LINKE, DR. WM. H., from 902 36th St. to 784 35th St., Milwaukee, Wis.
24. RALL, EMIL J., from Chief of Inspectors, Sanitary Dept., Prado 87, Havana, Cuba, to Merida, Yucatan, Mexico.

Membership Summary.

Membership Dec. 13th.....	526
New Stockholders	2
Total membership Dec. 20th.....	528

H. E. DEATS, Secretary.

CHICAGO BRANCH, No. 1.

The regular monthly meeting of Chicago Branch No. 1 of the A. P. A. was held in the C. P. S. club room on the evening of December 11. Those present were: Messrs. Boehm, Doncyson, Irving Dickenson, Flanders, Johanson, Massoth, A. F. Merrell, Dr. Merrell, L. Michael, Moisant, Oesch, Robinson, Severn, Staab, Von Schaezler and Wolsieffer.

In the absence of President Smack, J. J. Oesch was unanimously elected to the chair.

The report of the Secretary of the previous meeting was read and adopted.

On motion by Messrs. Wolsieffer-Severn, Mr. Oesch was appointed to receive stamps for the drawing held after close of meetings and he was given absolute power to refuse or accept any stamp offered for the drawing.

The meeting of the C. P. S. which was to have been held on January 1, having been postponed until January 8, it was decided to hold the next branch meeting on January 22, the fourth Thursday of the month.

The meeting then adjourned.

Mr. Staab was successful at the stamp drawing.

R. ROBINSON, Sec'y.

The Collectors Club,

351 FOURTH AVE., NEW YORK.

The 86th meeting of the Board of Governors was held at the Club House on Monday evening, December 8, 1902.

Present: Messrs. Andreini, Bruner, Luff, Morgenthau, Scott and Perrin.

Meeting called to order at 8.30 P. M. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. A number of communications were read by the Secretary.

The Treasurer's report, showing a cash balance in bank of \$696.17, exclusive of reserve fund, was accepted as read.

The report of the House Committee was read and received.

It was duly moved, seconded and carried that the Entertainment Committee be requested to provide an entertainment at the Club on the evening of January 17 next, and that \$100 be provided for expenses.

The application of Mr. L. L. R. Hausberg having been posted the required length of time, was balloted upon and he was declared unanimously elected a subscribing member.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 10 P. M.

ALBERT PERRIN, Secretary.

The Postal Card Society of America.

Officers for 1902-3.

President, HORACE E. CARPENTER, JR., Care N. B. Bradley & Sons, Bay City, Mich.
Vice-President, J. T. ALBERT HOSBACH, 1422 North 53rd St., Philadelphia, Pa.
Secretary, W. P. AGER, Hope, Ark.
Treasurer, JOHN N. MOSS, 103 Devonshire St., Boston, Mass.
Executive Committee, GUY A. BRYANT, Princeton, Ill.; W. D. ARNOLD, The Portland, Broadway, St. Paul, Minn.; N. HASKELL WRITHER, 230 S. 9th St., La Crosse, Wis.
Exchange Superintendent, J. T. A. HOSBACH, 1422 No. 53rd St., Phila., Pa.
Purchasing Agent, ADOLPH LOHMEYER, 922 N. Gilmore St., Baltimore, Md.
International Secretary, E. DOEBLIN, P. O. Box 736, Pittsburg, Pa.
Official Journal, THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA.

IF YOU WISH TO

BUY, SELL OR EXCHANGE

Stamps, Desired Results can be had through

AN AD IN THE WEEKLY ERA.

Chicago Notes.

J. F. Negreen, a former Omaha stamp dealer, tarried in Chicago a day or two before departing for New York, where he will open a stamp office.

H. O. Talbot, who had charge of the exhibition of rare stamps in the Brooklyn Art Institute, is making a short visit here. He was in evidence at Massoth's auction Saturday evening.

Wolsieffer's next sale, which takes place early in January, will contain the splendid collection of Match and Medicine stamps belonging to Geo. L. Toppan of Racine, Wis. Quite a number of rarities as well as mint specimens will be listed.

The troublous times in Venezuela are responsible for an unusual demand for the stamps of that country. Our dealers have improved the opportunity to relieve themselves of their surplus stock at very fair prices.

At F. N. Massoth's 19th auction sale, which was held under the auspices of the C. P. S., record time was made. There was but a small crowd present, and the floor bidding was not very brisk. Nearly all the wholesale lots, which brought fair prices, left the city. Following are a few of the prices realized:

	Cat. price.	Sale price
U. S., No. 42, blk of 4, o. g.,	\$2.00	\$1.45
1882, 6c, o. g.,	2.50	1.50
1888, 30c, blk of 4, o. g.,	2.60	1.50
1890, 90c, pair, o. g.,	3.00	1.95
\$1.00 Col., o. g.,	2.50	1.80
\$3.00 " "	3.75	2.60
New York, 5c, used,	7.00	3.50
No. 47, used,	3.50	1.60
No. 118,	3.50	1.70
No. 119,	1.50	.95
Shanghai, No. 23, o. g.,	2.50	1.30
No. 62,	3.50	1.60
France, No. 225,	2.50	1.00
No. 228,	1.75	1.20
1849, 15c green,	2.00	1.00
Thurn and Taxis, blk of 4, No. 54, o. g.,	1.20	.80
Gibraltar, No. 3, o. g.,	4.00	1.80
Newfoundland, No. 5, unused,	1.50	1.00
No. 17, unused,	7.50	2.75
No. 23,	1.25	1.00

CLIFFORD.

Please mention the ERA when writing advertisers.

Wm. v. d. Wettern, Jr.,
WHOLESALE DEALER IN

★ **POSTAGE + STAMPS.** ★
411 W. Saratoga St., Baltimore, Md.

New special list just issued, sent free on application to dealers only.

Literature Department.

Conducted by WILLIAM C. STONE, 384 Union Street, Springfield, Mass., to whom all books, magazines and papers intended for review should be addressed. Exchanges will please send one copy to the above address.

Rather a startling bit of news is given in *Mekeel's Stamp Collector* for December 8th. It is to the effect that in due time steps will be taken by the exposition authorities to have a set of special stamps issued for the Louisiana Purchase Exposition in 1904.

It seems to me rather doubtful whether the postal authorities will look with favor upon any such request. But if they should I should like to suggest that a portrait of Napoleon I. be placed upon one of the stamps as it was through his means that the treaty was made and the country became a part of the United States.

The *Metropolitan Philatelist* for December 6 contains a list of portraits appearing on postage stamps with the dates of birth and death of each, and brief mention of their titles or offices held. The amount of work necessary to compile such a list can only be appreciated by those who have tried it themselves. The list contains the names of 200 persons, an increase of 61 over that compiled by your humble servant in the annual number of the *American Philatelist* for February 1894. What will it be in ten years from now if the South and Central American Republics keep up the picture gallery sets they have commenced. As a starter we are threatened with a list of 48 names proposed by a Chilean commission charged with the preparation of the new issues.

The growing tendency to specialize is recognized by the *Revue Philatelique Francaise* in a re-arrangement of their chronicle by which France and colonies, England and colonies, Portugal and colonies etc. will be grouped together and following them will come the independent countries arranged by continents.

Victor Flandrin gives a good resume of the principality of Monaco and its stamps. A brief history of the petty state is given and liberal quotations are made from postal documents. The *Philatelic Record* presents the first paper of an exceedingly full scientific study of the stamps of Griqualand West. It is by Lieut. Napier, whose writings are already familiar to us. Some excellent illustrations are shown of the various types and the article will be of great value to advanced collectors.

The triangular Cape stamps have always had a fascination for the young collector and when he gets older he longs for the so-called "wood blocks" and then for the errors of the same. In the *London Philatelist* is an article in which an attempt is made to compile a tentative list of the number of copies of unsevered pairs of the errors and ordinary variety *se tenant*. An

HAVE YOU THESE?

UNITED STATES		
1895, 50c orange, fair copies.....	●●	0.04
ABYSSINIA		
*1894 Postage, 1/2 g to 16g, 7 var.....		.35
*1896 Unpaid, 1/2 g to 16g, 7 va.....		.35
Both sets for.....		.60
BRAZIL		
1899 1000r on 700r fawn.....		.15
1899 2000r on 1000r yellow buff.....		.30
BR. SOUTE AFRICA		
1897 4d ultramarine and red violet.....		.08
1899 2d brown.....		.06
CEYLON		
1895 30c violet & orange brown, "On Service"		.07
GIBRALTAR		
1898 1d carmine.....		.02
NEW ZEALAND		
1899 1/2d green.....		.01
1899 3d orange brown ..		.05
1902 1d carmine.....		.01
TRANSVAAL		
1902 1/2d green and black, King's Head..		.03
1902 1d carmine and black, King's Head..		.02
1902 2d purple and black, King's Head..		.05
1902 1/2 E. R. I. on sd brown and green..		.04
VICTORIA		
1902 6d emerald green, without postage, fair copies, but heavily cancelled..		.05

Lots of stamps desired for our mail auction sales. Terms on application.

* Unused. Postage Extra.

COLUMBIAN STAMP CO., Arlington, Mass.

CHRIS GIFTS! I am Santa Claus, Jr.
At my prices these stamps are literally presented to you. All good margins.

	Cat.	My
95c Insurance, Imp.....	\$0.25	\$0.08
50c Conveyance, Imp.....	1.50	.45
50c Original Process, Imp.....	.40	.12
60c Inland Exchange, Imp.....	1.00	.27
\$1.00 Power Attorney, Imp.....	1.00	.27
\$1.00 Inland Exchange, part perf.....	10.00	2.35
5c Conveyance, part perf.....	.75	.25
30c Inland, part perf.....	.95	.28
5c Express, ".....	1.00	.28
10c Inland, ".....	.10	.03
40c " ".....	.35	.13
5c " ".....	.10	.03
5c Certificate, ".....	.15	.04
50c Probate Will, Imp.....	2.50	.70
\$5.00 " ".....	12.50	3.35
\$2.00 " " Perf.....	8.00	.40
\$1.00 " ".....	1.95	.45
6c Prop. 1878, ".....	.60	.20

Postage extra on orders under 50c.
E. C. Dodd, 259 So. Hermitage Ave., Chicago.

Illustration is shown of the block of four containing the 4 penny red error on the original cover which was recently offered at auction in London.

In the *American Journal of Philately* C. A. Howes continues his account of the designs found on the New Zealand pictorials, and gives us no little amount of the colony's history. The latter part of his article is taken up with a similar treatment of the Tasmanian pictorials.

Sir Daniel Cooper, formerly president of the London Society, read at the Philatelic Congress in Paris in 1878, a paper on the postal laws of Hawaii from 1852 to 1878 which has been translated by M. H. Lombard.

The New England Philatelic Association.
Organized February, 1895.

Board of Officers:
President, CHARLES H. SMITH, Dedham, Mass.
Vice President, J. FAVILL CAPRON, 22 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass.
Secretary and Treasurer, H. W. LEGG, Pepperell, Mass.
Sales Department, CHARLES H. STONE, 91 Antrim St., Cambridgeport, Mass.
Information Bureau, MRS. WALLACE DANA SMITH, 20 Wilder St., Portsmouth, N. H.
Counterfeit Detector, WILLIS D. KING, Nashua, N. H.
Attorney, HORACE S. BACON, 107 Stevens St., Lowell, Mass.
Governing Board, CHARLES H. STONE, Chairman, 91 Antrim St., Cambridgeport, Mass.; JOHN J. COKE, New Dorchester, Mass.; FRANK A. WILSON, 185 Highland Ave., Somerville, Mass.
Official Organ, THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA.

The Weekly Philatelic Era

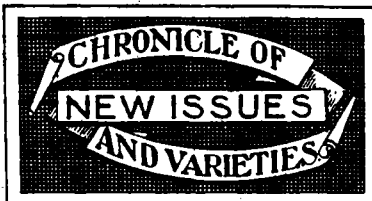
A PAPER DEVOTED TO STAMP NEWS.

50¢ PER YEAR.

ENTERED AT PORTLAND POST OFFICE AS SECOND CLASS MATTER JAN. 10, 1890.

2¢ PER COPY.

VOL. XVII. No. 14. PORTLAND, ME., SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1902. WHOLE No. 502.



BY HENRY A. KIDDER.

Friends of the ERA are invited to send to the editor of this department any information regarding new issues or varieties that may prove of interest. Such information will be suitably acknowledged. Address, HENRY A. KIDDER, 17 Addison Street, Arlington, Mass.

Exchanges will please send Mr. Kidder a copy of each issue to the foregoing address, and an extra copy of the ERA will be gladly sent whenever desired.

UNITED STATES.—Mr. Walter L. Gates of Teaticket, Mass., informs us that the new 8c stamp with portrait of Martha Washington has been on sale at his post office since Dec. 10. Mr. Gates also reports that the 13c stamp has been pre-cancelled "Chicago" in the current type.

The designs for the new envelope stamps are being prepared as rapidly as possible, but it is not expected that the new 2c envelope will be ready for distribution before February. It is probable that while the stamp will be rectangular, with rounded corners, that on the 1c envelope will be a perfect circle.

The 2c stamp in the new series is being printed and is expected to be issued about the first of the year, and the same is also true of the 4c and special delivery stamps.

A correspondent of *Ewen's Stamp News* says that he has a copy of the 6c Columbian in blue, the exact color of the 4c. Has any one on this side seen this stamp, or is it a chemical changing?

The new 6c design has been approved and the model for 15c is now being prepared and will soon be ready for inspection.

CANTON.—The *Illustriertes Briefmarken Journal* states that the following quantities of Indo-China stamps surcharged "Canton" were issued:

1c,	119,700	25c,	43,550
2c,	78,600	30c,	9,600
4c,	36,000	40c,	9,600
5c,	226,950	50c,	9,600
10c,	78,600	75c,	9,600
15c,	183,000	1f,	9,150
20c,	9,900	2f,	7,200

COOK ISLANDS.—We have been shown by Mr. L. G. Barrett, new printings of the 2d brown, 1½d red violet, 5d olive gray, 6d purple, 10d green and 1sh carmine. The 2d is in a deeper shade of brown, almost black brown; the 1½d in deep violet, almost purple; the 5d with color changed to gray black; 6d in a deep rich purple; 10d in yellow green, and 1sh in rope carmine. In each case the new shade is richer and deeper than the older printing.

COREA.—Mr. A. W. Dunning has favored us with a specimen of a new stamp just issued to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the present reign.

CUBA.—Mr. D. T. Eaton reports that he has a pair of the 1c on 3c provisional used on cover, one of the stamps having an inverted surcharge. He also has a specimen surcharged vertically, only 150 of these being in existence.

DENMARK.—We are indebted to Mr. J. N. Morse for the following: Two new letter cards have appeared, the only change being the stamps which are now like the adhesives with figure of value on each side instead of center. A slight change is noticed in the current 3 ore and 5 ore double cards: the headline BREV-KORT is now only 37mm. long in place of 38½mm.

3x3 ore gray, variety.
5x5 " green, "
5 " " letter card.
10 " carmine, "

Also you will notice the value is a new one for letter cards.

DUTCH INDIES.—The *Deutsche Briefmarken Zeitung* illustrates the new set chronicled last week. The head of the Queen appears in a small circle, the corners of the square being filled by conventional ornaments. In a narrow white outer circle around the head appears in dark letters "Postzegel" above and "Nederlandach—Indie" below. The value "10 cent", fills the whole width of the stamp below the portrait, in white characters on colored tablet. The portrait of the Queen is more mature than has previously appeared on any of the stamps.

GREECE.—The current 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25 and 50l have appeared on this paper.

HAYTI.—In regard to the statement, printed in No. 488, on the authority of *L'Echo de la Timbrologie*, to the effect that in the current surcharges, "Mai" had been changed to "Juin" and "Juillet", the following from the daily *Le Nouvelliste* printed at Port au Prince, Dec. 8, will be of interest (we translate liberally):

Many foreign philatelic journals, among others, the *Collectionneur de Timbres-Poste* of the house of A. Maury of Paris, and the *Stamp Collector* published in London, have declared that there are in existence the surcharged stamps of Hayti, also the months of "Juin", "Juillet", etc., in place of "Mai" 1902. Never having had the chance to see these stamps here

NOW ON SALE! STANLEY GIBBONS' PRICED CATALOGUE

OF THE

POSTAGE STAMPS OF THE WORLD.

1903 Edition in One Volume.

747 Pages.

Price 50 Cents Net or By Mail 60 Cents.

Special Attention is drawn to the very important fact that all prices quoted in this catalogue are those at which we sell fine copies of the stamps, and the prices are not in a single case copied from other catalogues but are all the actual prices of stamps in stock at the time of printing and collectors may therefore send their want lists from this catalogue and be sure of getting almost every stamp ordered.

STANLEY GIBBONS, INC.,

167 BROADWAY,

NEW YORK CITY.

JUST A WORD

with you about the U. S. Revenues you want. Why not send me your want list in this line with proper reference and have your wants sent to you on approval at the right price?

FRED G. JONES,

2013 Brook St., LOUISVILLE, KY.

CHAPTER XV.

In the last chapter I called your attention to

Osgood's Famous Big Selections

but your attention cannot be fixed properly until you sample one of these Big Books. Just what you have been looking for I'm sure. References. U. S. Columbian soc, unused..... 35c Stampman free to you.

D. W. OSGOOD,

South Fork, Rio Grande Co., Colorado. [To be Continued.]

we made it a duty to go and ask the truth of the matter from the Director General of Post at Port-au-Prince. The Director declared to us that this news is absolutely false. He has from May until now, only the single emission of stamps surcharged "Government Provisorio—Mai 1902," which are still on sale in his bureau, and which will be retired from circulation upon the formation of the permanent government.

"The month of May which appears upon the stamps is simply to mark the entrance into power of the provisional government; there is no reason for putting also the months of June, July, etc., as those journals pretended, unless in quest of sensational news for their readers."

HAI-HAO.—According to the *Illustriertes Briefmarken Journal* the General Post Office at Hanoi printed the following quantities of Indo-China, surcharged "Hoi-Hoa":

1c,	45,000	25c,	15,000
2c,	30,000	30c,	3,900
4c,	30,000	40c,	3,900
5c,	24,900	50c,	3,900
10c,	15,000	75c,	2,400
15c,	45,000	1f,	600
20c,	4,800	1f,	600

INDIA.—*Ewen's Weekly Stamp News* illustrates the new 2a registration envelope stamp, but does not give the color, which has previously escaped our notice. The stamp is embossed with the King's head in white on a solid ground. Above the head appears "Two Annas" in white letters on a colored curved tablet, with a large crown between the two words. "India Registration" appears at the bottom, also in a curved line, in colored letters on the lathe work background.

Mr. L. G. Barrett has shown us sets of the three King's head stamps thus far issued in two distinct printings, the latest being in richer colors than the first printed.

MACAO.—Surcharges of the same nature as those previously chronicled for other colonies have been issued for Macao.

Adhesives (Provisional):

- Surcharged in Black on Issue of 1844. 6a avos on 10r orange.
- Surcharged in Black on Issue of 1885. 6a on 10r green.
- Surcharged in Red on Issue of 1888. 6a on 5r black.

- Surcharged in Black on Issue of 1888. 6a on 10r green. 6a on 40r chocolate. 18a on 20r carmine. 18a on 25r lilac. 18a on 80r gray. 18a on 100r brown. 18a on 200r lilac. 18a on 300r orange.

- Surcharged in Black on Issue of 1894. 6a on 5r yellow. 6a on 10r reddish violet. 6a on 15r chocolate. 6a on 25r green. 6a on 80r yellow green. 6a on 100r brown on buff. 6a on 200r dark blue on blue. 18a on 20r lavender. 18a on 50r light blue. 18a on 75r carmine. 18a on 150r carmine on rose. 18a on 300r dark blue on buff.

Surcharged in Black on Newspaper Stamp of 1893.

- 18a on 2 1/2r brown.
- Surcharged "Provisorio" in Black on Issue of 1898. 2a light green. 4a blue green.

Same Surcharge on Issue of 1902.

MAURITIUS.—The issue of the 3c in the current type is announced.

Adhesive (Regular):

- 3c green and carmine on yellow.

NATAL.—*Der Philatelist* reports that the 2d King's head has been issued in olive green and carmine, and also that the £1, 1/2 10sh, £5, £10 and £20 have been issued in the large form.

NEW HEBRIDES.—The *Metropolitan Philatelist* reports that a set of three stamps will shortly be put in use in these islands. The values will be 1/2d, 1 1/2d and 2 1/2d; presumably they will be surcharged on New Zealand stamps.

TIMOR.—We chronicle the new set of surcharges for this colony also.

Adhesives (Provisional):

- Surcharged in Black on Issue of 1886. 5 avos on 25r violet. 5a on 200r lilac. 6a on 10r green. 6a on 300r orange. 6a on 40r chocolate. 6a on 100r red brown. 15a on 20r red. 15a on 50r blue. 22a on 80r gray.
- Surcharged in Black on Issue of 1894. 5a on 5r yellow. 5a on 25r green. 5a on 50r light blue. 6a on 20r lavender. 6a on 15r chocolate. 6a on 75r rose. 15a on 10r red violet. 15a on 100r brown on buff. 15a on 300r dark blue on buff. 22a on 80r light green. 22a on 200r dark blue on light blue.
- Surcharged in Black on Newspaper Stamp of 1893. 6a on 2 1/2r brown.
- Surcharged "Provisorio" in Black on Issue of 1898. 3a violet. 12a rose.

TRADE COLUMN.

Under this head we will print exchange, want and for sale notices, business announcements, 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 5 cents. One four-line notice free with each subscription, providing copy accompanies the subscription.

THREE Consecutive Insertions of SAME ad in this Column for PRICE OF TWO.

Fine U. S. Postage and Revenues, also rare Foreign to exchange for rare old China, Indian Baskets, Mexican, Russian, Japan and Chinese drawwork Oriental and Indian rugs. Address, H. G. SMITH, late Sales Supt. of A. F. A., Wixons, Minn. [5*]

I want to buy an entire sheet of United States 2c, No. 252, and 6c, No. 237. ALVIN GOOD, Hickox Bldg., Cleveland, O. [4]

Pre-cancelled stamps sent on approval at net prices to parties furnishing reference. In packets I can furnish No. 1, contains 23 var., for 25c; No. 2 contains 10 var. for 20c; No. 3 contains 7 var. for 25c; No. 4 contains 5 var. for 25c; No. 5 contains 5 var., 35c; or the 5 packets for \$1.10. Each packet different. Pre-cancelled bought, send on app. CLARENCE DALTON, Stillwater, Oklahoma.

Exchange: Large lots of ordinary stamps of Bavaria, Wurttemberg, German Empire, Austria and Hungary, about 30 varieties, against a similar mixture of United States and other American Countries, weight against weight. Also better mixtures or sets according to mutual agreement. Correspondence in German only. Reference, Adolph Lohmeyer, 922 N. Gilmore St., Baltimore, Md. Shipments or offers to be addressed, prepaid, to KONRAD UNGLAUB, Ludwig-Ferdinandstrasse No. 63d, Munich, 38, Bavaria. [3*]

100 Var. 10c; 60 Var. U. S. and Canada, 30c. Big-value approval sheets for beginners 50¢. G. H. DENNIS, Lakewood, N. J. [4]

Hawaii, all unused: No. 31, 0. g., 50c; No. 49, no gum, \$8.00; No. 35, 0. g., 15c; No. 52, 0. g., 10c; No. 53, 0. g., 3c; No. 71, 0. g., 40c; No. 78, 0. g., \$1.50; No. 73, 0. g., \$3.00; No. 69, part gum, \$10.00; No. 69, block of 4, 0. g., \$60.00; No. 49, pair, 0. g., \$24.00. C. F. RICHARDS, 326 West 20th St., N. Y. [4]

Bargains, St. Vincent, Scott No. 50, 5ah, 0. g., carmine lake, \$1.90, single or pairs; New Zealand No. 28, 6d brown, used, 70c; Victoria No. 118, 8a brown, 2c; Newfoundland, unused, No. 3, 8oc; No. 18, 50c; No. 20, 25c, block four same, \$1.40. A. MACK, Box 494, Ottawa, Ont. [3*]

King's Head 40 French Levant, 3c; 2 1/2 Zanzibar, 5c; 5c Playing Card, 25c. Departments in Sets or Singles. J. H. HOUSTON, 337 Penn Ave., N. W., Washington, D. C. [6*]

1000 Stamp Papers, many complete volumes of leading papers. Make your best offer for the lot. Cash, U. S. Stamps or Proofs. A. E. CHASE, Brunswick, Me. [3]

A few good stamps at half catalogue. GEO. F. CRANE, 90 Nassau St., N. Y. City. [9]

Is your collection for sale? Get your dealer to make a price on it, add 20 to 5 to his offer, and send book to me. It's 10 to 1 I buy it. F. W. PICKARD, 2427 Ingleisle, Cincinnati, O. [2]

Stamp exch. relations wanted on equal basis. Good duplicates. J. W. Witty, Box 1352, Springfield, Mass. [2]

Have you mice? Best and cleanest trap on market 10 cents. Requires no bait. Great "Ping Pong" puzzle 10 cents. Send stamp for illustrated catalogue, 300 useful articles, novelties, books, etc. See my notice ERA No. 499, giving Christmas hints. Autographs, relics, etc., bought and sold. JOSEPH B. FLYNN, Dept. E, 138 West 63rd Street, New York. [2]

Extraordinary value: Peru 1c, bistre, inverted surcharge, unused, Scott's No. 1532, 27c each. Blocks and strips same rate. H. L. RICH, Somerville, Mass. [2]

U. S. Pre-Cancelled postage stamps. I will pay a good price in cash or exchange for any not in my collection. F. L. SMITH, 40 Exchange Pl., N. Y. [24c]

Approval sheets 60% discount. Net sheets for advanced collectors, 8000 var. in stock. Want lists desired. F. W. PICKARD, 2427 Ingleisle, Cincinnati, O. [2]

Pre-can. U.S. on approval. Ex. desired with advanced collectors. L. E. Richardson, Carrier 3, Putnam, Ct. [10]

Two-thirds List for foreign cat. over 5c, in exchange for stamps at list. Lots under \$2 declined. Have 8000 var. on hand. F. W. Pickard, 2427 Ingleisle, Cincinnati, O. [3]

Wanted for cash U. S. pre-cancelled postage stamps. WALTER L. GATES, Teaticket, Mass. [11*]

Pre-cancels not in my collection wanted. Best cash or trade price. E. R. ALDRICH, Benson, Minn. [11]

Try an Ad in this Column. It Pays.

Wm. v. d. Wettern, Jr.,
WHOLESALE DEALER IN
* **POSTAGE + STAMPS.** *
411 W. Saratoga St., Baltimore, Md.

New special list just issued, sent free on application to dealers only.

This being my last advertisement which will appear in this year's (1902) ERA I have decided to make each item

A REAL BARGAIN.
U. S. STAMPED ENVELOPES.

Cat. No.	Unused, Cut Square, Large Margins.	Cat. Price	My Price
1377	1870, 1c blue on amber.....	\$1.50	\$0.35
1463	1880, 2c vermilion on cream.....	1.50	.35
1469	1874, 2c vermilion on orange.....	1.50	.35
1504	1884, 2c red on fawn.....	.75	.30

The above four envelopes..... 5.25 1.00
6 sets of above \$5.00, Cat. price \$31.50.

PACKETS OF FOREIGN STAMPS.

No. 1 contains 50 different stamps from many countries. Regular Price \$3.00, Reduced to \$1.15.
No. 2 contains 200 different stamps from many countries. Regular Price 50c

Reduced to 22 Cents.

- No. 3 contains 75 varieties of Foreign Stamps Regular Price 15c, Reduced to 7 cts.
- No. 4 contains 50 varieties of Foreign Stamps Regular Price 10c, Reduced to 4 cts.
- No. 5 contains 25 varieties of Foreign Stamps Regular Price 5c, Reduced to 2 cts.
- No. 6 contains 100 mixed Foreign Stamps Regular Price 5c, Reduced to 3c.
- No. 7 contains 100 Foreign Stamps Regular Price 10c, Reduced to 5 cts. 16 different packets No. 7, for 50 cts.
- No. 8, 10 varieties Unused Foreign Stamps Regular Price 10c, Reduced to 7 cts.
- No. 8, 6 packets; 60 varieties, unused Foreign Stamps, Regular Price 60c

Reduced to 40c. A Bargain.

U. S. STAMPS.

No. 9 contains 100 mixed U. S. stamps including Postage, Department, Revenue and Telegraph stamps, and cut round envelopes. Many are more or less damaged. Each packet contains at least 25 varieties, and not more than 8 of one kind. The catalogue price is

This Packet is over \$3.00, My Price 20 cts. Remember that Packet No. 9 of U. S. stamps include many damaged. Some collectors have duplicated their orders for Packet No. 9 many times.

Postage extra on orders under 50c.
Please remit by Bills or Money Order.

C. F. ROTHFUCHS,

38 MUNROE ST., ROXBURY, MASS.

St. Louis

5C ON GREENISH

Fine used copy, good margins, pen cancelled, price..... \$90.00

Providence, sheet of Reprints.. 4.00

Turks Island 1900

Set to 1sh, mint.....	.85
" 2sh, ".....	.70
" 3sh, ".....	1.05

FRANK P. BROWN,

333 Washington St., BOSTON, MASS.

Chicago Notes.

One of our dealers showed the writer a handful of the new 8c stamp "American Queen's head," which he received from the East. The stamp is somewhat similar to the 13c, and will no doubt rival it in popularity.

Every one of our up-to-date dealers had the good fortune to capture a good sized collection at "popular prices" last week.

A member of the C. P. S. picked a fine o. g. copy of 1c blue, type II, cat. at \$10.00,

off one of the open exchange sheets for 20c, the owner pricing it for the cheap type. When the victim was informed of his error, he remarked that he was just 20c in as the stamp was given to him.

At the competitive exhibition held at the C. P. S. of the best display of the stamps of Portugal and its Colonies, E. M. Carpenter of Boston was awarded first prize, and F. N. Massoth took the second.

The election of officers of the C. P. S. for the ensuing year resulted as follows:

- President: Chas. Schlieckert.
- Vice-President: T. H. Farrell.
- Treasurer: Thos. J. Allin.
- Secretary: Irving Dickinson.
- Governing Board: A. F. Merell, W. F. E. Gurley, Robt. Bultman, Leonard Michael, R. Robinson.

Despite the inclemency of the weather a goodly crowd was in attendance at Wolsieffer's 31st Sale, held Saturday evening, Dec. 20th. Good prices were the order of the evening, and while the floor bidding was brisk at times, the majority of the lots left the city.

A few of the sale prices are appended:

	Cat. price.	Sale price
U. S. Env. No. 1387, unused,	\$6.00	\$2.85
" " " 1394, "	7.50	3.05
" " " 1412, "	3.00	1.70
" " " 1844, "	3.00	1.65
" Playing Cards 3c,	6.00	3.00
" " 4c,	8.00	4.55
" Passage Ticket, \$1.00,	6.00	3.10
" Conveyance, \$10.00,	2.00	1.15
" Mortgage, \$15.00,	6.00	3.20
" \$200.00 red and green,	15.00	12.05
" No. 2929, \$20.00,	15.00	8.10
" " 2930, \$25.00,	20.00	9.75
" 3c '69, block of 6,	4.50	2.60
" 90c '69,	15.00	7.50
" \$5.00 '94, o. g.,	7.50	5.05
" Periodical 9c,	10.00	5.10
" 5c No. 45,	10.00	5.60
Balt. Carrier on cover, No. 805,	20.00	5.60
\$30.00 Red Doc. Rev., cut,	..	5.20
Confed. Pair of 5c, No. 205,	..	17.35
printed on both sides,	..	5.70
Costa Rica No. 1, imp.,	..	7.60
Hawaii No. 6, o. g.,	18.00	4.20
" " 9, "	10.00	3.50
Persia No. 151, "	9.00	4.40
Natal No. 1,	11.00	3.65
Nevis No. 5,	7.50	16.10
Philippine, hor. pair, No. 4,	30.00	8.00
Bangkok No. 1,	25.00	4.80
Trinidad No. 42,	10.00	..

The wholesale lots brought a good percentage of catalogue value, quite a number bringing a better figure than some single lots.

CLIFFORD.

TRANSVAAL KING'S HEAD CARDS.

Just Received.

1-2d green on white.....	\$0.03
1d carmine on cream.....	.05
1d carmine on blue, Letter Card.....	.05

Postage Extra.

ADOLPH LOHMEYER,

922 N. Gilmor St., BALTIMORE, MD.

Notes from Ottawa.

I have not written you a word for months, simply because here in Ottawa, at all events, there has been absolutely "nothin' doin'." Stamp collecting has been dead, dead, dead; and although Mr. Drew, Mr. Colson, and many other philatelic lights have visited our town with magnificent selections, I doubt if they did enough business to pay for the postal announcements of their visits, to say nothing of travelling expenses.

One of our local collectors unearthed a mare's nest a few weeks ago, he was sure he had found a stolen collection advertised in the States, but when the rarities were examined by a better posted man, they proved to be forgeries.

At last we have news to impart: the long promised 7-cent stamp, required to pay the combined postage and registration fee on domestic and imperial letters, will be issued on the 24th inst. It is not, as we hoped, the first of our King's head issue, but is prepared from the two maple leaf, or numeral, die of the old Queen's head issue, and is uniform in design with it. The colour will be a bright but bluish olive yellow; a light colour has been adopted, I understand, to insure effective cancellations. It ought to be somewhat extensively used, but if we get King's head stamps within a reasonable time, its life will not be a long one.

The six and eight cent stamps of the same issue have been practically obsolete for months, though the post office department do not consider them obsolete, and would make further printings if there were any large demand for them. I understand there was recently a supply printed to prepay the catalogue of a large Toronto firm, which required either a 6 or 8 cent rate, I forget which, and requisitions on the Toronto office for a large supply.

The American Bank Note Company's issue of fiscals is coming into use very slowly. In the Canada law series only the 10c and \$1 values are yet in use though the plates have been ready for years. There is quite a brisk demand for the new and handsome stamps, with a very small supply in sight.

A.

YOURS FOR THE ASKING!

Our large new Price List just from the press—prices nearly all U. S. Postage and Revenues and contains the finest line of sets at bargain prices on the market, many that few dealers can supply.

We make a specialty of Netherlands, Dutch Colonies, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Finland, etc. Get our list for prices on these.

Free Samples of our "Perfect" Stamp Hinges sent with each price list if you ask for them. Our list is worth having. Write today.

EXCELSIOR STAMP CO.,
HOOSICK FALLS, NEW YORK.
(Established 1884.)

SPECIAL! If you enclose 4c in stamps when writing, we will send you a genuine used old Roman States on original cover, unique and interesting.

Two Rare Stamps.

These are in Perfect Condition.

\$20.00 Probate of Will, perforate, **\$20.00**

\$30.00 Red Documentary, uncut, **16.50**

It is seldom you find these stamps in good condition. These are well centered, bright color and fine.

CHAS. H. STONE & CO.,

19 Washington St., BOSTON, MASS.

1861 REVENUE BARGAINS!

1c Playing Cards	Catalogue \$3.00, Price \$1.25
2c Certificate, blue	60, " .15
3c Playing Card	6.00, " 1.75
5c	.75, " .25
25c Warehouse Receipt	.60, " .30
30c Foreign Exchange	1.50, " .60
50c	.50, " .15
\$1.00 Mortgage	3.00, " .90
\$2.00 Probate of Will	1.00, " .35

OmahaStamp & Coin Co., 209 S. 13th St., Omaha, Neb.

Items from the Dub.

Tuesday, December 23rd.

Mr. J. M. Bartels will take a business trip to Philippines and Washington this week returning December 29th.

B. L. Drew & Co. are now working on January and February sales and have some elegant properties which will be disposed of during these months. Some of these are unused collections in the pink of condition.

On all sides the sale of new albums are enormous, and many report that they cannot get the goods fast enough to supply the demand. This demand augers well for philately during the coming year.

On account of ill health Mr. J. F. Johnson will dispose of all his philatelic property at auction through B. L. Drew & Co. in February.

J. M. Bartels Co.'s 15th sale will be held January 13th and not Jan. 14th as announced. The feature of this sale will be a large number of oddities, many of them are not catalogued, and nearly all of them unpriced. A fine opportunity for specialists. A fine lot of foreign covers are also included in this sale.

The Boston Philatelic Society held its regular meeting on Dec. 16th at Elks' Hall. Twenty-six members were present including Mr. Crawford Capen and Mr. Alex. Holland of New York. Mr. Frederick W. Parker of Somerville and Mr. Edw. de Z. Kelley of Boston were elected to membership. Two new applications were received. Nominations of officers for the ensuing year were made, to be voted upon at the January meeting.

The Secretary announced the death of one of the members, Mr. Wm. Alex. Smith, Jr., of New York. The Library Committee have arranged a periodical circuit for members who desire the principal foreign and domestic philatelic papers each month. Mr. Warren H. Colson offered two Hawaiian stamps to the members bringing in the most members during the coming year. The Pacific Philatelic Society have offered a silver medal to the Boston Society to be offered in the series of exhibits of 1903.

The exhibition of the stamps of Greece was a fine one and Alex. Holland received first prize and Mr. M. H. Lombard second prize.

The Class B exhibit of 50 stamps catalogued over \$20 each, was a grand one in which five competitions entered and the total valuation of these collection aggregated \$45,000. Mr. H. J. Crocker was awarded the first prize and his collection was valued at \$17,000, while Mr. E. H. Mason received the second prize with a collection valued at \$8500.

WM. D. ELDRIDGE.

MOROCCO.

Packet "SULTAN" containing 1 complete set of stamps Tanger-Tetuan, 1 complete set Tanger-Arzila, 1 complete set Tanger-Fez, 1 complete set Fez-Megouine, 1 complete set Fez-Megouine Taxe, 1 complete set Fez-Sefro, 1 complete set Marrakech-Marrakech, 1 complete set Saff-Marrakech, 1 complete set Mogador-Marrakech, 1 set French Post of Morocco 5, 10, 20, 25, 1 set Post of Morocco Postage Due 5, 10, 20, 25, 1 set Gibraltar 1/2d, 1d, 2d, 1 set Gibraltar Morocco Agencies 5, 10, 25, 1 set German Post 3, 5, 10, 25, for \$2.25

Packet Containing only 5 sets choiced by the buyer..... \$0.85

Each of the complete sets of the local Posts..... .25
Payment in advance or good references. Cash by post order.

J. ELMALEH, Tangier, Morocco.

Almost every dealer sends approval selections at 50% Discount—BUT there are some stamps in our selections of this class that are not to be had as cheap elsewhere.

A COLLECTION OF 5000 VARIETIES of POSTAGE STAMPS, carefully selected from our own stock, **\$175.00.** Satisfaction Guaranteed.

3000 for \$45.00 ♦ 2000 for \$13.50 ♦ 1000 for \$3.40 ♦ ALL GENUINE POSTAGE STAMPS

550 Varieties mounted in a blank book (cataloguing by Scott's 61st edition Catalogue \$10.00), post free \$1.50. A Bargain for Dealer or Collector!

C. H. MEKEEL STAMP & PUBLISHING CO., ST. LOUIS, MO.

JANUARY

is a favorite month to buy

STAMPS AT AUCTION.

Our January "Wolsieffer" Sale will contain the fine Match and Medicine collection of Mr. Geo. L. Toppan, and many fine wholesale lots from the stock of Mr. F. Noyes.

It will also contain many other desirable stamps for all classes of collectors.

Sale Catalogues are Free.

Pocket Ed. Stock Book, cloth	..... .25
62nd Ed. Catalogue (1903)	..... .38
Gibbons 1903 Cat., just out	..... .60

United Stamp Co., 1149 Marquette Bldg., Chicago.

BARGAINS.

\$10 black, lightly cut and lightly canceled	..... \$0.21
\$5 green and black	..... .07
THE TWO, POSTPAID	..... .25
Brazil 1899, 1000 on 700, cat. 30c	..... .14
Philippines on U. S. A. 10c, cat. 15c	..... .07

Fine Approval Books.

10 for 15c. POSTPAID	50 for 50c.
1903 International and National Albums in Stock.	
No. 1. International,	\$1.50 postpaid.
No. 1. Twentieth Century,	1.00
No. 1. National,	1.50 "

The 1903 Catalogue catalogues the \$1.00 1895, 45c: we will sell, for 12c, one each to a customer.

French Congo, 4 varieties..... \$0.05
Turkey 1907, 6 varieties..... .15

J. T. STARR STAMP COMPANY,
COLDWATER, MICH.

Please mention the ERA when writing advertisers.

COOK'S ISLANDS

1/2p Green, (bird)
1p Carmine, (Queen)
1902 Colors.

Above two stamps are priced 6c and 8c in Scott's new 62nd Edition Catalogue (this catalogue we supply post free for 58c).

To all weekly subscribers who reply at once to this advertisement, requesting something on approval, we will give both of the stamps mentioned above entirely free.

If you are not particular what you want on approval, state the size of your collection and we will know what to send.

Block of 4 each, 1/2p, 1p Cook's Island .. 75c
1/2p (Queen) blue, wmk. Star N. Z. 12c

"MEKEEL'S STAMP COLLECTOR" issued weekly, sample copy and price list free.

C. H. MEKEEL STAMP & PUBLISHING CO.,
ST. LOUIS, MO.

THEO. MAINHART, JOHNSTOWN, PA.

STAMPS ON APPROVAL

At 50% Discount.

Collectors, if you are desirous of adding nice, clean stamps to your collection, drop me a line and I shall be pleased to send you a choice lot on approval. Prices the lowest. Stamps for the beginner as well as the most advanced collector.

THEO. MAINHART, JOHNSTOWN, PA.**SPECIAL BARGAINS I****1899 Newspaper Set.**

1c, 2c, 5c, 10c, 25c, 50c,
3d, 5d, 10d, 20d, 50d, 100d.

The complete set, unused picked copies as sold by the U. S. Government for \$5.00, only .. \$3.50
Three sets for..... 10.00

HOLTON STAMP CO., BOSTON, MASS.**Stray Notes on Sheets of Stamps.**

R. R. THIELE

Russian stamps are not specially favored by American collectors, but they deserve more attention than is usually devoted to them. They are all straightforward issues with divers minor varieties to delight the heart of the specialist, and but few rarities to relieve his purse. Withal they are all of an attractive neatness, original in design and splendidly printed. As far as I know all the governmental issues have been made in sheets of 100, 10x10, Russia having decimal currency. An exception is made in the case of the high ruble values, the 3.50 and 7 rubles; these were printed in sheets of 25, 5x5, presumably because of the slight demand for them. If I remember right, these were furnished regularly to only two postoffices, St. Petersburg and Moscow, and to others only on special requisition.

Some curious sheets are found in the issues of the Russian Offices in the Levant. The three issues given in Scott under 1864, 1865 and 1866 were not made by the Russian Government, but by a steamship company operating between Odessa and various ports on the Black Sea and the Mediterranean, which carried mail between these ports under contract with the Russian Government, receiving a share of the postage proceeds. The initials of this company are found on the issues of 1865 and 1866; they are the Russian letters R. O. P. i T., standing for "Russkoie Obshchestwo Parochodstva i Torgovli" = "Russian Company for Steam Navigation and Commerce." The enormous labels of 1864 are printed in "sheetlets" of 4, perhaps the smallest sheets in point of number of stamps contained, but hardly in point of size, considering the size of the stamps. The issue of 1865 was made in sheets of 63, 7x9, there being that many varieties in the sheet. The differences are to be found in the network and ornamentation; if I am not mistaken, the steamship and eagle are

uniform on all the stamps of the sheet, being printed from another stone which contained so many reproductions of the original die of the eagle and steamer. The 1866 issue came in sheets of 28, 4 rows of 7, though not type-varieties. I suppose these odd sized sheets are due only to the convenience of the lithographers, as they have no relation to the currency. You will notice, by the way, that no currency is expressed on these two issues; I think that Scott's Catalogue correctly gives the value in Russian currency, but various European catalogues give the value of the stamp designated by Scott as 2 kopeks at 10 paras and that of the 20 kopeks at 2 piastres. I doubt the correctness of this statement, as all the other stamps for the Russian Levant bear kopek values. The issues from 1868 up to the new surcharged issue are made in the same manner as the Russian government issues; you will notice that these also bear no government inscription, but merely the indication "Wostotchnaya Korrespondenzia" = "Eastern Correspondence."

I do not intend to deal with the so-called Russian Semstwo or Rural stamps, as they are no doubt collected by a very few in this country. But as the stamps of Livonia (or Wenden) are often included in catalogues and albums, I make an exception by inserting here a note I find in my book. It concerns the issue of 1863 with plain oval; this was printed in small sheets of 16, arranged in 2 vertical rows of 8. Number 6 of the sheet, the third stamp from the top in the second row, is tete-beche to the others. This merely by the way.

What is longitude and latitude to a stamp collector? Roumania is check by jowl to British Central Africa and Bulgaria to Tonga; at least that is the way my notes follow each other. The first issues of Tonga, the island Kingdom, were all produced by the government printing establishment of New Zealand, the dies being engraved by Mr. Cousins, who has done much work for the colonies down there. The first issue as well as those of 1892 and 1895 were printed in sheets of 120, divided into two panes of 60 each, but in the first issue the panes were arranged in 6 rows of 10, on the latter issues in 10 rows of 6 each. This arrangement is natural, as the islands use British currency. The pictorial set of 1897, a De la Rue production, comes in sheets of varying size; I can at this writing speak only for the 1d and 2d. The 1d comes in sheets of 10, the 2d in sheets of 60. The latter would fit the currency, having a face value of 10 shillings, but the former resembles the issues of Fiji, where the 1d is in sheets of 50 so as to equal a dollar in value.

The following does not exactly belong here, for I doubt not that so far but few have attempted to gather postal cards in

entire sheets, but as I find several notes on sheets of postal cards in my manuscript and have already mentioned those of Roumania, I may be pardoned for making a collective note of several as given in my notebook. For instance the Austrian cards of '90 were printed in sheets of 20, 4x5; but a number of such sheets were then laid upon each other and cut, the cards being then tied up in bundles of 50, I believe. The cards of the German Empire were formerly printed in sheets of 25, but since the latter part of the Nineties they have been printed on a rotary press at the rate of 10,000 sheets per hour; these sheets are larger, containing 75 cards. These are also cut up in stacks. The cards of Monaco are printed in sheets of 6 by the French Government Stamp Printery; whether they are obtainable in sheets like this, I cannot say. The 1875 issue of the postal cards of Guatemala were made by the Columbian Bank Note Co., of Washington; there were ten in a sheet, all slightly different. So that there are 10 varieties of these. The reply cards contained 10 double cards in each sheet.

Another instance of type-varieties is found in the first issue of Mauritius. To be sure, some catalogues do not admit it as an issue, because no stamp was impressed, an adhesive being stuck on; but as they were sold by the post offices with the stamp already on the card, it should be classed as a regular issue. They were lithographed by Evariste Dupuy of Port Louis in sheets of 16, all slightly different, so that there are that many varieties. And to include a wrapper also: the Bavarian 3 pf wrappers of 1882 were printed in sheets of 10. These few notes just by the way, to preserve them; it is not very probable that these things will be collected in sheets as printed.—*Adhesive.*

The Postal Card Society of America.

Officers for 1902-3.

President, HORACE E. CARPENTER, JR., Care N. B. Bradley & Sons, Bay City, Mich.
Vice-President, J. T. ALBERT HOSBACH, 1422 North 53rd St., Philadelphia, Pa.
Secretary, W. P. AGER, Hope, Ark.
Treasurer, JOHN N. MORSE, 103 Devonshire St., Boston, Mass.
Executive Committee, GUY A. BRYANT, Princeton, Ill.; W. D. ARNOLD, The Portland, Broadway, St. Paul, Minn.; N. HASKELL WITHER, 330 S. 9th St., La Crosse, Wis.
Exchange Superintendent, J. T. A. HOSBACH, 1422 No. 53rd St., Phila., Pa.
Purchasing Agent, ADOLPH LOHMEYER, 922 N. Gilmer St., Baltimore, Md.
International Secretary, E. DOBBLIN, P. O. Box 736, Pittsburg, Pa.
Official Journal, THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA.

Please mention the ERA when writing advertisers.

WANTED TO PURCHASE!

A good stamp collection. Will pay spot cash for one that will suit.

GUARANTEE STAMP CO.,
106 E. 111th St., NEW YORK CITY.

American Philatelic Association.

(INCORPORATED.)

THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA—OFFICIAL JOURNAL.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

- | | |
|--|--|
| ALEXANDER HOLLAND, President,
40 Grace Court, Brooklyn, N. Y. | H. E. DEATS, Secretary,
Flemington, N. J. |
| Board of Vice-Presidents. | E. DOEBLIN, International Secretary,
Box 736, Pittsburg, Pa. |
| FRANK H. BURT, Chairman,
Room 1046, Tremont Buildg., Boston, Mass. | C. L. ANNAN, Treasurer,
Copper Range R. R., Houghton, Mich. |
| GORDON IRELAND, Secretary
Holyoke House 21, Cambridge, Mass. | H. B. PHILLIPS,
1311 Grove St., Berkeley, Cal. |
| J. F. JOHNSON,
383 Lexington St., Auburndale, Mass. | F. W. CONING,
350 George St., New Brunswick, N. J. |

RESIDENT VICE-PRESIDENTS.

- BOSTON, MASS.—J. F. JOHNSON,** 383 Lexington St., Auburndale, Mass.
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.—W. E. LOY, 2431 Ellsworth St., Berkeley, Cal.
NEW YORK CITY.—W. F. GREGORY, 71 Nassau St.
PITTSBURG, PA.—E. DOEBLIN, Box 736.
CHICAGO, ILL.—A. F. MERELL, 432 Marquette Building.
MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.—EVEN S. MARTIN, 3244 First Avenue, South.
WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS—ROBERT D. MAYNARD, 36 Oak Grove Ave., Springfield.

APPOINTEE OFFICERS.

- | | |
|---|--|
| E. H. ANDERSON, Librarian,
Carnegie Library, Pittsburg, Pa. | H. E. DEATS, Assistant Librarian,
Flemington, N. J. |
| H. D. WATSON, Collecting Agent,
64 Cedar St., New York City. | W. F. GREGORY, Auction Purchasing Agent,
71 Nassau St., New York City. |
| JOHN J. OESCH, Superintendent of Sales Dept.,
34 Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill. | P. M. WOLSIEFFER, Auction Purchasing Agent,
1009 Atwood Bldg., Chicago, Ill. |
| | A. W. BATCHELDER, Auction Purchasing Agent,
21 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass. |

REPORT OF SECRETARY

For the Week Ending December 27th.

Applications for Membership.

- CLODY, EDWARD,** 2223 N. Clark St., Chicago, Ill.; age, 33; occupation, Restaurateur. References: R. Robinson, John J. Oesch; Resident Vice-President, A. F. Merell.
- LIVELY, J. T.,** 614 Mildred Ave., Chicago, Ill.; age, 42; occupation, Printer. References: R. Robinson, John J. Oesch; Resident Vice-President, A. F. Merell.
- RAAS, E.,** Phelan Bldg., San Francisco, Cal.; age, 65; occupation, Merchant. References: Frank Koenig, Wm. J.

Gardner; Resident Vice-President, William E. Loy.

New Stockholder.

1790. **WARDEN, JOSEPH,** 326 Springfield Ave., Canton, Ohio.

Membership Summary.

Membership Dec. 20th.....	528
New Stockholder	1
Total membership Dec. 27th.....	529

The President certifies to me under date of Dec. 20 that J. N. Luff, J. M. Andreini, and J. C. Morgenthau have been appointed members of the Expert Committee.

H. E. DEATS, Secretary.

Stamps Exchanged for House and Lot.

Postage stamps for a house and lot! How such an exchange was made through the columns of the *Evening Telegram* is told by a delighted advertiser, who sends the following letter:

To the Editor of the Evening Telegram:
Among the queerest exchanges which take place as the result of your enterprise was one which was effected last Saturday. On one side was the owner of a house and lot in Yonkers, on the other a stamp collector, who had accumulated 9,000 varieties of stamps. The latter lived near the property, the former in another direction and another State.

Through the medium of your valuable paper these two parties were brought together and an exchange made to their mutual gratification.

It gives me great pleasure to acknowledge my debt to you for this happy result and I shall not miss a chance to advise others to try the same way.

X. Y. Z.,

No. 244 Fifth avenue.

New York, Dec. 17, 1902.

The owner of the property in Yonkers had two houses and two lots. He himself lived in Orange, N. J. This property he

had taken in equity from a company and had no use himself for it except to sell it. He is an enthusiastic stamp collector, and he thought if he could get the stamps he wanted he would give up a house and lot for them. Thinking that an expression of his wishes in the Exchange columns of the *Evening Telegram* was the proper thing, he placed an "ad" there a few days ago. He got a number of replies.

Among them was an offer of 9,500 different stamps from a man who had been a collector for twenty-five years. This collector lived in Yonkers and knew the property. The advertiser from Orange called and saw the stamp collection. He was delighted and made the trade there and then. Both men were highly pleased with the exchange.

"I knew that the *Evening Telegram* was a great newspaper, but I did not imagine that it was of such wide circulation," said the man who got the stamps. "I put my 'ad' in at Orange, N. J., and here is a man in Yonkers sees it and a deal is made.

"Through the *Evening Telegram* I have been enabled to get a fine collection of stamps, something I would never have been able to get any other way. I am

willing that you should send any one to me and I will tell them what a good thing the exchange department of the *Evening Telegram* is, but I do not like my name in the papers."

The above clipping from the New York *Evening Telegram* of Dec. 18th was sent us by Mr. J. G. Erck, who had noticed the ad for sometime, but was unable to give any additional information as to the identity of either party in the deal.

A few days after the receipt of the foregoing another reader, Mr. Chas. Wm. Eberle of Yonkers, N. Y., favors us with more definite facts on the subject. He writes that he has exchanged his collection for a house and two lots in Yonkers free from any incumbrances. The collection is the result of twenty-one years' attention and was contained in three volumes and valued at about \$2400.00. Mr. Eberle sends us the following clipping extracted from the *Yonkers Herald* of Dec. 19th:

TRADED YONKERS HOUSE FOR A STAMP COLLECTION.

A house and lot in this city given away in exchange for a collection of postage stamps containing 9,000 varieties and 500 envelopes. This is the trade that has been effected by Charles W. Eberle of No. 33 Cliff street, this city. Mr. Eberle is probably one of the most enthusiastic stamp collectors in this part of the country. Some few days ago he noticed an advertisement in a New York newspaper, offering a house and lot in Yonkers in exchange for a collection of postage stamps. As Mr. Eberle was acquainted with the property and knew its value, he immediately communicated with the owner, who lives in Orange, N. J., and negotiations were opened. His collection was offered, containing 9,000 varieties of postage stamps and 500 envelopes, and after an examination by the house owner, the offer was accepted. Both men are delighted with their exchange and both feel that they have secured full value. The deal was effected on Saturday last and the transfer will take place this week. The location of the property and the name of the other party to the transaction is not mentioned by Mr. Eberle at the request of the other gentleman. But there promises to be much public inquiry concerning it.

IF YOU WISH TO

BUY, SELL OR EXCHANGE

Stamps, Desired Results can be had through

AN AD IN THE WEEKLY ERA.

Lamb's Tail, Orxall, Retail, Wholesale.
Stamps wholesaled at retail prices. Inspect the catalogue.

U. S. No. 37.	Per 10 \$0.90	U. S. No. 289.	Per 10 1.55
" 42	.45	" 1c Just., 0-g.	7.00
" 30	1.15	" 1c State, "	8.00
" 68	.17	" 7c Treas., "	8.50
" 68	.50	" 7c Just., used,	2.35
" 73	.18	" No. 153, 4c lilac,	4.75
" 90	1.85	" " 3279,	1.10
" 97	1.70	" " 36.6,	.27
" 112	1.90	" " 3608,	.27
" 119	6.00	" " 3625,	.15
" 162	1.35	Hawaii No 34,	2.40
" 179	.25	" " 35,	.30
" 2817	.60	" " 33,	1.75
" 2821	.65	Antioquia No. 100, 0 g.,	1.18
" 2972	.95	" " 110,	.18
" 2973	.28	" " 122,	.30
" 2975	3.00	" " 123,	.30
" 2987	.15	" " 124,	.50

Satisfaction guaranteed. Postage extra.
E. C. Dodd, 259 So. Hermitage Ave., Chicago.
Next week, stamps by the 100.

The New England Philatelic Association.

Organized February, 1895.

Board of Officers:
President, CHARLES H. SMITH, Dedham, Mass.
Vice President, J. FAVILL CAPRON, 22 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass.
Secretary and Treasurer, H. W. LEGG, 26 Hancock St., Boston, Mass.
Sales Department, CHARLES H. STONE, 91 Antrim St., Cambridgeport, Mass.
Information Bureau, MRS. WALLACE DANA SMITH, 20 Wibird St., Portsmouth, N. H.
Counterfeit Detector, WILLIS D. KING, Nashua, N. H.
Attorney, HORACE S. BACON, 107 Stevens St., Lowell, Mass.

Governing Board, CHARLES H. STONE, Chairman, 91 Antrim St., Cambridgeport, Mass., JOHN J. CONE, New Dorchester, Mass., FRANK A. WILSON, 185 Highland Ave., Somerville, Mass.

Official Organ, THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA.

The next meeting of the N. E. P. A. will be held at 22 Bromfield St., Tuesday evening, Jan. 6th, at 8 o'clock sharp.

At this meeting the competition for the silver and bronze medals offered by Mr. C. H. Stone will be held.

The competition is to be for "the best 50 used stamps, cataloguing not over 50 cents each, condition and relative scarcity only to count." Stamps are all to be bona-fide postal adhesives, issued by some recognized government, and all must be postally used. Thus locals, revenues (even if used postally), telegraphs, envelopes, or pen-cancelled and cancelled-to-order specimens will not be considered.

No stamps must catalogue over 50 cents in Scott's 1903 Catalogue, in a used condition; if the stamp is not priced used, it must not be entered.

Messrs. J. F. Capron and C. H. Stone are to judge the exhibit, and collections may be left with them, or sent to the Secretary before noon of the date of meeting.

All members are earnestly requested to enter this competition, and to attend the meeting, if possible. The conditions are easy, and the beginner has practically an equal chance with the more advanced collector, of capturing the silver medal.

In courtesy to Mr. Stone, at least, we should endeavor to make the exhibition a success; and should it prove so, I am informed that other members intend to offer prizes for similar competitions, to be held during the remainder of the season.
H. W. LEGG, Secretary.

The last meeting of the Association was held Tuesday evening, December 2nd, at 22 Bromfield St., with Vice-President Capron in the chair and several members present.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The Treasurer's report was not prepared and was ordered to be laid over until the January meeting.

After the transaction of the routine business Mr. C. H. Stone showed his very fine collection of "King's Heads" which elicited the hearty approval of the members present.

The meeting adjourned at 10 o'clock.
H. W. LEGG, Secretary.

The Boston Philatelic Society.

M. H. LOMBARD, President, Winchester, Mass.
C. F. ROTHFUCHS, Vice-President, Boston.
C. A. HOWES, Secretary, 55 Kilby St., Boston.
L. L. GREEN, Treasurer, 47 Tremont St., Boston.
J. H. LYONS, Supt. of Auctions, P. O. Box 14, Roxbury, Mass.
J. F. JOHNSON, Supt. of Sales, 136 Congress St., Boston, Mass.

THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA, Official Journal.

The December Meeting.

The 121st regular meeting was held in Elks' Hall on Tuesday evening, December 16, at 8 o'clock, with President Lombard in the chair and 26 members present.

A letter was read from the Pacific Philatelic Society offering a silver medal for our next series of exhibitions, which was accepted with a vote of thanks.

The resignation of Mr. Geo. W. Whiting was accepted.

The following applications were posted: Mr. W. F. VAN MALDER, Roslindale, Mass.; proposed by C. A. Howes. Mr. ISAAC HILLS, Siasconset, Nantucket; proposed by J. M. Bartels.

The following were elected members: No. 359. Mr. Frederick W. Palmer, Somerville, Mass.

No. 360. Mr. Edw. de Z. Kelley, Boston.

The President announced the death, on Dec. 13, of Mr. Wm. Alex. Smith, Jr., one of our New York members, and the Secretary was instructed to convey the sympathy of the Society to his family.

It was voted that the two prize essays in the competition of December 1903, should become the property of the Society, and some discussion was held as to the scope of the papers and the arrangements for the competition. It was finally left entirely in the Exhibition Committee's hands.

Under Art. III. Sect. 4 of the Statutes, adopted this year, nominations for next year's officers could be made at this meeting. The present incumbents were renominated with the exception of Mr. Johnson as Supt. of Sales. On account of his removal from the city Mr. Lyons was nominated in his place. For the Governing Board Messrs. R. F. Burns, E. S. Phelps, L. G. Barrett, E. F. Sawyer and G. F. Loring were nominated.

The Secretary read a set of resolutions asking the Post Office Dept. to provide a 10c envelope for registration purposes in the new series, and also to furnish one or more sizes of lined envelopes. The resolutions were adopted.

Mr. Colson offered as prizes for the two largest lists of new members obtained in 1903 by a member, two Hawaiian stamps, Nos. 54b and 65. This was accepted with a vote of thanks.

A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Johnson for his long and active service in the Society, and also expressing regret that circumstances required him to remove from Boston.

The Library Committee announced a Periodical Circuit for such members as desired to see the best journals, both domestic and foreign, as they appeared. All interested should send their names to Mr. H. Corbett, 1413 Washington St., Boston, stating the periodicals they desire to receive each month. It is hoped that many will avail themselves of this privilege which does not, however, include weekly journals.

Mr. Colson gave an interesting talk on the side-lights of his recent trip abroad, and Mr. Rothfuchs was asked to tell us of his summer in Europe at the next meeting.

The exhibition for the evening was a noteworthy one. In Class A, Greece, two fine collections were entered, Mr. Holland

HAVE YOU THESE ?

UNITED STATES		
1891, 6cc orange, fair copies.....		\$0.04
ABYSSINIA		
*1894 Postage, 1/2 to 16g, 7 var.....		.35
*1896 Unpaid, 1/2 to 16g, 7 va.....		.35
Both sets for.....		.60
BRAZIL		
1899 1000r on 700r fawn.....		.15
1899 2000r on 1000r yellow buff.....		.30
BR. SOUTH AFRICA		
1897 4d ultramarine and red violet.....		.08
1899 2d brown.....		.05
CEYLON		
1895 30c violet & orange brown, "On Service".....		.07
GIBALTAR		
1898 1d carmine.....		.02
NEW ZEALAND		
1899 1/4d green.....		.01
1899 3d orange brown.....		.05
1902 1d carmine.....		.01
TRANSVAAL		
1902 1/4d green and black, King's Head..		.03
1902 1d carmine and black, King's Head..		.02
1902 2d purple and black, King's Head..		.05
1902 1/2 E. K. I. on 2d brown and green...		.04
VICTORIA		
1901 6d emerald green, without postage, fair copies, but heavily cancelled..		.05

Lots of stamps desired for our mail auction sales. Terms on application.

* Unused. Postage Extra.
COLUMBIAN STAMP CO., Arlington, Mass.

winning first and Mr. Lombard second prize.

In Class B, 50 stamps to catalogue not under \$20 each, there were five collections shown, aggregating \$45,000 in value. It was a treat to all present, and is deemed of enough interest to publish the list in each exhibit, which will be done in the next number of the ERA. Mr. H. J. Crocker won the silver medal with a collection valued at \$17,000, and Mr. E. H. Mason the bronze medal with one valued at \$8500. Meeting adjourned at 10.30 o'clock.
C. A. HOWES, Sec'y.

Notice.

All members desiring to subscribe for or renew their subscriptions to the *London Philatelist* at our special rate are asked to send \$1.05 to the Secretary by the next (January) meeting.

Fiscal Philatelic Society.

At the meeting held on December 4th, 1902, Messrs. C. S. F. Crofton, C. Frike Evans, P. Gilbert (France), A. Rouillon (France), and A. Vetter (Germany), were elected members. The fiscals of the New Republic, New South Wales and New Zealand were discussed and catalogued.

Mr. Wulbern presented copies of his works on the fiscal and telegraph stamps of the German States, Austria-Hungary and Balkan States, to the library.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, January 8th, 1903, at 6.30 P. M., at 65 Bishopsgate Street, Without, London, E. C., when the remainder of the fiscals of New Zealand will be catalogued. Will members assist by sending notes of varieties, perforations, etc.

The December Exchange Packet (Home) totals to £145, and the contribution from home members to the Continental Exchange to fr. 976. The sales from the November packet were over £10.

Rules and any desired particulars respecting the Society can be obtained from Hon. Secretary A. B. Kay, 2 Haarlem Mansions, West Kensington, London, W.

The Weekly Philatelic Era

A PAPER DEVOTED TO STAMP NEWS.

50c PER YEAR.

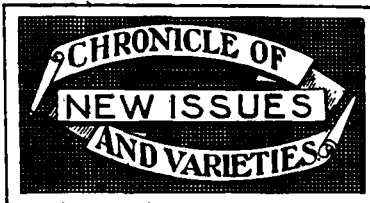
ENTERED AT PORTLAND POST OFFICE AS SECOND CLASS MATTER JAN. 10, 1890.

2c PER COPY.

VOL. XVII. No. 15.

PORTLAND, ME., SATURDAY, JANUARY 3, 1903.

WHOLE No. 503.



BY HENRY A. KIDDER.

Friends of the ERA are invited to send to the editor of this department any information regarding new issues or varieties that may prove of interest. Such information will be suitably acknowledged. Address, HENRY A. KIDDER, 17 Addison Street, Arlington, Mass.

Exchanges will please send Mr Kidder a copy of each issue to the foregoing address, and an extra copy of the ERA will be gladly sent whenever desired.

UNITED STATES.—Mr. J. M. Bartels has shown us two new wrappers in the current type. They are the 2c carmine on manilla, 8x12 in. and 4c brown on manilla 10x15 in. Both are on paper much heavier than the wrappers now current. These are surcharged specimen and it is understood that they are not to be issued to the public until printed with new dies now in preparation. The new set of envelopes will number 56, substantially the same as the current set, and 3 wrappers, the 1c to be the same size as that now current. Mr. Bartels, who has just returned from a vacation trip to Washington, reports having seen the 1c, 2c, 4c, 5c and special delivery stamp of the new issue. The last is being issued, the 2c and 4c have been printed, the 5c was put on the press Dec. 26, and the 1c the following week. The designs for the 6c and 15c have been accepted and work on them will be pushed.

ARGENTINE.—A correspondent of the *American Journal of Philately* gives a copy of an official decree authorizing a new series of envelopes, wrappers and postal cards printed by typography instead of embossed. The 5c envelope on white was chronicled in No. 497. The colors of paper are not given for the others.

Envelopes (Regular):

5c carmine on white.

15c blue.

Wrappers (Regular):

4c carmine.

1c blue.

2c slate.

4c green.

Post Cards (Regular):

6c blue.

15c blue (with reply paid).

4c green.

Letter Card (Regular):

4c carmine.

BAHAMAS.—Mr. N. Cobe has shown us the new issue for the Islands, the denominations thus far received being the 1d, 2½d, 4d, 6d and 1sh. The stamps are all of the same design, the only differences being in the values and colors. The portrait of King Edward appears in an upright rectangle with curved ends, surmounted by the Imperial crown which separates the top label into two parts in which appear respectively "Bahamas" and "Postage". The values appear in letters in a white label at the bottom. At the sides of the portrait appear the usual pineapple and conch shell in long pointed ovals filled with conventional ornaments. Mr. Cobe's correspondent in the Islands says that the 5d, 2sh and 5sh of the staircase type are expected next month. The Queen's head remainders were to have been destroyed Dec. 31.

Adhesives (Regular):

1d carmine.

2½d blue.

4d orange.

6d light brown.

1sh slate and carmine.

CANADA.—Mr. William P. Anderson of Ottawa has favored us with a copy of the new 7c stamp, promised long ago, which our correspondent informs us was issued Dec. 24. The stamp is printed in a peculiar shade of olive yellow, but beyond the necessary change in value, the design is in the current type.

Adhesive (Regular):

7c olive yellow.

DUTTIA.—*Stanley Gibbons' Monthly* chronicles the ¼a in carmine.

Adhesive (Regular):

¼a carmine.

FERNANDO PO.—The *American Journal of Philately* gives the set for 1902, chronicled in No. 492, with some corrections in color. We reprint the list for reference.

Adhesives (Regular):

5c dark green.

10c blue black.

25c maroon.

50c chocolate.

75c violet.

1p rose.

2p bronze green.

5p salmon.

FIJI ISLANDS.—The New England Stamp Co. has shown us the new set for Fiji in the King's head type current in the other colonies. The word "Fiji" appears in a square gothic letter in the upper label, but as it is very short the ends are filled with a pretty little ornament. This makes an agreeable contrast from the sets for other colonies. The 2d, 4d, 6d and 5sh have the values in white tablets, all others in colored tablets. The stamps under review are overprinted "specimen".

Adhesives (Regular):

¼d green.

1d lilac on red.

2d lilac and red.

2½d lilac and blue on bluish.

3d lilac and brown.

4d lilac and blue.

5d lilac and green.

6d lilac and red.

1sh lilac and carmine.

5sh green and black.

2½ gray black and blue.

GREAT BRITAIN.—After April overprinted stamps will be issued to His

NOW ON SALE! STANLEY GIBBONS' PRICED CATALOGUE

OF THE

POSTAGE STAMPS OF THE WORLD.

1903 Edition in One Volume.

747 Pages.

Price 50 Cents Net or By Mail 60 Cents.

Special Attention is drawn to the very important fact that all prices quoted in this catalogue are those at which we sell fine copies of the stamps, and the prices are not in a single case copied from other catalogues but are all the actual prices of stamps in stock at the time of printing and collectors may therefore send their want lists from this catalogue and be sure of getting almost every stamp ordered.

STANLEY GIBBONS, INC.,

167 BROADWAY,

NEW YORK CITY.

JUST A WORD

with you about the U. S. Revenues you want. Why not send me your want list in this line with proper reference and have your wants sent to you on approval at the right price?

FRED G. JONES,

2013 Brook St., LOUISVILLE, KY.

CHAPTER XVI.

It has just occurred to me to mention Osgood's Famous Big Selections for if you fail to look into one of them you are overlooking the best thing in the approval market. Any collector on the lookout for a good thing should look in a Big Book. References. U. S. Rev. \$3.00 brown, \$5.00 orange red, uncut, extra fine..... \$0 18 Stampman free.

D. W. OSGOOD,

South Fork, Rio Grande Co., Colorado. [To be Continued.]

FERNANDO POO, 1902.

I have just received a few sets of these and offer:

5c to 5 peseta, set of 8, mint..... \$3.35

Persia 1899

50 kran, brown, unused, only..... 1.90

New 1903 list is \$9.00.

British Central Africa

1891 5sh yellow, mint..... 1.70

30sh green, "..... 3.30

Catalogues

Stanley Gibbons, 2 parts bound together, in U. S. money, only.. .60

Also as soon as issued

The "Standard" (so called) at..... .58

FRANK P. BROWN,

333 Washington St., BOSTON, MASS.

Majesty's ships throughout the service. This is to prevent petty frauds upon the postal revenue. The surcharge will be "O. H. M. S." presumably similar to the Indian officials.

HONG KONG.—*Ewen's Weekly* says the King's head set for this Chinese colony will not appear for some time as there is a considerable stock on hand of Queen's head stamps.

ICELAND.—Mr. J. H. Lyons of the New England Stamp Co. has shown us an interesting cover prepaid with six stamps, three of them being of the new issue and the others of the old issue surcharged "I Gildi—'02-'03" in two lines. The new stamps include the 5 aur green, 6 aur brown and 10 aur carmine. These stamps were chronicled in No. 496. The stamps thus far seen are much below the average of Danish stamps, both in design and execution. The colors are very deep, which with the crowded design gives the stamps a very muddy appearance. We chronicle the surcharges thus far seen.

Adhesives (Provisional):

6 aur, gray, red surcharge.
10a carmine, black surcharge.
10a dull blue, red surcharge.

INDIA.—*Le Timbrophile Belge* chronicles the King's head 1a overprinted "O. H. M. S."

Adhesive (Official):

1a carmine and black.

ITALY.—*L'Echo de la Timbrologie* is informed that the 5c printed in color of the

2c red brown (chronicled in No. 501 of the ERA) was only an essay. Its correspondent has copies also in the colors of the 10c, 20c, 40c, 45c and 50c.

MAURITIUS.—*Die Post* chronicles two new values of the current arms type, of which "specimen" copies have been seen.

Adhesives (Regular):

3c green and carmine on yellow.
6c black and carmine on orange red.

MEXICO.—Mr. A. W. Dunning sends us two new issues from this country, 4c in the current set, and a 1c wrapper in a new color.

Adhesive (Regular):

4c brown red.

Wrapper (Regular):

1c lilac on manilla.

PARAGUAY.—*Ewen's Weekly* chronicles a new surcharge, 5c on 8c brown. There are two varieties which are produced in this way: The 8c stamp is printed in sheets of 200, 10 rows of 20 stamps. These sheets are torn into quarters, of which only the N. W. and S. E. quarters have thus far been seen surcharged. Before printing the S. E. sections were turned round so as to render them uniform in shape. As a result the N. W. sections have the surcharge reading down and the S. E. sections have it reading up. The surcharge reads "Habilitado—en—5 cent," printed sideways in black.

Adhesive (Provisional):

5c on 8c brown and black.

RUSSIA.—*L'Echo de la Timbrologie* says that the 1 rouble stamp does not exist on vertically laid paper.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—Two new varieties of the makeshift series have appeared. They are in the large type similar to the 9d recently chronicled, with "postage" in the upper label.

Adhesives (Regular):

8d ultramarine.
5sh pale rose.

SPANISH GUINEA.—We printed in No. 493, the list of the 1902 issue. According to *American Journal of Philately* there were some errors in colors, which are here corrected.

Adhesives (Regular):

5c dark green.
10c blue black.
5c maroon.
50c chocolate.
75c violet.
1p rose.
5p bronze green.
5p salmon.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.—We reprint from *Ewen's Weekly* the following revised list of stationery recently issued in this State.

Envelopes (Regular):

1d carmine, Swan.
2d yellow, type of Victoria ad.

Envelope (Registration):

3d claret, type of Victoria 3d.

Wrappers (Regular):

1/2d green, Swan.
1d carmine, Swan.

Post Cards (Regular):

1dxd, not reported.
1/2dx1/2d blue, type of Victoria ad.

Letter Card (Regular):

1d rose on pale blue, type of Victoria ad.

TRADE COLUMN.

Under this head we will print exchange, want and for sale notices, business announcements, 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. Mit issue charge 10 cents.
One four-line notice free with each subscription, providing copy accompanies the subscription.

THREE Consecutive Insertions of SAME ad in this Column for PRICE OF TWO.

Wanted in quantities: Gt. Britain Nos. 70, 101, used. Cash or exchange. G. C. Cuenod, Galveston, Texas. [5]

To all sending for our approval sheets at 50¢, we will give 6 fine unused stamps free.
A. C. ROESSLER,
Room 10, Club Building, Denver, Colo.

Wanted: War, Interior, Treasury marked "Specimen," must be well centered. JOHN KAY, of Wright, Kay & Co., Detroit, Mich. [6]

Exchange fine 6d Canada, 5/6; Ceylon, No. 8a, Gt. Britain 1/2 No. 73, rare U. S. Depts., Revenues, \$1.00 Prop. No. 8978, needed, and 10c others for good foreign cat. 10c to \$1.00, at a slight discount. Job printing in exchange for stamps. Write, A. J. KIRBY, 30 Ash St., Fall River, Mass. [5]

Fine U. S. Postage and Revenues, also rare Foreign to exchange for rare old China, Indian Baskets, Mexican, Russian, Japan and Chinese drawnwork Oriental and Indian rugs. Address, H. G. SMITH, late Sales Supt. of A. P. A., Winona, Minn. [5*]

I want to buy an entire sheet of United States 2c, No. 252, and 8c, No. 257. ALVIN GOOD, Hickox Bldg., Cleveland, O. [4]

Exchange: Large lots of ordinary stamps of Bavaria, Wurttemberg, German Empire, Austria and Hungary, about 30 varieties, against a similar mixture of United States and other American Countries, weight against weight. Also better mixture or sets according to mutual agreement. Correspondence in German only. Reference, Adolph Lohmeyer, 924 N. Gilmore St., Baltimore, Md. Shipments or offers to be addressed, prepaid, to KONRAD UNGLAUB, Ludwig-Ferdinandstrasse No. 63d, Munich, 38, Bavaria. [5*]

100 Var. 10c; 60 Var. U. S. and Canada, 30c. Big-value approval sheets for beginners 50¢. G. H. DENNIS, Lakewood, N. J. [4]

Hawaii, all unused: No. 31, 0. g., 50c; No. 49, 20 gum, \$8.00; No. 35, 0. g., 15c; No. 52, 0. g., 10c; No. 53, 0. g., 3c; No. 71, 0. g., 40c; No. 72, 0. g., \$1.50; No. 73, 0. g., \$3.00; No. 69, part gum, \$10.00; No. 69, block of 4. 0. g., \$60.00; No. 49, pair, 0. g., \$24.00. C. F. RICHARDS, 326 West 20th St., N. Y. [4]

Bargain, St. Vincent, Scott No. 25, 5sh, 0. g., carmine lake, \$1.90, single or pairs; New Zealand No. 28, 6d brown, used, 70c; Victoria No. 118, 8d brown, 40c; Newfoundland, unused, No. 3, 80c; No. 18, 50c; No. 20, 35c, block four same, \$1.40. A. MACK, Box 494, Ottawa, Ont. [03*]

King's Head 40 French Levant, 3c; 5/6 Zanzibar. 5c; 5c Playing Card, 25c. Departments in Sets or Singles. J. H. HOUSTON, 337 Penn Ave., N. W., Washington, D. C. [6*]

1000 Stamp Papers, many complete volumes of leading papers. Make your best offer for the lot. Cash, U. S. Stamps or Proofs. A. E. CHASE, Brunswick, Me. [3]

A few good stamps, at half catalogue. GEO. F. CRANE, 90 Nassau St., N. Y. City. [9]

Is your collection for sale? Get your dealer to make a price on it, add 25¢ to his offer, and send book to me. We'll do it for you. F. W. PICKARD, 2477 Ingleside, Cincinnati, O. [05]

U. S. Pre-Cancelled postage stamps. I will pay a good price in cash or exchange for any, not in my collection. F. L. SMITH, 40 Exchange Pl., N. Y. [14c]

Approval sheets 60¢ discount. Net sheets for advanced collectors, 9000 var. in stock. Want lists desired. F. W. PICKARD, 2477 Ingleside, Cincinnati, O. [05]

Pre-cancel U. S. on approval. Ex. desired with advanced collectors. L. E. Richardson, Carrier 3, Putnam, Ct. [04]

Two-thirds List for foreign cat. over 5c, in exchange for stamps at list. Lots under \$2 declined. Have 8000 var. on hand. F. W. Pickard, 2477 Ingleside, Cincinnati, O. [03]

Wanted for cash U. S. Pre-cancelled postage stamps. WALTER L. GATES, Testicket, Mass. [10*]

Pre-cancels not in my collection wanted. Best cash or trade price. E. R. ALDRICH, Benson, Minn. [10]

UNUSED U. S. STAMPS.

Re-Issue of 1869 Issue.
 1c buff, on soft porous paper, 1902 Catalogue No. 133, My price..... \$0.50
 An unsevered pair for..... 1.00
 A block of four for..... 2.00
 The above have no gum on back, but otherwise they are in very fine condition and are well centered. I also have a few which were used postally. Price 50 cents each.
 I can also furnish
UNUSED, ORIGINAL GUM:
 1873 3c green.....at 40c each
 1873 3c green, ribbed paper.....at \$1.00
 Post Office 6c, ribbed paper.....at \$1.00
 Pairs and blocks of 4 at same rate.

1890 2c CARMINE, IMPERFORATE,
 Unsevered pair \$3.00 Block of 4 for \$6.00
 Please remit by Bills or Money Order.

C. F. ROTHFUCHS,
 38 MUNROE ST., ROXBURY, MASS
 Special! No. 571, 1c unused, o. g., 25c, block of four for \$1.00; not well centered.

THEO. MAINHART, JOHNSTOWN, PA.

I take this method of thanking my friends for their kind patronage extended to me during the past, and wish them, one and all, a happy and prosperous New Year.

Very respectfully,
THEO. MAINHART,
 Johnstown, Pa.
 Stamps on Approval at 50% Discount.

Chicago Notes.

C. J. Boehme, one of the veteran collectors of Juliet, spent a few days in town recently. Mr. Boehme still has a large part of his first collection, which was commenced in 1862.

Stanley Gibbons' new catalogue made its appearance here Saturday, Dec. 20th. It is priced in American money and contains a greater number of pages than Scott's.

P. M. Wolsieffer recently showed me a lot from one of his sales which was recently returned with the reason "not good enough" The lot consisted of the 24 and 30c P. O. Dept., o. g. and perfectly centred, and were two of the finest specimens the writer has ever seen. P. M. said it was the first lot he had returned in quite awhile, and the buyer had no license to complain of these, because they were just as specified in the catalogue. A Club member remarked that a condition crank like that should have some "made to order" by "private parties."

A beautiful strip of five 10c 1847, not on original cover, however, was shown by an old time local collector. A pair or strip of three of this stamp is seldom seen, let alone a row of five.

Franklin Coombs, of Benton Harbor, is sojourning in Chicago for the winter, and while here will be connected with the Imperial Stamp Co.

Fred Michael, the westside dealer, was married last week to Miss Hattie Marx.

The happy pair have the best wishes of their many friends.

R. Robinson had the good fortune to get two collections last week, the varieties ranging in number from five to seven thousand.

CLIFFORD.

Federal Prospects.

Upwards of three weeks ago we wrote Mr. Brain, Government Printer, of Melbourne, saying that we would take it as a favour if he would let us know by what process the new West Australian stamps were produced, and have received his reply to the effect that he does not consider it advisable in our interests or in those of the West Australian Government to divulge the methods by which the stamps in question were produced, as by so doing an opening for fraud might be suggested to unscrupulous persons.

We have, however, ascertained from other sources that an electrotype has been taken of the original Victorian die. The portion necessary to be altered had been taken out, and the electrotype filled in, the new portion being subsequently engraved on it. The roughness of the printing is accounted for by the fact that it is impossible to take the same fine, sharp impression from an electrotype as it is from the original steel die. In the case of the 1d, W. A. (as this stamp is a trifle larger than the one recently discarded), it is assumed that an enlarged photo of the original die has been zincotyped.

At the utmost these stamps are not likely to have a currency of more than 3 1/2 years at the very outside, taking the very widest view of the case, as the 5 year's block to the constitution will have expired by that date. In the meantime it is quite on the cards that so much dissatisfaction will be expressed by users of these hybrid stamps, that the Federal Government will be compelled before then to supersede them by others more consistent with the status of Australia. Even now this can easily be done by making use of a key die, similar to that which has been adopted in many instances for the issue of the new King's heads, the names of the different States to be inserted, as well as the different values. The die for these could easily have been procured from America or England during the year and nine months which have now elapsed since the postal departments were taken over. All the States could have been supplied with similar stamps, each State having its own name inserted, and all could have been issued throughout Australia on the same day. If the present method of "tinkering" had any finality in it, one might be disposed to put up with the inconvenience for a short time, but there seems to be such a terrible amount of in-

TRANSVAAL KING'S HEAD CARDS.

Just Received.
 1-2d green on white..... \$0.03
 1d carmine on cream..... .05
 1d carmine on blue, Letter Card..... .05
 Postage Extra.

ADOLPH LOHMEYER,
 922 N. Gilmor St., BALTIMORE, MD.

OUR LISTS OF BARGAINS.

The following lists are now ready. Prices very low and are good until stock is exhausted. Buyers should send for these lists at once and save money.

1. U. S. Postage through 1898.
2. U. S. Departments & Newspaper stamps.
3. U. S. Envelopes and Wrappers.
4. U. S. Revenues.
5. Confederate States through Barbados.
6. Bavaria through Bulgaria.
7. Canada to Shanghai.
8. Shanghai through French Colonies.
9. Denmark through French Colonies.
10. French Congo through Great Britain.
11. Grenada through Horta.
12. Hanover through Japan.
13. Labuan through Monaco.
14. Mauritius through Newfoundland.

These lists price all medium priced stamps we have in stock in sufficient quantity to advertise. We have a great many rare stamps and as our stock is constantly changing we advise all collectors to send us their want list if they cannot find what they want on our lists. Write us today for one or all of our lists if you are buying. We also refund money if you are not satisfied for any reason. We send no approval selections to anyone except upon a definite order. Our low prices are simply to get the business and not the purpose of flooding you with a lot of stamps you do not want.

WRITE US TO-DAY.
HOLTEN STAMP CO., BOSTON, MASS.

1861 REVENUE BARGAINS!

1c Playing Cards.....	Catalogue \$3.00, Price, \$1.25
1c Certificate, blue.....	60, " 15
3c Playing Card.....	6.00, " 1.75
5c ".....	7.5, " .25
25c Warehouse Receipt....	6.00, " .20
30c Foreign Exchange.....	1.50, " .00
50c ".....	.50, " .15
\$1.00 Mortgage.....	3.00, " .90
\$2.00 Probate of Will.....	1.00, " .35

Omaha Stamp & Coin Co., 209 S. 13th St., Omaha, Neb.

SOMETHING NEW!

CANADA	
*7c light olive, just issued.....	\$0.10
BAHAMAS	
*1d carmine, King's Head.....	.04
UNITED STATES	
13c slate, used.....	.05
SCOTT'S CATALOGUE	
1903 Edition, post paid with new 8c Martha Washington.....	.58
UNITED STATES	
1897, 30c orange, fair copies.....	.04
ABYSSINIA	
*1894 Postage, 1/2g to 16g, 7 var.....	.35
*1896 Unpaid, 1/2g to 16g, 7 var.....	.25
Both sets for.....	.60
BRAZIL	
1899 1000r on 700r fawn.....	.15
1899 3000r on 1000r yell.w buff.....	.30
BR. SOUTH AFRICA	
1897 4d ultramarine and red violet.....	.08
1899 2d brown.....	.05
CEYLON	
1895 30c violet & orange brown, "On Service"	.07
GIBALTAR	
1898 1d carmine.....	.02
NEW ZEALAND	
1899 1/2d green.....	.01
1899 3d orange brown.....	.05
1901 1d carmine.....	.01
TRANSVAAL	
1902 1/2d green and black, King's Head..	.03
1902 1d carmine and black, King's Head..	.02
1902 2d purple and black, King's Head..	.05
*1901 1/2 K. R. I. on 2d brown and green..	.04
VICTORIA	
1901 6d emerald green, without postage, fair copies, but heavily cancelled..	.05
* Unused Postage Extra.	

COLUMBIAN STAMP CO., Arlington, Mass.

Please mention the ERA when writing advertisers.

consistency in the whole procedure that one is tempted to think that these new issues are merely the result of someone's whimsicality.—*Australian Journal of Philately.*

The Collectors Club,
351 FOURTH AVE., NEW YORK.

GOVERNOR'S MEETING.

The eighty-seventh meeting of the Board of Governors was held at the club house on Wednesday evening, December 10, 1902.

Present: Messrs. Andreini, Bruner, Dewing Luff, Morgenthau, Scott and Perrin.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 P. M. with Mr. Scott in the chair.

Mr. J. M. Andreini was nominated and unanimously elected President for the ensuing year.

Mr. P. F. Bruner was nominated and unanimously elected Vice-President for the ensuing year.

Mr. J. W. Scott was nominated and unanimously elected Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Mr. Albert Perrin was nominated and unanimously elected Secretary for the ensuing year.

Moved, seconded and carried that the offer of the National Philatelic Society to turn over to the club all their furniture and money in the Treasury in settlement of their debt be accepted for full payment.

The Secretary read the resignation from the Board of Mr. H. E. Deats.

Moved, seconded and carried that his resignation be accepted with regrets.

Mr. M. H. Lombard was appointed on the Board to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Deats.

The following committees were appointed by the President to serve during the ensuing year.

Executive: H. L. Calman, Chairman, J. O. Hobby, J. W. George.

House: John N. Luff, Chairman, G. E. Jones, Albert Perrin, G. R. Tuttle, Oscar Dejonge.

Amusement and Exhibition: P. F. Bruner, Chairman, John N. Luff, C. B. Corwin, J. C. Morgenthau, Julius Herzog.

Literary: Jos. S. Rich, Chairman, H. E. Deats, F. E. P. Lynde.

Membership: W. W. Dewing, Chairman, H. E. Robinson, A. Krassa, W. F. Gregory, J. C. Morgenthau.

The Treasurer was authorized to have the Annual Report and Membership List printed.

Adjourned at 10 P. M.
ALBERT PERRIN, Secretary.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The seventh meeting of the stockholders and sixth annual meeting of the club was held at the club house on Wednesday evening, December 10, 1902.

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 P. M. by President Andreini.

The following members answered to the calling of the roll: J. M. Andreini, M. C. Berlepach, P. F. Bruner, W. W. Dewing, W. F. Gregory, L. M. Homburger, G. E.

MSS. Wanted!

The Perforator Prize Manuscript contest is in full operation (fifth month).

If any reader of the ERA wishes to enter the contest, we request him to send for a sample copy of the Perforator, which contains full particulars.

THE PERFORATOR,
106 B. 111th Street. NEW YORK CITY.

American Philatelic Association.
(INCORPORATED.)

THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA—OFFICIAL JOURNAL.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

- ALEXANDER HOLLAND, President, 40 Grace Court, Brooklyn, N. Y.
 Board of Vice-Presidents.
 FRANK H. BURT, Chairman, Room 1046, Tremont Building, Boston, Mass.
 GORDON IRELAND, Secretary, Holyoke House 21, Cambridge, Mass.
 J. F. JOHNSON, 383 Lexington St., Auburndale, Mass.
 H. E. DEATS, Secretary, Flemington, N. J.
 E. DOEBLIN, International Secretary, Box 736, Pittsburg, Pa.
 C. L. ANNAN, Treasurer, Copper Range R. R., Houghton, Mich.
 H. B. PHILLIPS, 1311 Grove St., Berkeley, Cal.
 F. W. CONING, 350 George St., New Brunswick, N. J.

RESIDENT VICE-PRESIDENTS.

- BOSTON, MASS.—J. F. JOHNSON, 383 Lexington St., Auburndale, Mass.
 SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.—W. E. LOV, 8421 Ellsworth St., Berkeley, Cal.
 NEW YORK CITY.—W. F. GREGORY, 71 Nassau St.
 PITTSBURG, PA.—E. DOEBLIN, Box 736.
 CHICAGO, ILL.—A. F. MERRELL, 438 Marquette Building.
 MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.—ELEN S. MARTIN, 3244 First Avenue, South.
 WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS—ROBERT D. MAYNARD, 36 Oak Grove Ave., Springfield.

APPOINTEE OFFICERS.

- E. H. ANDERSON, Librarian, Carnegie Library, Pittsburg, Pa.
 H. D. WATSON, Collecting Agent, 64 Cedar St., New York City.
 JOHN J. OESCH, Superintendent of Sales Dept., 34 Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill.
 H. E. DEATS, Assistant Librarian, Flemington, N. J.
 W. F. GREGORY, Auction Purchasing Agent, 71 Nassau St., New York City.
 P. M. WOLSIEFFER, Auction Purchasing Agent, 1009 Atwood Bldg., Chicago, Ill.
 A. W. BATCHELDER, Auction Purchasing Agent, 21 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass.

REPORT OF SECRETARY

For the Week Ending January 3rd.

Application for Membership.

MILLER, WALTER W., P. O. Box 282, Franklin, Pa.; age, 26; occupation, Bookkeeper. References: Walter A. Smith, H. E. Deats.

Re-instated.

943. REYNOLDS, JOHN N., 1666 Monadnock Block, Chicago, Ill.

Change of Address.

1633. BARR, H. C., from Apartado 24 bis, Parral, Chih., Mexico, to Hacienda San Carlos, Minatitlan, Ver. Mexico.

Membership Summary.

Membership Dec. 27th.....	529
Re-instated.....	1
Total membership Jan. 3rd... ..	530

H. E. DEATS, Secretary.

Jones, J. C. Morgenthau, Albert Perrin, Jos. S. Rich, J. W. Scott, P. Stypman, G. R. Tuttle, B. von Hoderberg, John N. Luff.

The reading of the minutes of the preceding meeting of the stockholders was dispensed with. The reports of the following officers and committees were read and accepted:

- The President's report.
- The Treasurer's report.
- The Secretary's report.
- The House Committee's report.
- The Amusement Committee's report.
- The Auditing Committee's report.
- The Literary Committee's report.
- The Membership Committee's report.

The following amendment to the Constitution offered by Mr. J. W. Scott was seconded and unanimously carried:

"Section 20 (page 15) substitute October for December, at end of second line."

Section 20 now reads as follows:

"The annual meeting of the club shall be held on the second Wednesday in October, at 8 o'clock P. M. for the election of Governors and for the transaction of general business."

Moved by Mr. Morgenthau, seconded by Mr. Luff and unanimously carried that the terms of office of the Governors elected at this meeting shall expire in October of 1904 and 1905 respectively. There being no other business before the meeting, the President appointed Messrs. Luff and Rich tellers, in order to proceed to the election of four Governors, three to serve until October, 1905 and one to serve until October, 1904.

Upon the ballot the following result was announced.

To Serve Until 1905: Total votes cast,

14. J. M. Andreini, 14; John N. Luff, 13; J. C. Morgenthau, 7; G. E. Jones, 6; W. W. Dewing, 1.

To Serve Until 1904: Total votes cast, 15; W. W. Dewing, 8; G. E. Jones, 5; I. A. Mekel, 1; G. R. Tuttle, 1.

The chair thereupon declared Messrs. Andreini, Luff, Morgenthau and Dewing duly elected.

Adjourned at 9:20 P. M.
ALBERT PERRIN, Secretary.

The Postal Card Society of America.

Officers for 1902-3.

- President, HORACE E. CARPENTER, JR., Care N. B. Bradley & Sons, Bay City, Mich.
 Vice-President, J. T. ALBERT HOSSBACH, 1422 North 53rd St., Philadelphia, Pa.
 Secretary, W. F. AGEE, Hope, Ark.
 Treasurer, JOHN N. MORSE, 103 Devonshire St., Boston, Mass.
 Executive Committee, GUY A. BRYANT, Princeton, Ill.; W. D. ARNOLD, The Portland, Broadway, St. Paul, Minn.; N. HASKELL WRITNER, 930 S. 9th St., La Crosse, Wis.
 Exchange Superintendent, J. T. A. HOSSBACH, 1422 No. 53rd St., Phila., Pa.
 Purchasing Agent, ADOLPH LONMEYER, 922 N. Gilmer St., Baltimore, Md.
 International Secretary, E. DOEBLIN, P. O. Box 736, Pittsburg, Pa.
 Official Journal, THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA.

IF YOU WISH TO

BUY, SELL OR EXCHANGE

Stamps, Desired Results can be had through

AN AD IN THE WEEKLY ERA.

The Boston Philatelic Society.

M. H. LOMBARD, President, Winchester, Mass.
 C. F. ROTHFUCHS, Vice-President, Boston.
 C. A. HOWES, Secretary, 35 Kilby St., Boston.
 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 Sales, 136 Congress St., Boston, Mass.
 THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA, Official Journal.

Exhibition of Rare Stamps, Dec. 16, 1902.

The lists here given are taken from those furnished by the exhibitors and from the exhibits. Many details are omitted from lack of space, e. g. a number of fine things were on covers or parts of covers; many varieties formed parts of strips or blocks; unused stamps predominated but many were used, and though not noted yet a glance at the catalogue will readily show in most cases in which condition the specimens appeared. The prices given are those marked by the owners.

EXHIBIT OF HENRY J. CROCKER, (Silver Medal.)

U. S. 1847, 5c, laid paper,	\$250
“ “ 10c, “ “	250
“ 1861, August, 5c,	500
“ 1867, 5c, grilled all over,	600
“ 1869, 30c, inverted,	600
“ \$5 State,	135
“ Brattleboro, 5c,	650
“ St. Louis, 20c,	2500
“ “ 10c,	200
(Above two used together on piece of cover.)	
“ Pan-American, 4c invert,	350
Hawaii, 5c Missionary, on cover,	1000
“ 1893, 6c, black surcharge,	100
“ “ 10c brown, red surcharge,	100
British Guiana 1850, 4d,	250
Canada, 12d,	500
“ 1852, 6d,	100
Cape of Good Hope, 5s, CA,	150
Ceylon 1857, 4d,	1200
“ 1861, 8d,	60
Colombia 1863, 50c red, error,	125
Dominica 1886, 1d on 6d,	200
Great Britain 1855, 2d, perf. 16,	200
“ 1856, 4d medium garter,	75
“ 1867, 10d, plate 2,	100
“ £1, anchor,	600
Hong Kong, 4c, perf. 12½,	200
Mauritius 1848, 1 penny,	200
Moldavia, 81 paras,	1200
New Brunswick, 6d,	100
“ 1s,	200
Newfoundland, 1s scarlet,	500
New South Wales, 3d, watermarked 5,	100
New Zealand, 1 penny, pelure paper,	150
“ 2d, pelure paper,	100
Niger Coast, ½d on 2¼d, black surch.,	150
“ 1s on 2p, black surcharge,	200
Nova Scotia, 1s,	200
Reunion 1852, 15c,	350
“ “ 30c,	350
(Above two used together on piece of cover.)	
Saxony 1851, ½ n. g., error,	400
Spain 1852, 2 reales,	200
“ 1853, 3 cuartos,	120

Straits Settlements 1894, 3ac rose,	100
Turks Island 1873, 1s,	125
“ “ 4d on 1s,	100
Tuscany, 3 lire,	750
“ “ 9 cr, white paper,	75
Vancouver I., 5c imperf.,	350
Victoria, 5s blue on yellow,	75
Western Australia 1854, 6d,	100
	\$17,190

EXHIBIT OF E. H. MASON, (Bronze Medal.)

Hawaii 1859, 1c blue on bluish,	\$85
“ “ 1c black on grayish,	50
U. S. Baltimore, 5c on bluish, on cover,	350
“ New Haven, original, cut to shape,	2000
“ St. Louis, 10c on greenish,	200
“ “ 5c on gray lilac,	250
“ “ 10c on “ “	200
“ 1861, August, 10c,	75
“ “ 3c scarlet,	80
“ 1867, 5c, grilled all over,	600
“ 1869, half of 2c used as 1c on cover,	75
“ Baltimore Carrier, 1c green,	75
“ State, \$10,	70
Confederate, Baton Rouge, small border,	100
Confederate, Marion, 2c, unused,	75
“ “ 5c, used,	300
“ Lenoir, 5c,	100
Afghanistan 1871, 6sh,	70
“ “ 1 rup,	75
Buenos Ayres 1858, 4p,	85
“ “ 5p,	100
Colombia, Cauca, 1879, 5c,	250
“ “ 1882, 5c,	150
Mexico, Guadalajara, 1867, ½r, white paper,	80
Great Britain, 1d, V. R.,	75
British Guiana 1862, 2c yellow, (type A8),	60
British Guiana 1862, 4c blue, (type A10),	80
“ “ 4c “ (type A11),	70
Ceylon 1857, 4d,	90
“ “ 8d,	90
Canada, 12d, wove paper,	500
Natal 1857, 9d,	125
Gold Coast, 20s, green and red,	60
St. Vincent 1880, 5s,	75
“ 4d on 1s.	110
Western Australia 1854, 2d, rouletted,	100
India Official 1867, 8a,	75
New Brunswick, 1s red violet, used,	90
“ “ 5c Connell,	125
Nova Scotia, 1s red violet, used,	90
“ 1s dull violet, unused,	250
Newfoundland, 6d orange, unused,	150
“ 6d scarlet, used,	75
“ 6½d scarlet, unused,	65
“ 1s orange,	150
“ 1s scarlet, half used as 6d,	150
Switzerland, double Geneva,	125
“ 1849, 2¼r, no frame to cross,	125
Tuscany, 60 cr,	75
Two Sicilies 1860, ¼t (type A8),	80
	\$8,565

EXHIBIT OF JOHN N. LUFF.

U. S. 1857, 5c brick red,	\$100
“ 1861, 3c scarlet,	80
“ Franklin Carrier,	250
“ 1851, 24c,	100
“ “ 30c,	150
“ “ 90c,	250
“ 1861, August, 1c,	500
“ “ “ 10c,	75
“ “ “ 24c,	225
“ “ “ 30c,	350
“ 1869, 90c, without grill,	75
“ Pan-American, 2c inverted,	150
“ State, \$5,	135
“ Periodical, 1875, \$60,	75
“ 1869, 15c inverted,	200
“ “ 24c “	200
“ “ 30c “	600
Barbados 1871, 4d (Scott No. 30),	100
Bechuanaland Protectorate, 10sh;	75
Canada 1851, 6d,	150
“ 1852, 6d violet,	150
Shanghai 1893, ¼c on 20c, error,	90
Fiji 1875, 2d on 6c (Scott No. 29),	80
France 1853, reprint 1fr tete-beche,	360
Great Britain 1857, 2d, thin lines,	100
“ Official, £1 green,	75
Hawaii 1859, 1c blue on bluish,	85
Labuan, 1 dollar on 16c,	125
Lagos, 10s brown violet,	70
Mauritius 1848, 1d on yellowish,	100
“ “ 2d “ “	125
Niger Coast, ¼d on 2d, blue surch.,	150
Natal 1857, 3d,	135
New Brunswick, 6d,	100
Nova Scotia, 1s dull violet,	250
St. Vincent 1880, 5sh,	75
“ 4d on 1sh,	110
Straits Settlements 1883, 8c on 12c, (Scott No. 62),	80
Sierra Leone 1861, 6d (Scott No. 3),	90
“ 1883, 4d,	100
Turks Islands, 2¼d on 1d (Scott No. 25),	90
Transvaal 1870, 1s tete-beche (Scott No. 6a),	100
Victoria 1864, 6d, rouletted,	85
“ “ 6d, large serpentine perf.,	110
Zanzibar on India, 1s, blue surcharge,	85
Victoria, 5sh, blue on yellow,	75
Western Australia 1854, 2d, imperf.,	75
“ “ 1865, 2d lilac, error,	100
Confederate, Rheatown, 5c used,	250
“ Spartanburg, 5c on white,	125
	\$7,385

EXHIBIT OF M. H. LOMBARD.

France 1849, 10c, tete-beche,	\$70
“ “ 15c,	40
“ “ 20c, tete-beche,	25
“ “ 25c, “	40
“ “ 1fr, vermilion,	65
“ “ 1fr, carmine, tete-beche,	150
“ 1853, 20c on greenish,	400
“ “ 80c lake, tete-beche,	80
“ “ 80c rose, “	80
“ “ 1fr, “	750
“ 1862, 80c, “	80
“ 1863, 4c, “	500
“ 1870, 20c (Scott No. 42),	50
“ “ engraved, 10c, tete-beche,	160

France 1870, engraved, 20c, tete-beche,	160
“ “ “ 25c, “	60
“ 1871, 15c, error,	80
“ 1876, 25c, type I,	40
“ “ 20c blue,	150
“ Newspaper, 2c rose, imperf.,	40
Argentina 1864, 10c, imperf.,	40
Buenos Ayres 1858, 3p,	45
“ “ 5p ochre,	250
“ “ 4p,	85
Gold Coast, 20c green and red,	60
Lagos, 5sh blue,	37½
Philippines 1854, 5c,	35
“ “ - 1r “CORROS”,	35
“ Habilitado, 2r p (Scott No. 160), inverted surch.,	75
Porto Rico 1877, 5c, error,	40
“ “ 10c, “	60
Hawaii, Missionary, 5c,	850
“ 1853, 5c, white paper,	50
“ “ 5c, thin white paper,	40
“ 1859, 1c (Scott No. 10),	85
“ “ 2c (“ “ 11),	50
“ “ 2c (“ “ 13),	60
“ “ 2c (“ “ 14),	100
“ “ 1c (“ “ 15),	150
“ “ 2c (“ “ 16a),	100
“ “ 2c (“ “ 17),	60
“ “ 2c (“ “ 18),	70
“ “ 1c (“ “ 19),	30
“ “ 2c (“ “ 20a),	100
“ “ 5c (“ “ 22), tete-beche,	80
“ “ 1c (Scott No. 23a),	150
“ “ 2c (“ “ 24a),	150
“ 1869, 13c,	40
“ 1893, 2c brown, no period,	40
“ “ 5c dark blue, no period,	40

\$6,028

EXHIBIT OF ALEXANDER HOLLAND.

U. S. 1851, 1c, type I,	\$50
“ “ 1c, type III,	50
“ “ 24c,	100
“ “ 30c,	150
“ 1861, August, 3c,	50
“ “ “ 10c,	75
“ “ “ 24c,	125
“ “ “ 30c,	450
“ “ 3c pink,	50
“ “ 3c scarlet,	80
“ “ 90c, reissue,	40
“ 1869, 90c,	40
“ Pan-American, 2c inverted,	175
Newfoundland, 2d scarlet,	35
“ “ 4d “	30
“ “ 6d “	75
“ “ 6½d “	65
“ “ 18 “	400
“ “ 18 orange,	150
New Brunswick, 6d,	100
Great Britain 1847, 1s,	40
Saxony 1850, 3pf,	60
“ 1851, 2ng, dark blue,	40
Naples 1860, ½t (Scott No. 9),	125
Argentina 1864, 10c, imperf.,	40
Brazil 1845, 6oor,	40
“ 1844, 3oor,	50
Moldavia 1858, 8op on bluish,	450
Sweden 1872, 20 ore, error,	100

Niger Coast 1892, ¼d on half of 1d, violet surcharge,	150
Hawaii 1859, 1c (Scott No. 10),	85
“ “ 2c (“ “ 11),	40
“ “ 2c (“ “ 13),	45
“ “ 2c (“ “ 14),	50
“ “ 2c (“ “ 16),	30
“ “ 1c (“ “ 19),	30
“ “ 2c (“ “ 20),	45
“ 1853, 5c, white paper,	50
“ 1893, 6c, black surcharge,	100
“ “ 10c brown, red surch.,	100
“ “ 5c ultramarine, double surcharge,	100
Ceylon 1857, 4d,	90
“ “ 1s,	200
“ “ 2s,	40
“ 1861, 8d (Scott No. 29),	50
“ 1879, 2r 50c,	40
Finland 1866, 10p, error (Scott No. 8c),	35
Greece, 10l, orange on pale lilac,	75
Russia 1858, 10k, imperf.,	30
“ “ 30k, perf.,	40

\$4,660

Warning.

We have to warn collectors to be on their guard against certain stamps with forged perforations which have been placed in circulation in Sydney for some considerable time. Chief amongst these, in order of supposititious value, are the Queensland perf. 9½x12, 1d, 2d, and 1sh. These stamps are very close imitations of the originals, being of course genuine specimens of the ordinary stamps, perf. 12, with the horizontal perforations removed, and a larger gauge substituted. The large holes of the 9½ gauge are somewhat irregular in shape, there are also other variations from the genuine article. The imitation is so close that a very careful examination is necessary to detect the fraud, but the point we refer to will aid detection.

Amongst other stamps which have been treated by the same hand are the 6d black Victoria, “postage stamp” at sides, which has had the usual wide margin on one or more sides carefully perforated to match with the other sides, thus converting a badly centered stamp into a well centered one. There are also the 2d bottle green and 4d blue Van Diemen’s Land; 6d and 1sh Tasmania all perf. 12½, postmarked, made from Imperforate specimens; 2d blue New South Wales (1862 type on small N. S. W. Crown paper) perf. 12½ unused; 3d yellow green wmk 3, perf. 12; 8d orange wmk 8, perf. 12; 6d registered wmk 12½; 1d blue and 2d green (V. R. in monogram) Fiji, perf. 10x12½ and 12x10; 4d and 5d perf. 10; also some South Australians and others, including even common stamps of various denominations, which could scarcely pay for the trouble of manipulation.

Besides the faking of perforations, other stamps have been cleaned, and in some cases postmarked or re-gummed, and passed as unused; notably the Fiji 5sh.—*Austrian Philatelist.*

WHEN YOU THINK OF SELLING

WRITE TO

B. L. DREW & CO.,

7 WATER ST., (Room 601), BOSTON, MASS.

(cont)

The Leading Auction Firm in America.

STAMPS BY THE CENTURY.

	Per 100		Per 100
\$1 green Doc., uncut,	.22	U. S. No. 44,	.33
\$1 “ “ cut,	.08	“ “ 65,	.26
\$1 gray “ “ .22		“ “ 24,	.30
\$2 “ “ “ .23		“ “ 24,	.30
\$1 b. & g. Doc., cut,	.40	5c Cent. Imp.,	3.50
40c blue “ “ .45		Lomb. Venice, No. 4,	4.40
40c “ uncut,	1.25	“ “ 5,	3.35
4c Columbian,	1.00	“ “ 6,	.60
1c “ .07		“ “ 10,	.40
1878, 1c Prop.,	.55	“ “ 11,	.65
“ 4c “ 1.20		“ “ 13,	.75
1st issue 4c Prop.,	5.50	Belgium No. 224,	.50
“ 2c “ blue, 2.30		P. Rico '84, cat. 5c,	.55
“ 5c Exp., “ 1.25		Peru No. 1s,	1.60
“ 5c “ 1.55		“ “ 14,	1.40
“ 10c B. of L., 1.65		Guatemala No. 61,	.85
“ 3c Prop., 5.50		Netherland '91, 2½c, 1.15	

50 sold at 100 rate. Next week stamps by the 1000.
E. C. Dodd, 259 So. Hermitage Ave., Chicago.

AUCTION SALES

ARE OUR SPECIALTY.

We hold them about every two weeks during the season.

We charge a reasonable commission depending on the grade of the goods offered.

We make prompt settlements.

We want you on our mailing list if you are interested.

We want to sell your collection if you are desirous of disposing of it.

We want to do business with you and will treat you fairly.

Bogert & Durbin Co.,

722 Chestnut St., PHILADELPHIA, PA. (11th St.)

PHILATELIC LITERATURE.

Scott’s Catalogues 1894, 1897, 1898 and supplement, 1900 (2), 1901, 1902.

Bright’s Catalogue of stamps of the world, Part 1 and 2, Adhesives and entires, 3rd edition.

Stanley Gibbons Catalogue Part I, 1900 edition.

All the above in good condition.

The entire lot of 10 Catalogues

PRICE \$1.00.

Expressage at purchaser’s expense.

WM. D. ELDRIDGE,

Boston Correspondent,

Box 1352, BOSTON, MASS.

Useful for completing files or for comparison of prices from year to year.

Wm. v. d. Wettern, Jr.,

WHOLESALE DEALER IN

POSTAGE + STAMPS.

411 W. Saratoga St., Baltimore, Md.

New special list just issued, sent free on application to dealers only.

The Weekly Philatelic Era

A PAPER DEVOTED TO STAMP NEWS.

50c PER YEAR.

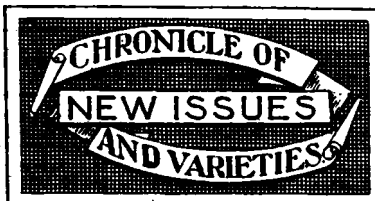
ENTERED AT PORTLAND POST OFFICE AS SECOND CLASS MATTER JAN. 10, 1890.

2c PER COPY.

VOL. XVII. No. 16.

PORTLAND, ME., SATURDAY, JANUARY 10, 1903.

WHOLE No. 504.



BY HENRY A. KIDDER.

Friends of the ERA are invited to send to the editor of this department any information regarding new issues or varieties that may prove of interest. Such information will be suitably acknowledged. Address, HENRY A. KIDDER, 17 Addison Street, Arlington, Mass.

Exchanges will please send Mr Kidder a copy of each issue to the foregoing address, and an extra copy of the ERA will be gladly sent whenever desired.

UNITED STATES.—Mr. J. M. Bartels shows us copies of the new special delivery stamp. The color is deep ultramarine, the stamp being of striking design and a great improvement over the old type.

In No. 502 we referred to a statement made by a correspondent of *Ewen's Weekly* regarding the color of the 6c Columbian, claiming that he had a copy in the color of the 4c. Mr. J. J. Cone, Jr., Dorchester, Mass., sends us a copy, which he says "was placed in a frame in 1893 and exposed to light and heat for more than four years." It very nearly approaches the 4c Columbian in color.

Mr. R. F. Chambers, Providence, R. I., sends us for examination a 2c ultramarine playing card stamp, 1894 issue, unwatermarked, and perforated 11½. The specimen sent has one straight edge, and is overprinted, "Canceled—6-8-1902—U. P. C. Co.", in three lines.

Mr. R. M. Langzettel, New Haven, Conn., has submitted for inspection an unused copy of what appears to be a distinct and hitherto unchronicled die of the current 2c carmine envelope. In this variety the head is smaller and the face thinner, the distance from the tip of the nose to the back of the head being about ¼m. less. The hair and features are sharper and more distinctly outlined, especially the corner of the nostril next the cheek. The "Adam's apple" has disappeared but the front line of the neck is broken below; a large spot of color appears at the base of the neck breaking the front line. The point of the bust is thinner and

more pointed. It is in the queue, however, that the most marked difference occurs. Not only is it more sharply defined throughout, but the end projects below the bust in a noticeable manner. Some of the peculiarities noticed above are perhaps due to worn die or imperfect printing, but the projection of the queue and its clear cut appearance would certainly seem to entitle it to be chronicled as Die A2. This is supported by the general appearance of the portrait which is smaller throughout.

ARGENTINE.—Mr. E. de Z. Kelley shows us a copy of the new 1c wrapper in the new surface printed series, the design being the same as the 5c envelope chronicled recently except the change of value.

Wrapper (Regular):
1c dull blue on manilla.

BAHAMAS.—*Ewen's Weekly Stamp News* chronicles two new postal cards of the King's head type, having seen specimen sets. The design is the same as the Grenada set with name altered.

Post Cards (Regular):
1c carmine on cream, 140x80mm.
1cxd1d carmine on cream, 140x80mm.

BARBADOS.—A correspondent of *Ewen's Weekly* says that the present 2sh 6d stamp is to be discontinued as soon as the present stock is used up. A shilling stamp will take its place, being more convenient for postal purposes, the rate for parcels (1 lb to 3 lbs).

BRITISH HONDURAS.—The *Deutsche Briefmarken Zeitung* chronicles a new value in the current set, with name and value in black.

Adhesive (Regular):
2c lilac and black on orange red.

BRITISH SOUTH AFRICA.—From several sources we learn that the 2½d in the current set has appeared.

Adhesive (Regular):
2½d light blue.

CEYLON.—The 75c is now coming in a much darker shade, according to *Ewen's Weekly*.

CHILE.—The new issue about to appear will contain the portraits of eminent Chileans, and will include postage stamps, official stamps, unpaid letter stamps, registration envelopes, post cards and letter cards.

COOK ISLANDS.—Mr. J. M. Bartels shows us the ½d green and 1d carmine in new and deeper shades.

CUBA.—A correspondent writes: In a letter just received, dated Dec. 24, 1902, the same was written on a sheet of paper watermarked "Imperial—Treasury—De La Rue," each word forming a separate line. In the upper left corner is the imprint consisting of the Cuban coat-of-arms, with "Republica de Cuba—Direccion General de Comunicaciones" in two lines, all in black." The letter is official and so signed by the Director General. As our correspondent justly observes, this straw would indicate that inasmuch as Messrs. De La Rue are furnishing Cuban stationery supplies, that they are likewise getting up a series of Cuban stamps.

Mr. J. H. Lyons reports having seen the Cuban Special Delivery stamp with "Inmediata" instead of "Immediata" in the legend at the bottom.

1903 CATALOGUE

NOW ON SALE.

Our 1903 Catalogue, priced in American currency, is bound in one volume, well printed on good paper, and sold for FIFTY CENTS; post free, SIXTY CENTS.

It contains the latest quotations at which we can supply the stamps, and is made up by and based on our own stock, no attention being paid to other quotations.

Previous editions contained the British Colonials in one part and foreign stamps in another part, and cost \$1.20. This latest edition contains both in one volume and sells at the same price as other catalogues.

KING'S HEADS SETS.

Cayman ½, 2½, 6, 1sh.....	\$0.58	N. Niger ½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 6, 1sh.....	\$0.82
Gambia ½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 6, 1sh, 2sh.....	1.55	St. Vincent ½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 6, 1sh.....	.78
Grenada ½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 6, 1sh, 2sh, 5sh.....	3.00	Straits 1, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, 25, 30 cents.....	.68
India 3pi, ½a, 1a.....	.08	Single Values ½ at 8c, 1d at 4c, 2d at 6c, 2½d at 8c,	
Leeward ½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 6, 1sh, 2sh 6d, 5sh.....	3.18	3d at 10c, 4d at 12c, 6d at 16c, 1sh at 30c, 2sh at 65c,	
Natal ½, 1, 2½, 3, 5, 6, 1sh, 2sh, 2sh 6d, 5sh.....	3.65	2sh 6d at 80c, 5sh at \$1.60.	

POSTAGE EXTRA.

STANLEY GIBBONS, INC.,

167 BROADWAY,

NEW YORK CITY.

JUST A WORD

with you about the U. S. Revenues you want. Why not send me your want list in this line with proper reference and have your wants sent to you on approval at the right price?

FRED G. JONES,

2013 Brook St., LOUISVILLE, KY.

CHAPTER XVII.

In this Chapter the reader's attention is respectfully called to the fact that if I didn't think

OSGOOD'S FAMOUS BIG SELECTIONS

were quite the finest things in the way of approvals, I wouldn't say so. A reference will enable you to have an ocular demonstration.

1c Precan. Chattanooga, St. Elmo Sta., Tennessee, \$o.04
Precancels on approval. Precancels bought. Are you interested?
Stampman free.

D. W. OSGOOD,

South Fork, Rio Grande Co., Colorado.
[To be Continued.]

AUCTION SALE

OF THE

Celebrated Collection of

U. S. Postage & Revenue Stamps

THE PROPERTY OF

DR. JAS. H. STEBBINS, JR.,

TO BE HELD

AT THE COLLECTORS CLUB,
351 FOURTH AVENUE,
JANUARY 15th, 1903.

CATALOGUE OF

The J. W. Scott Co., Ltd., 36 John St., N. Y. City.

THEO. MAINHART, JOHNSTOWN, PA.

A FEW U. S. BARGAINS!

Here is a bargain list of four good U. S. stamps. Do you need any of them? Now is the time to buy, the supply is limited.

1831 No. 31, 1c cat. 25c, my price 12c
*1862 No. 73, 4c " 45c, " 25c
" No. 76, 5c " 35c, " 18c
" No. 78b, 24c " 40c, " 20c
* Unused. Cash with order.

Also ask for my
Approval Sheets at 50% Discount,
and get fine specimens at lowest prices.

THEO. MAINHART, JOHNSTOWN, PA.

OUR LISTS OF BARGAINS.

The following lists are now ready. Prices very low and are good until stock is exhausted. Buyers should send for these lists at once and save money.

1. U. S. Postage through 1898.
2. U. S. Departments & Newspaper stamps.
3. U. S. Envelopes and Wrappers.
4. U. S. Revenues.
5. Confederate States through Barbados.
6. Bavaria through Bulgaria.
7. Canada to Shanghai.
8. Shanghai through French Colonies.
9. Denmark through French Colonies.
10. French Congo through Great Britain.
11. Grenada through Horta.
12. Hanover through Japan.
13. Libanus through Monaco.
14. Mauritius through Newfoundland.

These lists price all medium priced stamps we have in stock in sufficient quantity to advertise. We have a great many rare stamps and as our stock is constantly changing we advise all collectors to send us their want list if they cannot find what they want on our lists. Write us today for one or all of our lists if you are buying. We also refund money if you are not satisfied for any reason. We send no approval selections to anyone except upon a definite order. Our low prices are simply to get the business and not the purpose of flooding you with a lot of stamps you do not want.

WRITE US TO-DAY.

HOLTEN STAMP CO., BOSTON, MASS.

ARGENTINE!

1901 Official Set, Complete,

Six varieties, all unused, o. g., well

centered, very fine, catalogue \$1.26,

PRICE 65c.

J. M. BARTELS CO. 230 Washington Street,
BOSTON, MASS. [E]

ECUADOR.—It is reported that stamps on most of the letters now coming from Ecuador are not surcharged.

FERNANDO PO.—Mr. J. M. Bartels shows us a complete set of the issue for 1902. The colors are the same as described last week except that the 50c might better be called a violet brown. The stamps have control numbers on the back thus—"000, 001" and upwards.

FRANCE.—Mr. M. H. Lombard sends us a copy of the new 15c in the new die and new color. This is the last of the set to be issued with shape of the shield changed.

HONDURAS.—The new issue mentioned in No. 492 as being in preparation by the American Bank Note Co., is described by the *Philatelic West*. The adhesives measure 35x25mm. and will bear the portrait of Gen. Santos Guardiola, ex-president of the Republic. The inscription at the top and sides is "Correos de Honduras, U. P. U." Post cards have also been issued.

Adhesives (Regular):

- 1c green.
- 2c red.
- 3c dark blue.
- 6c violet.
- 10c brown.
- 20c light blue.
- 50c vermilion.
- \$1 orange.

INDIA.—New values in the King's head series are announced.

Adhesives (Regular):

- 2a purple.
- 3a orange brown.

Adhesive (Official):
½a green, surcharged "Oa H. M. S."

TASMANIA.—A new series of newspaper stamps has been issued in the colony for use on the Government Railways. This is due to the fact that the Federal Postal authorities will no longer allow newspapers to pass free through the post. The design as described and illustrated in *Ewen's Weekly* is type set, the inscription being "T. G. RYS. — 1D — NEWSPAPER — STAMP", the last being in two lines in the panel. The type is surrounded by a plain rule border, medium and separated into three panels as indicated above by the same rule. The stamps are printed on thin white wove paper and perforated 12.

Adhesives, Government Railway Newspaper (Regular):

- ½d black.
- 1d black.
- 2d black.

TRINIDAD.—We are informed that the 1sh type of 1896 has been issued with change of color.

Adhesive (Regular):

1sh black and orange.

TRADE COLUMN.

Under this head we will print exchange, want and for sale notices, business announcements, 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. Min. issue charge 10 cents.

One four-line notice free with each subscription, providing copy accompanies the subscription.

THREE Consecutive Insertions of SAME ad in this Column for PRICE OF TWO.

300 stamp papers to exchange for best offer in pre-cancelled stamps. W. W. NORTON, Lime Rock, Ct. [E]

King's Head Gt. Britain, 10 var., ½p to 1sh. 10 cts. Uruguay, 7 varieties, 7 cts. Australia, 50 varieties, 15 cts. 200 varieties of Foreign, 20 cts. 100 varieties United States, 20 cts. 1000 well mixed U. S. or Foreign, 13 cts. Approval Sheets of U. S. or Foreign at 60¢. We buy any U. S. stamps. WESTERN STAMP CO., 708 N. Y. Life Bldg., Omaha, Nebr.

New Brunswick 3p, Nova Scotia 3p and cent issues, some on original covers, also unused Canada maple leaf and surcharged issues for best offer, cash or exchange. H. L. DOANE, Truro, N. S.

1875 Newspapers complete, 1c to \$60.00 Card Proofs for \$3.00 cash or 500 Florida Tag Co. Tags or Coupons. 6¢] ALBERT E. CHASE, Brunswick, Me.

Mexico '68, 50c, 50 cts.; 100c, \$1.25; 100c perf., \$1.00; '67, 8c, \$1.00; '72, 50c, 50 cts.; '82, *25c, 75 cts.; *85c, \$1.00; '86, 20c, \$1.25; '9, 10p, \$1.00. Guadalupe, Jamaica No. 9, \$3.50; No. 21, \$7.50. IRWIN S. YOCOM, Allentown, Pa.

Make cash offer for collection of U. S. Revenues listed by Scott at about \$86. FRANK L. HARRIS, Camden, Maine.

Approval sheet business a specialty. Good bargains. Give reference. M. P. Wickware, Webster City, Ia. [6]

Approval sheets 50¢. Cuba, war, 4c. Salvador, 1897, 2c, 7c. Egypt, Salt stamps, 4c per set. T. H. MORTON, Box 253, Fallsville, Ct.

U. S. Revs. 40c lilac, \$1 red, \$1 gray, \$1 green and black, \$2 gray, \$2 green and black and \$3 brown. Entire lot 15c. BUCKEYE STAMP CO., Niles, O. [5]

2500 stamp papers, complete vols. "Daily S. Item," "McKee's Weekly," the ERA and others; Harper's Scribner's, Lippincott's, Munsey's, Argosy etc. and novels to X for stamps. M. P. Rodermood, Stony Pt., N. Y.

Wanted in quantities: Gt. Britain Nos. 70, 101, used. Cash or exchange. G. C. Cuenod, Galveston, Texas. [5]

Wanted: War, Interior, Treasury marked "Specimen," must be well centered. JOHN KAY, of Wright, Kay & Co., Detroit, Mich. [6]

Exchange fine 6d Canada, 2½c Ceylon, No. 82, Gt. Britain 1½, No. 73, rare U. S. Depts., Revenue, \$1.00 Prop. No. 2978, wanted, and 100 others for good foreign cat. 10c to \$1.00, at a slight discount. Job printing in exchange for stamps. Write, A. J. KIRBY, 30 Ash St., Fall River, Mass. [5]

Fine U. S. Postage and Revenues, also rare Foreign to exchange for rare old China, Indian Baskets, Mexican, Russian, Japan and Chinese drawnwork Oriental and Indian rug. Address, H. G. SMITH, late Sales Supt. of A. P. A., Winona, Minn. [5]

I want to buy an entire sheet of United States 2c, No. 252, and 8c, No. 257. ALVIN GOOD, Hickox Bldg., Cleveland, O. [4]

100 Var. 10c; 60 Var. U. S. and Canada, 20c. Big-value approval sheets for beginners 50¢. G. H. DENNIS, Lakewood, N. J. [4]

Hawaii, all unused: No. 31, o. g., 50c; No. 49, no gum, \$8.00; No. 35, o. g., 15c; No. 52, o. g., 10c; No. 55, o. g., 3c; No. 71, o. g., 40c; No. 77, o. g., \$1.50; No. 73, o. g., \$3.00; No. 69, part gum, \$10.00; No. 69, block of 4, o. g., \$60.00; No. 49, pair, o. g., \$24.00. C. F. RICHARD, 336 West 20th St., N. Y. [10]

King's Head 40 French Levant, 3c; 2½c Zanzibar, 5c; Playing Card, 25c. Departments in Sets or Singles. J. H. HOUSTON, 337 Penn Ave., N. W., Washington, D. C. [6]

A few good stamps at half catalogue. GEO. F. CRANE, 90 Nassau St., N. Y. City. [9]

Is your collection for sale? Get your dealer to make a price on it, add 20¢ to his offer, and send book to me. It's 10 to 1 I buy it. F. W. PICKARD, 227 Washington, Cincinnati, O. [7]

U. S. Pre-Cancelled postage stamps. I will pay a good price in cash or exchange for any not in my collection. F. L. SMITH, 40 Exchange Pl., N. Y. [14c]

Approval sheets 60% discount. Net sheets for advanced collectors, 9000 var. in stock. Want lists desired. F. W. PICKARD, 227 Engleide, Cincinnati, O. [7]

Pre-can. U. S. on approval. Ex. desired with advanced collectors. L. E. Richardson, Carrier 3, Putnam, Ct. [7]

Wanted for cash U. S. pre-cancelled postage stamps. WALTER L. GATES, Teaticket, Mass. [11]

Pre-cancels not in my collection wanted. Best cash or trade price. E. R. ALDRICH, Benson, Minn. [17]

Try an Ad in this Column. It Pays.

BRITISH COLONIALS

At 50% discount are very cheap. I have a large stock of these, and would like to send you a good selection on approval. Send for Lists of Bargains in stamps, both single and in sets, mailed free.
 Philippine Is., 86 var., cat. over \$10.00, for.. \$5.00
 U. S. 1857, 30c orange, cat. \$6.00..... 1.75
 " Agriculture, 2c, cat. \$8.00..... 2.00
 " Postage-Dues 1895, 30 and 50c, the two... .35
L. N. HERBERT, [16]
 1590 Washington Ave., NEW YORK.

HAWAII.

For sale in lots of ten sheets, 100 sheets (each containing 50 stamps) 2c Rose Provisional Govt. 1893, black surcharge, mint state.

Price \$1.50 per Sheet.

Ten per cent. discount if entire lot is taken.
 Address
C. F. FORD, 222 Sansome St., San Francisco, Cal.

A New 50% Discount Book!

We have just added **Book No. 46**, to our 50% Discount Series of Approval Books. It will be very popular, and contains among other things the following:

- Argentine, used officials of 1902 and the new 5c Rosario Harbor view.
- Columbian Republic, varieties perforated and unperforated of the recent provisionals, now cheap, will be rare later.
- Cook Islands, new colors of 1902 issue.
- Finland, 1 mark, used.
- Hayti, 1902, Provisional Government surcharged.
- Morocco, some complete sets of these interesting stamps.
- Netherlands, some fine used copies of the higher and scarce values.
- Niue and Penrhyn Islands, 1902 issue.

ASK FOR BOOK No. 46, QUICK!

If you are a General Collector, you cannot do better than to go through our 50% Discount Series of Approval Books; **over 5,000 varieties**, and many that you will not find elsewhere in this class.

C. H. MEKEEL STAMP & PUBLISHING CO.,
 ST. LOUIS, MO.

Items from the Tub.

January 6th.

A small boy recently entered one of our stamp shops and desired to purchase some of those popular Nyassa stamps with the picture of the giraffe upon them, but he could not think of the name of the animal, so he asks for those stamps with the picture of ostriches eating trees upon them.

I received the last number of the *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly* last week and notice that it has been recently acquired by a strong body of prominent and independent philatelists, with the sole object of assisting stamp collectors in every possible way. In it I note a column entitled, "From the Auction Rooms", and in the column it refers to Boston as one of the head centres of American philatelic auctioneering. It also quotes some prices obtained at one of our Boston auctions.

America is behind England in one department of philately. As far as my knowledge goes I have never heard of a philatelic lecturer in this country, but in England Mr. Fred J. Melville has a busy season before him. The titles to two of his recent lectures were "Stamps with Stories" and "His Majesty's Mails."

I am informed that Denmark has entered a suggestion in regard to the Universal postage stamp idea. It is designed for international use and is a double one and for reply use. One half would bear the name of the country of origin and the other be marked reply.

Mr. Carl Willadt of Germany arrives in New York Saturday, with a very fine stock which he will show to prominent collectors and dealers throughout the country. He will be in the office of J. M. Bartels Co. the week beginning January 12th.

WM. D. ELDRIDGE.

JANUARY 31st, 1903

is the date set for our next "Wolsieffer Sale No. 32" containing the fine

MATCH AND MEDICINE

Collection of Mr. Geo. L. Toppan.
 In the month of February we sell the Casey A. Wood Collection.
 In March we sell the S. B. Bradford Collection.
 In April we sell the C. R. Spaulding Collection, with announcements of others to follow.
 Catalogues of all sales free.

United Stamp Co., 1149 Marquette Bldg., Chicago.

N. B. Our great U. S. Mixture, 1000 for 25 cents, is all the rage.

OUR STOCK

has increased in size threefold in the last few weeks. We would like to send you a General Book or a book of one country to a book. Refer to this ad and state if you are interested in shades and perforations.
 1903 Scott's Catalogue..... 58c Post paid
 1903 Gibbons' " "..... 60c
 Both in stock.

- Bosnia 1900, 30, 35, 40, 50 and 1 kr..... \$0.41
- Abyssinia 1894, 44, 8g and 16g, unused..... .14
- Bulgaria 1900, 10 varieties..... .85
- Persia Official, unused, 4 vari ties..... .13
- Hungary 1900, 19 varieties, used..... .07
- 1900, 1 krone, used..... .02

J. T. STARR STAMP COMPANY,
 COLDWATER, MICH.



I want a billiard room, a den, four sleeping rooms and a bath added to my dwelling. Rather than borrow the money and pay interest I have decided to sell \$3,000 worth of stamps at a large reduction and use the money to build. Commencing with No. 128 I will issue a series of priced-lists quoting stamps at prices that will surely result in quickly placing the desired sum in my hands.

If you want stamps at little prices you will send me a postal asking that priced-lists of the "\$3,000 sale" be sent you.

Topics About Town.

FROM NEW YORK CITY.

Geo. R. Tuttle will hold his 55th auction sale on Saturday afternoon, January 17th, at 116 Nassau street. There are 842 lots listed, a good proportion containing defective stamps.

A distinct variety in the current 2c stamp has just come to hand. The writer has a cover bearing a 2c stamp on which the triangle in the upper right corner contains no lines whatever. The absence of these lines is quite noticeable. The cover has been submitted to the "New Issue man" of the ERA for his opinion. He, no doubt, can give a better description of the "error" than the writer.

The next meeting of the National Philatelic Society will occur on Monday evening, January 19th, at the Collectors Club.

The Manhattan Philatelic Society will meet on Thursday evening, January 15th, at the Collectors Club.

Scott's 53rd Edition Catalogue was issued on Jan 2nd, as stated in these notes last week.

VOLUNTEER.

Almost every dealer sends approval selections at 50% Discount—BUT there are some stamps in our selections of this class that are not to be had as cheap elsewhere.

A COLLECTION OF 5000 VARIETIES of POSTAGE STAMPS, carefully selected from our own stock, \$175.00. Satisfaction Guaranteed.

3000 for \$45.00 ♦ 2000 for \$13.50 ♦ 1000 for \$3.40 ♦ ALL GENUINE POSTAGE STAMPS

550 Varieties mounted in a blank book (cataloguing by Scott's 61st edition Catalogue \$10.00), post free \$1.50. A Bargain for Dealer or Collector!

C. H. MEKEEL STAMP & PUBLISHING CO., ST. LOUIS, MO.

SOMETHING NEW!

CANADA	
*7c light olive, just issued.....	\$0.10
BAHAMAS	
*1d carmine, King's Head.....	.04
UNITED STATES	
13c slate, used.....	.05
SCOTT'S CATALOGUE	
1903 Edition, post paid with new 8c Mar- tha Washington.....	.58
UNITED STATES	
1895, 50c orange, fair copies.....	.04
ABYSSINIA	
*1894 Postage, 1/2g to 16g, 7 var.....	.35
*1896 Unpaid, 1/2g to 16g, 7 va.....	.35
Both sets for.....	.60
BRAZIL	
1899 1000r on 7oor lawn.....	.15
1899 1000r on 100r yell sw buff.....	.30
BR. SOUTH AFRICA	
1897 4d ultramarine and red violet.....	.08
1899 2d brown.....	.05
CEYLON	
1895 30c violet & orange brown, "On Service"	.07
GIBBALTAR	
1896 1d carmine.....	.02
NEW ZEALAND	
1899 1/2d green.....	.01
1899 3d orange brown ..	.05
1901 1d carmine.....	.01
TRANSVAAL	
1902 1/2d green and black, King's Head..	.03
1902 1d carmine and black, King's Head..	.02
1899 2d purple and black, King's Head..	.05
*1901 1/2 E. R. I. on 2d brown and green..	.04
VICTORIA	
1901 6d emerald green, without postage, fair copies, but heavily cancelled..	.05
* Unused. Postage Extra.	

COLUMBIAN STAMP CO., Arlington, Mass.

**FOR BEST OFFER
IN STAMPS**

4x5 Bullard Magazine Camera loaded with 12 plate holders fitted with R. R. Lense, a fine box.

HERMAN W. BOERS, 322 Erskine St., Detroit, Mich.

WHOLESALE SELECTIONS

on approval to responsible dealers. References required.

**GUARANTEE STAMP CO.,
106 E. 111th St., NEW YORK.**

**IF YOU WISH TO
BUY, SELL OR EXCHANGE**

Stamps, Desired Results can
be had through

AN AD IN THE WEEKLY ERA.

**This Fuel Cost a Million
Dollars a Month,**

**AND WAS ACTUALLY BURNED BY THE
GOVERNMENT.**

Over against the item \$200,000,000 direct and indirect loss sustained by operators, miners, people and railroads as a result of the coal strike recently terminated, one branch of the Government—the Bureau of Engraving and printing—will chalk up a net profit of about \$150. Incidentally, in accomplishing this saving, the bureau in one month burned fuel for which the Treasury paid over \$1,000,000.

A million dollars a month for fuel simply to generate steam with which to drive the machinery in the bureau—\$40,000 a day—is an item calculated to cause even Uncle Sam to look longingly toward bottled sunshine as a means for securing heat.

ACTUALLY SAVED MONEY.

Just at this time, when the average man is giving attention to the fuel bill, it may be interesting to note how Uncle Sam can burn \$1,000,000 in a month and still come out \$150 to the good at the end of thirty days. In this particular instance the Government stokers shoveled documentary revenue stamps, for which the Treasury paid \$1,000,000 into the bureau furnaces, at the rate of \$40,000 daily, along with the proper proportion of coal, the stamps producing heat that otherwise would have necessitated the use of an extra ton of coal daily at \$6 per ton.

Had the revenue stamps not been sacrificed to satisfy the hunger of the furnaces beneath the Bureau boilers, they would have been destroyed in the regular furnace made and provided for the burning of defective stamps, and the heat produced would have gone out into the upper air strata through the big chimney without having accomplished a single useful purpose.

CAME IN WAGON LOADS.

Beginning with the 1st of July, 1901, following the repeal of the stamp tax on bank checks and telegraph and telephone messages, and augmented July 1, 1902, by the repeal of all stamp taxes, the Treasury has been redeeming the revenue stamps remaining in the hands of the purchasers throughout the country. The stamps have been shipped in wagon loads, a large portion of the bulk being represented by the bank checks upon which the stamp was impressed.

Carloads and tons upon tons of this stuff have been shipped to Washington and stored in the Treasury. Every nook and cranny in the big building has been filled with boxes and bundles of revenue stamps and bank checks awaiting settlement of accounts. The clerks thought they had been having their share of trouble, but later discovered that only the stragglers had been coming, compared with the avalanche that poured into the Treasury when the new law extending the time limit on purchases of stamps and removing all stamp taxes July 1 went into operation.

BUILDING BLOCKED.

More carloads were dumped into the Treasury, and, of course, room for the boxes and bales had to be made. As there was no further available inside space the boxes were piled up high in the corridors and long hallways until in places only a narrow passageway was left through which the clerks laboriously picked their way.

In the Fall large numbers of settlements were made, enabling the removal of the stamps represented by the payments. As fast as a wagon load of stamps was "released" it was hauled over to the bureau and shoveled into the big incinerator built solely for this purpose.

One day in October, while the process of destruction was going on, and while the officials of the Treasury were racking their brains to figure out a coal supply for the various bureaus, the engineer at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing was seized with an inspiration, and called the attention of the director of the bureau to the feasibility of utilizing the wagon loads of stamps and checks as fuel. The director took the matter under advisement, and after consideration it was decided to shatter a time-honored custom of the department and substitute red heat for "red tape."

A BRILLIANT SUCCESS.

While the officials who ordinarily are charged with the duty of witnessing the operation of burning the stamps stood by to see that all stamps went into the furnace, the fireman and engineer experimented. It was found that about two parts coal and one part stamps and checks afforded a combination producing splendid results. In fact, under the inspiration of this high-priced fuel the boilers steamed merrily, and the hand on the steam gauge showed a disposition to crawl around beyond the prohibited point on the dial.

NOW READY.

Standard Postage Stamp Catalogue for 1903,

Price 58c post free.

Imperial Albums, Bound in Boards, - - 25c
" " " " Cloth, - - 40c

INTERNATIONAL POSTAGE STAMP ALBUMS.

19th Century Edition, from \$1.50 upwards.

20th Century Edition for stamps issued in 1901 and 1902 only, from \$1.00 upwards.

Circular of new packets and sets free on application.

**SCOTT STAMP & COIN CO.,
18 EAST 23RD ST., NEW YORK, N. Y.**

The experiment was pronounced a success. An official of the department, ordinarily detailed to take charge of the destruction of the defective stamps in the "official" furnace, was stationed in the boiler room and kept an accurate tab on every box and bale opened, and noted that the contents found its way into the furnace and was completely burned.

And so, day after day, the big wagons transported boxes and bales of stamps and stamped checks from the Treasury to the Bureau, and the stokers sandwiched a layer of several thousand dollars' worth of Government securities between a few cents' worth of coal. At the end of the month it was found that an average of a ton of coal daily had been saved through the use of the highgrade fuel—a total saving of \$150 for the month, estimating coal at \$6 per ton.

ESTABLISHED PRECEDENT.

It is said this is the first time in the history of the department that such use has been made of condemned stamps. Burning of stamps, both at the Bureau and in the basement of the postoffice building, are of almost daily occurrence, but the incineration takes place in the regularly appointed furnace, and the heat produced is wafted out unutilized.

Formerly it was the custom to burn defective stamps, envelopes and postal cards in the fireplace in the office of the chief of the redemption division. The rapid increase in the business of the department and the uncertainty of the fireplace as a means of destroying the stamps rendered it necessary that provision be made for getting rid of the increasingly large accumulations in a more scientific manner.

Under the fireplace system it was not uncommon, when the draft was vigorous, for whole sheets of partially burned stamps to be whirled up the flue and out of doors. Eventually the sheets drifted to the earth to be picked up and the unscorched stamps made use of for postal purposes.

The department condemns stamps upon the slightest provocation. If a package of stamps in the hands of a postmaster shows signs of becoming sticky, the postmaster, instead of separating the sheets and working the partially adhered sheets off, returns the package to the department and is immediately supplied with an equal number of perfect sheets. The returned stamps are thrown into a bag and scheduled for incineration. With nearly 80,000 postmasters on the active list, it may be surmised that the daily returns to the redemption division are enormous, notably in the summer months.

BECAME A NUISANCE.

For a time, after the abandonment of the fireplace method, the condemned stamps were carted over to the Bureau of Engraving and Printing and burned, but this process became a nuisance, and when the

American Philatelic Association.

(INCORPORATED.)

THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA—OFFICIAL JOURNAL.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

- | | |
|--|---|
| ALEXANDER HOLLAND, President,
40 Grace Court, Brooklyn, N. Y. | H. E. DEATS, Secretary,
Flemington, N. J. |
| Board of Vice-Presidents. | E. DOEBLIN, International Secretary,
Box 736, Pittsburg, Pa. |
| FRANK H. BURT, Chairman,
Room 1046, Tremont Buildg, Boston, Mass. | C. L. ANNAN, Treasurer,
Copper Range R. R., Houghton, Mich. |
| GORDON IRELAND, Secretary,
Holyoke House 21, Cambridge, Mass. | H. B. PHILLIPS,
1311 Grove St., Berkeley, Cal. |
| J. F. JOHNSON,
383 Lexington St., Auburndale, Mass. | F. W. CONING,
350 George St., New Brunswick, N. J. |

RESIDENT VICE-PRESIDENTS.

- BOSTON, MASS.—J. F. JOHNSON, 383 Lexington St., Auburndale, Mass.
 SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.—W. E. LOY, 2431 Ellsworth St., Berkeley, Cal.
 NEW YORK CITY.—W. F. GREGORY, 71 Nassau St.
 PITTSBURG, PA.—E. DOEBLIN, Box 736.
 CHICAGO, ILL.—A. F. MARSH, 409 Marquette Building.
 MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.—ERRY S. MARTIN, 3144 First Avenue, South.
 WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS—ROBERT D. MAYNARD, 36 Oak Grove Ave., Springfield.

APPOINTEE OFFICERS.

- | | |
|--|---|
| E. H. ANDERSON, Librarian,
Carnegie Library, Pittsburg, Pa. | H. E. DEATS, Assistant Librarian,
Flemington, N. J. |
| H. D. WATSON, Collecting Agent,
64 Cedar St., New York City. | W. F. GREGORY, Auction Purchasing Agent,
71 Nassau St., New York City. |
| JOHN J. OESCH, Superintendent of Sales Dept.,
34 Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill. | P. M. WOLSIEFFER, Auction Purchasing Agent,
1009 Atwood Bldg., Chicago, Ill. |
| | A. W. BATCHELDER, Auction Purchasing Agent,
21 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass. |

**REPORT OF SECRETARY
For the Week Ending January 10th.**

Change of Address.

1589. STOLZ, F. L., from 2121 Sacramento St. to 3850 Jackson St., San Francisco, Cal.

Membership Summary.

Total membership Jan. 10th..... 530

I have received the bond of the Treasurer for \$2000 in the Fidelity and Deposit Co. of Maryland, for the year ending Dec. 1, 1903.

The Year Book has at last been mailed and should be in the hands of all members before this report reaches them. If not received within one week after receipt of this issue of the Official Journal the matter should be reported to me.

H. E. DEATS, Secretary.

REPORT OF SALES DEPARTMENT.

CHICAGO, January 2nd, 1903.

450 books in circulation, valued at.....\$12,941.39

I want to call the members attention to the fact that the Sales Department is now in working order and books are being circulated to all whose names appear on my list. Any members wishing to receive the circuits should advise me at once, as I am now making up several new circuit lists. The class of stamps in the department now seem to be of the popular grade and prices appear to be right, judging from the sales.

I also have a nice line of Match and Medicine stamps in the department, two collections have been broken up and sent me for sale, buyers of this class of stamps should not fail to ask for these books, as the stamps are in superb condition, considering the usual condition of Match or Medicine stamps.

Any members having stamps to dispose of should try this department, the sales so far have been excellent and I have every reason to believe they will continue so. I can use more books than I have and calls are coming in from all sides for the better grades of stamps. Books of such stamps I can always use and will find a ready sale.

JOHN J. OESCH, Supt

new post office building was under construction a furnace for the exclusive use of the redemption division was included in the specifications.

The incinerator is simply a big, round brick oven, with massive iron door above, grate bar and draft door below. When a cart load of stamps is ready for destruction the consignment is placed in the hands of three officials, who proceed to the basement with the plunder, light a few sheets of stamps, throw them into the upper opening in the furnace, and then tumble in the entire cartload. The iron door is then padlocked, the draft opened wide and an official is left on guard. A wire screen in the flue makes impossible the exit of any partially burned sheets.

OCCUPIED TWO MONTHS.

Some great conflagrations have been pulled "off" in the basement of the post office building in the past four years. In 1898, following the abolishment of the newspaper and periodical stamps, the remainders were called in and burnings had every day for months. The face value of the stamps destroyed was something like \$10,000,000. Last winter the remainders of the beautiful Pan-American stamps were burned, the department, unfortunately, having given its pledge that all stamps remaining on hand after October 30 would be destroyed. Two months were occupied in burning these stamps, and the actual face value of the victims was not far from \$7,000,000.—N. Y. Sunday News.

HAWAII BARGAINS, Unused.

Table listing various stamp items with prices, including '1864 1c violet, \$0.18', '1882 10c brown, \$0.85', etc.

GREATER N. Y. STAMP & COIN CO., 238 East 58th St., New York City.

NEXT AUCTION SALE

JANUARY 26TH.

It will contain stock of a retired dealer. Many wholesale lots. Plenty of bargains.

Your name on a postal will bring you a catalogue.

CHAS. H. STONE & CO.,

19 Washington St., BOSTON, MASS.

\$1.00 WHOLESALE SPECIAL

1000 diff. stamps; 100 Australia, 50-30 kinds; 100 diff. U. S.; 1000 imported hinges, large; 100 Japan, 10 kinds; 1000 mixed Continentals; 100 Canada, 15 kinds; 25 blank tabs; 100 Japan 1900; 10 sets Italy 1901. All for \$1.00 bill and post free.

OUR FIFTY CENT SPECIAL. 1000 diff. stamps; 50 diff. U. S.; 100 Canada asst.; a Venezuela, cat. 60; set 5 1900 Spain; set 6 1900 Italy; 1000 Continentals; 1000 Imported Hinges, large; 3 Ca. ada cat. 45c; set 10 diff. Uruguay; set 7 Peru diff.; set 2 New Brunswick.

Wholesale Mixtures in good condition, price per 100: 21am 7-10 kinds \$1.40; Newfoundland and 10 kinds, \$1.15; Newfoundland 15 kinds, \$1.65; Bulgaria 1901, 60c; Bosnia 19 1, 70c; Greece Olympians 50c; Indo China 60c; French Colonies 20 kinds, 40c; Peru, w. ll asstd., 40c. Postage ac extra.

Wholesale list 40 pages, just issued, free to all dealers and speculators. Retail lists for collectors with stamp cat. 20c free.

Marks Stamp Co., 526-528 Euclid Av., Toronto, Can.

STAMPS BY THE 1000.

Table with columns 'Per M' and 'Per M' listing various stamp categories and prices, such as 'U. S. No. 272, \$1.10', 'Argentina No. 06, .70', etc.

500 sold at 1000 price. Orders under 500 respectfully declined, over that gladly accepted. Postage extra.

Next week - stamps by the million. E. C. Dodd, 259 So. Hermitage Ave., Chicago.

The Perforator

12 MONTHS

AND

SCOTT'S 1903 CATALOGUE

FOR

75c.

THE PERFORATOR,

106 E. 111th Street, NEW YORK CITY.

Wm. v. d. Wettern, Jr.,

WHOLESALE DEALER IN

POSTAGE + STAMPS.

411 W. Saratoga St., Baltimore, Md.

New special list just issued, sent free on application to dealers only.

The Boston Philatelic Society.

M. H. LOMBARD, President, Winchester, Mass. C. F. ROTHFUCHS, Vice-President, Boston. C. A. HOWES, Secretary, 55 Kilby St., Boston. L. L. GREEN, Treasurer, 47 Tremont St., Boston. J. H. LYONS, Supt. of Auctions, 27 Bromfield St., Boston. J. F. JOHNSON, Supt. of Sales, 136 Congress St., Boston, Mass. THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA, Official Journal.

BOSTON, Jan. 13, 1903.

The one hundred and twenty-second regular meeting of the Society will be held in Elks' Hall, 24 Hayward Place, Boston, on Tuesday evening, January 20th, at 8 o'clock sharp.

Order of Business.

- 1. Reading of Minutes of Last Meeting. 2. Reports of Committees. 3. Communications. 4. Election of Candidates. 5. Unfinished Business. 6. New Business. 7. Informal Auction Sale.

Entertainment.

Remember that this is the ANNUAL MEETING with the election of officers for the ensuing year and the reports for the past year. Let every member come who is near enough to get to Elks' Hall, and bring in any interested friends who may care to know what the Society is doing.

At this meeting the first exhibition of the third series takes place, introducing a novelty in the form of Stamp Portraits. This is an excellent chance for the general collector and the Committee hope he will take full advantage of the fact.

The gold and silver medals for the Exhibitions of 1902 will also be awarded the prize winners.

Mr. Rothfuchs has promised us an account of his summer in Europe last year, if he can prepare it for this meeting. It will be well worth hearing.

N. B.—Intending exhibitors may send their collections to or leave them with Mr. J. H. Lyons of the Exhibition Committee at 27 Bromfield St., Boston.

C. A. HOWES, Sec'y.

Newspaper Clippings.

NEW HEBRIDES LOCALS.

A new stamp is about to delight the philatelists. It is that of the New-Hebrides, and as it will only circulate in the archipelago it will be all the more valuable. Letters for other countries will be stamped, as before, with the stamps of New-Caledonia or New South Wales, as they travel by French or English steamer. The value of the new stamps will be three centimes, five centimes, fifteen centimes and one franc.—N. Y. Tribune.

STAMP TAX FOR CUBA.

It is stated semi-officially that the Cuban Government will adopt a stamp tax to make up the difference in their customs because of the treaty. The stamp tax has been discussed somewhat and has created a favorable impression. President Palma has been investigating the stamp tax system in Mexico and is said to be favorably impressed with it. It is argued in favor of the stamp tax that it will be a kind of internal revenue which will hurt no one, as it will be placed on such articles as are used only by people who are able to pay. Liqueurs, cigarettes and all legal documents are said to be the articles to be principally taxed according to the present plans.—N. Y. Tribune.

THIRD AUCTION SALE UNITED STATES STAMPS.

All stamps are sold by the lot. Bid so much for each lot.

Large table listing auction items with columns for Lot No., Description, and Price. Includes items like '1851-6, 1c, 3c, unused, o. g.', '1857-60, 1c type II, 1c type III', etc.

All above are in good condition unless otherwise stated. Bids will close February 1, when the successful bidders will be notified, and those unknown to us will please forward the cash for stamps secured. This ad will appear but once, so send in your bids now. Do not be afraid to bid as the stamps must be sold. Address: F. H. PINKHAM, (Formerly Publisher Eastern Phil.) Newmarket, N. H.

The Weekly Philatelic Era

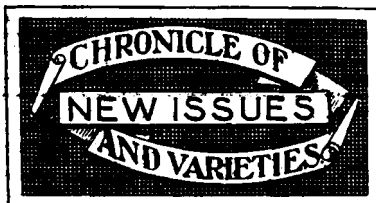
A PAPER DEVOTED TO STAMP NEWS.

50c PER YEAR.

ENTERED AT PORTLAND POST OFFICE AS SECOND CLASS MATTER JAN. 10, 1890.

2c PER COPY.

VOL. XVII. No. 17. PORTLAND, ME., SATURDAY, JANUARY 17, 1903. WHOLE No. 505.



BY HENRY A. KIDDER.

Friends of the ERA are invited to send to the editor of this department any information regarding new issues or varieties that may prove of interest. Such information will be suitably acknowledged. Address, HENRY A. KIDDER, 17 Addison Street, Arlington, Mass.

Exchanges will please send Mr. Kidder a copy of each issue to the foregoing address, and an extra copy of the ERA will be gladly sent whenever desired.

UNITED STATES.—The Guarantee Stamp Co. has submitted for inspection a genuine curiosity, in the shape of a hitherto unnoticed variety of the current 2c stamp. The specimen in question was mailed in New York to a party in the same city, and formed a part of the 3c postage required upon the package. The date of mailing is not given. The peculiarity of the stamp is that the right hand triangle has no lines inside, but is perfectly white. The left triangle is normal. Careful inspection with the glass fails to show any trace of the lines, or any evidence that there were in the plate. The triangle and the lines of the background are full color. The variety is very noticeable with the naked eye. Much more so than the capped twos of 1890.

The Bureau is busy printing the new 2c stamps and they will shortly be issued. Those who have seen the new printings say the design is very handsome but that the shade is more of vermilion shade than the current stamp. The new 4c stamp has been seen here. The 8c Martha Washington stamp is on sale at a number of offices, but Boston is loaded with the old 8c and will not need a new supply for some time.

Thus far the status of the new set may be briefly summarized as follows:

13c, 8c and 10c special delivery issued.
2c, 4c, 5c, 1c, being printed.
3c, 6c, 10c, 15c, being engraved.
50c, \$1 and \$2 in various stages of drawing.

AUSTRALIA.—The *Australian Journal of Philately* for Nov. 15 is at hand and is as usual full of news regarding postal matters in the Southern commonwealth. Some of these have already been printed, but may be summarized as follows: The stamps to be used by the officials of the different states are to be issued perforated with letters distinguishing each state, to facilitate bookkeeping. Those for Tasmania are to be perforated "T", and for New South Wales are to be perforated "O. S.—N. S. W." in two lines.

The 2sh, 2sh 6d, and 5sh stamps recently issued for West Australia were reproduced from an electrotype taken of the original Victorian die. The portion necessary to be altered had been taken out, and the electrotype filled in, the new portion being subsequently engraved upon it. The roughness of the printing is accounted for by the fact that it is impossible to take the same fine sharp impression from an electrotype as from the original steel die. In the case of the new 1d West Australia, as this stamp is a trifle larger than the old one, it is assumed that an enlarged photo of the original die has been zincotyped.

The latest news to hand is that West Australia has been provided with two new stamps of the value of 10sh and 20sh. The die used for the former is the 4d carmine of 1881, and for the latter the ½d scarlet 1887, both of the Victoria issue.

The general design of the New South Wales 2sh 6d is to be the type of the 8d lyre bird of 1888, but the details and color have not yet been determined. There is a rumor about to the effect that there never will be any Commonwealth

stamps with the King's head upon them, as Australia is now a nation and will exercise her right to issue stamps with entirely Australian characteristics.

Instructions have been given that no government work is to be done out of the country which can be done in it; and that no more surcharged stamps are to be printed. It may be remarked in passing that this last only applies to the New South Wales 7½d, 9d, 12½d and 10sh stamps. If this is so, these values will disappear in the near future. It is not intended to print any more of the 7½d and 12½d stamps, but a 9d value will be necessary for parcel post purposes, and in all probability some doctored die will be made use of for the new 10sh stamp. All the obsolete New South Wales dies have been destroyed. At the time they were broken up it was thought that a terrible calamity had happened. It would now appear to have been a blessing in disguise. In consequence of the alteration in parcel post rates more 9d stamps and fewer 8d stamps will be used in New South Wales.

New values may be expected shortly for Victoria as that state does not possess 8d, 10d and 2sh 6d stamps. Hereafter the blotch at the bottom of the New South Wales postage due series will be filled in, the 1d value having already appeared.

COOK ISLANDS.—A late letter to Mr. J. M. Bartels from the postmaster at Rarotonga says that the 1d stamps were surcharged with a crown when the Islands were first annexed to New Zealand. Twenty-four hundred of the old brown 1d

1903 CATALOGUE

NOW ON SALE.

Our 1903 Catalogue, priced in American currency, is bound in one volume, well printed on good paper, and sold for FIFTY CENTS; post free, SIXTY CENTS.

It contains the latest quotations at which we can supply the stamps, and is made up by and based on our own stock, no attention being paid to other quotations.

Previous editions contained the British Colonials in one part and foreign stamps in another part, and cost \$1.00. This latest edition contains both in one volume and sells at the same price as other catalogues.

KING'S HEADS SETS.

Cayman ½, 2½, 6, 1sh.....	\$0.58	N. Niger ½, 1, 2, 2½, 5, 6, 1sh.....	\$0.28
Gambia ½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 6, 1sh, 2sh.....	1.55	St. Vincent ½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 6, 1sh.....	.78
Grenada ½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 6, 1sh, 2sh, 5sh.....	3.00	Strait 1, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, 25, 30 cents.....	.66
India 3pi, ½s, 1s.....	.68	Single Values ¼ at 2c, 1d at 4c, 2d at 6c, 2½d at 8c,	
Leeward ½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 6, 1sh, 2sh 6d, 5sh.....	3.18	3d at 10c, 4d at 12c, 6d at 16c, 1sh at 30c, 2sh at 65c,	
Natal ½, 1, 2½, 3, 5, 6, 1sh, 2sh, 2sh 6d, 5sh.....	3.65	2sh 6d at 80c, 5sh at \$1.60.	

POSTAGE EXTRA.

STANLEY GIBBONS, INC.,

167 BROADWAY,

NEW YORK CITY.

JUST A WORD

with you about the U. S. Revenues you want. Why not send me your want list in this line with proper reference and have your wants sent to you on approval at the right price?

FRED G. JONES,

2013 Brook St., LOUISVILLE, KY.

CHAPTER XVIII.

Any ERA reader who gets hold of one of

OSGOOD'S FAMOUS BIG SELECTIONS

is to be congratulated. Improving all the time. References.

1c Precancel "Binghamton 11-02 New York"... \$0.04
Precancels on approval. Precancels bought. Any to sell?

Price list free.

D. W. OSGOOD,

South Fork, Rio Grande Co., Colorado.
[To be Continued.]

\$1.00 WHOLESALE SPECIAL

200 diff. stamps; 100 Australia, 20-30 kinds; 100 diff. U. S.; 1000 imported hinges, large; 100 Japan, 10 kinds; 1000 mixed Continentals; 100 Canada, 15 kinds; 25 blank sheets; 100 Japan 1900; 10 sets Italy 1901. All for \$1.00 bill and post free.

OUR FIFTY CENT SPECIAL.

100 diff. stamps: 50 diff. U. S.; 100 Canada asst.; 2 Venezuela, cat. 60c; set 5 1900 Spain; set 6 1900 Italy; 1000 Continentals; 1000 Imported Hinges, large; 3 Canada cat. 45c; set 10 diff. Uruguay; set 7 Peru diff.; set a New Brunswick.

Wholesale Mixtures in good condition, price per 100: Siam 7-10 kinds \$1.40; Newfoundland and 10 kinds, \$1.15; Newfoundland 15 kinds, \$1.65; Bulgaria 1901, 60c; Bosnia 19 1, 70c; Greece Olympians 50c; Indo China 6c; French Colonies 20 kinds, 40c; Peru, well asst., 40c. Postage 2c extra.

Wholesale list 40 pages, just issued, free to all dealers and speculators. Retail lists for collectors with stamp cat. 20c free.

Marks Stamp Co., 526-528 Euclid Av., Toronto, Can.

New Year Bargains in U. S. Departments.

War, Good Copies, Complete, used, \$1.50; unused, \$1.75
Treasury, Used, Complete set, good copies, price, 2.15
Post Office, Complete, used except 9c new, cat. \$1.10, price 3.50
State, Used, Good Copies, 2c, 10c, 12c, 15c, 24c, 90c, cat. \$36.50, price, 12.25
Omaha Stamp & Coin Co., 209 S. 13th St., Omaha, Neb. The Only Stamp and Coin Store in Omaha.

AUCTION SALE!

The stock of stamps of the Colonial Stamp Co. to be sold at auction without reserve. Catalogue of sale mailed you free.

J. H. LYONS, Auctioneer,

69 17 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass.

stamps were surcharged but it was then found that the operation resulted in so many being injured, that no more were done. All of those surcharged were disposed of some time since, and it is believed that most of those issued are held in London. The postmaster knows of no intended surcharges or new issues of Cook Islands.

COSTA RICA.—*Meehel's Weekly* chronicles the 1 colon and 2 colonas values overprinted "Oficial" in black.

ICELAND.—Several of our contemporaries state that the new official set is identical in design with the postal adhesives except that the word "Pjonestu" is inserted on the right in place of "Frimerki".

LIBERIA.—*Meehel's Weekly* chronicles the \$1 blue and black surcharged 75c, in large numerals, in carmine. The words "One Dollar," have been cancelled by a bar.

Adhesive (Provisional):

75c on \$1 blue and black and carmine.

NEW ZEALAND.—Mr. A. C. Merser of New Bedford writes:

"I received today a book with stamps from my correspondent in New Zealand, full of rarities. As there are so many they are too numerous to be mentioned; but I will mention the blocks only received now.

I have quite a number of them received different times. 1/2p green, unwatermarked, perf. 14X11. I have other perforations and three distinct shades, etc.; 1p universal, local print just received is as follows, unwatermarked 11X11, unwatermarked 11X14, watermarked 11X14, watermarked 14X14; but the most beautiful of all is a block of four 14X14, watermark, imperf. on three sides with margins about 4mm. wide."

PARAGUAY.—Sr. Macias of Paraguay writes to *Filatelia* that the recent surcharge 20c on 24c blue shows several errors, including Habilitado and Habilitado. Also, that the 1 peso surcharged "Oficial" has been counterfeited by unscrupulous dealers with the surcharge inverted. This has not yet been found in the genuine stamps. The 8c brown, lithographed, was printed but not put in circulation, and will be surcharged 5 centavos. Very soon there will be put in circulation 2c, 10c and 20c telegraph stamps surcharged "Correos." A new issue is being prepared and will soon be issued, including 1c, 2c, 4c, 5c, 8c, 10c, 20c, 40c and 80c and 1p, 2p, 5p and 10p. It is said that these values will be printed in sufficient quantities to overcome the necessity for so many surcharges.

The above translation is sent us by Mr. A. C. Merser of New Bedford. The 5c on 8c brown was chronicled last week. The new issue was mentioned in No. 493 on the authority of the *Revista de la Sociedad Filatelica Argentina*, which gave the number of stamps as 23 instead of 13 as above.

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.—*Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal* chronicles the \$5 of the King's head series.

Adhesive (Regular):
\$5 green and brownish orange.

TRADE COLUMN.

Under this head we will print exchange, want and for sale notices, business announcements, 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. Min letters charge 10 cents.

One four-line notice free with each subscription, providing copy accompanies the subscription.

THREE Consecutive Insertions of SAME ad in this Column for PRICE OF TWO.

Stamps collected by a Church before 1890. Will close them out at 25c per 1000. \$1.00 per 5000. Includes 10c browns, 4c greens, 5c blues, 3c browns, 1c blues, etc. J. H. Wilson, 335 Water St., Pittsburg, Pa.

Will be pleased to exchange all duplicates I have U. S. envelopes, used or unused, cut square or entire, for any foreign that I can use. R. H. GRAHAM, Penn Yan, N. Y.

Do you collect view cards? If not, begin with Boston 10 black and white, 20 cents, 10 colored, 25 cents. They are handsome and attractive. C. W. SAWTELLE, 80 Water St., Boston, Mass. [7]

Very fine copies \$1 Passage Ticket, \$1.50; \$1 Mort., 70c. Cash. KING, 141 East 19th St., N. Y. City. [7]

I buy collections and sell on approval sheets at 50% discount to responsible parties. T. H. MORTON, Forestville, Conn.

We have for sale the following U. S. stamps unused in mint condition: 1888, 3c, 30c, 90c; 1890, 3c, 6c, 30c, 90c; Columbians 1c to \$5.00. Send in your best cash offers for what you can use. Sheets, Blocks or single stamps. Also nice used copies of 1888, 30c, 90c; 1890, 90c; Columbians 3c, 4c, 5c, 6c, 8c, 15c. COL-LATERAL LOAN CO., Augusta, Me.

Mexico 1899, 1c to 10c, 5 var.; 80 sets, \$1.00 in U. S. Bank note and 6c in stamps. FELIPE NAVEDA, Urbana 8, Toluca City, Mexico. [7]

Is your collection for sale? I will buy it or any odd lots of good stamps. No cheap stuff wanted. Send on approval with lowest cash offer. Immediate returns guaranteed. HOWARD C. BECK, City Controller's Office, Detroit, Mich. [5]P

Canada, latest Queen's head, 7c mint, 9c; used, 3c; Newfoundland 13c, Scott's No. 54, 18c, 0.5; 24c blue, No. 50, 35c, 0.5; Canada used, No. 16, 20c; No. 19, 15c; No. 20, 35c. Postage extra under 50c. A. MACK, Box 494, Ottawa, Ont. [7]P

Wanted for cash Philippines 4c Corros 155, 159, 160, 160a, *162, *164, *170, *177, *184, *196, *201, *202, *261, *263, *264, *266, *268, *271, *276, *202, *254, *358, 168, 369, 370, 372, *412. Cuba 6, 8. Finland 1. Porto Rico *3, *13b, *14c. Quote best price by mail. EDWARD MENDEL, 4348 Ellis Ave., Chicago. [7]P

Cut This Out!
I want sixty-eight numbers of "Gibbons' Monthly Journal" and twenty-one numbers "American Journal of Philately." If you have any numbers for exchange or sale suppose you send me a list? State Price per Number if for sale. If for exchange send your want list. A. W. DUNNING, Newton, Mass.

300 stamp papers to exchange for best offer in pre-cancelled stamps. W. W. NORTON, Lime Rock, Ct. [6]

Is your collection for sale? Get your dealer to make a price on it, add 20% to his offer, and send book to me. It's 10 to 1 I buy it. F. W. PICKARD, 2277 Ingleside, Cincinnati, O. [6]

1875 Newspapers complete, 1c to \$60.00 Card Proofs for \$3.00 cash or 500 Florodora Tag Co. Tags or Coupons. 69] ALBERT E. CHASE, Brunswick, Me.

Approval sheet business a specialty. Good bargains. Give reference. M. P. Wickware, Webster City, Ia. [6]

U. S. Revs. 40c lilac, \$1 red, \$1 gray, \$1 green and black, \$2 gray, \$2 green and black and \$3 brown. Entire lot 12c. BUCKEYE STAMP CO., Niles, O. [5]

Wanted in quantities: Gt. Britain Nos. 70, 101, used. Cash or exchange. G. C. Cusnot, Galveston, Texas. [5]

Wanted: War, Interior, Treasury marked "Specimen," must be well centered. JOHN KAY, of Wright, Kay & Co., Detroit, Mich. [6]

Exchange fine 6d Canada, 2 1/2c Ceylon, No. 82, Gt. Britain 1 1/2 No. 73, rare U. S. Depts., Revenues, \$1.00 Prop. No. 2978, mended, and 100 others for foreign cat. 10c to \$1.00, at a slight discount. Job printing in exchange for stamps. Write, A. J. KIRBY, 30 Ash St., Fall River, Mass. [5]

Fine U. S. Postage and Revenues, also rare Foreign to exchange for rare old China, Indian Baskets, Mexican, Russian, Japan and Chinese drawnwork Oriental and Indian rugs. Address, H. G. SMITH, late Sales Supt. of A. P. A., Winona, Minn. [5]P

Hawaii, all unused: No. 37, 0.5, 50c; No. 49, no gum, \$8.00; No. 35, 0.5, 15c; No. 52, 0.5, 20c; No. 55, 0.5, 3c; No. 71, 0.5, 40c; No. 78, 0.5, \$1.50; No. 73, 0.5, \$3.00; No. 69, part gum, \$10.00; No. 69, block of 4, 0.5, \$60.00; No. 49, pair, 0.5, \$24.00. C. F. RICHARDS, 326 West 20th St., N. Y. [10]

King's Head 40 French Levant, 3c; 2 1/2 Zanzibar, 5c; 5c Playing Card, 20c. Departments in Sets or Singles. J. H. HOUSTON, 337 Penn Ave., N. W., Washington, D. C. [6]P

A few good stamps at half catalogue. GEO. F. CRANE, 90 Nassau St., N. Y. City. [9]

U. S. Pre-Cancelled postage stamps. I will pay a good price in cash or exchange for any not in my collection. F. L. SMITH, 40 Exchange Pl., N. Y. 124c

Approval sheets 65% discount. Net sheets for advanced collectors, 9000 var. in stock. Want lists desired. F. W. PICKARD, 2277 Ingleside, Cincinnati, O. [6]

Wanted for cash U. S. pre-cancelled postage stamps. WALTER L. GATES, Teaticket, Mass. [16]P

Pre-cancels not in my collection wanted. Best cash or trade price. E. R. ALDRICH, Benson, Minn. [16]

Try an Ad in this Column. It Pays.

BARGAINS! BARGAINS!! BARGAINS!!!

For Collectors and Dealers.

U. S. STAMPS

At 50 to 90 Per Cent. Discount
From 1903 Catalogue Prices.

READ BEFORE ORDERING!

Before leaving for Europe last July I sold to many collectors and dealers thousands of U. S. stamps which were more or less damaged, at special low prices. Since my return I have received many requests for quotations for damaged U. S. stamps. To save time and correspondence I offer in this, and in the other advertisements which are to follow all

U. S. DAMAGED STAMPS

which I have for sale, at extremely low prices. Of some varieties I have only one or two left, and therefore it would be advisable to order at once. Should your order reach me too late, money will be promptly refunded.

SPECIAL! I have made no distinction as to paper or shade of colors. I furnish only those which I happen to have in stock regardless of catalogue prices. The catalogue prices which I quote are for the cheapest varieties, so that if there is any difference between catalogue and my quoted catalogue prices it will be in your favor. Should any stamp not be entirely satisfactory it can be returned within two days after received and money will be refunded.

AGRICULTURE.

	1903 Catalogue Price.	My Price For 1st	2nd	3rd
		\$1.25	\$1.00	\$0.75
1c yellow.....	\$3.50	1.25	.75	..
1c unused.....	3.50	1.25	.75	..
2c yellow.....	1.00	.30	.20	.10
2c unused.....	1.00	.30	.20	..
3c yellow.....	.25	.07	.04	.02
3c unused.....	.25	.07	.04	..
6c yellow.....	.75	.20	.10	.05
6c unused.....	6.00	1.75	..	..
10c unused.....	6.00	2.00	..	..
15c yellow.....	8.00	2.50	..	..
15c unused.....	3.50	1.25	..	..
24c yellow.....	4.00	1.75	..	..
24c unused.....	5.00	2.00	..	..
30c yellow.....	4.50	1.75	..	..
30c unused.....	5.00	..	1.50	..
Complete set of used and unused mixed.....	31.50	10.00	..	..

INTERIOR.

1c vermilion.....	.25	.10	.08	.05
1c unused.....	.25	.10	.08	.05
2c vermilion.....	.08	.03	.02	.01
2c unused.....	.08	.04	.03	.02
3c vermilion.....	.03	.01	.01	.01
3c unused.....	.03	.02	.01	.01
6c vermilion.....	.05	.02	.01	.01
6c unused.....	.05	.03	.02	.01
10c vermilion.....	.50	.15	..	..
10c unused.....	.40	.10	.08	.04
15c vermilion.....	.50	.15	.12	.08
15c unused.....	.50	.15	.10	.08
24c vermilion.....	.75	.20	.15	.10
24c unused.....	1.00	.25	.20	.15
30c vermilion.....	.75	.20	.15	.07
30c unused.....	1.00	.30	.25	.20
90c vermilion.....	2.50	.75	.50	.35
90c unused.....	4.00	1.00	.75	.50
Complete set.....	5.80	1.50	1.15	.80
Unused set.....	8.21	2.00	1.50	1.10

JUSTICE.

1c purple.....	1.50	.60	..	..
1c unused.....	1.50	.50	..	..
2c purple.....	3.00	1.00	.75	.50
3c purple.....	.75	.30	.15	.10
3c unused.....	.75	.30	..	..
6c purple.....	1.00	.25	.20	.15
6c unused.....	1.50	.60	.35	..
10c purple.....	3.00	1.00	..	..
10c unused.....	3.00	1.15	..	..
15c purple.....	2.50	.75	.60	.40
15c unused.....	3.00	1.00	.75	..
15c purple.....	6.00	2.00	1.50	1.00
24c purple.....	6.00	2.50	1.75	..
24c unused.....	17.00	6.00	..	..
24c purple.....	17.00	7.50	..	..
30c purple.....	20.00	7.00	..	4.00
30c unused.....	30.00	9.00	..	..
90c purple.....	37.50	16.00	..	..
Complete set of used and unused mixed.....	82.25	33.00	..	..

All stamps not given as unused are used. Where no prices are given it means that those stamps are all sold out.

1st. Some of the 1st are in average good condition, others have slight imperfections, some have tears, others are neatly repaired.

2nd are next best but not as fine as 1st.
3rd are damaged or repaired but give entire satisfaction to many collectors who are not so hard to please.

Terms! Cash with order.
Postage extra on orders under \$1.00.
Please remit by Bills or Money Order.

C. F. ROTHFUCHS,
38 MUNROE ST., ROXBURY, MASS.

Topics About Town.

FROM NEW YORK CITY.

The *Literary Philatelist* published by the Harlem Stamp Co. of this city has made its appearance. It is a fair publication, has a neat cover but the contents are not quite up-to-date in style. Of course, being the first number, there is plenty of room in the future for improvement.

E. L. Shove of Middletown was an exhibitor at the Poultry show held last week at Madison Square Garden. He exhibited Belgian Rabbits and carried off quite a few blue ribbons.

The Guarantee Stamp Co. has just added forty unused copies of the 6 cent U. S. 1869, in blocks of six to sixteen. The stamps have the original gum and are all in very fine condition.

Monday, January 19th, the National Philatelic Society will hold a competitive exhibition, the subject being the stamps of Ceylon.

The Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences, Branch on Philately, will hold their first competitive exhibition (1903) on the evening of January 23rd. It will be an open competition for the best 50 different cancelled stamps, condition, not rarity, to count. The total of 300 points may be scored as follows: For each stamp, one point for color or brilliancy, two points for centering, and three points for cancellation. Legible town cancellations shall count three; ordinary town cancellations shall count two, bar or cork cancellations shall count one. No damaged or repaired stamp can score any point. Pairs or blocks count as one stamp.

First prize, one Institute silver medal, contributed by Mr. J. M. Andreini.

VOLUNTEER.

The Boston Philatelic Society.

M. H. LOMBARD, President, Winchester, Mass.
C. F. ROTHFUCHS, Vice-President, Boston.
C. A. HOWES, Secretary, 55 Kilby St., Boston.
L. L. GREEN, Treasurer, 47 Tremont St., Boston.
J. H. LYONS, Supt. of Auctions, 27 Bromfield St., Boston.
J. F. JOHNSON, Supt. of Sales, 136 Congress St., Boston, Mass.

THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA, Official Journal.

The New England Philatelic Association.

Organized February, 1893.

Board of Officers:

President, CHARLES H. SMITH, Dedham, Mass.
Vice President, J. FAVILL CAPRON, 22 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass.
Secretary and Treasurer, H. W. LEGG, 26 Hancock St., Boston, Mass.
Sales Department, CHARLES H. STONE, 91 Antrim St., Cambridgeport, Mass.
Information Bureau, MRS. WALLACE DANA SMITH, 20 Wibird St., Portsmouth, N. H.
Counterfeit Detector, WILLIS D. KING, Nashua, N. H.
Attorney, HORACE S. BACON, 107 Stevens St., Lowell, Mass.
Governing Board, CHARLES H. STONE, Chairman, 91 Antrim St., Cambridgeport, Mass., JOHN J. CONE, New Dorchester, Mass., FRANK A. WILSON, 125 Highland Ave., Somerville, Mass.
Official Organ, THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA.

TRANSVAAL KING'S HEAD CARDS.

Just Received.

1-2d green on white.....	\$0.08
1d carmine on cream.....	.05
1d carmine on blue, Letter Card.....	.05

Postage Extra.

ADOLPH LOHMEYER,

922 N. Gilmer St., BALTIMORE, MD.

BRITISH COLONIALS

At 50 % discount are very cheap. I have a large stock of these, and would like to send you a good selection on approval. Send for Lists of Bargains in stamps, both single and in sets, mailed free.
Philippine 1s., 66 var., cat. over \$10.00, for .. \$5.00
U. S. 1857, 30c orange, cat. \$6.00..... 1.75
" Agriculture, 12c, cat. \$8.00..... 2.00
" Postage Dues 1895, 30 and 50c, the two... .35

L. N. HERBERT, [10]

1520 Washington Ave., NEW YORK.

DEFIES COMPETITION!

Order 75 cents' worth from this advertisement and send an extra quarter and get a Philippine 1898, 80c, unused, catalogued by Scott's at \$1.25.

BARGAINS!

*Cuba 1899, sur. U. S. 1, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 5 & 10c, complete \$0.30
*Cuba 1899, new designs 1, 2, 3, 5, 10c & 10c Sp. Del'y .45
*Porto Rico 1890, sur. h. U. S. 1, 2, 3, 5, 8 & 10c .40
U. S. Omaha 50c... \$0.15 Omaha \$1.00... .40
*Unused. Fine Specimens. Postage extra under 50c.
RUBYAN & ANDREWS, [7]
216 and 218 South Broad St., Trenton, N. J.

3RD. 7TH. 15TH.

Guatemala 1902, 1, 2, 5, 6, 10, 20c, mint	\$0.20
Chili, 25 var., used, (Cat. \$1.07)...	.47
Corea 1885-86, 5 var., complete, (Cat. 60c).....	.43
Seebecks, 7 var., (Cat. 26c).....	.14
Dom. Republic, 10 var. (Cat. 34c)...	.20
50 var. unused stamps (Cat. \$1.68).....	.77

SPECIAL!

With the 3rd order of 50 cents or over a mint copy of Dom. Republic No. 109 free. With the 7th order of 50c or over a copy of "A History of the Postal Issues of Hawaii" free. With the 15th order as above a copy of Scott's 62nd Catalogue free.

Mention this ad and enclose return postage.

A. W. DUNNING,
NEWTON, MASS.

SUPPLEMENT TO F. H. PINKHAM'S

THIRD AUCTION SALE.

See ad of sale in last issue of ERA.
All stamps are sold by the lot. Bid so much for each lot.

Lot No.	Description	No. in Lot.	Cat. Value
95	1862, 24c gray lilac, uncanceled.....	1	\$4.00
96	Jubilee, 24c unused, o. g., beauty.....	1	17.00
97	Treasury, 1c, 90c, used.....	2	.75
98	" " 30c, unused.....	1	.50
99	Confed. States '61, 5c green, 8 shades.....	2	.90
100	" " " 10c blue.....	1	.75
101	" " " 6c, 5c blue, 5c, small.....	3	.85
102	" " " 6c, 2c, 10c (7 var.).....	3	.38
103	" " " 20c, 10c.....	2	1.15

Bids close Feb. 1. See last week's ad.
F. H. PINKHAM, NEWMARKET, N. H.

BIG BOOM COMING!

Collectors are becoming more and more interested in U. S. Envelopes every day.

We are always ready to aid collectors to distinguish the different varieties. Absolutely no charge for examination, except return postage. Send for our prices if interested.

We predict a big boom in Envelopes within a short time. There are not half enough to go around and prices must advance.

We are in a position to know.
HOLTEN STAMP CO., BOSTON, MASS.

THE Weekly Philatelic Era.

W. W. JEWETT, - Editor and Publisher.

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

U. S., Canada or Mexico, 50c. per year.
To other countries in Postal Union, \$1.00 per year.
All subscriptions MUST commence with current number. Back numbers cannot be supplied at subscription rates.

ADVERTISING RATES:

1/4 inch (6 lines), one insertion..... \$0.40
1 inch, one insertion..... .75
5 inches, to be used as desired..... 3.50
to..... 6.75

YEARLY CONTRACT RATES:

25 inches, 65 cents per inch..... \$16.25
50 " " " "..... 30.00
100 " " " "..... 50.00

TERMS: Cash in Advance on Transient Advertising. Above rates for 10 inches and over subject to a discount of 5% if paid for wholly in advance.

PUBLICATION OFFICE,

502 Congress St., Portland, Me.

YOUR SUBSCRIPTION EXPIRES with this issue if a (X) appears in the margin opposite this paragraph. The paper is not abruptly discontinued on the expiration of subscriptions, unless expressly so ordered. We shall highly appreciate an early renewal from you, or an order to have your paper discontinued.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS. In notifying us of any change of address subscribers should be sure to give their old as well as new address

Notes and Comment.

BY THE EDITOR.

The news of the death of Carl M. Willis, of the Carl M. Willis Stamp Co. of Sullivan, Ind., has reached us. This firm has recently been doing considerable advertising in the philatelic press, and building up a respectable business.

Our youngest weekly contemporary, the *Philatelic World* of Minneapolis, is apparently beginning to experience some of the trials of a weekly stamp publication. Two "come downs" already: From the fifth floor to the second (possibly to economize elevator expense); from eight pages to four (only temporarily we are promised), and has as yet not succeeded in obtaining second class mailing privileges. Brother Martin has our sympathy (we've been there) and also our best wishes of finally overcoming all obstacles and at least getting his paper on a self-sustaining basis—the greatest height ever yet obtained by more than one stamp periodical in this country.

COMING AUCTION SALES.

Boston.—The 8th sale of Chas. H. Stone & Co., to be held in Elks' Hall on Monday evening, Jan. 26th, commencing at 7:30 o'clock. Over 600 lots to be sold.

Boston.—The 104th sale of B. L. Drew & Co., at Elks' Hall, on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings, Jan. 28, 29 and 30th, beginning at 7:30 o'clock. There are 1867 lots to be sold on the three evenings.

New York City.—The 19th sale of W. F. Gregory, at the Collectors Club, Thursday and Friday evenings at 8 o'clock, Jan. 29th and 30th. 1200 lots.

Chicago.—Wolsieffer's sale No. 32, to be held on Saturday evening, Jan. 31st, commencing at 7:45 o'clock, in Room 6, 151 Washington Street. There are 634 lots to be sold without reserve.

New York City.—The 189th sale of the Bogert & Durbin Co., at 116 Nassau St., on Saturday afternoon, Jan. 31st at 2 o'clock. 768 lots.

Again we are indebted to Mr. A. W. Dunning of Newton, Mass. This time he favors us with a pair of stamp tongs or tweezers of a new and very much improved kind. They are so arranged that the relaxing of pressure on the two fingers or prongs causes the springing together of the tips (just the reverse of ordinary tweezers) so that a stamp can be left in water or the benzine cup while still gripped by the tongs. Mr. Dunning got them in Germany and has our thanks for his useful gift.

RECEIVED:

From the Greater New York Stamp & Coin Co. of N. Y. City a copy of their Coin Book, giving their buying prices for rare American and Colonial coins.

From Mr. H. W. Boers, our regular Detroit correspondent, an original calendar, bearing above the calendar pad a 3x4 photo of himself. At the top is "Compliments of the Season—'Boers', Detroit"; between the photo and calendar "Any old kind of stamps will do," while across the bottom is the query: "What have you?"

From B. L. Drew & Co. of Boston a 16-page price list for the current year.

Do you know that our present issue of stamps will soon be a thing of the past? Then why not fill up on these and be ready for the new ones.

U. S.

No. 240	50c slate blue, used.....	\$0.25
242	\$4.00 brown red, used.....	1.25
246	1c pale blue, o. g., block of 4.....	.50
259	15c dark blue, o. g.....	.25
260	50c orange, o. g.....	.60
260	50c " used.....	.18
261	\$1.00 black, o. g.....	1.25
261	\$1.00 " used.....	.75
262	\$5.00 sapphire, o. g.....	2.50
263	\$5.00 green, o. g.....	3.25
263	\$5.00 " used.....	2.00

All in prime condition and well centered, and will be sent on approval to responsible parties.

D. T. EATON, MUSCATINE, IOWA.

60% DISCOUNT.

* Unused.

Order by Catalogue No. and price and deduct 60%.

WURTEMBERG

4, 9, 15, 16, 20, 25, 26, 41, 42, 47, 50, 64.

NEWFOUNDLAND

24, 32, *34, 34, 37, 38, 39, 40, 42, 43, 45, 46, 47, 48, 52, *61, 63, 83.

NEW BRUNSWICK

*6, *7, *7a, *8, 8, *10, *11.

CONFEDERATE STATES

*205, *207, *210, *211, *212, *213.

Look up our previous ads.

E. F. GAMBS ESTATE,

P. O. Box 2631, SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

THEO. MAINHART, JOHNSTOWN, PA.

Note Today's Bargain List.

	Cat. My Price	\$0.50
1868, Cuba, 5, 10, 20, 40c.....	1.06	\$0.50
1869, Cuba, 10, 20, 40c.....	.96	.45
*1892, Mozambique Co., 5r to 300r.....	1.58	.45
1897, North Borneo, 1c to 24c.....	.71	.35
*1896, Ecuador, Jubilee, 1c to 12.....	1.25	.20

* Unused. Cash with order.
Stamps on Approval at 50% Discount.
Stamps at all prices. Stamps from all countries.
Stamps for all collectors. A postal card from you will bring you a nice selection on approval.

THEO. MAINHART, JOHNSTOWN, PA.

Scott's 1903 Catalogue by mail, postpaid, 58 cents.

DEALERS' MIXTURES.

1000 well assorted foreign, inc. Bolivia, Salvador, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Ecuador, Surin. Dutch Indies, Mozambique Co., Shanghai, etc. etc. A fine lot for packets and approval sheets. Can be retailed at a good profit. (Sample 100 for 5c.)
\$6.00 per 1000.

My I. X. L. mixture consists of Borneo 4c on \$1.00; Labuan 4c on \$1.00; Salvador (ass'd) a good lot from Nicaragua, Bulgaria, cat. 8 and 10c each, Bolivia, old and new issues, Honduras, etc. Each 100 cat. from \$6.00 to \$8.00 (your money back if you want it).
\$1.50 per 100.

Servia, well ass'd, 30c per 100.
Mozambique Co. 1892, 6 var., 10 setr, \$1.00.
*Johore No. 27, 1894, 3c on 5c; and No. 28, 3c on 6c, both unused, cat. 05c, my price 40c. 10 of each for \$2.25. [89

CARL YOUNG,

112 N. 5th St., PHILA., PA.

UNITED STATES STAMPS

seem to have been somewhat neglected of late. Do not let "King's Heads" turn your heads, they are pretty and we have them for sale, but there is enough to go around. The albums are now so arranged that with due economy and a careful handling of the coal hod, collectors may hope to complete their collections and fill their albums. Commence with

OUR COUNTRY.

Complete your collection while you can get them at reasonable prices. Do not neglect the envelopes. There are not anywhere near as many of them in existence as there are of the adhesives, and if you do not get them now, you will have to pay more for them later.

Our Price Lists pricing U. S. stamps, revenues and envelopes, sent to you for the asking.

HOLTON STAMP CO., BOSTON, MASS.

UNITED STATES 1893, 1894, 1895, 1898, HIGH VALUES.

Fill up your spaces before they go up more, after the coming new issues appear. Any copies not satisfactory may be returned. These are Special Prices.

ALL USED.	Fine.	Ordinary		Fine.	Ordinary
1893 Columbian, 15c green.....	\$0.22	\$0.17	1895, wmk., \$5.00 green.....	1.35	1.00
30c brown.....	.30	.25	1898, Omaha, 50c green.....	.28	.17
50c slate blue.....	.35	.25	\$1.00 black.....	.45	.05
\$1.00 salmon.....	2.00	1.50	\$2.00 brown.....	1.75	1.50
\$2.00 brown red.....	1.40	1.10	CANADA JUBILEE, 1897.		
\$3.00 green.....	2.50	2.00	50c blue.....	.20	.15
\$4.00 lake.....	3.50	3.00	\$1.00 lake.....	.60	.50
\$5.00 black.....	4.25	3.50	\$3.00 purple.....	1.10	.75
1894, no wmk., 50c orange.....	.25	.18	\$5.00 bistre.....	1.60	1.00
\$1.00 black.....	1.00	.70	\$4.00 purple.....	2.00	1.50
\$2.00 sapphire.....	2.25	1.75	\$5.00 olive.....	3.00	2.00
\$5.00 green.....	3.25	2.80	Copies with heavy bar cancellation, such as are generally advertised, can be supplied for less than the above prices.		
1895, wmk., 50c orange.....	.28	.25			
\$1.00 black.....	.35	.25			
\$2.00 sapphire.....	1.35	1.15			

NEW ENGLAND STAMP CO.,

21-27 Bromfield Street, BOSTON, MASS.



Buying stamps from my \$3000 building sale is like getting government bonds below par. Send for detailed priced-lists. They cost nothing but save a lot.

A REAL BARGAIN!

U. S. STAMPED ENVELOPES.

Cat. No.	Unused, Cut Square, Large Margins.	Cat. Price.	My Price.
1377	1870, 1c blue on amber.....	\$1.50	\$0.35
1453	1889, 2c vermilion on cream.....	1.50	.35
1460	1874, 2c vermilion on orange.....	1.50	.35
1504	1884, 3c red on fawn.....	.75	.20
The above four envelopes.....		5.25	1.00
6 sets of above \$6.00, Cat. Price \$31.50.			

I can still furnish every bargain as advertised in the ERA since November 29, 1903.

Please remit by Bill or Money Order. [112]
C. F. ROTHFUCHS,
 38 Monroe St., ROXBURY, MASS.

A New 50% Discount Book!

We have just added Book No. 46, to our 50% Discount Series of Approval Books. It will be very popular, and contains among other things the following:

- Argentine, used officials of 1902 and the new 3c Rosario Harbor view.
- Colombian Republic, varieties perforated and unperforated of the recent provisionals, now cheap, will be rare later.
- Cook Islands, new colors of 1902 issue.
- Finland, 1 mark, used.
- Hayti, 1902, Provisional Government surcharged.
- Morocco, some complete sets of these interesting stamps.
- Netherlands, some fine used copies of the higher and scarce values.
- Nine and Fernrhyn Islands, 1902 issue.

ASK FOR BOOK No. 46, QUICK!

If you are a General Collector, you cannot do better than to go through our 50% Discount Series of Approval Books; over 5,000 varieties, and many that you will not find elsewhere in this class.

C. H. MEKEEL STAMP & PUBLISHING CO.,
 ST. LOUIS, MO.

Items from the Hub.

January 13th.

The New England Stamp Co. have purchased two large collections, one the property of W. E. Hawkins of New York, the other the property of the late Edwin B. Todd of Calais, Me. The collection of Mr. Hawkins was a general one and almost complete in unused condition except the great rarities, and probably it is one of the finest of its kind in the United States. The price paid for this collection was \$12,000. The collection of the late Mr. Todd was considerably larger and while the exact figures are not public, I understand that about \$35,000 was involved in the transaction. It is a general collection and among the rarities I might mention a few that I recall. Six St. Louis including a pair on the original cover, a Brattleboro, three different Baltimores, 3, 10, 24, 30, 90c August '61 type, the latter a pair, 24 and 30c 1851, unused, 1869 inverts, nearly all re-issues, \$5.00 Proprietary, \$200 and \$300 second issue, nearly all rare imperfs., 13c Missionary, 12p Canada, Newfoundland, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia shillings, many British North America splits on original covers; United States carriers, 3c N. Y., rosy buff, 2c red, 2c black Boston, and many others, with several on original cover, also many scarce envelopes entire and cut including 3c die C on blue; Departments complete including a sheet of \$20 State. Mr. Colson has started on an extensive trip with portions of both collections. Will cover as far west as Chicago returning through Canada.

J. M. Bartels Co. report the volume of business offered in the auction department unprecedented, and many lots have been necessarily declined in order to give proper attention to the properties already in hand. They will hold two two-night sales in February. In these sales will be offered a fine lot of unused stamps especially strong in British colonies also many in blocks of four. The owner of the above will specialize in future.

DEALERS AND COLLECTORS

will miss many opportunities if they do not carefully examine the

Wolsieffer Jan. 31st Auction

Sale catalogue. It contains the fine Match and Miniature Collection of Mr. Geo. L. Toppan, and a large installment of the Wholesale Stock of Mr. F. Noyes put up in moderate size lots to accommodate all dealers. Also some fine Entires, Cut Squares, Foreign, etc. from other sources.

If you have never bought at auction, a "Wolsieffer" sale is a good one to begin on, as the catalogues are models of explicitness with which no other can compare. Catalogues free to auction buyers.

United Stamp Co., 1149 Marquette Bldg., Chicago.

OUR STOCK

has increased in size threefold in the last few weeks. We would like to send you a General Book or a book of one country to a book. Refer to this ad and state if you are interested in shades and perforations.

1903 Scott's Catalogue.....	50c	Post paid
1903 Gibbons'.....	60c	
Both in stock.		

Bosnia 1900, 30, 35, 40, 50 and 1 kr.....	\$0.41
Abyssinia 1894, 4c, 8c and 16c, unused.....	.14
Bulgaria 1900, 10 varieties.....	.23
Persia Official, unused, 4 varieties.....	.13
Hungary 1900, 12 varieties, used.....	.27
1900, 1 krone, used.....	.02

J. T. STARR STAMP COMPANY,
 COLDWATER, MICH.

\$30.00 REVENUE

Superb, uncut, only \$11.00

LIBERIA, 1902

75c on \$1.00, unused..... \$1.12

DUTCH INDIES, 1902

1/2, 1, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 5c, set..... .12

Send for copy of "B. B." for January 15th, 1903.

FRANK P. BROWN, 333 Washington Street, BOSTON, MASS.

WHEN YOU THINK OF SELLING

WRITE TO

B. L. DREW & CO.,

7 WATER ST., (Room 501), BOSTON, MASS.

The Leading Auction Firm in America.

Mr. Frank P. Brown has received Liberia \$1.00, issue of 1892, surcharged 75c in red. I have not noticed the stamp mentioned.

C. H. Stone & Co. will hold their 8th sale January 26th at Elks' Hall. Six hundred lots will be offered to the highest bidders by Mr. J. H. Lyons the well known auctioneer. It contains the stock of a retired dealer also many wholesale lots. One hundred and fifteen lots are United States general issues, departments, revenues, entries and U. S. colonies. A goodly proportion of the balance of the lots are the popular combination lots which are in very good condition. Under the miscellaneous and potpourri headings I noticed many good lots especially for small dealers if they have the cash and courage.

Wm. D. Edwards.

Almost every dealer sends approval selections at 50% Discount—BUT there are some stamps in our selections of this class that are not to be had as cheap elsewhere.

A COLLECTION OF 5000 VARIETIES of POSTAGE STAMPS, carefully selected from our own stock, \$175.00. Satisfaction Guaranteed.

3000 for \$45.00 ♦ 2000 for \$13.50 ♦ 1000 for \$3.40 ♦ ALL GENUINE POSTAGE STAMPS

550 Varieties mounted in a blank book (cataloguing by Scott's 61st edition Catalogue \$10.00), post free \$1.50. A Bargain for Dealer or Collector!

C. H. MEKEEL STAMP & PUBLISHING CO., ST. LOUIS, MO.



Buying stamps from my \$8000 building sale is like getting government bonds below par. Send for detailed priced-lists. They cost nothing but save a lot.

A REAL BARGAIN!

U. S. STAMPED ENVELOPES.

Cat. No.	Unused, Cut Square, Large Margins.	Cat. Price.	My Price.
1377	1870, 2c blue on amber.....	\$1.50	\$0.35
1463	1880, 2c vermilion on cream.....	1.50	.35
1463	1874, 2c vermilion on orange.....	1.50	.35
1504	1884, 2c red on fawn.....	.75	.20
The above four envelopes..... \$25 1.00			
6 sets of above \$25.00, Cat. Price \$31.50.			

I can still furnish every bargain as advertised in the ERA since November 29, 1902.
Please remit by Bills or Money Order. [12]

C. F. ROTHFUCHS,
38 Monroe St., ROXBURY, MASS.

A New 50% Discount Book!

We have just added Book No. 46, to our 50% Discount Series of Approval Books. It will be very popular, and contains among other things the following:

- Argentine, used officials of 1902 and the new 5c Rosario Harbor view.
- Colombian Republic, varieties perforated and unperforated of the recent provisionals, now cheap, will be rare later.
- Cook Islands, new colors of 1902 issue.
- Finland, 1 mark, used.
- Haiti, 1902, Provisional Government surcharged.
- Morocco, some complete sets of these interesting stamps.
- Netherlands, some fine used copies of the higher and scarce values.
- Niue and Penrhyn Islands, 1902 issue.

ASK FOR BOOK No. 46, QUICK!

If you are a General Collector, you cannot do better than to go through our 50% Discount Series of Approval Books; over 5,000 varieties, and many that you will not find elsewhere in this class.

C. H. MEKEEL STAMP & PUBLISHING CO.,
ST. LOUIS, MO.

Items from the Hub.

January 13th.

The New England Stamp Co. have purchased two large collections, one the property of W. E. Hawkins of New York, the other the property of the late Edwin B. Todd of Calais, Me. The collection of Mr. Hawkins was a general one and almost complete in unused condition except the great rarities, and probably it is one of the finest of its kind in the United States. The price paid for this collection was \$12,000. The collection of the late Mr. Todd was considerably larger and while the exact figures are not public, I understand that about \$35,000 was involved in the transaction. It is a general collection and among the rarities I might mention a few that I recall. Six St. Louis including a pair on the original cover, a Brattleboro, three different Baltimores, 3, 10, 24, 30, 90c August '61 type, the latter a pair, 24 and 30c 1851, unused, 1869 inverts, nearly all re-issues, \$5.00 Proprietary, \$200 and \$300 second issue, nearly all rare imperfs., 13c Missionary, 12p Canada, Newfoundland, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia shillings, many British North America splits on original covers; United States carriers, 3c N. Y., rosy buff, 2c red, 2c black Boston, and many others, with several on original cover, also many scarce envelopes entire and cut including 3c die C on blue; Departments complete including a sheet of \$20 State. Mr. Colson has started on an extensive trip with portions of both collections. Will cover as far west as Chicago returning through Canada.

J. M. Bartels Co. report the volume of business offered in the auction department unprecedented, and many lots have been necessarily declined in order to give proper attention to the properties already in hand. They will hold two two-night sales in February. In these sales will be offered a fine lot of unused stamps especially strong in British colonies also many in blocks of four. The owner of the above will specialize in future.

DEALERS AND COLLECTORS

will miss many opportunities if they do not carefully examine the

Wolsieffer Jan. 31st Auction

Sale catalogue. It contains the fine Match and Medicine Collection of Mr. Geo. L. Toppan, and a large installment of the Wholesale Stock of Mr. F. Noyes put up in moderate size lots to accommodate all dealers. Also some fine Entires, Cut Squares, Foreign, etc. from other sources.

If you have never bought at auction, a "Wolsieffer" sale is a good one to begin on, as the catalogues are models of explicitness with which no other can compare. Catalogues free to auction buyers.

United Stamp Co., 1149 Marquette Bldg., Chicago.

OUR STOCK

has increased in size threefold in the last few weeks. We would like to send you a General Book or a book of one country to a book. Refer to this ad and state if you are interested in shades and perforations.

1903 Scott's Catalogue.....	5c	Post paid
1903 Gibbons' ".....	6c	
Both in stock.		

Bosnia 1900, 30, 35, 40, 50 and 1 kr.....	\$0.41
Abyssinia 1894, 4c, 8c and 16c, unused.....	.14
Bulgaria 1900, 10 varieties.....	.25
Persia Official, unused, 4 varieties.....	.13
Hungary 1900, 12 varieties, used.....	.07
1900, 1 krone, used.....	.02

J. T. STARR STAMP COMPANY,
COLDWATER, MICH.

\$30.00 REVENUE

Superb, uncut, only \$11.00

LIBERIA, 1902

75c on \$1.00, unused..... \$1.12

DUTCH INDIES, 1902

½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 5c, set..... .12

Send for copy of "B. B." for January 15th, 1903.

FRANK P. BROWN, 333 Washington Street, BOSTON, MASS.

WHEN YOU THINK OF SELLING

WRITE TO

B. L. DREW & CO.,

7 WATER ST., (Room 501), BOSTON, MASS.

The Leading Auction Firm in America.

Mr. Frank P. Brown has received Liberia \$1.00, issue of 1892, surcharged 75c in red. I have not noticed the stamp mentioned.

C. H. Stone & Co. will hold their 8th sale January 26th at Elks' Hall. Six hundred lots will be offered to the highest bidders by Mr. J. H. Lyons the well known auctioneer. It contains the stock of a retired dealer also many wholesale lots. One hundred and fifteen lots are United States general issues, departments, revenues, entires and U. S. colonies. A goodly proportion of the balance of the lots are the popular combination lots which are in very good condition. Under the miscellaneous and potpourri headings I noticed many good lots especially for small dealers if they have the cash and courage.

WM. D. ELDRIDGE.

Almost every dealer sends approval selections at 50% Discount—BUT there are some stamps in our selections of this class that are not to be had as cheap elsewhere.

A COLLECTION OF 5000 VARIETIES of POSTAGE STAMPS, carefully selected from our own stock, \$175.00. Satisfaction Guaranteed.

3000 for \$45.00 ♦ 2000 for \$13.50 ♦ 1000 for \$3.40 ♦ ALL GENUINE POSTAGE STAMPS

550 Varieties mounted in a blank book (cataloguing by Scott's 61st edition Catalogue \$10.00), post free \$1.50. A Bargain for Dealer or Collector!

C. H. MEKEEL STAMP & PUBLISHING CO., ST. LOUIS, MO.

U. S. REVENUES 1861, PERF.

\$1.00 Conveyance, \$0.06	\$1.00 Foreign Exch., .45
\$1.00 Life Insurance, .06	\$2.00 Probate of Will, .35
\$1.00 Manifest, .35	\$3.00 Charter Party, .07
\$1.00 Mortgage, .85	\$3.00 Inland Exch., .60
\$1.00 Probate of Will, .45	\$5.00 Manifest, 1.00
\$2.30 Inland Exch., .30	\$5.00 Mortgage, .35
\$2.50 Foreign Exch., .90	\$5.00 Probate of Will, .35

Watch these ads each week.
GREATER N. Y. STAMP & COIN CO.,
228 East 58th St., New York City.

CANADA.

1899 5c beaver.....	00.02
1898 15c lilac.....	.06
1875-77 15c gray.....	.06
*1892-90 1/2c black.....	.01
1892-93 8c slate.....	.01
*1897 1c Jubilee.....	.02
1897 3c Jubilee.....	.01
*1897 1/2c black, M. L.....	.01
*1897 1c green, M. L.....	.02
*1897 2c purple, M. L.....	.04
*1897 3c carmine, M. L.....	.05
1897 5c blue, M. L.....	.02
*1898 1/2c black, Numerals.....	.01
*1898 1c green, Numerals.....	.02
*1898 3c carmine, Numerals.....	.04
*1898 5c blue, Numerals.....	.07
1898 5c blue, Numerals.....	.01
*1898 5c Map, lavender.....	.04
1898 5c Map, blue.....	.01
1898 2c Map, blue.....	.01
*1899 2c on 3c carmine, M. L.....	.03
*1899 2c on 3c carmine, Numerals.....	.03
*1899 2c carmine.....	.03
1897-90 15 varieties, fine.....	.12
1875-80 5c registration.....	.02
1875-80 5c registration.....	.01

* Unused. Postage Extra.

COLUMBIAN STAMP CO., Arlington, Mass.

FOR BEST OFFER IN STAMPS

425 Bullard Magazine Camera loaded with 12 plate holders fitted with R. R. Lenses, a fine box.

HERMAN W. BOERS, 322 Erskine St., Detroit, Mich.

The Perforator

12 MONTHS

AND

SCOTT'S 1903 CATALOGUE

FOR

75c Post Paid.

THE PERFORATOR,

106 E. 111th Street, NEW YORK CITY.

Detroit Paragraphs.

J. D. Kay is the owner of a block of four 13 cent Harrison stamps bearing the plate No. 1.

As yet the new 8c Martha Washington stamp has not arrived, but its appearance is expected most any day now, so says the stamp clerk.

Arrived and in a healthy condition, Scott's new 1903 Catalogue. Most of us have had the pleasure of comparing prices. Now that it's out no doubt the stamp business will resume in full blast.

Mr. Ashton Lewis of Melrose, Mass., spent the past week here. As a collector he tells me he has been at it for a great many years but of late years has changed his regular course of philately and confines himself to collecting entire covers of all kinds. Freaks and curiosities from all parts of the globe find place in his collection which takes up several large volumes.

There will be at least one consolation about the new stamps when out, we need not look for any insects.

HERMAN W. BOERS.

Following are the newly elected officers of the League of Philatelic Literaturists: President—J. A. Cook, Waterloo, Iowa. Vice-President—Shirley E. Moissant, Kankaka, Ill. Secretary-Treasurer—J. A. D. Park, Buffalo, N. Y. Supt. Sales and Exchange—D. T. Eaton, Muscatine, Ia.

Trustees—W. J. Gardner, San Francisco, Cal.; W. E. Loy, San Francisco, Cal.; D. T. Eaton, Muscatine, Iowa.

Bureau of Information—G. S. Dickinson, Worcester, Mass.; E. B. Jones, Sioux City, Iowa; Fred Doughty, Saginaw, Mich.

Official Organ.—Philatelic Inter-Ocean.

The Collectors Club,

351 FOURTH AVE., NEW YORK.

The 88th meeting of the Board of Governors was held at the Clubhouse on Monday evening, January 13, 1903.

Present: Messrs. Andreini, Dewing, Luff, Morgenthau and Scott. Meeting called 8.30 P. M. In the absence of the Secretary, Mr. Luff was appointed Secretary pro tem.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The Secretary read a number of communications.

The Treasurer's report, showing a cash balance in bank of \$709.05, exclusive of reserve fund, was accepted as read.

The report of the House Committee was read and accepted.

The Amusement Committee reported that the arrangements for the entertainment to be held at the Clubhouse on the evening of Saturday, the 17th inst., have been completed.

The Judges of the Exhibition of Australian Stamps reported as follows:

TO THE GOVERNORS OF THE COLLECTORS CLUB:

Gentlemen: At the competitive exhibition of one hundred unused Australian stamps for cash prizes offered by Stanley Gibbons, Limited, which was held January 8, at the rooms of The Collectors Club, only one collection was entered for competition.

In the opinion of your judges it was deemed unwise to award any of the prizes, and your judges suggest that a competition be set for some future date and that wider publicity be given the competition.

Respectfully submitted,
J. M. ANDREINI,
JOS. S. RICH,
J. C. MORGENTHAU.

The report was approved, and recommendation endorsed. Moved, seconded and carried that the Australian Competitive Exhibition be held in March, at the same time as the Exhibition of U. S. Documentary and Proprietary Revenue Stamps.

The following dates were set for forthcoming exhibitions and the Secretary was instructed to send cards of notification to the members and also to the press:

February 9—Great Britain.
March 9—U. S. Documentary and Proprietary.

April 13—Russia, Finland and Poland.
May 11—Egypt and Soudan.

Exhibits to be sent to the office of Mr. J. C. Morgenthau, 87 Nassau Street, New York, not later than the Thursday preceding the date of each exhibition.

The following resolution was passed: "The Board of Governors have heard, with regret, of the death of our former fellow-member and friend, Wm. Alex. Smith, Jr., and instruct the Secretary to express their condolence to his widow."

The name of Chas. H. Stone, having been posted the required length of time, was balloted on and was declared to have been unanimously elected a subscribing member of the Club.

Adjourned at 10.30 P. M.
JOHN N. LUFF,
Secretary pro tem.

NOW READY.

Standard Postage Stamp Catalogue for 1903,

Price 58c post free.

Imperial Albums, Bound in Boards, - - - 25c

" " " " Cloth, - - - 40c

INTERNATIONAL POSTAGE STAMP ALBUMS.

19th Century Edition, from \$1.50 upwards.

20th Century Edition for stamps issued in 1901 and 1902 only, from \$1.00 upwards.

Circular of new packets and sets free on application.

SCOTT STAMP & COIN CO.,

18 EAST 23RD ST., [6°] NEW YORK, N. Y.

WHOLESALE SELECTIONS

on approval to responsible dealers. References required.

GUARANTEE STAMP CO.,

106 E. 111th St., NEW YORK.

American Philatelic Association.

(INCORPORATED.)

THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA—OFFICIAL JOURNAL.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

ALEXANDER HOLLAND, President,
40 Grace Court, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Board of Vice-Presidents.
FRANK H. BURT, Chairman,
Room 1045, Tremont Building, Boston, Mass.
GORDON IRELAND, Secretary,
Holyoke House 21, Cambridge, Mass.
J. F. JOHNSON,
383 Lexington St., Auburndale, Mass.

H. E. DEATS, Secretary,
Flemington, N. J.
E. DOEBLIN, International Secretary,
Box 736, Pittsburg, Pa.
C. L. ANNAN, Treasurer,
Copper Range R. R., Houghton, Mich.
H. B. PHILLIPS,
1311 Grove St., Berkeley, Cal.
F. W. CONING,
350 George St., New Brunswick, N. J.

RESIDENT VICE-PRESIDENTS.

BOSTON, MASS.—J. F. JOHNSON, 383 Lexington St., Auburndale, Mass.
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.—W. E. LOY, 2431 Ellsworth St., Berkeley, Cal.
NEW YORK CITY.—W. F. GREGORY, 77 Nassau St.
PITTSBURG, PA.—E. DOEBLIN, Box 736.
CHICAGO, ILL.—A. F. MERRILL, 432 Marquette Building.
MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.—ESEN S. MARTIN, 3344 First Avenue, South.
WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS—ROBERT D. MAYNARD, 36 Oak Grove Ave., Springfield.

APPOINTIVE OFFICERS.

E. H. ANDERSON, Librarian,
Carnegie Library, Pittsburg, Pa.
H. D. WATSON, Collecting Agent,
64 Cedar St., New York City.
JOHN J. OESCH, Superintendent of Sales Dept.,
34 Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill.

H. E. DEATS, Assistant Librarian,
Flemington, N. J.
W. F. GREGORY, Auction Purchasing Agent,
77 Nassau St., New York City.
P. M. WOLSIFFER, Auction Purchasing Agent,
1009 Atwood Bldg., Chicago, Ill.
A. W. BATCHELDER, Auction Purchasing Agent,
21 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass.

REPORT OF SECRETARY

For the Week Ending January 17th.

Application for Re-Instatement.

757. WITHEE, N. Haskell, La Crosse, Wisconsin.

New Stockholders.

1791. JOHANZON, CARL, 241 State St., Chicago, Ill.
1792. MICHAEL, LEONARD, 810 Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Re-instated.

453. ANDREEN, OSCAR, Lexington, Missouri.

Resignation Accepted.

1487. YOUNG, ALBERT H., New Haven, Conn.

Membership Summary.

Membership Jan. 10th.....	530
New Stockholders.....	2
Re-instated.....	1
	533
Resignation accepted..	1
	532
Total membership Jan. 17th.....	532

H. E. DEATS, Secretary.

The Editor's Spears.

A Berlin journal says that a letter in an uninjured condition was found recently in a fish's belly. This is by no means an isolated case. About fifteen years ago a whale was stranded on the southern coast of France; the animal was cut up in more than one way, and "News from the In-

given up only with the dolphin's life. And yet there are unfeeling persons who read my story and say "Rats."—*Gibbons Monthly.*

A correspondent asks what is the meaning of P. P.—P. P. stands for a lot of things, for instance—Post Paid, Parish Priest, and Philatelic Philosophy. The letters were used as postmarks on the early stamps of Switzerland, and were, according to Earee, in his book "Album Weeds" frequently forged. Most of us have great respect for Parish Priests, so will say nothing about them. Philatelic Philosophy is the ability to think that if you were foolish enough to sell an old collection of stamps some years ago you have had the use of the money since, and that there are still plenty of stamps to be bought. It further enables you to say when you look at a much bigger collection than your own that it was, at one time, a very small one; and last, but not least, it acts as a spur to stamp collecting on the ground that if you do not spend your money on stamps you might spend it on something else less profitable, and that your time might be occupied in a less enjoyable pursuit. Will this answer

satisfy our correspondent?—*Australian Journal of Philately.*

AMERICAN vs. BRITISH POSTS.

The feat of the New York Post Office in properly delivering a letter addressed to "Monsieur Broadway Chambers, Etats Unis," to Cass Gilbert, the architect of the Broadway Chambers, set the managing clerk of a large law office making invidious comparisons between the way letters are delivered in this country and abroad.

"Would you believe it," he said, "the slightest ambiguity in the address seems to floor the foreign postal official, and back the letter comes with the information that the address is insufficient, or that the person can not be found. For example, we had occasion to mail a letter to 'No. 10 5th Street, Belfast, Ireland.'

"There was a space between the 10 and the 5th, but it was not very marked. The letter came back with the information that there was no 105th Street in Belfast. It did not seem to occur to them to try Fifth Street, as our post office would have done.

"Another letter came back from London because 'E. C.' was omitted. Fancy a letter coming back from Washington because 'N. W.' was lacking!

"Still another letter, addressed to a business house at 'White's Grounds, London,' came back because the section of the city 'Bermondsay,' was not given. We certainly would not regard it as an excuse for the non-delivery of a letter intended for some one in the Germantown section of Philadelphia if Germantown were omitted from the address.

"These are but a few instances out of many showing how stupid or how indifferent they are abroad in delivering letters."—*New York Times.*

The Postal Card Society of America.

Officers for 1902-3.

President, HORACE E. CARPENTER, JR., Care N. B. Bradley & Sons, Bay City, Mich.
Vice-President, J. T. ALBERT HOSSBACH, 1422 North 53rd St., Philadelphia, Pa.
Secretary, W. F. AGEE, Hope, Ark.
Treasurer, JOHN N. MORSE, 105 Devonshire St., Boston, Mass.
Executive Committee, GUY A. BAYANT, Princeton, Ill.; W. D. ARNOLD, The Portland, Broadway, St. Paul, Minn.; N. HASKELL WITHEE, 230 S. 9th St., La Crosse, Wis.
Exchange Superintendent, J. T. A. HOSSBACH, 1422 No. 53rd St., Phila., Pa.
Purchasing Agent, ADOLPH LOHMEYER, 922 N. Gilmer St., Baltimore, Md.
International Secretary, E. DOEBLIN, P. O. Box 736, Pittsburg, Pa.
Official Journal, THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA.

IF YOU WISH TO

BUY, SELL OR EXCHANGE

Stamps, Desired Results can be had through

AN AD IN THE WEEKLY ERA.

letter had been written by his wife while he was on shipboard; taking a turn round the ship before "turning in" for the night, he managed to let the letter drop overboard. Fortunately there happened to be an accommodating dolphin at hand; the letter was taken care of and

We have just purchased for **\$12,000 CASH** the very fine **UNUSED COLLECTION** of Mr. W. E. Hawkins of New York City. This collection is **ALMOST COMPLETE** except the great rarities and the condition of the stamps is **SUPERB**.

We have also bought the immense collection and accumulation of duplicates of the late E. B. Todd of Calais, Me., on private terms. This collection contains both used and unused stamps, including some of the **GREATEST RARITIES** in United States and Foreign.

With these additions to our stock we are in a better position to **FILL WANT LISTS** than for a long time. If you want some of the good things send us your **Want List** at once.

NEW ENGLAND STAMP CO.,

21-27 Bromfield St., BOSTON, MASS.

Chicago Notes.

Jas. Pike, a dealer-collector of Lake Geneva, Wis., has been visiting in Chicago during the past week, and was present at the last meeting of the C. P. S.

A large number of collectors will be shocked to hear of the death of Carl M. Willis, the dealer, who passed away very suddenly at his home in Sullivan, Ind.

Wolsieffer's next sale will occur at the Society's club room Saturday evening, Jan. 31st. It will contain the fine collection of Match and Medicine stamps, the property of Geo. L. Toppan, and the balance of F. Noyes' wholesale stock. Quite a number of cheap "hard-to-get" stamps will be offered in large lots.

It was decided to hold the annual banquet of the C. P. S. Saturday evening, Jan. 24th. An efficient committee has charge of the arrangements, and the attendance at this one will probably be even greater than heretofore.

Stevens & Co., the coin and stamp dealers, have announced their intention of removing from their present location in the McCormick block to a suite of offices in the Masonic Temple, May 1st or thereabouts.

It is with the deepest regret that we chronicle the loss of the Chicago Philatelic Society, by death, of two of its members, Dr. Paul R. Welcker and Wm. G. Wagenknecht, who passed away in the latter part of December, leaving many friends to mourn their loss.

CLIFFORD.

Milwaukee Philatelic Society.

Sixty-ninth regular meeting of the Milwaukee Philatelic Society held Friday evening, Dec. 26th, at Room No. 54, Loan & Trust Building, at 8:15 P. M.

Meeting called to order by President Thiessen, with the following members

present: Messrs. Schade, Gehrs, Hirthe, Enders, Noel, Johnson, Dr. Linke, Jungmann, Krause, Toelle and Stirn.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

A communication of Mr. Wm. Schultz, in which he declares his desire to become a member, was read and application duly filed.

Nominations for officers for the ensuing year, were now in place, and the following members were nominated, and upon ballot declared duly elected:

President—Wm. Gehrs.

1st Vice-President—Robt. A. Schade.

and " " —Edw. Hirthe.

Secretary—Henry J. Stirn.

Treasurer—A. Jungmann.

Librarian—C. C. Johnson.

Mr. Stirn moved to create the office of Sales Superintendent which motion was seconded by Mr. Toelle, and carried upon vote.

Motion by Mr. Schade that a committee of five be appointed by the chair to draft resolutions and regulations regarding the nature of the office, setting forth the responsibility and duties of same, was seconded and carried.

The chair thereupon appointed the following members to act as such committee: Messrs. Stirn, Schade, Dr. Linke, Noel, Toelle and Gehrs ex-officio.

It was also moved that a Committee be appointed to revise, if necessary, our Constitution and By-Laws, which motion, however, failed to be supported for the reason, that the expression prevailed, that this should be left entirely in the hands of the newly elected officers.

On motion of Mr. Toelle to print twenty-five (25) copies of our Constitution and By-Laws, to be distributed amongst the members, was seconded and carried.

Mr. Johnson moved that the initiation fees should be fixed at one dollar, and the dues be advanced to one dollar per annum for active members. Motion was seconded and carried.

Mr. Schade moved that all dues should be paid semi-annually instead of quarterly as heretofore. Motion was seconded and carried.

There being no other business to transact meeting adjourned.

HENRY J. STIRN, Sec'y.

5 sh. STAMPS.

All Mint.

British Central Africa 1891, yellow	\$1.70
Grenada, King, 1902.....	1.65
Lagos, green and blue, (Queen)...	1.70
Leeward, King, 1902.....	1.62
Natal, " 1902 (large).....	3.65
Rhodesia 1898, brown orange.....	1.65
St. Lucia 1887, Queen.....	1.70
St. Vincent, Queen, scarce.....	1.90
" King.....	1.65
Siera Leone, Queen.....	2.70
Tasmania, Queen, (scarce).....	1.75
Victoria 1900, no postage.....	5.25
" 1901, Postage.....	1.70
Virgin Islands, blue, Queen.....	1.70

Most of these Queen stamps will be obsolete very shortly. Buy Now!

FRANK P. BROWN,

333 Washington St., BOSTON, MASS.

NEXT AUCTION SALE

JANUARY 26TH.

It will contain stock of a retired dealer. Many wholesale lots. Plenty of bargains.

Your name on a postal will bring you a catalogue.

CHAS. H. STONE & CO.,

19 Washington St.,

BOSTON, MASS.

Wm. v. d. Wettern, Jr.,

WHOLESALE DEALER IN

◆ **POSTAGE + STAMPS.** ◆

411 W. Saratoga St., Baltimore, Md.

New special list just issued, sent free on application to dealers only.

The Weekly Philatelic Era

A PAPER DEVOTED TO STAMP NEWS.

50c PER YEAR.

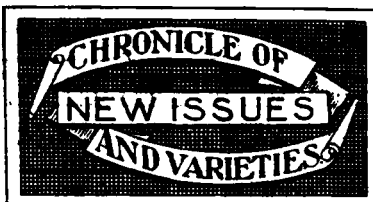
ENTERED AT PORTLAND POST OFFICE AS SECOND CLASS MATTER JAN. 10, 1890.

2c PER COPY.

VOL. XVII. No. 18.

PORTLAND, ME., SATURDAY, JANUARY 24, 1903.

WHOLE No. 506.



BY HENRY A. KIDDER.

Friends of the ERA are invited to send to the editor of this department any information regarding new issues or varieties that may prove of interest. Such information will be suitably acknowledged. Address, HENRY A. KIDDER, 17 Addison Street, Arlington, Mass.

Exchanges will please send Mr. Kidder a copy of each issue to the foregoing address, and an extra copy of the ERA will be gladly sent whenever desired.

UNITED STATES.—The new 2c stamp was announced to be placed on sale at various post offices this week. The 1c, 4c and 5c will also be issued shortly.

The designs for the new \$2 and \$5 stamps are all ready and are said to be beauties. This completes the new set as far as the adhesives are concerned.

Only the design for the new 2c envelope has been approved thus far and it is understood that none of the new envelopes will be issued until all the designs are approved.

BAHAMAS.—In addition to the values chronicled in No. 503 of the new King's head set, others have since been reported by various authorities.

Adhesives (Regular):
5sh violet and carmine.
6t green and black.

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.—Mr. J. H. Lyons of the New England Stamp Co. reports having seen the first of the new King's head set for this colony.

Adhesive (Regular):
1d carmine.

CANADA.—Mr. R. F. Wrigley writes from Toronto that "Sir William Mulock, Postmaster General, has decided upon the issue of new stamps for Canada, and if he approves the design which has been submitted to him, they will bear an exquisitely finished portrait of His Majesty King Edward. The new stamps will not go into use however until the present supply has been exhausted. This will probably be about June 1 or July 1 next."

EGYPT.—The *American Journal of Philately* chronicles the 2m camel stamp on paper watermarked crescent and star close together.

GERMANY.—Mr. J. M. Bartels shows us a copy of the 20c stamp of the new Germany official set. The frame of the current set is used but in place of the vignette of Germania, there appears a background of horizontal lines on which is printed in colored letters, in four lines: Frei—Durch—Ablosung—Nr. 21. The color is the same as the postage stamp of the same denomination.

PERSIA.—The *American Journal of Philately* chronicles a new issue for this country. The lower values have the Persian lion as the principal feature of the design, and the 1rk has a portrait of the Shah. All have the values in figures, the letters "ch" or "k" as the case may be, and the words "Postes" "Persane," with corresponding inscriptions in Persians. This is supposed to be a part of the permanent set announced some months ago.

Adhesives (Regular):

- 1s lilac.
- 2s gray.
- 3s green.
- 5s rose.
- 10s yellow brown.
- 12s blue.
- 1k violet.

PORTUGUESE COLONIES.—There have appeared in addition to the surcharges previously reported, two new values surcharged "Provisorio" in black, on issue of 1898 for Angola, Cape Verde, Guinea, Lourenço Marques, Mozambique, Portuguese Congo, St. Thomas and Prince and

Zambesi. They are the 50r blue and 75r rose.

For Portuguese India there has also appeared the same surcharge in black on the 21 blue of 1898. Several new values are also shown for this colony in what appears to be a permanent issue. They are of the same design as the 1898 issue. New values in the 1898 sets have also appeared for Angola, Cape Verde, Portuguese Congo, St. Thomas and Prince, Guinea, Lourenço Margues, Macao, Mozambique, Timor and Zambesi. Particulars are wanting, but we shall chronicle them later. Generally they are said to include the following values and colors, 15r green, 25r red, 50r brown, 65r blue, 75r mauve, 115r chocolate brown on pink, 130r brown on buff and 400r blue on buff.

TRANSVAAL.—*Meeke's Weekly* notes that the 2sh 6d and 5sh stamps of the King's head set have the word postage on both sides while all the other values have "Revenue" on the east and "Postage" on the west.

POSTAL PROSPERITY.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—Postmaster General Payne says that the Postoffice Department is nearing the point where it will be self-supporting. Rural free delivery, when it becomes general, he declares, will not be a burden, but a source of increased revenue. General Payne thinks that a reduction of foreign postage from five to two cents would be of great advantage, and would add largely to the receipts. —*Boston Journal*.

1903 CATALOGUE

NOW ON SALE.

Our 1903 Catalogue, priced in American currency, is bound in one volume, well printed on good paper, and sold for **FIFTY CENTS**; post free, **SIXTY CENTS**.

It contains the latest quotations at which we can supply the stamps, and is made up by and based on our own stock, no attention being paid to other quotations.

Previous editions contained the British Colonials in one part and foreign stamps in another part, and cost \$1.50. This latest edition contains both in one volume and sells at the same price as other catalogues.

KING'S HEADS SETS.

Cayman $\frac{1}{2}$, 1, 2, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$, 3, 4, 5, 6, 1sh, 2sh, 3sh, 4sh, 5sh, 6sh, 7sh, 8sh, 9sh, 10sh, 11sh, 12sh, 13sh, 14sh, 15sh, 16sh, 17sh, 18sh, 19sh, 20sh, 21sh, 22sh, 23sh, 24sh, 25sh, 26sh, 27sh, 28sh, 29sh, 30sh, 31sh, 32sh, 33sh, 34sh, 35sh, 36sh, 37sh, 38sh, 39sh, 40sh, 41sh, 42sh, 43sh, 44sh, 45sh, 46sh, 47sh, 48sh, 49sh, 50sh, 51sh, 52sh, 53sh, 54sh, 55sh, 56sh, 57sh, 58sh, 59sh, 60sh, 61sh, 62sh, 63sh, 64sh, 65sh, 66sh, 67sh, 68sh, 69sh, 70sh, 71sh, 72sh, 73sh, 74sh, 75sh, 76sh, 77sh, 78sh, 79sh, 80sh, 81sh, 82sh, 83sh, 84sh, 85sh, 86sh, 87sh, 88sh, 89sh, 90sh, 91sh, 92sh, 93sh, 94sh, 95sh, 96sh, 97sh, 98sh, 99sh, 100sh, 101sh, 102sh, 103sh, 104sh, 105sh, 106sh, 107sh, 108sh, 109sh, 110sh, 111sh, 112sh, 113sh, 114sh, 115sh, 116sh, 117sh, 118sh, 119sh, 120sh, 121sh, 122sh, 123sh, 124sh, 125sh, 126sh, 127sh, 128sh, 129sh, 130sh, 131sh, 132sh, 133sh, 134sh, 135sh, 136sh, 137sh, 138sh, 139sh, 140sh, 141sh, 142sh, 143sh, 144sh, 145sh, 146sh, 147sh, 148sh, 149sh, 150sh, 151sh, 152sh, 153sh, 154sh, 155sh, 156sh, 157sh, 158sh, 159sh, 160sh, 161sh, 162sh, 163sh, 164sh, 165sh, 166sh, 167sh, 168sh, 169sh, 170sh, 171sh, 172sh, 173sh, 174sh, 175sh, 176sh, 177sh, 178sh, 179sh, 180sh, 181sh, 182sh, 183sh, 184sh, 185sh, 186sh, 187sh, 188sh, 189sh, 190sh, 191sh, 192sh, 193sh, 194sh, 195sh, 196sh, 197sh, 198sh, 199sh, 200sh, 201sh, 202sh, 203sh, 204sh, 205sh, 206sh, 207sh, 208sh, 209sh, 210sh, 211sh, 212sh, 213sh, 214sh, 215sh, 216sh, 217sh, 218sh, 219sh, 220sh, 221sh, 222sh, 223sh, 224sh, 225sh, 226sh, 227sh, 228sh, 229sh, 230sh, 231sh, 232sh, 233sh, 234sh, 235sh, 236sh, 237sh, 238sh, 239sh, 240sh, 241sh, 242sh, 243sh, 244sh, 245sh, 246sh, 247sh, 248sh, 249sh, 250sh, 251sh, 252sh, 253sh, 254sh, 255sh, 256sh, 257sh, 258sh, 259sh, 260sh, 261sh, 262sh, 263sh, 264sh, 265sh, 266sh, 267sh, 268sh, 269sh, 270sh, 271sh, 272sh, 273sh, 274sh, 275sh, 276sh, 277sh, 278sh, 279sh, 280sh, 281sh, 282sh, 283sh, 284sh, 285sh, 286sh, 287sh, 288sh, 289sh, 290sh, 291sh, 292sh, 293sh, 294sh, 295sh, 296sh, 297sh, 298sh, 299sh, 300sh, 301sh, 302sh, 303sh, 304sh, 305sh, 306sh, 307sh, 308sh, 309sh, 310sh, 311sh, 312sh, 313sh, 314sh, 315sh, 316sh, 317sh, 318sh, 319sh, 320sh, 321sh, 322sh, 323sh, 324sh, 325sh, 326sh, 327sh, 328sh, 329sh, 330sh, 331sh, 332sh, 333sh, 334sh, 335sh, 336sh, 337sh, 338sh, 339sh, 340sh, 341sh, 342sh, 343sh, 344sh, 345sh, 346sh, 347sh, 348sh, 349sh, 350sh, 351sh, 352sh, 353sh, 354sh, 355sh, 356sh, 357sh, 358sh, 359sh, 360sh, 361sh, 362sh, 363sh, 364sh, 365sh, 366sh, 367sh, 368sh, 369sh, 370sh, 371sh, 372sh, 373sh, 374sh, 375sh, 376sh, 377sh, 378sh, 379sh, 380sh, 381sh, 382sh, 383sh, 384sh, 385sh, 386sh, 387sh, 388sh, 389sh, 390sh, 391sh, 392sh, 393sh, 394sh, 395sh, 396sh, 397sh, 398sh, 399sh, 400sh, 401sh, 402sh, 403sh, 404sh, 405sh, 406sh, 407sh, 408sh, 409sh, 410sh, 411sh, 412sh, 413sh, 414sh, 415sh, 416sh, 417sh, 418sh, 419sh, 420sh, 421sh, 422sh, 423sh, 424sh, 425sh, 426sh, 427sh, 428sh, 429sh, 430sh, 431sh, 432sh, 433sh, 434sh, 435sh, 436sh, 437sh, 438sh, 439sh, 440sh, 441sh, 442sh, 443sh, 444sh, 445sh, 446sh, 447sh, 448sh, 449sh, 450sh, 451sh, 452sh, 453sh, 454sh, 455sh, 456sh, 457sh, 458sh, 459sh, 460sh, 461sh, 462sh, 463sh, 464sh, 465sh, 466sh, 467sh, 468sh, 469sh, 470sh, 471sh, 472sh, 473sh, 474sh, 475sh, 476sh, 477sh, 478sh, 479sh, 480sh, 481sh, 482sh, 483sh, 484sh, 485sh, 486sh, 487sh, 488sh, 489sh, 490sh, 491sh, 492sh, 493sh, 494sh, 495sh, 496sh, 497sh, 498sh, 499sh, 500sh, 501sh, 502sh, 503sh, 504sh, 505sh, 506sh, 507sh, 508sh, 509sh, 510sh, 511sh, 512sh, 513sh, 514sh, 515sh, 516sh, 517sh, 518sh, 519sh, 520sh, 521sh, 522sh, 523sh, 524sh, 525sh, 526sh, 527sh, 528sh, 529sh, 530sh, 531sh, 532sh, 533sh, 534sh, 535sh, 536sh, 537sh, 538sh, 539sh, 540sh, 541sh, 542sh, 543sh, 544sh, 545sh, 546sh, 547sh, 548sh, 549sh, 550sh, 551sh, 552sh, 553sh, 554sh, 555sh, 556sh, 557sh, 558sh, 559sh, 560sh, 561sh, 562sh, 563sh, 564sh, 565sh, 566sh, 567sh, 568sh, 569sh, 570sh, 571sh, 572sh, 573sh, 574sh, 575sh, 576sh, 577sh, 578sh, 579sh, 580sh, 581sh, 582sh, 583sh, 584sh, 585sh, 586sh, 587sh, 588sh, 589sh, 590sh, 591sh, 592sh, 593sh, 594sh, 595sh, 596sh, 597sh, 598sh, 599sh, 600sh, 601sh, 602sh, 603sh, 604sh, 605sh, 606sh, 607sh, 608sh, 609sh, 610sh, 611sh, 612sh, 613sh, 614sh, 615sh, 616sh, 617sh, 618sh, 619sh, 620sh, 621sh, 622sh, 623sh, 624sh, 625sh, 626sh, 627sh, 628sh, 629sh, 630sh, 631sh, 632sh, 633sh, 634sh, 635sh, 636sh, 637sh, 638sh, 639sh, 640sh, 641sh, 642sh, 643sh, 644sh, 645sh, 646sh, 647sh, 648sh, 649sh, 650sh, 651sh, 652sh, 653sh, 654sh, 655sh, 656sh, 657sh, 658sh, 659sh, 660sh, 661sh, 662sh, 663sh, 664sh, 665sh, 666sh, 667sh, 668sh, 669sh, 670sh, 671sh, 672sh, 673sh, 674sh, 675sh, 676sh, 677sh, 678sh, 679sh, 680sh, 681sh, 682sh, 683sh, 684sh, 685sh, 686sh, 687sh, 688sh, 689sh, 690sh, 691sh, 692sh, 693sh, 694sh, 695sh, 696sh, 697sh, 698sh, 699sh, 700sh, 701sh, 702sh, 703sh, 704sh, 705sh, 706sh, 707sh, 708sh, 709sh, 710sh, 711sh, 712sh, 713sh, 714sh, 715sh, 716sh, 717sh, 718sh, 719sh, 720sh, 721sh, 722sh, 723sh, 724sh, 725sh, 726sh, 727sh, 728sh, 729sh, 730sh, 731sh, 732sh, 733sh, 734sh, 735sh, 736sh, 737sh, 738sh, 739sh, 740sh, 741sh, 742sh, 743sh, 744sh, 745sh, 746sh, 747sh, 748sh, 749sh, 750sh, 751sh, 752sh, 753sh, 754sh, 755sh, 756sh, 757sh, 758sh, 759sh, 760sh, 761sh, 762sh, 763sh, 764sh, 765sh, 766sh, 767sh, 768sh, 769sh, 770sh, 771sh, 772sh, 773sh, 774sh, 775sh, 776sh, 777sh, 778sh, 779sh, 780sh, 781sh, 782sh, 783sh, 784sh, 785sh, 786sh, 787sh, 788sh, 789sh, 790sh, 791sh, 792sh, 793sh, 794sh, 795sh, 796sh, 797sh, 798sh, 799sh, 800sh, 801sh, 802sh, 803sh, 804sh, 805sh, 806sh, 807sh, 808sh, 809sh, 810sh, 811sh, 812sh, 813sh, 814sh, 815sh, 816sh, 817sh, 818sh, 819sh, 820sh, 821sh, 822sh, 823sh, 824sh, 825sh, 826sh, 827sh, 828sh, 829sh, 830sh, 831sh, 832sh, 833sh, 834sh, 835sh, 836sh, 837sh, 838sh, 839sh, 840sh, 841sh, 842sh, 843sh, 844sh, 845sh, 846sh, 847sh, 848sh, 849sh, 850sh, 851sh, 852sh, 853sh, 854sh, 855sh, 856sh, 857sh, 858sh, 859sh, 860sh, 861sh, 862sh, 863sh, 864sh, 865sh, 866sh, 867sh, 868sh, 869sh, 870sh, 871sh, 872sh, 873sh, 874sh, 875sh, 876sh, 877sh, 878sh, 879sh, 880sh, 881sh, 882sh, 883sh, 884sh, 885sh, 886sh, 887sh, 888sh, 889sh, 890sh, 891sh, 892sh, 893sh, 894sh, 895sh, 896sh, 897sh, 898sh, 899sh, 900sh, 901sh, 902sh, 903sh, 904sh, 905sh, 906sh, 907sh, 908sh, 909sh, 910sh, 911sh, 912sh, 913sh, 914sh, 915sh, 916sh, 917sh, 918sh, 919sh, 920sh, 921sh, 922sh, 923sh, 924sh, 925sh, 926sh, 927sh, 928sh, 929sh, 930sh, 931sh, 932sh, 933sh, 934sh, 935sh, 936sh, 937sh, 938sh, 939sh, 940sh, 941sh, 942sh, 943sh, 944sh, 945sh, 946sh, 947sh, 948sh, 949sh, 950sh, 951sh, 952sh, 953sh, 954sh, 955sh, 956sh, 957sh, 958sh, 959sh, 960sh, 961sh, 962sh, 963sh, 964sh, 965sh, 966sh, 967sh, 968sh, 969sh, 970sh, 971sh, 972sh, 973sh, 974sh, 975sh, 976sh, 977sh, 978sh, 979sh, 980sh, 981sh, 982sh, 983sh, 984sh, 985sh, 986sh, 987sh, 988sh, 989sh, 990sh, 991sh, 992sh, 993sh, 994sh, 995sh, 996sh, 997sh, 998sh, 999sh, 1000sh, 1001sh, 1002sh, 1003sh, 1004sh, 1005sh, 1006sh, 1007sh, 1008sh, 1009sh, 1010sh, 1011sh, 1012sh, 1013sh, 1014sh, 1015sh, 1016sh, 1017sh, 1018sh, 1019sh, 1020sh, 1021sh, 1022sh, 1023sh, 1024sh, 1025sh, 1026sh, 1027sh, 1028sh, 1029sh, 1030sh, 1031sh, 1032sh, 1033sh, 1034sh, 1035sh, 1036sh, 1037sh, 1038sh, 1039sh, 1040sh, 1041sh, 1042sh, 1043sh, 1044sh, 1045sh, 1046sh, 1047sh, 1048sh, 1049sh, 1050sh, 1051sh, 1052sh, 1053sh, 1054sh, 1055sh, 1056sh, 1057sh, 1058sh, 1059sh, 1060sh, 1061sh, 1062sh, 1063sh, 1064sh, 1065sh, 1066sh, 1067sh, 1068sh, 1069sh, 1070sh, 1071sh, 1072sh, 1073sh, 1074sh, 1075sh, 1076sh, 1077sh, 1078sh, 1079sh, 1080sh, 1081sh, 1082sh, 1083sh, 1084sh, 1085sh, 1086sh, 1087sh, 1088sh, 1089sh, 1090sh, 1091sh, 1092sh, 1093sh, 1094sh, 1095sh, 1096sh, 1097sh, 1098sh, 1099sh, 1100sh, 1101sh, 1102sh, 1103sh, 1104sh, 1105sh, 1106sh, 1107sh, 1108sh, 1109sh, 1110sh, 1111sh, 1112sh, 1113sh, 1114sh, 1115sh, 1116sh, 1117sh, 1118sh, 1119sh, 1120sh, 1121sh, 1122sh, 1123sh, 1124sh, 1125sh, 1126sh, 1127sh, 1128sh, 1129sh, 1130sh, 1131sh, 1132sh, 1133sh, 1134sh, 1135sh, 1136sh, 1137sh, 1138sh, 1139sh, 1140sh, 1141sh, 1142sh, 1143sh, 1144sh, 1145sh, 1146sh, 1147sh, 1148sh, 1149sh, 1150sh, 1151sh, 1152sh, 1153sh, 1154sh, 1155sh, 1156sh, 1157sh, 1158sh, 1159sh, 1160sh, 1161sh, 1162sh, 1163sh, 1164sh, 1165sh, 1166sh, 1167sh, 1168sh, 1169sh, 1170sh, 1171sh, 1172sh, 1173sh, 1174sh, 1175sh, 1176sh, 1177sh, 1178sh, 1179sh, 1180sh, 1181sh, 1182sh, 1183sh, 1184sh, 1185sh, 1186sh, 1187sh, 1188sh, 1189sh, 1190sh, 1191sh, 1192sh, 1193sh, 1194sh, 1195sh, 1196sh, 1197sh, 1198sh, 1199sh, 1200sh, 1201sh, 1202sh, 1203sh, 1204sh, 1205sh, 1206sh, 1207sh, 1208sh, 1209sh, 1210sh, 1211sh, 1212sh, 1213sh, 1214sh, 1215sh, 1216sh, 1217sh, 1218sh, 1219sh, 1220sh, 1221sh, 1222sh, 1223sh, 1224sh, 1225sh, 1226sh, 1227sh, 1228sh, 1229sh, 1230sh, 1231sh, 1232sh, 1233sh, 1234sh, 1235sh, 1236sh, 1237sh, 1238sh, 1239sh, 1240sh, 1241sh, 1242sh, 1243sh, 1244sh, 1245sh, 1246sh, 1247sh, 1248sh, 1249sh, 1250sh, 1251sh, 1252sh, 1253sh, 1254sh, 1255sh, 1256sh, 1257sh, 1258sh, 1259sh, 1260sh, 1261sh, 1262sh, 1263sh, 1264sh, 1265sh, 1266sh, 1267sh, 1268sh, 1269sh, 1270sh, 1271sh, 1272sh, 1273sh, 1274sh, 1275sh, 1276sh, 1277sh, 1278sh, 1279sh, 1280sh, 1281sh, 1282sh, 1283sh, 1284sh, 1285sh, 1286sh, 1287sh, 1288sh, 1289sh, 1290sh, 1291sh, 1292sh, 1293sh, 1294sh, 1295sh, 1296sh, 1297sh, 1298sh, 1299sh, 1300sh, 1301sh, 1302sh, 1303sh, 1304sh, 1305sh, 1306sh, 1307sh, 1308sh, 1309sh, 1310sh, 1311sh, 1312sh, 1313sh, 1314sh, 1315sh, 1316sh, 1317sh, 1318sh, 1319sh, 1320sh, 1321sh, 1322sh, 1323sh, 1324sh, 1325sh, 1326sh, 1327sh, 1328sh, 1329sh, 1330sh, 1331sh, 1332sh, 1333sh, 1334sh, 1335sh, 1336sh, 1337sh, 1338sh, 1339sh, 1340sh, 1341sh, 1342sh, 1343sh, 1344sh, 1345sh, 1346sh, 1347sh, 1348sh, 1349sh, 1350sh, 1351sh, 1352sh, 1353sh, 1354sh, 1355sh, 1356sh, 1357sh, 1358sh, 1359sh, 1360sh, 1361sh, 1362sh, 1363sh, 1364sh, 1365sh, 1366sh, 1367sh, 1368sh, 1369sh, 1370sh, 1371sh, 1372sh, 1373sh, 1374sh, 1375sh, 1376sh, 1377sh, 1378sh, 1379sh, 1380sh, 1381sh, 1382sh, 1383sh, 1384sh, 1385sh, 1386sh, 1387sh, 1388sh, 1389sh, 1390sh, 1391sh, 1392sh, 1393sh, 1394sh, 1395sh, 1396sh, 1397sh, 1398sh, 1399sh, 1400sh, 1401sh, 1402sh, 1403sh, 1404sh, 1405sh, 1406sh, 1407sh, 1408sh, 1409sh, 1410sh, 1411sh, 1412sh, 1413sh, 1414sh, 1415sh, 1416sh, 1417sh, 1418sh, 1419sh, 1420sh, 1421sh, 1422sh, 1423sh, 1424sh, 1425sh, 1426sh, 1427sh, 1428sh, 1429sh, 1430sh, 1431sh, 1432sh, 1433sh, 1434sh, 1435sh, 1436sh, 1437sh, 1438sh, 1439sh, 1440sh, 1441sh, 1442sh, 1443sh, 1444sh, 1445sh, 1446sh, 1447sh, 1448sh, 1449sh, 1450sh, 1451sh, 1452sh, 1453sh, 1454sh, 1455sh, 1456sh, 1457sh, 1458sh, 1459sh, 1460sh, 1461sh, 1462sh, 1463sh, 1464sh, 1465sh, 1466sh, 1467sh, 1468sh, 1469sh, 1470sh, 1471sh, 1472sh, 1473sh, 1474sh, 1475sh, 1476sh, 1477sh, 1478sh, 1479sh, 1480sh, 1481sh, 1482sh, 1483sh, 1484sh, 1485sh, 1486sh, 1487sh, 1488sh, 1489sh, 1490sh, 1491sh, 1492sh, 1493sh, 1494sh, 1495sh, 1496sh, 1497sh, 1498sh, 1499sh, 1500sh, 1501sh, 1502sh, 1503sh, 1504sh, 1505sh, 1506sh, 1507sh, 1508sh, 1509sh, 1510sh, 1511sh
--

JUST A WORD

with you about the U. S. Revenues you want. Why not send me your want list in this line with proper reference and have your wants sent to you on approval at the right price?

FRED G. JONES,

2013 Brook St., LOUISVILLE, KY.

CHAPTER XIX.

"Collecting de luxe" is what customers of

Osgood's Famous Big Selections

enjoy. For a reference I will add to your collecting happiness very materially. 25 varieties precancelled, only..... 25c
Precancelled on approval. Precancelled bought. What have you to offer?
The Stampman free.

D. W. OSGOOD,

South Fork, Rio Grande Co., Colorado.
(To be Continued.)

\$1.00 WHOLESALE SPECIAL

200 diff. stamps; 100 Australia, 20-30 kinds; 100 diff. U. S.; 1000 imported hinges, large; 100 Japan, 10 kinds; 1000 mixed Continentals; 100 Canada, 15 kinds; 25 blank sheets; 100 Japan 1900; 10 sets Italy 1901. All for \$1.00 bill and post free.

OUR FIFTY CENT SPECIAL.

100 diff. stamps; 50 diff. U. S.; 100 Canada asst.; 2 Venezuela, cat. 60c; set 5 1900 Spain; set 6 1900 Italy; 1000 Continentals; 1000 Imported Hinges, large; 3 Canada cat. 45c; set 10 diff. Uruguay; set 7 Peru diff.; set 2 New Brunswick.

Wholesale Mixtures in good condition, price per 100: 1) Stam 7-10 kinds \$1.40; Newfoundland 10 kinds, \$1.15; Newfoundland 12 kinds, \$1.65; Bulgaria 1901, 60c; Bosnia 1911, 10c; Greece Olympians 50c; Indo China 60c; French Colonies 20 kinds, 40c; Peru, will asstid., 40c; Postage ex extra.

Wholesale list 40 pages, just issued, free to all dealers and speculators. Retail lists for collectors with stamp cat. 20c fee.

Marks Stamp Co., 526-528 Euclid Av., Toronto, Can.

New Year Bargains in U. S. Departments.

War, Good Copies, Complete, used, \$1.50; unused..... \$1.75
Treasury, Used, Complete set, good copies, price..... 2.15
Post Office, Complete, used except 90c new, cat. \$11.10, price 3.50
State, Used, Good Copies, 2c, 10c, 2c, 15c, 24c, 90c, cat. \$36.50, price.... 12.25
Omaha Stamp & Coin Co., 209 S. 13th St., Omaha, Neb.
The Only Stamp and Coin Store in Omaha.

Moldavian and Other Counterfeits.

In our last number we devoted considerable space to extracts from European journals upon the subject of certain so-called reprints of the early issues of Roumania. In spite of the decision of experts that these productions were, as was claimed for them, impressions from the original dies, our opinion was that they were merely fine counterfeits. When we find this opinion to be confirmed by such an authority as the *Monthly Journal* we naturally experience a feeling of satisfaction. At the same time we realize that we are once more face to face with the very serious subject of counterfeiting as well as with a comparatively new form of imposture. Finding that their creations had certain defects which made it impossible that they could be sold as originals, the makers tried to dispose of them as reprints. We do not mean to say that this is an entirely new and original trick, for several instances to the contrary are fresh in mind, but it is not usually attempted because better financial results may be expected if the counterfeits can be sold as originals. Common reprints are despised by most collectors but reprints of great rarities, especially when they are

known to exist only in limited quantities, are salable to specialists at good prices. Evidently this is understood by the makers of doubtful goods for they demanded for the five Roumanian varieties about four hundred dollars, which was not a modest price, to say the least of it.

On other occasions this journal has called attention to the extremely dangerous character of the counterfeits which are now being produced. The fact that this last lot were so well executed as to deceive some of the foremost experts, and the stories told in support of them were so plausible as to gain the credence of a number of the leading philatelic journals, add emphasis to what we have previously said. It behooves collectors to be on their guard, to buy only from dealers of unquestioned reliability, and to be very wary of alluring offers from untried sources. We may yet find it desirable to keep records of the different owners of rare stamps, as is now often done with books.

We take this opportunity to offer a word of warning against various counterfeits which we have seen within the past few months and most of which we believe to be of quite recent manufacture. All of the following list are dangerous imitations of the original stamps:

Egypt, Unpaid Letter Stamps, all values with or without watermark.

Guam, surcharged on United States stamps, 1 to 15 cents. These come from the Philippine Islands.

Cuba, Puerto Principe, extremely dangerous imitations of all the scarcer varieties is now being offered in large quantities by parties in Cuba.

Philippine Islands, 1855, 5c vermilion re-engraved.

Philippine Islands, 1899, 2c carmine (U. S. stamp) with inverted surcharge. This comes from Cuba.

Spain, 1854, 1 real, pale blue. One of the most perfect imitations we have ever seen.

Tuscany, first issue.

These are merely a few varieties which we recall at the moment. We realize that, unfortunately, the list is far more extensive than this.—*American Journal of Philately.*

TRADE COLUMN.

Under this head we will print exchange, want and for sale notices, business announcements, 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.
One four-line notice free with each subscription, providing copy accompanies the subscription.

THREE Consecutive Insertions of SAME ad in this Column for PRICE OF TWO.

Blocks of 4 3/4c A. K., o. g., 50c. Pre-Cancelled Proprietaries, large variety. WM. A. SISSON, 314 Pine St., St. Louis.

Pre-Cancels, 10 varieties, only 10c; 6 King's Head incl. 1sh, only 10c; 11 Japan 1899-00, only 10c; 11 Germany 2 pf to 2m, 1900-04, only 25c. 1000 Varieties Genuine stamps, all mounted, only \$12.98; 1st check gets it. We want to buy Pan-Am., Omahas, Current Postage Due and Special Del., also 50,000 of 1c Green, current; 50,000 2c green, 3c green, 3c claret, 1c 1895. Must be cheap. TOLEDO STAMP CO., Toledo, O.

10c Agriculture, new, o. g., \$3.00; Omaha \$1, o. g., \$1.15; 90c Treasury, o. g., 90c; Trinidad No. 14, 6d gray, 60c; and No. 60, 1s orange, 80c. All fine. CHAS. H. SMITH, Station B, Philadelphia, Pa.

\$2.00 catalogue for \$1.00. Send me sheets or books' will return double catalogue for all I accept. Scott's latest catalogue. No stamps given or when catalogued under 5 cents each. All in fine order and guaranteed genuine. MRS. BELLE BULLARD, Groene, N. Y.

U. S. Postage, Departments, single and blocks, unused and used, M. & M., superior lot at 3/4 to 1/2 of Cat. val. T. M. Drossner, 547 Summit Av., Jersey City, N. J.

For exchange, good U. S. Postage, Revenue and Entries for Foreign Postal Cards. Write me what you have in this line. GEO. A. FIELD, Sanford, Me.

Do you collect view cards? If not, begin with Boston 10 black and white, 20 cents, 20 colored, 25 cents. They are handsome and attractive. C. W. SAW-TELLE, 80 Water St., Boston, Mass.

Very fine copies \$1 Passage Ticket, \$1.50; \$1 Mort., 70c. Cash. KING, 141 East 10th St., N. Y. City.

Mexico 1899, 1c to 10c, 5 var.; 80 sets, \$1.00 in U. S. Bank note and 6c in stamps. FELIPE NAVEDA, Urbina 8, Toluca City, Mexico.

Is your collection for sale? I will buy it or any odd lots of good stamps. No cheap stuff wanted. Send on approval with lowest cash offer. Immediate returns guaranteed. HOWARD C. BECK, City Controller's Office, Detroit, Mich.

Canada, latest Queen's head, 7c mint, 7c used, 3c; Newfoundland 19c, Scott's No. 54, 18c, o. g.; 24c blue, No. 29, 35c, o. g.; Canada used, No. 16, 20c; No. 19, 20c; No. 20, 35c. Postage extra under 50c. A. MACK, Box 494, Ottawa, Ont.

Wanted for cash Philippines 4c Corros 155, 159, 160, 160a, 162, 164, 170, 177, 184, 196, 201, 202, 261, 263, 264, 266, 268, 271, 276, 282, 334, 338, 368, 369, 370, 372, 421. Cuba 5, 8. Finland 1. Porto Rico 3, 4, 13, 14c. Quote best price by mail. EDWARD MENDEL, 4348 Ellis Ave., Chicago.

300 stamp papers to exchange for best offer in pre-cancelled sta. ps. W. W. NORTON, Lime Rock, Ct.

Is your collection for sale? Get your dealer to make a price on it, add \$0 to his offer, and send book to me. It's 10 to 1 I buy it. F. W. PICKARD, 2427 Ingleside, Cincinnati, O.

1875 Newspapers complete, 1c to \$60.00 Card Proofs for \$3.00 cash or 500 Florida Tag Co. Tags or Coupons. 6c ALBERT E. CHASE, Brunswick, Me.

Approval sheet business a specialty. Good bargains. Give reference. M. P. Wickware, Webster City, Ia.

U. S. Revs. 40c lilac, \$1 red, \$1 gray, \$1 green and black, \$2 gray, \$2 green and black and \$3 brown. Entire lot 12c. BUCKLEY STAMP CO., Niles, O.

Wanted in quantities: Gt. Britain No. 70, 10c, used. Cash or exchange. G. C. Cuenod, Galveston, Texas.

Wanted: War, Interior, Treasury marked "Specimen," must be well centered. JOHN KAY, of Wright, Kay & Co., Detroit, Mich.

Hawaii, all unused: No. 31, o. g., 50c; No. 49, no gum, \$8.00; No. 35, o. g., 15c; No. 52, o. g., 10c; No. 55, o. g., 3c; No. 71, o. g., 40c; No. 72, o. g., \$1.50; No. 73, o. g., \$3.00; No. 69, part gum, \$10.00; No. 69, block of 4, o. g., \$60.00; No. 49, pair, o. g., \$24.00. C. F. RICHARDS, 326 West 20th St., N. Y.

King's Head 40 French Levant, 3c; 2 1/2 Zanibar, 5c; 5c Playing Card, 25c. Departments in Sets or Singles. J. H. HOUSTON, 337 Penn Ave., N. W., Washington, D. C.

A few good stamps at half catalogue. GEO. F. CRANE, 90 Nassau St., N. Y. City.

U. S. Pre-Cancelled postage stamps. I will pay a good price in cash or exchange for any not in my collection. F. L. SMITH, 40 Exchange Pl., N. Y.

Approval sheets 60% discount. Net sheets for advanced collectors, 9000 var. in stock. Want lists desired. F. W. PICKARD, 2427 Ingleside, Cincinnati, O.

Wanted for cash U. S. pre-cancelled postage stamps. WALTER L. GATES, Teaticket, Mass.

Pre-cancels not in my collection wanted. Best cash or trade price. E. R. ALDRICH, Benson, Minn.

Read the PERFORATOR for January!

It's worth while. Sample free.
The Perforator, 106 E. 111th St., New York.

WE "MAKE IT EASY FOR YOU"

to get a copy of our new 1904 Price List—just out. A postal mailed to us, your name and address on one side, ours on the other, will do the trick.

A NEW OFFER.

To make it an object to you to send for our list, if you enclose 4c in stamps when writing, we will send you a set of 6 Greece 1900, 1 to 501, nice used copies. They catalogue 13c in 1903 cat., only 1 set to 1 customer. If you wish the 25, 30, 40 and 50 of same set, will supply these for 13c extra.

If you are interested in Netherlands, Dutch Colonies, Norway, Sweden, Finland, Denmark, etc. you want our list.

Free Samples of our "Perfect" Stamp Hinges sent with each list, if you ask for them. Write today.

EXCELSIOR STAMP CO.,

Established 1884. HOOSICK FALLS, N. Y.

COLOMBIAN REP. PROVISIONALS

Imp. sc Rio Magdalena.....	00.02
Dark Blue, Green or Light Blue.	
10c Savanilla Pier, red or brown.....	.04
Perforated, Line Surcharged:	
5c brown.....	.04
10c black.....	.04
10c brown red.....	.06
Complete Sets of 17 var., Perforate, Imp. and Surcharges.....	.50

WESTERN STAMP CO., NEWTON, KANS.

YOUR DUPLICATES WANTED.

If you have some good stamps catalogued at 4 cents each and up, send on a lot; will use what I can at 1/2 Catalogue. Have over 6000 varieties to pay from. Especially desire foreign medium priced. I sometimes buy job lots of good stamps or collections for cash. Register valuable lots. [15¢]

L. V. LINDSEY, Greene, N. Y.

Topics About Town.

FROM NEW YORK CITY.

Bogert & Durbin will hold their 189th auction sale on Saturday afternoon, Jan. 31st, at 116 Nassau street. There are 766 lots listed.

The contents of J. M. Bartels' 16th auction sale (Feb. 3rd-4th) will be on exhibition in this city at the office J. C. Morganthau & Co., Jan. 26th, 27th and 28th. There are 1284 lots listed.

Mr. Chas. H. Stone of Boston, Mass., and A. R. Talbot of Wallingford, Conn., were recent visitors.

The competitive exhibition of one hundred unused Australian stamps for cash prices offered by Stanley Gibbons Ltd., which was held Jan. 8th, at the rooms of the Collectors Club, was declared off, as only one collection was entered for competition. It was decided that this competition be re-held in March at the same time

THERE IS STILL TIME

to send in your bids by letter, special delivery, or wire, according to the distance you are from Chicago for

Wolsieffer's Jan. 31st Sale

containing the fine M. and M. Collection of Mr. Geol. L. Toppan, and another installment of the F. Noyes, wholesale stock. Attend to it at once and you will not be too late.

The next sale will contain 27 lots of those "Freak Revenues" (some of the same lot formerly owned by E. B. Sterling) that caused a sensational case to be brought before the A. P. A. Convention at Springfield, and takes up over 20 pages in the Year Book.

United Stamp Co., 1149 Marquette Bldg., Chicago.

OUR STOCK

has increased in size threefold in the last few weeks. We would like to send you a General Book or a book of one country to a book. Refer to this ad and state if you are interested in shades and perforations.

1903 Scott's Catalogue..... 58c Post paid
1903 Gibbons' " "..... 65c

Both in stock.

Bosnia 1900, 30, 35, 40, 50 and 1 kr.....	\$0.45
Abyssinia 1894, 44, 68 and 16g, unused.....	.14
Bulgaria 1900, 10 varieties.....	.25
Persia Official, unused, 4 varieties.....	.13
Hungary 1900, 18 var., used.....	.07
" 1900, 1 krone, used.....	.02

J. T. STARR STAMP COMPANY,
COLDWATER, MICH.

U. S. REVENUES, 1861 PERF.

\$10.00 Conveyance.....	Catalogue \$2.00, Price \$0.90
\$10.00 Charter Party.....	" \$1.00, " .40
\$10.00 Mortgage.....	" \$1.00, " .40
\$10.00 Probate of Will.....	" .85, " .35
\$15.00 Mortgage.....	" 6.00, " 2.30
\$20.00 Conveyance.....	" 1.15, " .50
\$25.00 Mortgage.....	" 4.00, " 1.50
\$50.00 green, 1/2 R.....	" 2.50, " 1.15

Watch for these bargains each week.

GREATER N. Y. STAMP & COIN CO.,
239 East 58th St., New York City.

Read the PERFORATOR for January!

It's worth while. Sample free.
The Perforator, 106 E. 111th St., New York.

BRITISH COLONIALS

At 50% discount are very cheap. I have a large stock of these, and would like to send you a good selection on approval. Send for Lists of Bargains in stamps, both single and in sets, mailed free.
Philippine Is., 66 var., cat. over \$10.00, for... \$5.00
U. S. 1857, 30c orange, cat. \$6.00..... 1.75
" Agriculture, 12c, cat. \$8.00..... 2.00
" Postage Dues 1895, 30 and 50c, the two... .35

L. N. HERBERT, [19¢]
1520 Washington Ave., NEW YORK.

THEO. MAINHART, JOHNSTOWN, PA.

LOOK HERE!

Some More Good U. S. Revenues.

No. 220, 90c.....	\$0.25
No. 238, 50c Columbian.....	.15
No. 250, 50c.....	.15
No. 267, \$1.00.....	.50
No. 291, 50c Omaha.....	.15

Standard Stamp Catalogue for 1903, postpaid at 58c. Cash with order.

Stamps on Approval at 50% Discount.

THEO. MAINHART, JOHNSTOWN, PA.

AUCTION SALE!

The stock of stamps of the Colonial Stamp Co. to be sold at auction without reserve. Catalogue of sale mailed you free.

J. H. LYONS, Auctioneer,
67] 27 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass.

of the U. S. Documentary and Proprietary Revenue stamps. The following dates were set for forthcoming exhibitions: February 9, Great Britain; March 9, U. S. Documentary and Proprietary Revenues; April 13, Russia, Finland and Poland; May 11, Egypt and Soudan.

VOLUNTEER.

25,000,000 TWENTY-FIVE MILLIONS

We have contracted for the insertion of the following advertisement in high class periodicals during the next three months where it will have a circulation of 25 millions.

Stamp Collecting A PROFITABLE PASTIME

IN OUR WAREHOUSE WE HAVE THOUSANDS OF POUNDS OF CHEAP STAMPS TO FILL THESE ORDERS.



150 different foreign stamps.....10c
500 mixed foreign, many kinds.....10c
50 unusual foreign stamps.....10c

WE BUY RARE STAMPS AND OLD COLLECTIONS.

Illustrated list showing what to Approvals 50 percent look for, discount. 10 cents.

Price List and sample of our Weekly Stamp Collectors Paper free.
TELL us the number of stamps and the kind of album you use for your collection. We will then send you FREE some very attractive foreign stamps for you to use in starting new collectors.

MEKEEL STAMP CO. (Dep't 6.) ST. LOUIS, MO.

Advertising is the life of trade, and advertising has been our means of carrying on the stamp business for 25 years.

Within the last twelve years we have sold stamps, albums or collectors supplies to over 123,000 different individuals, some were 10c customers some have spent hundreds of dollars with us. Our business is entirely by mail. Our force is so trained and systemized that we can dispatch a thousand orders in a day, we have no shop or office trade and do not want it.

The mail is taken from our doors by Uncle Sam's mail wagons several times a day. The St. Louis Post Office has handled a million pieces of Mekeel Co. mail matter in a single year.

We have the largest mail order and approval business in America and have the most satisfactory and best organized system in existence. Let us hear from you.

G. H. MEKEEL STAMP & PUBLISHING CO., ST. LOUIS, MO.

In An English Post Office.

A GLIMPSE OF THE OPERATIONS.

I have been through the Post Office and seen some of the world's workers.

That massive building, which is hidden away in a Manchester side street, is a veritable hive of industry. I don't suppose the ordinary young man when he is communicating with Brother Bill, and the average young lady who is writing home to mother, ever imagine the amount of sacred care which is taken of their precious missives in order that they may reach their destination safely and expeditiously.

It does seem so simple, doesn't it, to buy a postcard—one that you can stick together, don't-you-know—get a lead pencil and dot down "Am waiting for remittance," put it into a letter-box and know that you have done all that is necessary for a P. O. to turn up the next morning but one—that is, if dear, old big-hearted father has got one of his generous fits on.

All the Post Office people have to do is to pop your letter into a bag and send it down to the railway station, the train takes it to the town, the postman delivers—and, well, there you are.

HOW THE MAILS ARRIVE.

But put on your imaginative cap, and come along with me, just as the other day I accompanied a polite and interesting official.

We entered the room at that end where mail carts most do congregate, and we struck the psychological moment when a batch of mail bags was being precipitated on the receiving floor.

Rapidly every bag was checked, an entry made, and the parcel passed on. It was opened by a man who scrutinized the seal, who found the official document which convinced him that all was in order, and then the process of sorting began.

Of course, Brother Bill's letter was there, in fact some thousands of them, and nim-

ble men with nimble minds and an idea of geography that was remarkable, were soon putting these missives in their right places.

It is a great business this sorting, and after a man has spent some seventy or eighty years as a sorter he is qualified to tell you where all the well-known towns are, and where some of those you have never heard of have their existence.

The system of checking is as beautiful as it is comprehensive. If your letter should by any accident get lost, and you should complain, the authorities can follow that letter—if it is not in your inside pocket, having forgotten to post it—from the pillar box right through its career to the point where it gets wropt in mystery.

SENDING AWAY THE LETTERS.

Just as the incoming mails are dealt with, so the outgoing messages. If you were to stand as I did behind that terrible aperture in the portals of the Brown street entrance, and watch the letters come showering down like mighty flakes of snow, you would perhaps wonder if these were angels dropping their literary feathers in such glorious profusion.

In one long unbroken stream these contributions, from the business letter to the scented billet-doux, come pouring in, and just as rapidly agile men with practiced hands swept up the paper river and carried the fragments to tables where men with date punches disfigured the stamps and left an impress of the place and time the letter was posted.

All the while clocks on every side mark how the minutes fly, and soon bags are requisitioned, bundles of letters are placed therein, the signed document enclosed, and at a spot where the air is redolent with the perfume of simmering wax, the string is sealed, the book is signed, and the bag delivered.

A wonderful system, the growth of years, the result of anxious hours of many minds.

Should you perchance forget to put a stamp on your letter these kind-hearted

people will take care of it for you. There is even a hospital for the Dead and Blind—which seems a bit waggish on the part of the man whose duty it is to take in hand badly directed or damaged missives.

Then we wandered out of this spacious room with its intricate arrangements, and, climbing a story higher, reached the room where the postmen prepare their precious burdens for delivery.

ARE YOU THERE TRUNK?

Now we go into another department. We have been seeing all about letters, but when the door is opened of this other place the ears are at once assailed with a confused and curious babble.

Right round the room young ladies sit with quaint ornaments upon their dainty heads. They face a cabinet kind of piece of furniture, with all sorts of funny holes and symbols decorating its exterior.

As we get closer to the girls we begin to distinguish the words uttered: "Did you say 564 or 842? Right." Then we know we are in the Trunk Room of the Telephone Department.

There are some fifty or sixty girls, and all of them are whispering in an audible voice to something at the other end.

Dear reader, I suppose you have been at times that something, and you have wondered what kind of angelic fiend has been tormenting you at the Trunk. Oh, if you could only gaze on her for one second, you would paralyse her.

No doubt you thought she was a terrible person with a natural bias towards making good, kind, Christian people into primitive savages possessed of a fluent flow of rude Doric.

THE CREAMY ENGLISH GIRL.

But she is nothing of the kind. She is merely an average creamy English girl with a duty to perform, and not animated by any wild and excited feeling. What is she to Hecuba, and what is 564 to her? Merely a symbol at the receiving brim, just that and nothing more.

No doubt she hears something at times which had best been left unsaid, and the man who cannot bridle his tongue and refrain from talking in a dead language, had better beware, for a signal only is necessary to put her into communication with the lady who manages the room and anything dreadful is overheard and reported with disastrous consequences to the offender.

Marvelous indeed is the method of linking towns together, and careful is the way these fluffy-haired girls perform their duties.

One lingers long in an endeavour to discover the sweet thing, whose voice has made the telephone vibrate, when one wished to get on the Trunk, but all seemed to speak in the same melodious whisper and the search was given up in dismay. One did wish, however, it was that dark-haired beauty with the saucy eye.

NOW READY.

Standard Postage Stamp Catalogue for 1903,

Price 58c post free.

Imperial Albums, Bound in Boards, - - - 25c

" " " " Cloth, - - - 40c

INTERNATIONAL POSTAGE STAMP ALBUMS.

19th Century Edition, from \$1.50 upwards.

20th Century Edition for stamps issued in 1901 and 1902 only, from \$1.00 upwards.

Circular of new packets and sets free on application.

SCOTT STAMP & COIN CO.,

18 EAST 23RD ST.,

[6*]

NEW YORK, N. Y.

AMONG THE TELEGRAPHISTS.

Once more we climb the giddy heights. There are steps and staircases everywhere, and as we mount higher one thinks we must be near the angels now.

The guide and philosopher leads the way, a swinging door is pushed, and there we are, right in the telegraphists' gallery. Gracious, what a galaxy of fair maidens and gallant men!

There they sit cheek by jowl each before an instrument, reminding one of the happy days at school. They are toying with telegrams, tick-tacking them away to regions far distant with an air of nonchalance which should reassure any suspicious individual who imagines that the operator glazes over the information in the message.

When you send a frantic wire to your wife to say you won't be home till late, because you are stock-taking or something else—perhaps—don't think the young lady who knocks the romance to the nearest office to your domicile cares a continental.

There is a well ordered bustle, and lady supervisors and men of responsibility are passing to and fro, all the time keeping an eagle eye upon the work. Away in another wing we come across the operators, with their intricate machinery, who cope with the press telegrams.

These are the experts of the establishment, and they have views about football and Saturday afternoon work which will not bear mentioning.

Even the ladies who are not interested to know whether the City have scored a victory have views about football which resolve themselves into looks that are the reverse of pleasant.

But it is merely temporary feeling. They turn up as smiling and as pretty as ever on the Monday, and they tick-tack the hours away in congenial and comfortable surroundings.

Now and then a lady disappears. She has gone to change her name and claim the dowry a generous government gives its faithful femininity.

Then another nice bloused and wavy haired specimen comes in. Youthful hearts throb and glances are given sideways.

But the tick-tacking goes on with merry monotony.—Manchester (England) *Evening Chronicle*.

The Boston Philatelic Society.

M. H. LOMBARD, President, Winchester, Mass.
 C. F. ROTHFUCHS, Vice-President, Boston.
 C. A. HOWES, Secretary, 55 Kilby St., Boston.
 L. L. GREEN, Treasurer, 47 Tremont St., Boston.
 J. H. LYONS, Supt. of Auctions, 47 Bromfield St., Boston.
 J. F. JOHNSON, Supt. of Sales, 136 Congress St., Boston, Mass.
 THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA, Official Journal.

Read the PERFORATOR for January!
 It's worth while. Sample free.
 The Perforator, 106 E. 111th St., New York.

American Philatelic Association.
 (INCORPORATED.)

THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA—OFFICIAL JOURNAL.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

ALEXANDER HOLLAND, President, 40 Grace Court, Brooklyn, N. Y.
 Board of Vice-Presidents.
 FRANK H. BURT, Chairman, Room 1046, Tremont Building, Boston, Mass.
 GORDON IRELAND, Secretary, Holyoke House 21, Cambridge, Mass.
 J. F. JOHNSON, 383 Lexington St., Auburndale, Mass.
 H. E. DEATS, Secretary, Flemington, N. J.
 E. DORBLIN, International Secretary, Box 736, Pittsburg, Pa.
 C. L. ANNAN, Treasurer, Copper Range R. R., Houghton, Mich.
 H. B. PHILLIPS, 1311 Grove St., Berkeley, Cal.
 F. W. CONING, 350 George St., New Brunswick, N. J.

RESIDENT VICE-PRESIDENTS.

BOSTON, MASS.—J. F. JOHNSON, 383 Lexington St., Auburndale, Mass.
 SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.—W. E. LOY, 2431 Ellsworth St., Berkeley, Cal.
 NEW YORK CITY.—W. F. GREGORY, 71 Nassau St.
 PITTSBURG, PA.—E. DORBLIN, Box 736.
 CHICAGO, ILL.—A. F. MERRILL, 432 Marquette Building.
 MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.—EVEN S. MARTIN, 3344 First Avenue, South.
 WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS—ROBERT D. MAYNARD, 36 Oak Grove Ave., Springfield.

APPOINTEE OFFICERS.

E. H. ANDERSON, Librarian, Carnegie Library, Pittsburg, Pa.
 H. D. WATSON, Collecting Agent, 64 Cedar St., New York City.
 JOHN J. OESCH, Superintendent of Sales Dept., 34 Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill.
 H. E. DEATS, Assistant Librarian, Flemington, N. J.
 W. F. GREGORY, Auction Purchasing Agent, 71 Nassau St., New York City.
 P. M. WOLSIEFFER, Auction Purchasing Agent, 1009 Atwood Bldg., Chicago, Ill.
 A. W. BATCHELDER, Auction Purchasing Agent, 21 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass.

REPORT OF SECRETARY

For the Week Ending January 24th.

Applications for Membership.

CABLE, F. M., 616 Eighth St., South, Minneapolis, Minn.; occupation, Private Secretary. References: E. R. Aldrich, J. A. Ringness; Resident Vice-President, E. S. Martin.

SPRAGUE, H. C. H., Box 1301, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada; age, 22; occupation, Manager for D. E. Sprague. References: C. E. Severn, R. Robinson.

VON FIRCH, REV. R., Margaret Ave., Berlin, Ontario, Canada; age, 47; Clergyman. References, J. J. Oesch, R. Robinson.

New Stockholders.

1793. CHAPMAN, SILAS, JR., Hartford, Conn.

1794. HOFERT, WM. F., 543 West 12th St., Chicago, Ill.

Re-instated.

259. PLATZ, A., 314 Fourth Ave., Pittsburg, Penn.

952. WILSON, H. E., Fitzsimmons Bldg., Pittsburg, Penn.

Changes of Address.

1174. HUBBELL, RAYNOR, from Grand Court, Ellicott Square, to 172 Franklin St., Buffalo, New York.

1720. KELLEY, EDW. DE Z., from Box 574, Springfield, Mass., to care Adams Express Co., Boston, Mass.

Membership Summary.

Membership Jan. 17th..... 532
 New Stockholders..... 2
 Re-instated..... 2
 Total membership Jan. 24th..... 536

H. E. DEATS, Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT

For Month of December, 1902.

HOUGHTON, MICH., Jan. 15, 1903.

General Fund.

Receipts.

On hand Dec. 1, \$440.67
 Collected in December, 51.25
 \$491.92

Disbursements.

Dec. 8, W. W. Jewett, acct. of Official Jour., (A84) \$100.00
 8, Wm. M. Carson, Agt., premium on Treasurer's bond, (A88) 20.00
 10, Gordon Ireland, Sec'y, expenses of Board of Vice-Presidents, (A86) 2.07
 10, H. E. Deats, Sec'y, expenses of Sec'y Aug. 1-Nov. 30, '02, (A87) 18.69
 140.76
 \$351.16

Stock Fund.

In Fund Dec. 1, \$1,773.00
 Received in December, 9.00
 1782.00

Insurance Fund.

In Fund Dec. 1, \$873.70
 Dec. 11, H. G. Smith, Supt., stamps damaged &c., (A85) 7.15
 866.55

Total in Funds, \$2,999.71

Respectfully submitted,
 C. L. ANNAN, Treasurer.

WHOLESALE SELECTIONS

on approval to responsible dealers. References required.

GUARANTEE STAMP CO.,
 106 E. 111th St., NEW YORK.

Stray Notes on Sheets of Stamps.

R. R. THIELE.

There has always been something of a halo of mystery about the early stamps of British Guiana; not a few of them rank with the great rarities. Divers typeset provisionals of local manufacture give zest to the collection of type-varieties. The first issue belongs to this class, but unfortunately there is no positive information whatever as to the manufacture of these most primitive of all postal labels. It is known that they were printed at the "Royal Gazette" Office, Georgetown, (formerly it was supposed that they were printed at the office of the "Demerara & Essequibo Gazette," also at Georgetown, but the above is now known to be correct), but it is absolutely unknown how many there were in a sheet or how they were arranged. From some pairs of these stamps it has been surmised that they were arranged in *quinquana* fashion (to use the classical term), thus:

```

O O O O O
O O O O O
O O O O O
    
```

But pairs are also known which would point to more regular arrangement, thus:

```

O O O O
O O O O
O O O O
    
```

This will probably always remain an unsolved question. The 1852 issue is also very primitive in appearance, but comes from a firm that has improved its work a great deal since those days. This issue was lithographed by Waterlow & Sons, of London, but if you ask me for the number in each sheet, I must confess my ignorance. The 1853 issue was made by the same firm in a somewhat higher style of art. The original die—there was only one for both values—was engraved in metal and the stamps are sometimes said to have been typographed, but I believe they were lithographed from transfers of the metal die. The original die contained no value and for the labels containing the words ONE CENT and FOUR CENTS separate dies were made, transfers from which were inserted on the stone in their respective places, thus producing some varieties through careless placing of the transfers. I could not tell you at this writing how many stamps there were in each sheet nor how arranged. The same confession must be made as to the 1856 provisional issue. These were printed by Joseph Baum and William Dallas at the office of the "Official Gazette" at Georgetown, but it is unknown in what size of sheets. Six varieties are known so far; probably there were as many as stamps in the sheet, as is usual with typeset stamps. The 1860 and 1862 issues are again Waterlow products, but in Octo-

ber 1862 a new set of provisionals also became necessary, about which a little more is known. They were likewise printed at the "Official Gazette" Office. Each value was printed in sheets of 24, 4 horizontal rows of 6, each being typeset. There are thus as many varieties as stamps, besides the six general types of border employed. The 1 and 2c values are printed from the same form, the 1c being printed first and the value then changed in the form to read "Two Cents"; the 4c had a form of its own. The varieties of the 1c are thus identical with those of the 2c. As to the six border varieties illustrated in Scott's Catalogue, the sheet of the 1 and 2c contained twelve stamps like A6, eight like A7, and four like A8; the sheet of the 4c contained six like A9, eight like A10, and ten like A11. Not many of my readers, I dare say, are occupied with reconstructing these sheets. The 1863 issue is again a Waterlow production; this firm held the contract until 1876, when the mighty firm of De la Rue & Co. ousted them and brought the Colony's stamps under its sway. All the De la Rue issues, so far as I know, are in their usual arrangement—panels of 60. During the rule of this firm another provisional issue was made, that of 1882. These were printed by Baldwin & Co., Georgetown, in sheets of twelve, but in two different arrangements. As the reader is aware, there are two main types of this issue; on one the vessel has *three* masts ("ship"), on the other only *two* masts ("brig"), not "bark", as Scott has it; a bark has *three* masts also, but the mizzen is rigged fore-and-aft instead of square as on the ship, whereas a brig has *two* masts, both square-rigged, the main mast usually provided with a spanker sail. This by the way). Besides these, there are six minor varieties of each type. Both values were printed from the same forms, the value alone being altered. At first the form was set up in four rows of three each; this form was later changed somewhat, at least for the 2c, thus furnishing some more varieties. Then the whole form was rearranged and set up in 6 rows of 2; this was also slightly changed later on, producing still more varieties. The change from the setting in 4 rows of 3 to that in 6 rows of 2 was made because the perforating machine used to ornament the stamps with the "SPECIMEN" perforation could not take sheets of the former size as well as those of the latter. The pictorial issue of 1898 was printed in sheets of 60, 10 rows of 6, but with this issue, if I am not mistaken, the Colony returned to its first love, the Waterlow firm; these labels are certainly an improvement over the former Waterlow work. The Inland Revenue set of 1889 and 1890 seems to form an exception from the usual De la Rue arrangement; at least I have seen it stated that the 1c on \$1.00 and up of 1890 came in sheets of 50, but I have not been able to verify this from personal inspection.—*Adhesive.*



TIME TO BUY!

I want you to get stamps while my stock is at its best. You can save money now, as I want \$3000 for building purposes.

We Want to Buy unused U. S. entire Envelopes of the issues of 1864-72-84 with advertising printed around the stamp. Send what you have on approval at lowest cash prices.

CHAS. H. STONE & CO.,
19 Washington St., BOSTON, MASS.

A REAL BARGAIN!

U. S. STAMPED ENVELOPES.

Cat. No.	Unused, Cut Square, Large Margins.	Cat. Price.	My Price.
1377	1870, 1c blue on amber.....	\$1.50	\$0.35
1469	1880, 2c vermilion on cream.....	1.50	.35
1460	1874, 2c vermilion on orange.....	1.50	.35
1504	1884, 2c red on fawn.....	.75	.50
The above four envelopes.....		5.25	1.00
6 sets of above \$5.00, Cat. Price \$31.50.			

I can still furnish every bargain as advertised in the ERA since November 29, 1902.
 Please remit by Bills or Money Order [1902]
C. F. ROTHFUCHS,
 38 Monroe St., ROXBURY, MASS.

CANADA.

1890	5c beaver.....	\$0.08
1888	15c lilac.....	.08
1875-77	15c grey.....	.01
*1869-93	1/2c black.....	.01
1892-93	8c slate.....	.01
*1897	1c Jubilee.....	.02
1897	3c Jubilee.....	.01
*1897	1/2c black, M. L.....	.01
*1897	1c green, M. L.....	.02
*1897	2c purple, M. L.....	.02
*1897	3c carmine, M. L.....	.05
1897	5c blue, M. L.....	.02
*1898	1/2c black, Numerals.....	.01
*1898	1c green, Numerals.....	.02
*1898	3c carmine, Numerals.....	.04
*1898	5c blue, Numerals.....	.07
1898	5c blue, Numerals.....	.01
*1898	5c lilac, lavender.....	.04
1898	2c lilac, lavender.....	.01
*1898	2c lilac, blue.....	.01
*1899	2c on 3c carmine, M. L.....	.02
*1899	2c on 3c carmine, Numerals.....	.02
*1899	2c carmine.....	.02
1897-99	15 varieties, fine.....	.12
1875-89	2c registration.....	.02
1875-89	5c registration.....	.01

* Unused. Postage Extra.

COLUMBIAN STAMP CO., Arlington, Mass.

Read the PERFORATOR for January!

It's worth while. Sample free.
 The Perforator, 106 E. 111th St., New York.

FOR BEST OFFER IN STAMPS

4x5 Bullard Magazine Camera loaded with 12 plate holders fitted with R. R. Lenses, a fine box.

HERMAN W. BOERS, 322 Erskine St., Detroit, Mich.

Wm. v. d. Wettern, Jr.,

WHOLESALE DEALER IN

POSTAGE + STAMPS.
 411 W. Saratoga St., Baltimore, Md.

New special list just issued, sent free on application to dealers only.

The Weekly Philatelic Era

A PAPER DEVOTED TO STAMP NEWS.

50c PER YEAR.

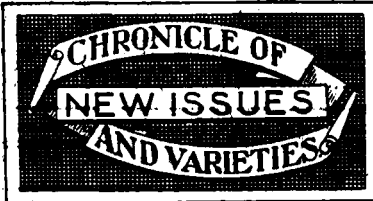
ENTERED AT PORTLAND POST OFFICE AS SECOND CLASS MATTER JAN. 10, 1890.

2c PER COPY.

VOL. XVII. No. 19.

PORTLAND, ME., SATURDAY, JANUARY 31, 1903.

WHOLE No. 507.



BY HENRY A. KIDDER.

Friends of the ERA are invited to send to the editor of this department any information regarding new issues or varieties that may prove of interest. Such information will be suitably acknowledged. Address, HENRY A. KIDDER, 17 Addison Street, Arlington, Mass.

Exchanges will please send Mr. Kidder a copy of each issue to the foregoing address, and an extra copy of the ERA will be gladly sent whenever desired.

UNITED STATES:—The new 2c stamp has made its appearance at several offices in the vicinity of Boston; that office and its sub-stations have as yet not had any. In fact Boston has not as yet received any of the new stamps except the 13c. Mr. J. M. Bartels was the first to show us the 2c and also the new 5c. Later these were also shown by Mr. F. P. Brown, and the 2c by the New England Stamp Co. and others.

The 2c is certainly an improvement over the current stamp though as already noted the color is too muddy and dark to show the drawing at its best. The portrait is much more satisfactory than the profile likeness so long familiar.

The 5c, however, is a beauty and printed in a clear bright blue that brings out every line of the engraving. The portrait of Lincoln is a new one and a better likeness of Lincoln than that on the present 4c which is too much idealized. To many the new 5c will appeal as the gem of the series.

It is reported that the 1c, 3c and 15c are to be issued about Feb. 1.

The drawings for the \$1 stamp with portrait of Farragut and \$5 with portrait of Marshall have been approved and work on the engraving will be commenced at once.

The model of the \$2 stamp has not yet been approved.

The *Philatelic World* says that after the completion of the ordinary set, it is likely the Department will proceed with a new set of dues.

Mr. William P. Anderson of Ottawa, Canada, writes: "Referring to your item

In the ERA of Jan. 17, re a variety of the current 2c United States, I have had the same variety in my collection for some years. The right triangle looks to the naked eye perfectly blank. With a magnifying glass I can trace one faint line in the middle."

The Boston post office has received a consignment of the new wide and thick wrappers with old 4c stamp. If these are to be in use only until the new stamps are ready, they ought to be reasonably scarce.

ARGENTINE.—Mr. A. Lohmeyer says that the 15 centavos New Year's letter sheets, issued a year ago, for use in the International mail, and for which the sale was naturally quite limited, have been utilized this year for the Inland mail by overprinting the stamp, on the medalion head in the centre, with a large figure "5" in red, and by covering the original figure "15" by a solid square in red.

He has also received the first of the new letter cards with stamp the same as on the envelope, surface print, not embossed, described in No. 497, in all other respects like the preceding issue of 1899.

New Year's Letter Sheet (Provisional):
5c on 15c red and blue on white, 127x90mm.

Letter Card (Regular):
4c orange-red on dark buff, inside white, perf. T. III, 141-84mm.

AUSTRALIA.—The *London Philatelist* announces the issue of a ½d newspaper wrapper, constituting the first issue for all Australia, except the postage due stamps. Particulars are lacking.

BOLIVIA.—The *Metropolitan Philatelist* chronicles a new envelope of the current

adhesive type, apparently printed from the same plate.

Envelope (Regular):
violet and black on white.

BUSSAHIR.—Mr. J. H. Lyons of the New England Stamp Co. has shown us the ¼a red with overprint monogram "R. S." in violet, both perforate and imperforate.

CAYMAN ISLANDS.—Latest advices from Grand Cayman state that the ½d Queen's head is now entirely obsolete. No other King's head stamps are in contemplation, with the possible exception of the 1d value.

CANADA.—A correspondent in Vermont sends Mr. Lohmeyer a 1c letter card of the first issue, which he discovered in a Canadian post office recently, it being the only copy there, and damaged at that, the perforated margin on the right hand side being torn off. In the lower left corner the bottom perforation runs to the left side perforation only, instead of crossing it, as on all Canadian letter cards previously seen. Can any of the many readers of the ERA impart any information regarding this apparent oddity?

Letter Card (Regular):
1c black on pale blue, perf. B. II.

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.—In addition to the 1d King's head stamp chronicled last week, *Even's Weekly* announces the 1sh and the *Metropolitan Philatelist* reports having seen the ½d. It is stated that the new wrappers have also been issued.

Adhesives (Regular):
½d green.
1d carmine.
1sh ochre.

1903 CATALOGUE

NOW ON SALE.

Our 1903 Catalogue, priced in American currency, is bound in one volume, well printed on good paper, and sold for FIFTY CENTS; post free, SIXTY CENTS.

It contains the latest quotations at which we can supply the stamps, and is made up by and based on our own stock, no attention being paid to other quotations.

Previous editions contained the British Colonials in one part and foreign stamps in another part, and cost \$1.20. This latest edition contains both in one volume and sells at the same price as other catalogues.

KING'S HEADS SETS.

Cayman ½, 2½, 6, 1sh.....	\$0.58	N. Niger ½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 6, 1sh.....	\$0.82
Gambia ½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 6, 1sh, 2sh.....	1.55	St. Vincent ½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 6, 1sh.....	.75
Grenada ½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 6, 1sh, 2sh, 5sh.....	3.00	Straits 1, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, 25, 30 cents.....	.66
India 3pl, ½, 1, 2.....	.08	Single Values ½ at 2c, 1d at 4c, 2d at 6c, 3½d at 8c,	
Leeward ½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 6, 1sh, 2sh 6d, 5sh.....	3.18	3d at 10c, 4d at 12c, 6d at 16c, 1sh at 32c, 2sh at 65c,	
Natal ½, 1, 2½, 3, 5, 6, 1sh, 2sh, 5sh 6d.....	3.65	2sh 6d at 80c, 5sh at \$1.60.	

POSTAGE EXTRA.

STANLEY GIBBONS, INC.,

167 BROADWAY,

NEW YORK CITY.

JUST A WORD

with you about the U. S. Revenues you want. Why not send me your want list in this line with proper reference and have your wants sent to you on approval at the right price?

FRED G. JONES,

9013 Brook St., LOUISVILLE, KY

CHAPTER XX.

I have a good thing in **OSGOOD'S FAMOUS BIG SELECTIONS** and an ambitious to impart it to others. How about you? Reference required. 50 varieties of pre-cancelled stamps, a fine start for a collection..... \$1.00 Precancels on approval. Precancels bought. Got any to sell?

Price List Free!

D. W. OSGOOD,

South Fork, Rio Grande Co., Colorado. [To be Continued.]

CYPRUS.—*Meeke's Weekly* chronicles the adhesive of the new King's head set.

Adhesive (Regular):
½ piastre, green and carmine.

GREAT BRITAIN.—From various contemporaries we learn that various stamps have been issued, which have not been previously chronicled in the ERA.

Officials (Regular):
1d carmine, surcharged GOVT. PARCELS.
9d blue and black, surcharged GOVT. PARCELS.
1d carmine, surcharged C. A.
10d carmine and violet, surcharged O. W. OFFICIAL.

HAYTI.—Mr. V. Gurdji reports having seen Scott's Nos. 74, 77 and 80, surcharged "Mai—Gt. Pre—1902" with the surcharge inverted.

HONDURAS.—The *Metropolitan Philatelist* has seen a complete set of the 1898 type, printed on the back with the arms of the country in inscribed circle. The design is too large to show on one stamp, and is apparently struck in the center of a block of four. It is printed in dull violet, and is probably a government control mark. The values seen thus printed are 1c brown, 2c rose, 5c ultramarine, 6c lilac, 10c blue.

ICELAND.—Mr. Lohmeyer reports having received the new cards from this northern Danish Possession. Of the former issue the 8s, 10s and 10x10s cards have been surcharged over the stamp, in black, "I GILDI—'02-'03." (valid during 1902 and 1903) in two lines. The new issue is identical, in all respects with the former, except that the new stamp, with head of King Christian IX of Denmark, has been substituted for the familiar Iceland stamp, with the figure of value in the centre.

Post Cards (Provisional):
8s violet and black on white, 140x89mm.
10s carmine and black on white, 140x89mm.
10x10s " " " " T. 3, 140x89mm.

Post Cards (Regular):
3s orange and gray on white, 143x90mm.
3x3s " " " " T. 3, 143x90mm.
5s green " " " " 143x90mm.
5x5s " " " " T. 3, 143x90mm.
8s violet on white, 140x90mm.
8x8s " " " " T. 3, 140x90mm.
10s carmine on white, 140x90mm.
10x10s " " " " T. 3, 140x90mm.

LIBERIA.—Mr. Walter Bartels calls our attention to a variety in the 75c on \$1 chronicled in No. 505. The last stamp in the lower right hand corner of each sheet has a taller and thinner "C", the difference showing very clearly.

PERSIA.—Mr. Lyons, of the New England Stamp Co., has shown us five values of new set of stamps mentioned in the last number. They are all printed in dull shades.

Adhesives (Regular):

- 1ch gray lilac.
- sch gray.
- 3ch gray green.
- 3ch dull red.
- 10ch brown.

Mr. Lyons also has the variety A25, surcharged "P. L. TEHERAN" in black.

QUEENSLAND.—A new letter card from this state of the Australian Commonwealth has been received by Mr. Lohmeyer, it being of the same type as the 1897 issue with perforation lines, but printed on heavy laid paper, showing parts of the "trade" watermark.

Letter Card (Regular):
2d blue on white, perf. T. 1, 151x92mm.

RUSSIA.—The editor of the *Philatelic Journal of Great Britain* announces having handled and examined three used specimens of the 1r on vertical laid paper. The same gentleman also suggests that *L'Echo de la Timbrologie* is rash to assert that any value does not exist, as an error, on paper laid vertically instead of horizontally.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—Mr. F. P. Brown of Boston has shown us the new 10d orange yellow and 8d ultramarine in the large type with postage in the upper label. *Ewen's Weekly* also chronicles several new values in the same type. We give a list of those thus far issued for convenience. The 9d and 2sh 6d are in Scott's 62nd edition. They are printed in sheets of 60 stamps in six rows of ten, on half sheets of the ordinary paper, watermarked with 240 "S A and crowns." The word "Postage," as well as the value in the upper and lower panels respectively, are printed at a second operation, and some specimens have been seen so much off center as to have the word "Postage" cover the outer frame of the stamp, and the value at the bottom also away out of place.

Adhesives (Regular):

- 3d olive green.
- 4d orange.
- 6d blue green.
- 8d ultramarine.
- 9d claret.
- 10d orange yellow.
- 1sh dull brown.
- 2sh 6d violet.
- 5sh pale rose.

TRADE COLUMN.

Under this head we will print exchange, want and for sale notices, business announcements, 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 30 cents.

One four-line notice free with each subscription, providing copy accompanies the subscription.

THREE Consecutive Insertions of SAME ad in this Column for PRICE OF TWO.

Precancelled stamps, 30 var., 25 cents. Contains some dated specimens and some values other than the one cent. With a single exception dated stamps are now a thing of the past and never will be any cheaper. 1c Columbus down, 1c; same between lines down, 1c; 1c Scranton, Pa., 1c; 5c Painesville, Ohio, 8c; 4c Philadelphia, 3c; 5c Philadelphia, 4c; 1c Minneapolis, Pan-Am., 40c; same mended, 15c. (two of each on hand). Want any on approval? CHAS. A. TOWNSEND, Akron, Ohio. [9c

50 fine stamps from New Zealand, Turkey, Japan, etc., 2c. Nyassa, 6c per set. Romania '94, 7 var., 6c. 1000 best hinges, 8c. Packet No. 50 contains 25 stamps from Egypt, British Col., etc., only 10c, a bargain. T. H. MORTON, Box 253, Foreville, Conn.

Venezuela 1896, unused set 5 cat. 41c, 16c; Guatemala 1897 Jubilee, 2c, 6c, 10c, cat. 12c, for 5c; Netherlands 1879, 5 to 50c; 7 var., cat. 18c, for 6c; North Borneo 1893, 10 to 20 var., cat. \$1.38, for 42c. All postfree. TWIN-CITY STAMP CO., Box 107, Berlin, Ont.

Hawaii Specials! Sheet of 15 No. 51 surcharged "Reprint," \$2.25. Block of 1 No. 78, 0.5c, \$1.50; Used No. 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100. C. F. RICHARDS, 356 W. 20th St., New York.

Pre-Cancels, 10 varieties, only 10c; 6 King's Head incl. 1sh, only 10c; 11 Japan 1899-00, only 10c; 11 Germany 2 of 10, 100c obs., only 25c. 2000 Varieties Genuine stamps, all mounted, only \$12.98; 21 cheap gets it. We want to buy Pan-Am., Omaha, Current Postage Due and Special Del., also 50,000 of 1c Green, current; 50,000 of 2c Green, 2c claret, 1c 1895. Must be cheap. TOLEDO STAMP CO., Toledo, O. [8

Stamps of all kinds to exchange for Coins, Fractions¹ Currency, Revenue Proofs, or encased Postage stamps! Send list of what you have and want. C. B. RICE, Oswego, N. Y. [9*

\$2.00 catalogue for \$1.00. Send me sheets or books, will return double catalogue for all I keep. Scott's latest catalogue. No stamps given or when catalogued under 5 cents each. All in fine order and guaranteed genuine. MRS. BELLE BULLARD, Greene, N. Y. [11

U. S. Postage, Departments, single and blocks, unused and used, M. & M., superior lot at 1/2 to 2/3 of Cat. val. T.M. Drossner, 547 Summit Av., Jersey City, N.J. [8

For exchange, good U. S. Postage, Revenue and Entires for Foreign Postal Cards. Write me what you have in this line. GEO. A. FIELD, Sanford, Me. [8

Do you collect view cards? If not, begin with Boston 10 black and white, 50 cents, 10 colored, 25 cents. They are handsome and attractive. C. W. SAWTELLE, 80 Water St., Boston, Mass. [7

Very fine copies \$1. Passage Ticket, \$1.50; \$1.00. 70c. Cash. KING, 141 East 10th St., N. Y. City. [7

Mexico 1899, 1c to 10c, 5 var.; 80 sets, \$1.00 in U. S. Bank note and 6c in stamps. FELIPE NAVEDA, Urbina 8, Toluca City, Mexico. [7

Is your collection for sale? I will buy it or any odd lots of good stamps. No cheap stuff wanted. Send on approval with lowest cash offer. Immediate returns guaranteed. HOWARD C. BECK, City Controller's Office, Detroit, Mich. [31*

Canada, latest Queen's head, 7c mint, 7c; used, 3c; Newfoundland 12c, Scott's No. 54, 15c, 0.5c; 24c blue, No. 23, 35c, 0.5c; Canada used, No. 16, 30c; No. 19, 15c; No. 20, 35c. Postage extra under 50c. MACK, Box 494, Ottawa, Ont. [7*

Wanted for cash Philippines 4c Corros 155, 159, 160, 160a, 160b, 164, 177, 184, 196, 201, 202, 205, 206, 206a, 206b, 208, 211, 270, 270a, 275, 275a, 275b, 275c, 275d, 275e, 275f, 275g, 275h, 275i, 275j, 275k, 275l, 275m, 275n, 275o, 275p, 275q, 275r, 275s, 275t, 275u, 275v, 275w, 275x, 275y, 275z, 275aa, 275ab, 275ac, 275ad, 275ae, 275af, 275ag, 275ah, 275ai, 275aj, 275ak, 275al, 275am, 275an, 275ao, 275ap, 275aq, 275ar, 275as, 275at, 275au, 275av, 275aw, 275ax, 275ay, 275az, 275ba, 275bb, 275bc, 275bd, 275be, 275bf, 275bg, 275bh, 275bi, 275bj, 275bk, 275bl, 275bm, 275bn, 275bo, 275bp, 275bq, 275br, 275bs, 275bt, 275bu, 275bv, 275bw, 275bx, 275by, 275bz, 275ca, 275cb, 275cc, 275cd, 275ce, 275cf, 275cg, 275ch, 275ci, 275cj, 275ck, 275cl, 275cm, 275cn, 275co, 275cp, 275cq, 275cr, 275cs, 275ct, 275cu, 275cv, 275cw, 275cx, 275cy, 275cz, 275da, 275db, 275dc, 275dd, 275de, 275df, 275dg, 275dh, 275di, 275dj, 275dk, 275dl, 275dm, 275dn, 275do, 275dp, 275dq, 275dr, 275ds, 275dt, 275du, 275dv, 275dw, 275dx, 275dy, 275dz, 275ea, 275eb, 275ec, 275ed, 275ee, 275ef, 275eg, 275eh, 275ei, 275ej, 275ek, 275el, 275em, 275en, 275eo, 275ep, 275eq, 275er, 275es, 275et, 275eu, 275ev, 275ew, 275ex, 275ey, 275ez, 275fa, 275fb, 275fc, 275fd, 275fe, 275ff, 275fg, 275fh, 275fi, 275fj, 275fk, 275fl, 275fm, 275fn, 275fo, 275fp, 275fq, 275fr, 275fs, 275ft, 275fu, 275fv, 275fw, 275fx, 275fy, 275fz, 275ga, 275gb, 275gc, 275gd, 275ge, 275gf, 275gg, 275gh, 275gi, 275gj, 275gk, 275gl, 275gm, 275gn, 275go, 275gp, 275gq, 275gr, 275gs, 275gt, 275gu, 275gv, 275gw, 275gx, 275gy, 275gz, 275ha, 275hb, 275hc, 275hd, 275he, 275hf, 275hg, 275hh, 275hi, 275hj, 275hk, 275hl, 275hm, 275hn, 275ho, 275hp, 275hq, 275hr, 275hs, 275ht, 275hu, 275hv, 275hw, 275hx, 275hy, 275hz, 275ia, 275ib, 275ic, 275id, 275ie, 275if, 275ig, 275ih, 275ii, 275ij, 275ik, 275il, 275im, 275in, 275io, 275ip, 275iq, 275ir, 275is, 275it, 275iu, 275iv, 275iw, 275ix, 275iy, 275iz, 275ja, 275jb, 275jc, 275jd, 275je, 275jf, 275jf, 275jg, 275jh, 275ji, 275jj, 275jk, 275jl, 275jm, 275jn, 275jo, 275jp, 275jq, 275jr, 275js, 275jt, 275ju, 275jv, 275jw, 275jx, 275jy, 275jz, 275ka, 275kb, 275kc, 275kd, 275ke, 275kf, 275kg, 275kh, 275ki, 275kj, 275kl, 275km, 275kn, 275ko, 275kp, 275kq, 275kr, 275ks, 275kt, 275ku, 275kv, 275kw, 275kx, 275ky, 275kz, 275la, 275lb, 275lc, 275ld, 275le, 275lf, 275lg, 275lh, 275li, 275lj, 275lk, 275ll, 275lm, 275ln, 275lo, 275lp, 275lq, 275lr, 275ls, 275lt, 275lu, 275lv, 275lw, 275lx, 275ly, 275lz, 275ma, 275mb, 275mc, 275md, 275me, 275mf, 275mg, 275mh, 275mi, 275mj, 275mk, 275ml, 275mm, 275mn, 275mo, 275mp, 275mq, 275mr, 275ms, 275mt, 275mu, 275mv, 275mw, 275mx, 275my, 275mz, 275na, 275nb, 275nc, 275nd, 275ne, 275nf, 275ng, 275nh, 275ni, 275nj, 275nk, 275nl, 275nm, 275nn, 275no, 275np, 275nq, 275nr, 275ns, 275nt, 275nu, 275nv, 275nw, 275nx, 275ny, 275nz, 275oa, 275ob, 275oc, 275od, 275oe, 275of, 275of, 275og, 275oh, 275oi, 275oj, 275ok, 275ol, 275om, 275on, 275oo, 275op, 275op, 275oq, 275or, 275os, 275ot, 275ou, 275ov, 275ow, 275ox, 275oy, 275oz, 275pa, 275pb, 275pc, 275pd, 275pe, 275pf, 275pg, 275ph, 275pi, 275pj, 275pk, 275pl, 275pm, 275pn, 275po, 275pp, 275pp, 275pq, 275pr, 275ps, 275pt, 275pu, 275pv, 275pw, 275px, 275py, 275pz, 275qa, 275qb, 275qc, 275qd, 275qe, 275qf, 275qg, 275qh, 275qi, 275qj, 275qk, 275ql, 275qm, 275qn, 275qo, 275qp, 275qp, 275qq, 275qr, 275qs, 275qt, 275qu, 275qv, 275qw, 275qx, 275qy, 275qz, 275ra, 275rb, 275rc, 275rd, 275re, 275rf, 275rg, 275rh, 275ri, 275rj, 275rk, 275rl, 275rm, 275rn, 275ro, 275rp, 275rp, 275rq, 275rr, 275rs, 275rt, 275ru, 275rv, 275rw, 275rx, 275ry, 275rz, 275sa, 275sb, 275sc, 275sd, 275se, 275sf, 275sf, 275sg, 275sh, 275si, 275sj, 275sk, 275sl, 275sm, 275sn, 275so, 275sp, 275sp, 275sq, 275sr, 275ss, 275st, 275su, 275sv, 275sw, 275sx, 275sy, 275sz, 275ta, 275tb, 275tc, 275td, 275te, 275tf, 275tf, 275tg, 275th, 275ti, 275tj, 275tk, 275tl, 275tm, 275tn, 275to, 275tp, 275tp, 275tq, 275tr, 275ts, 275tt, 275tu, 275tv, 275tw, 275tx, 275ty, 275tz, 275ua, 275ub, 275uc, 275ud, 275ue, 275uf, 275uf, 275ug, 275uh, 275ui, 275uj, 275uk, 275ul, 275um, 275un, 275uo, 275up, 275up, 275uq, 275ur, 275us, 275ut, 275uu, 275uv, 275uv, 275uw, 275ux, 275uy, 275uz, 275va, 275vb, 275vc, 275vd, 275ve, 275vf, 275vf, 275vg, 275vh, 275vi, 275vj, 275vk, 275vl, 275vm, 275vn, 275vo, 275vp, 275vp, 275vq, 275vr, 275vs, 275vt, 275vu, 275vv, 275vw, 275vx, 275vy, 275vz, 275wa, 275wb, 275wc, 275wd, 275we, 275wf, 275wf, 275wg, 275wh, 275wi, 275wj, 275wk, 275wl, 275wm, 275wn, 275wo, 275wp, 275wp, 275wq, 275wr, 275ws, 275wt, 275wu, 275wv, 275wv, 275ww, 275wx, 275wy, 275wz, 275xa, 275xb, 275xc, 275xd, 275xe, 275xf, 275xf, 275xg, 275xh, 275xi, 275xj, 275xk, 275xl, 275xm, 275xn, 275xo, 275xp, 275xp, 275xq, 275xr, 275xs, 275xt, 275xu, 275xv, 275xv, 275xw, 275xx, 275xy, 275xz, 275ya, 275yb, 275yc, 275yd, 275ye, 275yf, 275yf, 275yg, 275yh, 275yi, 275yj, 275yk, 275yl, 275ym, 275yn, 275yo, 275yp, 275yp, 275yq, 275yr, 275ys, 275yt, 275yu, 275yv, 275yv, 275yw, 275yx, 275yy, 275yz, 275za, 275zb, 275zc, 275zd, 275ze, 275zf, 275zf, 275zg, 275zh, 275zi, 275zj, 275zk, 275zl, 275zm, 275zn, 275zo, 275zp, 275zp, 275zq, 275zr, 275zs, 275zt, 275zu, 275zv, 275zv, 275zw, 275zx, 275zy, 275zz. [7*

Is your collection for sale? Get your dealer to make a price on it, add 20% to his offer, and send book to me. It's 10 to 1 I buy it. F. W. PICKARD, 2427 Ingleside, Cincinnati, O. [10

A few good stamps at half catalogue. GEO. F. CRANE, 90 Nassau St., N. Y. City. [9

U. S. Pre-Cancelled postage stamps. I will pay a good price in cash or exchange for any not in my collection. F. L. SMITH, 40 Exchange Pl., N. Y. [24c

Approval sheets 60% discount. Net sheets for advanced collectors, 9000 var. in stock. Want lists desired. F. W. PICKARD, 2427 Ingleside, Cincinnati, O. [10

Wanted for cash U. S. pre-cancelled postage stamps. WALTER L. GATES, Teaticket, Mass. [11*

Pre-cancels not in my collection wanted. Best cash or trade price. E. R. ALDRICH, Benson, Minn. [11

WHOLESALE SELECTIONS

on approval to responsible dealers. References required.

GUARANTEE STAMP CO.,
106 E. 111th St., NEW YORK.

BARGAINS! BARGAINS!! BARGAINS!!!

For Collectors and Dealers.

U. S. STAMPS

At 50 to 90 Per Cent. Discount

From 1903 Catalogue Prices.

READ BEFORE ORDERING!

Before leaving for Europe last July I sold to many collectors and dealers thousands of U. S. stamps which were more or less damaged, at special low prices. Since my return I have received many requests for quotations for damaged U. S. stamps. To save time and correspondence I offer in this, and in the other advertisements which are to follow all

U. S. DAMAGED STAMPS

which I have for sale, at extremely low prices. Of some varieties I have only one or two left, and therefore it would be advisable to order at once. Should your order reach me too late, money will be promptly refunded.

SPECIAL! I have made no distinction as to paper or shade of colors. I furnish only those which I happen to have in stock regardless of catalogue prices. The catalogue prices which I quote are for the cheapest varieties, so that if there is any difference between catalogue and my quoted catalogue prices it will be in your favor. Should any stamp not be entirely satisfactory it can be returned within two days after received and money will be refunded.

STATE.		1903 My Price For			
	Catalogue Price.	1st	2nd	3rd	
		\$0.50	\$0.85	\$0.50	\$0.40
1c green.....	5.00	.75	.60	.50	
1c unused.....	5.00	1.50	1.00	.50	
2c green.....	5.00	1.75	1.50	1.00	
2c unused.....	.75	.35	.25	..	
3c green.....	.75	.30	.25	..	
6c unused.....	.75	.35	.30	.15	
7c green.....	3.00	.75	.50	.25	
7c unused.....	3.00	1.50	.75	.50	
10c green.....	2.50	.75	.50	.40	
10c unused.....	3.00	1.00	.75	.40	
12c green.....	4.00	1.50	.75	.50	
12c unused.....	4.00	1.25	1.00	.75	
15c green.....	4.50	1.50	1.00	.75	
15c unused.....	4.50	1.75	1.50	..	
24c green.....	8.50	2.50	1.75	..	
24c unused.....	8.50	2.75	2.50	..	
30c green.....	7.00	2.00	1.50	1.25	
30c unused.....	7.00	3.00	2.00	..	
90c green.....	18.00	4.50	..	..
90c unused.....	18.00	5.00	..	..
\$2.00 blk. and green.....	25.50	10.00	7.50	..	
Set 1 to 90c, used and unused mixed.....	50.50	15.75	12.00	..	

TREASURY.					
1c brown.....	.25	.04	.03	.02	
1c unused.....	1.25	.25	.20	.12	
2c brown.....	.18	.04	.03	.02	
2c unused.....	.35	.10	.07	.05	
3c brown.....	.09	.01	.01	.01	
3c unused.....	.10	.03	.02	.02	
6c brown.....	.10	.02	.01	.01	
6c unused.....	.20	.05	.03	.02	
7c brown.....	1.50	.50	.75	.15	
7c unused.....	2.50	1.00	.75	.50	
10c brown.....	.25	.06	.05	.03	
10c unused.....	.50	.15	.10	.05	
12c brown.....	.15	.04	.03	.02	
12c unused.....	.50	.20	.15	.07	
15c brown.....	.25	.07	.05	.03	
15c unused.....	.40	.15	.10	..	
24c brown.....	3.00	1.25	.75	.50	
24c unused.....	12.50	6.50	4.00	..	
30c brown.....	.25	.08	.06	.03	
30c unused.....	.50	.20	.15	.10	
90c brown.....	.60	.20	.15	.10	
90c unused.....	2.00	.60	.50	.35	
Complete set.....	6.40	2.25	1.40	1.00	
Unused set.....	20.80	8.00	6.00	..	

WAR.					
1c red.....	.05	.02	.01	.01	
2c red.....	.05	.02	.01	.01	
3c red.....	.03	.01	.01	.01	
6c red.....	.05	.02	.01	.01	
7c red.....	2.00	.60	.50	.25	
10c red.....	.25	.08	.05	.03	
12c red.....	.20	.06	.05	.03	
15c red.....	.20	.06	.05	.03	
24c red.....	.20	.06	.05	.03	
30c red.....	.50	.10	.06	.04	
90c red.....	1.00	.35	.20	.15	
Complete set.....	4.35	1.30	1.00	.50	

All stamps not given as unused are used. Where no prices are given it means that those stamps are all sold out.

1st. Some of the 1st are in average good condition, others have slight imperfections, some have tears, others are neatly repaired.

2nd are next best but not as fine as 1st.

3rd are damaged or repaired but give entire satisfaction to many collectors who are not so hard to please.

Terms! Cash with order. Postage extra on orders under \$1.00. Please remit by Bills or Money Order.

C. F. ROTHFUCHS,
38 MUNROE ST., ROXBURY, MASS.

Chicago Notes.

A fine pair of \$1.00 green Documentary Revenue, imperf. horizontally, was recently shown by N. J. Petersen, a former member of the C. P. S.

Wolsieffer's next auction sale, which will take place the latter part of February, will consist of the fine collection of Messrs. S. B. Bradford of Ottawa, Ill., and Irving Dickinson, Secretary of the C. P. S. Mr. Dickinson will hereafter confine himself to a few countries only.

This month's issue of *Robinson's Review* will be indefinitely delayed, as the printing office which published it was destroyed by fire at the time the paper was on the press.

A C. P. S. member recently exhibited a fine o. g. pair of China No. 73, imperf. horizontally, a rather scarce article. The same party also showed a block of four of the 6c 1869, o. g., besides a couple of pairs, mint state.

CLIFFORD.

Detroit Paragraphs.

I see that the *Minnesota Philatelist* is now filling the subscription list of the late *Philatelic Fortnightly*, formerly published by A. Graves of this city. It may be remembered the paper had but a short life.

The new Special Delivery has arrived. It's a beauty; far ahead of the other one. The locals are very much taken up with same. Howard Beck showed me the 1, 2, 3c "specimen" copies of the new issues. He is the lucky owner of everything that is out so far.

The new Canada 7c stamp has been put on sale at Windsor, but the color of the same is very disappointing to the philis. Some predict there will soon be a change there.

Correspondents of Miss C. Lloyd of Quebec, Canada, no doubt will be pained to hear of the sad misfortune that befell her. While stopping at the Victoria Hotel the entire place was destroyed by fire. She lost everything she had, besides burning her face severely. Her magnificent collection consisting of thousands of stamps, all arranged in several volumes, many that were rare as well as complete, also a beautiful collection of entire envelopes and postals, the result of years of labor and saving which meant about \$4,000, all were lost. In a letter last week to me she wrote:

"I don't think I will ever have the courage again to collect as I did. I may start a collection of Canadian only. A great many of my friends have given me a lot of their duplicates, some albums and catalogues to help me along again, but my loss is too great." She certainly has the sympathy of collectors, as only those who have such collections know the time and trouble they represent.

HERMAN W. BOERS.

NEW ICELAND CARDS.

a. Old issue, surcharged in two lines over stamp "I GILDI '02-'03" 25c
 b. New issue, stamp with head of King Christian IX.
 3 aur, orange and gray, 5 aur, green and gray, 8 aur lilac, and 20 aur carmine. All single and double, Set of 5 varieties..... 50c

ADOLPH LOHMEYER,
922 N. Gilmore St., BALTIMORE, MD.

New Year Bargains In U. S. Departments.

War, Good Copies, Complete, used, \$1.50; unused..... \$1.75
 Treasury, Used, Complete set, good copies, price..... 2.15
 Post Office, Complete, used except 90c new, cat. \$11.10, price 3.50
 State, Used, Good Copies, 2c, 10c, 12c, 15c, 24c, 90c, cat. \$56.50, price.... 12.25
Omaha Stamp & Coin Co., 209 S. 15th St., Omaha, Neb.
 The Only Stamp and Coin Store in Omaha.

YOUR DUPLICATES WANTED.

If you have some good stamps catalogued at 4 cents each and up, send on a lot; will use what I can at 3/4 Catalogue. Have over 6000 varieties to pay from. Especially desire foreign medium priced. I sometimes buy job lots of good stamps or collections for cash. Register valuable lots. [15*]

L. V. LINDSEY, Greene, N. Y.

We Want to Buy unused U. S. entire Envelopes of the issues of 1864-72-84 with advertising printed around the stamp. Send what you have on approval at lowest cash prices.

CHAS. H. STONE & CO.,
19 Washington St., BOSTON, MASS.

WHEN YOU THINK OF SELLING

WRITE TO

B. L. DREW & CO.,
7 WATER ST., (Room 501), BOSTON, MASS.
 [1200]
 The Leading Auction Firm in America.

OUR LISTS OF BARGAINS.

The following lists are now ready. Prices very low and are good until stock is exhausted. Buyers should send for these lists at once and save money.

1. U. S. Postage through 1898.
2. U. S. Departments & Newspaper stamps.
3. U. S. Envelopes and Wrappers.
4. U. S. Revenues.
5. Confederate States through Barbados.
6. Bavaria through Bulgaria.
7. Canada to Shanghai.
8. Shanghai through French Colonies.
9. Denmark through French Colonies.
10. French Congo through Great Britain.
11. Grenada through Horta.
12. Hanover through Japan.
13. Labuan through Monaco.
14. Mauritius through Newfoundland.
15. Persia through Parma.
16. Porto Rico through Ponta Delgada.
17. Portugal through Russia.
18. St. Christopher through Tasmania.

These lists price all medium priced stamps we have in stock in sufficient quantity to advertise. We have a great many rare as well as cheap stamps and as our stock is constantly changing we advise all collectors to send us their want list if they cannot find what they want on our lists. Write us today for one or all of our lists if you are buying. We also refund money if you are not satisfied for any reason. We send no approval selections to anyone except upon a definite order. Our low prices are simply to get the business and not the purpose of flooding you with a lot of stamps you do not want.

WRITE US TO-DAY.
HOLTON STAMP CO., BOSTON, MASS.

U. S. REVENUES, 1861 PERF.

34 Playing Cards.....	Cat. \$3.00, Price \$1.75
35 " blue.....	.25 " .10
36 " orange.....	.50 " .20
37 Proprietary, orange.....	1.25 " .50
38 Playing Card, beauty.....	6.00 " 2.50
39 ".....	8.00 " 3.00
40 ".....	.75 " .25
41 ".....	.75 " .25
42 Proprietary.....	.75 " .25
43 Foreign Exchange.....	.60 " .25

GREATHER N. Y. STAMP & COIN CO.,
 225 East 58th St., New York City.

THEO. MAINHART, JOHNSTOWN, PA.
LOOK HERE!

Some More Good U. S. Revenues.

No. 229, 90c.....	\$0.25
No. 234, 50c Columbian.....	.25
No. 260, 50c.....	.18
No. 261, \$1.00.....	.60
No. 291, 50c Omaha.....	.25

Standard Stamp Catalogue for 1903, postpaid at 5c. Cash with order.
 Stamps on Approval at 50% Discount.

THEO. MAINHART, JOHNSTOWN, PA.

HAYTI.

A special book containing used, unused copies of all issues, pairs of perforation varieties and oddities has been prepared, and will be sent on approval to anyone interested in this country. The stamps are not catalogued high, and 25 per cent. discount from current quotations will be allowed. HAYTI will take a boom some day! Remember Hawaii—the time will come.

Book No. 65 of our 25 per cent. Discount Approval Book series is all Hayti—this is the book you want, unless you are going into it deeper than ordinary, in that case ask for the special book of Hayti.

Book 65a contains Hayti unused in blocks of four.

Book 65b contains postally used Hayti only.

One cent blue, 1898, priced 75c in the 62d Edition (No. 46) will be sent post free for 38c, fine copy, o. g.

A set of ten different Hayti for beginners, 25 cents post free.

C. H. MEKEEL STAMP & PUBLISHING CO.,
 ST. LOUIS, MO.

Topics About Town.

FROM NEW YORK CITY.

A meeting of city members of the American Fiscal or Revenue Society will occur on Feb. 5th, at the house of Mr. Geo. W. Pepper, 220 East 57th street, at 8 P. M. Foreign Revenues will be the leading feature after the meeting.

Mr. H. L. Calman has resigned from the Board of Governors of the Collectors Club, and Mr. Joseph S. Rich was unanimously elected to fill the vacancy.

Part first of the Mandel collection, comprising Canada, Brazil, Chile, Belgium, Hawaii, Great Britain, etc., also United States, including proofs, essays and specimens, will be sold at auction early in March by the J. W. Scott Co. Date of sale will be announced later.

The 1903 Programme of the Brooklyn Stamp Club is as follows:

- February 2—Tonga and Samoa.
 - February 16—Special exhibition of U. S. postage.
 - March 2—U. S. Revenues.
 - March 16—South America.
 - April 6—West Indies.
 - April 20—Hayti and Cuba.
 - May 4—Dutch Colonies.
 - May 18—Denmark and Colonies.
 - June 1—German States.
 - June 15—German Colonies.
 - September 21—French Colonies.
 - October 5—Annual meeting, election of officers.
 - October 19—Original Covers.
 - November 2—Greece and Crete.
 - November 16—Cyprus, Gibraltar and Malta.
 - December 7—Russia and Bulgaria.
 - December 21—British Colonies in Africa.
- Meetings are held on the first and third Monday evenings of each month at the rooms of the Club, 1117 Broadway, cor. De Kalb Ave., Brooklyn, at 8 o'clock.

VOLUNTEER.

J. W. Scott's Advice

In a recent editorial in the *Metropolitan Philatelist* to be represented at every Auction Sale, even if your bids are low, is good advice. While our Chicago Sales have always maintained a high average for fine stamps in fine condition, yet there are frequently many bargains, which is a common occurrence in all auction sales.

Wolsieffer's Feb. Sale will contain the Dickinson and Bradford Collections, and properties of several Boston parties.

Catalogues of sales free.

United Stamp Co., 1149 Marquette Bldg., Chicago.

OUR STOCK

has increased in size threefold in the last few weeks. We would like to send you a General Book or a book of one country to a book. Scott's and Gibbons' 1903 catalogues are now ready. Will send either for 58c, prepaid with 8c Columbian, Omaha, Pan-American or Martha Washington, or for 63c with 13c Harrison.

J. T. STARR STAMP CO., Coldwater, Mich.

A REAL BARGAIN!

U. S. STAMPED ENVELOPES.

Cat. No.	Unused, Cut Square, Large Margins.	Cat. Price.	My Price.
1377	1870, 1c blue on amber.....	\$1.50	\$0.35
1463	1880, 2c vermilion on cream.....	1.50	.35
1460	1874, 2c vermilion on orange.....	1.50	.35
1504	1884, 2c red on fawn.....	.75	.20
The above four envelopes.....		5.25	1.00
6 sets of above \$5.00, Cat. Price \$31.50.			

I can still furnish every bargain as advertised in the Era since November 29, 1902.
 Please remit by Bill or Money Order. [t*]

C. F. ROTHFUCHS,
 38 Munroe St., ROXBURY, MASS.

Read the PERFORATOR for January!
 It's worth while. Sample free.
 The Perforator, 126 E. 111th St., New York.

Springfield, Mass., Notes.

Quite a lively interest is shown here just now. The new catalogue, new U. S. issue, the banquet to be held by the local Club Jan. 29th, and the chance to see Mr. Lombard's collection of French have awakened a healthy interest in stamps.

The condition of a stamp demanded by the buyers at our club auctions has undergone a big change. A slightly soiled or torn stamp catalogued \$1.00 or more hardly brings 5 cents.

Mr. Witty gave a very interesting talk on the stamps of Hayti last meeting. These talks are an interesting feature of our meetings, each member in turn having a meeting assigned to him and is allowed to choose his own subject.

J. D. Bartlett, the well known collector of U. S. Postage and Revenues and former president of the Club, has moved to Vermont in search of wood for his saw mill and Brattleboro's for his collection.

Any one having the inverted surcharge of the new Cuba can take the liberty of sending some to T. J. Champagne, as he is out for the same.

E. D. CURTIS.

Almost every dealer sends approval selections at 50% Discount—BUT there are some stamps in our selections of this class that are not to be had as cheap elsewhere.

A COLLECTION OF 5000 VARIETIES of POSTAGE STAMPS, carefully selected from our own stock, \$175.00. Satisfaction Guaranteed.

3000 for \$45.00 ♦ 2000 for \$13.50 ♦ 1000 for \$3.40 ♦ ALL GENUINE POSTAGE STAMPS

550 Varieties mounted in a blank book (cataloguing by Scott's 61st edition Catalogue \$10.00), post free \$2.50. A Bargain for Dealer or Collector!

C. H. MEKEEL STAMP & PUBLISHING CO., ST. LOUIS, MO.

The Boston Philatelic Society.

M. H. LOMBARD, President, Winchester, Mass.
 C. F. ROTHFUCHS, Vice-President, Boston.
 C. A. HOWES, Secretary, 53 Kilby St., Boston.
 L. L. GREEN, Treasurer, 47 Tremont St., Boston.
 J. H. LYONS, Supt. of Auctions, 27 Bromfield St., Boston.
 J. F. JOHNSON, Supt. of Sales, 126 Congress St., Boston, Mass.
 THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA, Official Journal.

To Whom It May Concern.

The matter of the sale of fraudulently surcharged stamps in the city of Boston during the past year has been well aired in philatelic circles, and the report of the Investigating Committee of the Boston Philatelic Society has also been circulated. In connection with this matter it has been deemed best to publish the four documents which follow, and which sufficiently explain themselves.

The stamps referred to are here listed:

- British East Africa, 1895, $\frac{1}{2}$, 1, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$, 3 annas, 1 rupee.
- British Protectorate, 1888, 1, 2, 2sh 6p, 5, 10sh.
- Gold Coast, 1887, 1p on 6p orange.
- Grenada, Unpaid Letter stamps, 2p on 6p red lilac.
- Hawaii, 1893, 12c red lilac, black surcharge.
- India, official stamps, 1866, watermarked, 1a brown.
- Niger Coast Protectorate, 1894, type A26, $\frac{1}{2}$ p on 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ p blue (Scott 48b).
- Orange River Colony, 1900, surcharged "V. R. I.", 6p carmine.

C. A. HOWES, Secretary.

BOSTON, Dec. 30, 1902.

THE BOSTON PHILATELIC SOCIETY,

Gentlemen: During last spring the Boston Stamp Company, of which I am Manager, sold a number of surcharged stamps, which were subsequently submitted to experts and pronounced counterfeit. These stamps were purchased and sold by us as genuine, and believed by us to be genuine, (not the slightest suspicion as to the integrity of the stamps having ever entered our minds). Upon the verification of the report of the experts, however, we promptly redeemed every such stamp sold by us as soon as the same was called to our attention.

Subsequently a committee of your Society was appointed to investigate the facts with reference to certain sales of counterfeit surcharges reported to have been made from Boston.

I went before your committee and gave them all the information in my possession with reference to counterfeit surcharges sold by us, with one exception, namely, I declined for reasons which I stated to the committee, and which the committee in its report "felt bound to respect", to give the name of the person from whom I was satisfied I had received the majority of the stamps in question.

It has come to my knowledge that your committee, by reason of its desire to be en-

tirely fair to me in respecting my reasons for not disclosing the name of the person who sold the stamps, has been subjected to more or less adverse criticism. Under these circumstances, and in order that no further injustice may be done your committee, I consider it my duty to subordinate my reasons for withholding this information, and to state the name of the person from whom we received these stamps. We purchased these stamps from W. R. Thomas.

In view of the fact that in some circles there seems to be an exaggerated idea as to the number of stamps involved, and in order that there may be no apprehension of the possibility of these stamps coming upon the market again, I am handing to Mr. Lombard all of such stamps which are in my possession, or which I know anything about. These stamps I have authorized him to destroy or otherwise dispose of as to him may seem wise and proper.

Thanking your committee for their courtesy, and assuring you that I shall be glad to render any further assistance in case it lies in my power to do so, I am,

Yours very truly,

J. FAVILL CAPRON,
 Mgr. BOSTON STAMP CO.

P. S. If you desire, you may publish this letter in any of the stamp papers, and thereby give the facts such publicity as justice to your society and the interests of the Boston dealers and collectors require.

* * *

BOSTON, MASS., Jan. 1, 1903.

Upon the receipt of the foregoing letter from the Boston Stamp Company, we, the undersigned, (Pres. and Treas. of the Boston Philatelic Society) interviewed a man introduced to us as Mr. W. R. Thomas, showed to him the letter of Mr. Capron and asked him if the facts therein stated, so far as they referred to him, were correct. He replied that they were, and at our request gave us a written statement, signed by him in our presence, a copy of which is attached.

In our opinion all the fraudulent surcharges which have come into circulation through the Boston market have been discovered, and either destroyed or withdrawn from circulation, and we are further satisfied that such stamps will not again appear in the Boston market. We are of opinion that any further action would avail nothing and the whole situation having been cleared up, we advise that the matter be dropped.

We have come to this conclusion after a very careful and painstaking investigation, and so far as possible verification of the facts, and we believe that the confidence of the Philatelic public in Boston dealers should be entirely restored.

In justice to the Boston Stamp Company we feel that it is our duty to state that we are entirely satisfied that the Manager of the Boston Stamp Company has given us all the information and assistance in his power in our endeavor to get at the origin

of these stamps, and it is largely due to his efforts and assistance that we have finally been able to ascertain the source from which these stamps came into the Boston market, and to be in a position, as we believe, to assure the Philatelic public that they need have no apprehension as to the possibility of their meeting such stamps in their dealings in the future.

Signed, M. H. LOMBARD.
 L. L. GREEN.

* * *

Jan. 1, '03.

BOSTON PHILATELIC SOCIETY,
 Boston, Mass.

I have read the letter of J. F. Capron to you of Dec. 30. His statement therein that he purchased these fraudulent surcharged stamps from me is true.

I have ceased to handle any such stamps, have destroyed all such stamps in my possession, have removed from Boston to the Western States, and shall handle no such stamps in any way in the future.

You are authorized to publish this statement if you so desire.

Signed, W. R. THOMAS.

* * *

BOSTON, MASS., Jan. 1, 1903.

We, the undersigned, were present when J. F. Capron delivered to M. H. Lombard, President of the Boston Philatelic Society, what he, the said Capron, claimed to be all the fraudulently surcharged stamps in his possession or control. Mr. Capron stated that W. R. Thomas had previously delivered to him stamps which the said Thomas claimed to be all the fraudulently surcharged stamps in his possession or control.

In our presence all of the stamps so delivered to Mr. Lombard, with the exception of two copies of each variety, were destroyed, and in our presence the word "counterfeit" was written across each and every one of the specimens saved.

One set of these stamps was sent by registered mail to Mr. John N. Luff of New York, who is a member of the Expert Committee of the American Philatelic Association, and the other set retained to be the property of the Boston Philatelic Society.

Signed, L. L. GREEN.
 E. M. CARPENTER.

Library Circuit.

Members desiring to join the Library Circuit are requested to send their names and addresses with a list of the Monthly Magazines they wish to read to H. Corbett, 1413 Washington St., Boston, as early as possible. Remember this Circuit is FREE to all members of the Boston Philatelic Society and one can select both Foreign and Domestic Stamp Magazines, as many as he chooses. Lists are now making up.

Read the PERFORATOR for January!
 It's worth while. Sample free.
 The Perforator, 106 E. 111th St., New York.

American Philatelic Association.

(INCORPORATED.)

THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA—OFFICIAL JOURNAL.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

ALEXANDER HOLLAND, President,
40 Grace Court, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Board of Vice-Presidents.
FRANK H. BURT, Chairman,
Room 1046, Tremont Building, Boston, Mass.
GORDON IRELAND, Secretary,
Holyoke House 21, Cambridge, Mass.
J. F. JOHNSON,
383 Lexington St., Auburndale, Mass.

H. E. DEATS, Secretary,
Flemington, N. J.
E. DOEBLIN, International Secretary,
Box 736, Pittsburg, Pa.
C. L. ANNAN, Treasurer,
Copper Range R. R., Houghton, Mich.
H. B. PHILLIPS,
1311 Grove St., Berkeley, Cal.
F. W. CONING,
350 George St., New Brunswick, N. J.

RESIDENT VICE-PRESIDENTS.

BOSTON, MASS.—J. F. JOHNSON, 383 Lexington St., Auburndale, Mass.
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.—W. E. LOV, 433 Ellsworth St., Berkeley, Cal.
NEW YORK CITY.—W. F. GREGORY, 71 Nassau St.
PITTSBURG, PA.—E. DOEBLIN, Box 736.
CHICAGO, ILL.—A. F. MERRILL, 433 Marquette Building.
MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.—ESEN S. MARTIN, 3344 First Avenue, South.
WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS—ROBERT D. MAYNARD, 36 Oak Grove Ave., Springfield.

APPOINTEE OFFICERS.

E. H. ANDERSON, Librarian,
Carnegie Library, Pittsburg, Pa.
H. D. WATSON, Collecting Agent,
64 Cedar St., New York City.
JOHN J. OESCH, Superintendent of Sales Dept.,
34 Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill.

H. E. DEATS, Assistant Librarian,
Flemington, N. J.
W. F. GREGORY, Auction Purchasing Agent,
71 Nassau St., New York City.
P. M. WOLSIEFFER, Auction Purchasing Agent,
1009 Atwood Bldg., Chicago, Ill.
A. W. BATCHELDER, Auction Purchasing Agent,
21 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass.

Italy, Western Australia, Queensland, Victoria, France, Monaco and Tunis.
Respectfully submitted,
ADOLPH LOHMEYER,
Purchasing Agent.
BALTIMORE, January 1st, 1903.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

On hand Sept. 9, '02,	\$126.37
Received from Secretary,	10.00
	\$136.37
Paid Secy's express on books &c. to Oct. '02,	\$3.75
Paid Secy's postage &c. to Oct. '02,	2.25
Paid ERA to No. 516,	11.89
Paid Treasurer postage &c., Mar. '00 to Jan. '03,	2.45
	20.34
Balance on hand,	\$116.03
J. N. MORSE, Treasurer.	
BOSTON, Jan. 14, '03.	

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Change of Address.
Konrad Unglaub (corresponding member), to Ludwig-Ferdinand Strasse 63d, Munich.

An Invitation.

To those who are not members of our Society I would call attention to the report of our Purchasing Agent in this issue. See what a fine array of new issues just distributed and those ordered. Our Society gives you the benefit of an Exchange Department which brings large collections to your door to make selections from and offers you a fine opportunity to dispose of your duplicates. Our Purchasing Agent gets you all the new issues, the world over, at only a nominal cost. Postal cards are by far the most fascinating of all branches of Philately. Our dues are only \$1.00 per year and are many times outweighed by the benefits derived from membership. Will you not join us?

W. P. AGEE, Secretary.

HOPE, ARK., Jan. 20th, 1903.

REPORT OF SECRETARY

For the Week Ending January 31st.

New Stockholders.

- 1795. CLODY, EDWARD, 2223 North Clark St., Chicago, Illinois.
- 1796. LIVELY, J. T., 614 Mildred Ave., Chicago, Illinois.
- 1797. RAAS, E., Phelan Building, San Francisco, California.

Change of Address.

- 1657. SMITH, EDW. W., from 280 Hartford St. to 1810 Mason St., San Francisco, California.

Membership Summary.

Membership Jan. 24th.....	536
New Stockholders.....	3
Total membership Jan. 31st.....	539

H. E. DEATS, Secretary.

PITTSBURGH BRANCH No. 5.

Regular quarterly meeting of Pittsburgh Branch No. 5, American Philatelic Association, was held Jan. 9th, 1903.
President Doeblin called the meeting at 9:35 P. M., ten members being present.
Mr. Geo. F. Duck was admitted to membership. It was resolved to invite the Association to hold the Convention of 1904 in Pittsburgh.
After the transaction of some routine business, the meeting adjourned.
GEO. W. RODE, Sec'y-Treas.

The Postal Card Society of America.

Officers for 1902-3.

President, HORACE E. CARPENTER, JR., Care N. E. Bradley & Sons, Bay City, Mich.
Vice-President, J. T. ALBERT HOSBACH, 1422 North 53rd St., Philadelphia, Pa.
Secretary, W. P. AGEE, Hope, Ark.
Treasurer, JOHN N. MORSE, 105 Devonshire St., Boston, Mass.
Executive Committee, GUY A. BRYANT, Princeton, Ill.; W. D. ARNOLD, The Portland, Broadway, St. Paul, Minn.; N. HASKELL WITHER, 230 S. 9th St., La Crosse, Wis.
Exchange Superintendent, J. T. A. HOSBACH, 1422 No. 53rd St., Phila. Pa.
Purchasing Agent, ADOLPH LOHMEYER, 928 N. Gilmor St., Baltimore, Md.
International Secretary, E. DOEBLIN, P. O. Box 736, Pittsburg, Pa.
Official Journal, THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA.

PURCHASING DEPARTMENT.

Since my last report, under date of August 30th last; I have received the following renewals of subscriptions to the funds of this Department: Max P. Heavrich, \$5.06; Frank A. Knoll, \$5.00; N. H. Withee, \$6.83; W. P. Agee, \$5.00; Waldemar Hoffman, \$14.14; W. A. MacCalla, \$12.00; Walter Dormitzer, \$7.40; Rudolph Neeser, \$3.88, and Frank A. Knoll (withdrawn) to balance account, 23 cents.

Two distributions of new issues have been sent out to the participants since: September 29th, No. 64, containing Bulgaria, 5 stot on gray; Spain, 10 centimos,

U. P. U. and 10 centimos Inland; Mexico, cuatro (4) centavos on 3 centavos, single and double; Germany, 10 pfennig, new type, New South Wales, 1½d and 1d on thin white card board; Montenegro, entire new set, 5, 5x5, 10, 10x10, and letter cards 10 and 25 heller.

December 26th, No. 65, containing Transvaal, King type, ½ and 1d and letter card 1d; Gambia, King type, 1 and 1x1d; New South Wales, 1½ x 1½d; Sarawak, 1c; Albania, 10 centesimi; Chile, 1 and 2 centavos; Sweden, 5 ore; Norway, 10 ore; Wurttemberg, 2 pfennig, official, used; Roumania, 15 bani, letter card; Austria, special convention card, 5 heller; Danish West Indies, 1 on 3c "1902"; Bavaria, 2x2 pf "02", 5x5 pf, third issue, "01"; no value, double, "00"; no value, "02"; official 1 and 10x10 pf "02".

Further, on the same day, special distribution No. 66, containing a complete set of the new French Colonial postal cards and letter cards without control numbers, 76 varieties, to such of the participants as had placed an order for them.

I am informed by the Post Office Departments of Malta, Natal and Straits Settlements that new King type cards, although reported as issued in *Der Philatelist* of August 15th, have not as yet been placed on sale.

I have also ordered new cards from Lagos, Orange River Colony, Trinidad, Cyprus, Denmark, Iceland, Germany,

WHY SPEND MONEY ..

WHEN YOU ARE STARTING IN BUSINESS?

We have about 1000 names and addresses of collectors sent us by our customers and none of these are over three years old. These names we have never worked, and were obtained by a special premium offer. It would require a considerable outlay of time and money in advertising to obtain these, therefore would it not be cheaper to buy these now?

Price, post free and registered, \$3.00.

Box 1352, Boston, Mass. **DALE STAMP CO.**

Wm. v. d. Wettern, Jr.,

WHOLESALE DEALER IN

POSTAGE + STAMPS.

411 W. Saratoga St., Baltimore, Md.

New special list just issued, sent free on application to dealers only.

Read the PERFORATOR for January!

It's worth while. Sample free.

The Perforator, 106 E. 111th St., New York.

Brooklyn Institute Philatelic Exhibition.

On Friday evening, Jan. 23rd, 1903, the Section on Philately of the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences gave the first in the series of Philatelic Exhibitions to be given during this season, with a large attendance of well known philatelists. Exhibits were made by W. Haack, W. P. Robinson, George D. Weeks, H. E. Robinson and Theo. W. C. Happel of Brooklyn, N. Y., A. C. Roussel, Montreal, Can., P. F. Bruner, New York, N. Y., George W. Ring, Brooklyn, N. Y.

The exhibits having been entered and previously passed upon by the judges, were presented for the inspection of members and visitors, after which the judges presented and had read their report on awards as follows:

New York, Jan. 20th, 1903.

To the Executive Committee of the Section on Philately of the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences:

GENTLEMEN: The undersigned, having been appointed by your President to act as Judges to make two awards, under certain rules and regulations handed to them for their guidance, on the best 50 different cancelled postage stamps entered in open competition at the Exhibition of your Section, to be held on Friday evening, Jan. 23rd, 1903, beg to unanimously report that they have carefully followed their instructions, made a critical examination of all the exhibits submitted for their expression of opinion as to the most meritorious thereof, and after due deliberation have awarded the first prize of a Silver Medal of the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences (known as the Graham Medal) to Mr. P. F. Bruner of New York, whose excellent exhibit scored the highest number of points on every count, and the second prize of a Ribbon as an Honorable Mention to Mr. W. Haack of Brooklyn, whose exhibit scored second highest, particularly in town cancellations and brilliancy of specimens.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. ANDREINI,
ALFRED BAILLOD,
JOHN D. CARBERRY, } Judges.

Dr. Hyatt, the President of the Section, then presented in a few appropriate remarks the Silver Medal (contributed by Mr. J. M. Andreini, the well known philatelist) to Mr. P. F. Bruner, President of the Collectors Club, New York City, and the second prize of a handsome Ribbon as an Honorable Mention to Mr. W. Haack of Brooklyn.

FISCAL EXHIBITION.

The Section will hold a Special Exhibition on Friday evening, Feb. 13th, 1903. As the exhibits for this Exhibition will be made entirely by members of the American Fiscal Society, there will be no outside entries for competition, but all collectors are invited to be present and view the exhibits, which will be very interesting, covering as they do the wide range of revenue stamps.

SECOND EXHIBITION.

The Section on Philately will give the second in its series of Exhibitions on Fri-

day evening, Feb. 27th, 1903. This exhibition will be open to competition by collectors in any part of the country, and is to be for the best Exhibit of stamps of any one of the following countries: Chili, Hong Kong, Belgium, Jamaica, Netherlands, Egypt.

First Prize, One Institute Silver Medal (contributed by Mr. Wm. H. Susadorff).
Second Prize, Ribbon or Parchment as an Honorable Mention.

The total of 10 points may be scored as follows: Three points for condition, three points for rarity, three points for numbers, and one point for general effectiveness and skill in arrangement.

At least three entries must be made to compete for a first prize, and at least five entries for both prizes. The list of entries closes one week before date of exhibition and all exhibits must be in the hands of the Judges at that time. Judges shall report on and present for inspection the entries at the meeting of the Section to be held on the evening of Feb. 27th. The President may appoint the Judges, but competitors shall not be eligible as such.

All exhibits intended for exhibition should be sent in a sealed package plainly addressed: "To the Judges of the Second Exhibition of the Section on Philately of the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences, Care of Mr. A. Krassa, 81 Nassau St., New York."

The name of the exhibitor should not appear on the package, but a private mark may be affixed indicating owner's name and the Secretary advised of same. All packages will be numbered and placed in safe by Mr. Krassa.

Communications concerning the Exhibitions should be sent to the Secretary, Mr. John D. Carberry, 999 A Lafayette Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.

The Collectors Club,

351 FOURTH AVE., NEW YORK.

A special meeting (the 80th) of the Board of Governors was held at the club house on Saturday evening, January 17, 1903.

Present: Messrs. Andreini, Dewing, Luff, Scott and Perrin.

The President called the meeting to order at 8.30 P. M.

The Secretary read the resignation of Mr. H. L. Calman as Governor.

Moved by Mr. Scott, duly seconded and carried, that the resignation of Mr. Calman from the Board be accepted with regrets.

The name of Mr. Jos. S. Rich was placed in nomination for Governor by Mr. Perrin and seconded by Mr. Scott, to fill the vacancy on the Board. There being no other nominations the Secretary was instructed to cast the vote and the chair declared Mr. Rich unanimously elected.

Adjourned at 8.50 P. M.

ALBERT PERRIN, Secretary.

Read the PERFORATOR for January!

It's worth while. Sample free.
The Perforator, 106 E. 111th St., New York.

62d EDITION

Scott's Standard Catalogue

FOR 1903

PRICE 58c POSTPAID.

Franked with new 8c Martha Washington stamp. Lists free.

COLUMBIAN STAMP CO., Arlington, Mass.

CANADA JUBILEE.	Cat. Price.	My Pr.
50c blue.....	\$0.30	\$0.15
\$2.00 purple.....	1.50	.50
\$3.00 olive green.....	4.00	1.50
Canada No. 46.....	.12	.05
" " 47.....	.25	.08
" " 36.....	.30	.14
" " 87.....	1	.06
" " 81.....	.08	.03
Germany 1900, 1 mark, c. rose.....	.09	.03
" 1900, 2 " g. blue.....	.08	.03
" 1900, 80 pf lake and rose.....	.02	.01
" 1900, 50 pf.....	.01	.01
" 1900, 40 pf.....	.01	.01
" 1900, 30 pf.....	.01	.01
German China No. 3.....	.10	.05
Hawaii No. 20, 0.5, a Jim-dandy.....	4.00	1.60
" " 24.....	1.25	.38
Liberia No. 20.....	.45	.13
Netherlands No. 50, 1 gulden.....	.15	.07
" " 68, 1 ".....	.45	.07
" " 69, 5 ".....	1.75	1.00

Satisfaction guaranteed. Postage extra.
E. C. Dodd, 229 So. Hermitage Ave., Chicago.

The New England Philatelic Association.

Organized February, 1895.

Board of Officers:

President, CHARLES H. SMITH, Dedham, Mass.
Vice President, J. FAVILL CAPRON, 22 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass.
Secretary and Treasurer, H. W. LEGG, 36 Hancock St., Boston, Mass.
Sales Department, CHARLES H. STONE, 91 Antrim St., Cambridgeport, Mass.
Information Bureau, MRS. WALLACE DANA SMITH, 20 Wilbur St., Portsmouth, N. H.
Counterfeit Detector, WILLIS D. KING, Nashua, N. H.
Attorney, HORACE S. BACON, 107 Stevens St., Lowell, Mass.

Governing Board, CHARLES H. STONE, Chairman, 91 Antrim St., Cambridgeport, Mass., JOHN J. COME, New Dorchester, Mass., FRANK A. WILSON, 125 Highland Ave., Somerville, Mass.

Official Organ, THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA.

NOTICE.

The next meeting of the Association will be held Tuesday evening, Feb. 3rd, at 22 Bromfield St., at 8 o'clock sharp.

The last meeting of the N. E. Philatelic Association was held Jan. 6th at 22 Bromfield St., with Vice-President Capron in the Chair and a number of members present. Minutes of the December meeting, also report of Treasurer showing balance of \$8.38 on hand.

The resignations of the following members were accepted:

No. 5. Chas. E. Shaw, Clinton, Mass.
No. 113. Alfred L. Powell, Clinton, Mass.

No. 121. S. W. Bailey, Cambridge, Mass.

The exhibition for the silver and bronze medals, offered by Mr. C. H. Stone, was heartily enjoyed by all. Mr. Warren C. Weeks of Brookline won the silver medal, while Mr. Chas. H. Smith of Dedham captured the bronze. The exhibit of Mrs. W. D. Smith of Portsmouth was awarded an honorable mention by the judges.

The Secretary has offered an Hawaiian numeral as a prize for a similar exhibition to be held at some future date and it is to be hoped that it will be quite as successful as our last.

The meeting adjourned at 10 P. M.

H. W. LEGG, Secretary.

The Weekly Philatelic Era

A PAPER DEVOTED TO STAMP NEWS.

50c PER YEAR.

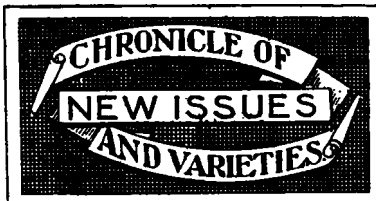
ENTERED AT PORTLAND POST OFFICE AS SECOND CLASS MATTER JAN. 10, 1890.

2c PER COPY.

VOL. XVII. No. 20.

PORTLAND, ME., SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1903.

WHOLE No. 508.



BY HENRY A. KIDDER.

Friends of the ERA are invited to send to the editor of this department any information regarding new issues or varieties that may prove of interest. Such information will be suitably acknowledged. Address, HENRY A. KIDDER, 17 Addison Street, Arlington, Mass.

Exchanges will please send Mr Kidder a copy of each issue to the foregoing address, and an extra copy of the ERA will be gladly sent whenever desired.

UNITED STATES.—A valued correspondent, to whom in the past we have been indebted for many valuable notes, sends us the following:

"In looking over the printed annual report of the 'Director of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1902,' I note among other very interesting statistics the following schedule on page 18 thereof:

'No. 8.—Statement showing the Specimen Postage Stamps Delivered to Third Assistant Postmaster General during the Fiscal Year 1902.

Class	Sheets	Stamps
Commemorative, Series of 1901		
\$0.01	1	70
.02	1	70
.04	4	470
.05	1	70
.08	1	70
.10	1	70

Total, 9 820'

"The 1901 Series, Commemorative, were the Pan-American or Buffalo issue. As Mr. Madden, the Third Assistant Postmaster General, received 400 copies more of the 4 cent than any other denomination, these undoubtedly were the 4 cent with inverted centre. In view of the repeated statements, said to have come from Mr. Madden, that there was but 100 of these stamps found, it is evidently now up to him to explain what disposition was made of the additional 300; or had these 300 been received before a remaining 100 was found?"

At least three shades of the new 2c stamps have been seen, and it is fair to

presume that specialists in shades have found even more.

BAHAMAS.—The *Stamp Collectors Fortnightly* gives the colors of the new 5sh King's head stamp as lilac and blue instead of violet and carmine, as stated in No. 506. Which is correct?

BRITISH HONDURAS.—According to *Le Collectionneur de Timbres Poste* two new post cards with King's head stamps have been issued for this colony, similar to those recently chronicled for Bahamas.

Post Cards (Regular):
2c carmine on cream.
3c2c carmine on cream.

COREA.—A commemorative stamp has been just issued according to *Le Collectionneur de Timbres Poste*. The illustration shows an awkwardly arranged homely stamp, the inscription being in both Chinese and in French, no Korean characters appearing. A square frame is arranged diamondwise in the center of the stamp with flowers at each corner. Chinese characters appear in color on a white ground in the two upper tablets, while "XL. Ann Jubile d'Avenement" (40 years Jubilee of the Accession) is printed in the lower tablets, referring to the 40th anniversary of the reigning Monarch's accession to the throne. The present Emperor of Corea is Yi Huing, born in 1852, made King in 1864 and proclaimed Emperor in 1897, after the country had received its independence as a result of the Chino-Japanese war. In addition to the above the value occurs alternately in Chinese and ordinary figures in the corners, while "Postes de Coree" is printed in a white label at the bottom while a Chinese inscrip-

tion appears in a similar label at the top. The plate is said to have been engraved by Japanese workmen at the Kyong-San mint in the suburbs of Seoul.

Adhesive (Commemorative):
3 cheun, orange.

GREAT BRITAIN.—The *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly* says that a new series of British postage stamps, showing a real portrait of the King, instead of an effigy that everyone criticises, is being projected, though no definite arrangements have yet been made for a change of issue. The scheme for a worthier British postage stamp is one in which H. R. H. the Prince of Wales has greatly interested himself.

NICARAGUA.—Mr. J. M. Bartels has shown us the new 1c stamp which is perhaps the first of a new series. *Mekel's Weekly* also chronicles the 10c of the same series. A portrait of some national celebrity is printed in black in a central circle, with "Nicaragua" around the top and "11 de Julio 1893" around the bottom. The value appears in figures in small squares in the upper corners, and in letters across the bottom. "Correos" occurs twice in curved lines below the portrait, while at either side is a pillar and certain conventional ornaments. The effect is rather pleasing.

Adhesives (Regular):
1c green and black.
10c orange brown and black.

SALVADOR.—*Mekel's Weekly* chronicles a new surcharge for this state. The overprint is in black.

Adhesive (Provisional):
1c on 3c gray black and black.

1903 CATALOGUE

NOW ON SALE.

Our 1903 Catalogue, priced in American currency, is bound in one volume, well printed on good paper, and sold for FIFTY CENTS; post free, SIXTY CENTS.

It contains the latest quotations at which we can supply the stamps, and is made up by and based on our own stock, no attention being paid to other quotations.

Previous editions contained the British Colonials in one part and foreign stamps in another part, and cost \$1.00. This latest edition contains both in one volume and sells at the same price as other catalogues.

BLANK ALBUM NUMBER 31.

This album is a companion to the King's Own Postage Stamp Album, and is specially designed for those collectors who desire a Blank Album, without going to the expense of the movable leaved Albums such as the Oriol or Philatelic.

The Blank Album No. 31 contains 100 pages of heavy white plate paper outlined with a neat border of neutral grey, with a guadrille background inside the border and name space at top of page. Exact size of leaves 7½x9½—available for mounting 6½x8½. Strongly bound in cloth, bevelled boards, countersunk gold lines on cover, gilt edges.

Price \$2.25, or by Mail \$2.50.

STANLEY GIBBONS, INC.,

167 BROADWAY,

NEW YORK CITY.

JUST A WORD

with you about the U. S. Revenues you want. Why not send me your want list in this line with proper reference and have your wants sent to you on approval at the right price?

FRED G. JONES,

2013 Brook St., LOUISVILLE, KY

CHAPTER XXI.

In addition to the effort expended to make

Osgood's Famous Big Selections

the leaders in the approval trade I pay great attention to the increasingly popular Precancelled Stamps and now have one of the largest stocks of them yet gathered together. If interested in either department write me now.

U. S. 1893 9, Nos. "279A" and "a" unused..... \$0.30
The Stampman free.

D. W. OSGOOD,

South Fork, Rio Grande Co., Colorado.
[To be Continued.]

60% DISCOUNT.

I have a fine lot of Approval Books at 60% discount, which I shall be pleased to submit on request. Send for Lists of Bargains in single stamps and sets, mailed free.

Nyassa 1897, 3c or, unused, o. g. Cat. \$0.35 \$0.15
Queensland 1875, 25h blue..... " 3.50 1.50
" 1885, 1t green..... " 4.00 1.80
Brazil 1897, 700r, o. g., scarce..... " .. 30
L. N. HERBERT, [115]
1520 Washington Ave., NEW YORK.

WE WANT

5,000 collectors to send for our retail list, pricing over 1,500 sets, packets, etc. Cheapest and best list issued.

TWO BARGAINS

We offer a packet containing 500 varieties of foreign postage stamps (no U. S.) for only 89c, post free. Only one to each customer.

300 Varieties, . . . 33c.

5c Argentine Jubilee, 1909, . . . 6c post free

We wish to call your special attention to our approval sheets, on which we allow discounts as follows:

Hawaiian and Chinese, 40%
U. S. and U. S. Revenues, 50%
Foreign, 50%

Stamps in our approval books are marked with Scott's catalogue price, number and our net price (always very reasonable).

Send for a selection today. You will be pleased.
Do not forget references.

MAKINS & CO.,

506 Market Street, SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

YOUR DUPLICATES WANTED.

If you have some good stamps catalogued at 4 cents each and up, send on a lot; will use what I can at 1/2 Catalogue. Have over 6000 varieties to pay from. Especially desire foreign medium priced. I sometimes buy job lots of good stamps or collections for cash. Register valuable lots. [115]

L. V. LINDSEY, Greene, N. Y.

ST. VINCENT.

Scott's No. 13, o. g., unused, \$0.60
" " 14, " " 7.00
" " 7, " " 13.00
" " 18, " " 16.00

Have one of each. First cash order takes them. See other ads.

A. W. DUNNING, NEWTON, MASS.

SIERRA LEONE.—In No. 497 appeared an announcement that the King's head set would be issued early in 1903. On the authority of *Ewen's Weekly* we are now able to give the denominations and colors.

Adhesives (Regular):

1/4d lilac and green.
1d lilac and carmine.
1 1/2d lilac and olive.
2d lilac and sepia.
3 1/2d lilac and blue.
3d lilac and grey.
4d lilac and carmine.
5d lilac and black.
6d lilac and violet.
15h green and black.
55h green and carmine.
1t green (?) on red.

SPANISH MOROCCO.—It is reported that the 5c, 10c and 25c stamps of 1900 of Spain have been surcharged "Correo Espanol Marruecos" diagonally. The overprint is in black on the 10c and in red on the other two.

Adhesives (Provisional):

5c dark green and red.
10c red and black.
25c blue and red.

ST. LUCIA.—*Ewen's Weekly* chronicles a new stamp just issued to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the discovery of the island. It is oblong and has a view of the Pitons, 3700 ft. high.

Adhesive (Commemorative):

2d green and brown.

Topics About Town.

FROM NEW YORK CITY.

Geo. R. Tuttle will hold his 56th auction sale on Saturday afternoon, Feb. 21, at 116 Nassau St. There are over 870 lots listed.

At the last meeting of the National Philatelic Society, Mr. Sussdorf, in the Ceylon competitive exhibition, was given first honor. Mr. Holland was the only other competitor. Mr. Sussdorf was highly complimented on his fine collection, it was so far superior to Mr. Holland's as to preclude any comparison whatsoever.

The next meeting of the Collectors Club will occur on February 9. The exhibition of the evening will be the stamps of Great Britain.

The Section on Philately of the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences will hold a Special Exhibition on Friday evening, February 13th. The exhibits for this exhibition will be made entirely by members of the American Fiscal Society. All collectors are invited to be present and view the exhibits, which will be very interesting, conveying as they do the wide range of revenue stamps.

The Krassa-Dietschburg law suit was settled privately on January 27. The amount mentioned in the settlement is said to be \$1500.00. Mr. Watson acted for Mr. Krassa and Calman's brother-in-law for Mr. Dietschburg.

VOLUNTEER.

BARGAINS!

COLLECTOR'S DUPLICATES.

The following lots of stamps are priced at figures which should insure their immediate sale. They are a few of the duplicates such as will accumulate with all active collectors and I take this means of turning them into cash. I have contracted for space in the ERA and if any collector who has duplicates to dispose so desires I will advertise them in this column charging the cost of advertising and in case of sale a small commission. There is a sale for all stamps if the price is right and such a weekly list of offers would be of advantage in quick returns and cash settlement. Any collector interested is invited to correspond with me.

IMPORTANT.

Do not send money when ordering from this list. In most cases there is only one lot or copy and I do not wish the trouble and expense of returning remittances. Write which you can use and I will notify first order and stamps will be sent on receipt of price. Postage extra on all orders less than \$1.00.

	Cat.	Price
France 1849, 10, 20, 25, 40, 1f, fair copies	\$2.41	\$1.00
" 1852, Presidency, 10c bistre, fine	1.75	.85
" 1853, 25c blue, fine, scarce	.75	.50
" 1870, Lithograph 4, 5, 10, 20, 30, 40	1.86	.90
" Post and Unpaid, 75 var., none		
after 1895,	4.00	1.00
Fr. Col. Eagle set complete, 6 var	.78	.45
" No. 31, *5 green,	1.25	.35
Falkland Is. No. 1, *1d, straight edge at		
W. large margin otherwise perfect	3.75	2.00
E. Roumelia, No. *10, *11, o. g. . . . .	.30	.20
Hong Kong 1880, *2c, o. g. . . . .	.18	.10
Sierra Leone 1876, *1d, o. g. . . . .	.85	.45
Br. Honduras No. 8, *1d blue, o. g. . . . .	.75	.40
Dominica No. 4, *1/2 bistre, o. g.	1.75	.80
Turks Is. No. 1, *1d, fine	1.85	.85
Bulgaria 1881, *3r. . . . .	.08	.04
45 var., fine, including Nos. 1, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 27, and 9 Unpaid.	3.82	1.40
Mauritius, 21 vars., including Nos. 47, 50, 78, 83, 84, 85, 86.	1.93	.90
Germany, 33 var., including 18 Thurn and Taxis and good 30 kr, used.	7.62	1.25
Two Sicilies, Nos. 3, 4, 22, 23, 26, used.	6.39	.50
Grandea Nos. 3, 5, 23, 32.	1.87	.50
Transvaal 1881, *1/2d vermilion, o. g., perfect	3.00	2.00
" Same, 1 straight edge.	3.00	1.50
New Zealand Nos. 23, 24, 25, 25a, 28a, 44, 45, fair copies.	2.50	.85
Barbadoes, 12 var., including 15h, No. 67	9.18	.65
Portugal, 35 var., including Nos. 2, 6, 25, 32, 47.	over 8.00	.50
Canada 1868, *1c red brown, unused, fine	10.00	3.50

The following packets are made up from my accumulated duplicates and contain many good stamps used and unused, practically none issued the last five years. No trash. Each will catalogue from four to five times the price.

25 varieties.	\$0.25
25 " . . . . .	.50
25 "	1.00
50 " . . . . .	.25
50 " . . . . .	.50
50 "	1.00

W. E. COBURN,

291 Ferry St., EVERETT, MASS.
Boston Philatelic Society No. 10.

Special Price List

No. 24 Just Out.

Many Bargains. Don't Miss It.

10sh Niger Coat, unused, only.... \$5.00
51 San Marino No. 201, largest stamp in the world..... 1.75

BOSTON STAMP COMPANY,

22 BROMFIELD ST.,

BOSTON, - - MASS.

J. Favill Capron, Mgr. [115]

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.

A Collection of Cut Square U. S. Stamped Envelopes is Very Beautiful.

It is admired by all collectors who appreciate a thing of beauty. To induce you to begin such a beautiful collection I have made the following

SPECIAL REDUCTIONS

U. S. STAMPED ENVELOPES.

All are in the finest possible condition.

Cat. No.	1900 Cat. Price	My Price
1393 1837, 3c red on buff.	\$0.50	\$0.20
1398 1857, 1c blue on buff.	1.00	.45
1334 1861, 3c pink on blue.	1.50	.75
1342 1863, 3c black on buff.	1.25	.60
1348 1864, 2: black on orange.	.50	.25
1319 1864, 2c black on orange.	2.00	.65
1350 1864, 3c pink on white.	.80	.08
1351 1864, 3c pink on white.	.75	.37
1352 1864, 3c pink on buff.	.20	.08
1365 1864, 6c purple on buff.	.75	.35
1366 1870, 1c blue on white.	.50	.20
1367 1870, 2c brown on white.	.30	.15
1372 1870, 12c plum on white.	3.00	1.45
1373 1870, 15c orange on white.	4.00	1.75
1374 1870, 24c purple on white.	4.00	1.75
1375 1870, 30c black on white.	3.00	1.35
1376 1870, 90c carmine on white.	5.00	2.50
1377 1870, 1c blue on amber.	1.50	.35
1380 1870, 12c plum on amber.	3.50	1.65
1386 1870, 24c purple on amber.	4.00	1.85
1391 1870, 12c plum on cream.	4.00	1.75
1392 1870, 15c orange on cream.	6.00	2.75
1393 1871, 24c purple on cream.	5.00	2.25
1394 1870, 30c black on cream.	7.50	3.50
1395 1870, 90c carmine on cream.	5.00	2.40
1396 1870, 1c blue on orange.	.50	.30
1397 1870, 2c brown on orange.	.25	.15
1400 1874, 1c blue on white.	.08	.03
1407 1874, 3c green on white.	.10	.04
1408 1874, 6c carmine on white.	.40	.18
1411 1874, 10c brown on white.	.30	.12
1415 1874, 30c black on white.	1.50	.70
1416 1874, 90c carmine on white.	2.00	1.00
1420 1874, 5c blue on white.	.25	.08
1421 1876, 3c red on white.	.60	.30
1429 1874, 1c blue on amber.	.08	.03
1436 1874, 3c green on amber.	.10	.04
1440 1874, 10c brown on amber.	.30	.12
1444 1874, 30c black on amber.	3.50	1.65
1448 1874, 3c blue on amber.	.25	.08
1451 1880, 5c brown on amber.	.30	.07
1455 1874, 3c green on cream.	.25	.10
1463 1880, 2c vermilion on cream.	1.50	.30
1468 1874, 1c blue on orange.	.10	.03
1469 1874, 2c brown on orange.	1.50	.35
1473 1880, 1c blue on blue.	.30	.10
1474 1880, 2c vermilion on blue.	1.00	.40
1475 1880, 2c pink on blue.	1.00	.50
1477 1882, 5c brown on blue.	5.00	1.75
1478 1875, 1c blue on fawn.	.50	.15
1488 1883, 2c red on fawn.	.25	.10
1490 1883, 2c red on white.	.10	.03
1492 1883, 2c red on fawn.	.25	.06
1494 1883, 4c green on white.	.15	.06
1496 1883, 4c green on amber.	.15	.06
1504 1884, 2c red on fawn.	.75	.30
1508 1884, 2c brown on fawn.	.75	.30
1509 1884, 2c brown on blue.	1.00	.30
1510 1884, 2c brown on white.	.05	.02
1513 1884, 2c brown on amber.	.50	.20
1514 1884, 2c brown on fawn.	.10	.03
1515 1884, 2c brown on fawn.	1.00	.30
1516 1884, 2c brown on blue.	.10	.03
1525 1886, 3c brown on buff.	10.00	4.75
1526 1886, 10c brown on buff.	.30	.15
1527 1886, 30c black on buff.	5.00	1.95
1530 1886, 10c brown on blue.	.40	.15
1531 1886, 30c black on blue.	5.00	1.95
1532 1886, 90c carmine on blue.	10.00	4.95
1538 1884, 30c black on manila.	5.00	2.50
1539 1886, 90c on manila.	10.00	4.95
1545 1886, 30c on amber manila.	5.00	1.95
1546 1886, 90c on amber manila.	10.00	3.95
1548 1887, 2c green on white.	.50	.25
1561 1887, 2c green on o. buff.	1.00	3.05
1565 1887, 30c chocolate on buff.	1.25	.50
1571 1887, 30c chocolate on blue.	1.25	.50
1587 1883, 3c chocolate.	.10	.05
1590 1885, 1c dark blue.	.10	.02
1700 1861, 1c blue, wrapper.	1.50	.75
1708 1864, 5c black, die A.	.65	.25
1719 1874, 2c vermilion.	.10	.04
1724 1884, 2c brown.	.50	.20
1728 1882, 2c brown, die B.	1.00	.40
1801 1873, 3c Post Office.	.10	.03
1804 1874, 3c Post Office.	.05	.02
1805 1874, 6c Post Office.	.10	.03
1810 1878, P. Service, white.	.10	.03
1813 1878, P. Service, blue.	.10	.03
1820 1873, War, 15c on white.	6.00	2.75
1831 1873, War, 30c on white.	5.00	2.50
1834 1873, War, 3c dark red.	5.00	2.00

Postage extra on orders under \$1.00. Please remit by Bills or Money Order.
C. F. ROTHFUCHS,
38 Monroe St., ROXBURY, MASS.

Items from the Pub.

Tuesday, February 3rd.

B. L. Drew & Co.'s 104th sale was held on January 28th, 29th and 30th. The following prices may be of interest:

	Cat.	Bid.
United States 1851, 12c, used,	\$2.00	\$1.05
1855-60, 1c, type 2, block of 4,	4.00	3.95
" 5c red brown, pair,	12.00	7.10
" 12c, strip of 4 "on cover,	4.00	3.05
1861, 10c August, used,	7.50	5.05
1868, 24c,	5.00	2.80
" 30c,	3.50	2.00
1869, 15c, framed,	3.00	2.00
Danish West Indies 1855, 3c, No. 2, unused,	2.25	1.60
1855, 3c, No. 2a, unused,	2.25	1.75
1872, 3c, No. 3, "	3.50	2.00
" 4c, No. 4, "	7.00	4.10
1873, 14c, No. 12, "	15.00	9.60
Argentine, Official, 12c, No. 277, used,	2.50	2.25
British Honduras 1888, 50c, No. 31, P. O. state,	1.75	1.05
Canada 1855, 10d on cover,	7.50	4.00
Cape of Good Hope 1861, 1d red,	24.00	14.05
Cuba 1867, 5c, No. 27, used on cover,	2.00	1.40
1897, 40 and 80c P. O. state,	1.50	1.50
Puerto Principe, 5c, No. 188, used, no period after cents,	10.10	7.10
Hawaii 1853, 1c, No. 19, unused,	30.00	21.10
1861, 2c, No. 27, unused,	15.00	11.10
5c ultramarine, inverted surcharge at top, P. O. state,	—	25.50
Hong Kong 1863, 96 yellow,	7.00	4.00
1880-81, 48c, No. 32, o. g.,	7.00	4.10
Philippines 1870, 5, 10, 20 and 40c, unused,	15.10	9.10
1878, 100m carmine, unused,	7.50	7.60
1897, 50c (on U.S.), unwmk., P. O. state,	2.50	2.05
Provisionals 1879, 8c on 100, No. 170, unused,	6.00	6.05
Queensland 1882-85, 5sh, No. 76, P. O. state,	2.50	2.05
St. Christopher 1870-9, 6d, P. O. state, block of 4,	3.00	2.10
Sweden 1855, 3sk, used,	11.00	7.25
Turks Island 1881, 6d, No. 38, P. O. state,	3.00	2.00

Mr. Frank P. Brown will hereafter be found at No. 339 Washington St., the next building to the one recently occupied by him. His new office on the second floor front, will give him more room, better light and an office entirely to himself. Mr. Brown has in preparation a catalogue of a sale of a general collection which will take place on February 18th. The Madagascar stamps will be a feature of the sale and will be the best lots of these stamps ever offered to bidders in this city. My attention was also called to a book of King's heads, marked "Specimen." Among them was South Nigeria complete including the £1 purple.

HAYTI CARDS.

Issue of 1898, surcharged "NAI—Gt Pre—1902," and withdrawn from circulation Dec. 22. 1c blue on white, 1x1c blue on gray. 2c orange on rose, 2x2c orange on lilac. 3c green on cream, 3x3c green on lilac-gray. Price per set 30 CENTS, postpaid. Order early. No more to be had.
ADOLPH LOHMEYER,
922 N. Gilmer St., BALTIMORE, MD.

OUR LISTS OF BARGAINS.

The following lists are now ready. Prices very low and are good until stock is exhausted. Buyers should send for these lists at once and save money.

1. U. S. Postage through 1898.
2. U. S. Departments & Newspaper stamps.
3. U. S. Envelopes and Wrappers.
4. U. S. Revenues.
5. Confederate States through Barbados.
6. Bavaria through Bulgaria.
7. Canada to Shanghai.
8. Shanghai through French Colonies.
9. Denmark through French Colonies.
10. French Congo through Great Britain.
11. Grenada through Horta.
12. Hanover through Japan.
13. Labuan through Monaco.
14. Mauritius through Newfoundland.
15. Persia through Parma.
16. Porto Rico through Ponta Delgada.
17. Portugal through Russia.
18. St. Helena through Schleswig-Holstein.
19. St. Christopher through Tasmania.
20. Tasmania through Zululand.

Pricing About 8,000 Stamps.

These lists price all medium priced stamps we have in stock in sufficient quantity to advertise. We have a great many rare as well as cheap stamps and as our stock is constantly changing we advise all collectors to send us their want list if they cannot find what they want on our lists. Write us today for one or all of our lists if you are buying. We also refund money if you are not satisfied for any reason. We send no approval selections to anyone except upon a definite order. Our low prices are simply to get the business and not the purpose of flooding you with a lot of stamps you do not want.

WRITE US TO-DAY.

HOLTON STAMP CO., BOSTON, MASS.

Our Next Auction Sale Thursday Evening, Feb. 26

U. S. AND FOREIGN STAMPS IN THE FINEST OF CONDITION.

There is surely something in this sale you want.

Catalogues are free.

CHAS. H. STONE & CO.,

19 Washington St., BOSTON, MASS.

Mr. Carl Willadt of Germany has arrived in this city with a fine stock of stamps. His headquarters in this city have been at the office of the J. M. Bartels Co., but before the ERA is in the hands of its readers Mr. Willadt will have left Boston for San Francisco, and on his way back will tour the country, stopping at the principal cities. His stock is a general one and is especially fine in condition as I can attest, having examined it. It would be a treat worth traveling many miles to see such a collection of stamps as Mr. Willadt will offer to collectors on his transcontinental trip.

By the time this is in print Mr. J. M. Bartels will also have left on an extended trip, visiting Rochester, Cleveland, Toledo, Chicago, Milwaukee, Cincinnati, Pittsburgh, Washington and other cities. Mr. Bartels expects to be absent about three weeks.

WM. D. ELDRIDGE.

Old Coins and Bills at Auction Sale.

Don't forget to drop me a postal card for a catalogue of my February Mail Auction Sale of Coins. 5,000 coins, belonging to six different collectors will be sold to the highest bidders. There will be all kinds of U. S., Colonial, Canadian and foreign coins and tokens in bronze, copper, nickel, silver and gold, including hundreds of rarities. I would also be pleased to have your want list, as I have a fine stock of 20,000 coins for sale cheap. Free Lists. 1c

T. L. ELDER, Sta. A., Pittsburg, Pa.

WE "MAKE IT EASY FOR YOU"

to get a copy of our new 1903 Price List—just out. A postal mailed to us, your name and address on one side, ours on the other, will do the trick.

A NEW OFFER

To make it an object to you to send for our list, if you enclose 4c in stamps when writing, we will send you a set of 6 Greece 1900, 1 to 501, nice used copies. They catalogue 13c in 1903 cat., only 1 set to a customer. If you wish the 25, 30, 40 and 50 of same set, will supply these for 13c extra.

If you are interested in Netherlands, Dutch Colonies, Norway, Sweden, Finland, Denmark, etc. you want our list.

Free Samples of our "Perfect" Stamp Hinges sent with each list, if you ask for them. Write today.

EXCELSIOR STAMP CO.,
Established 1881. HOOSICK FALLS, N. Y.

REAL BARGAINS! Sellout Stock! Ninety-six varieties Old Revenues Imperf. and Perf. Stamps catalogued at 10c and under, 75% discount. " over 10c, 55% [cotez]

Send your want list with references. Oscar Bernstrom, Foughkeepsie, N. Y.

HAYTI.

A popular country with American collectors. We offer to submit on approval the following new books of Hayti stamps at 25% discount from current catalogue.

Book No. 85a. Stamps of Hayti, mostly unused.

Book No. 85a. Containing only blocks of four unused, Hayti 1893 1902.

Book No. 85b. Containing only fine postally cancelled stamps of Hayti 1887-1902.

Besides the above books we have a specialized stock book of Hayti, containing used and unused, shades, singles and blocks, subject to 10%, which will be submitted subject to arrangement to liberal buyers.

SPECIAL OFFERS!

	Catalogue.	Our Price
1898 1c ultramarine.....	\$0.75	\$0.38
1898 2, 3, 5, 7, 10c, set of six.....	5.85	3.95

All are fine unused copies, well centered.

"Mekeel's Stamp Collector"

A weekly stamp paper, sample copy free, also price list giving terms and list of approval books in our Approval Department the greatest in America.

C. H. MEKEEL STAMP & PUBLISHING CO.,
ST. LOUIS, MO.

Lively, F. J. Lefever, F. N. Massoth, A. F. Merell, H. N. Mudge, Dr. T. B. Merrill, L. Michael, Jno. J. Oesch, Jas. Pike, J. A. Pierce, R. Robinson, C. E. Severn, Simon Straus, W. O. Staab, Dr. J. A. Schmidt, Chas. Schliekert, Otto von Schaezler, P. M. Welsieffer, Stan Zajicek.

MENU:

- Blue Points.
- Consomme Brunoise.
- Hors d'oeuvres.
- Braised Red Snapper Trautmansdorf.
- Duchess Potatoes.
- Fillet of Beef a la Balzac.
- Roman Punch.
- Roast Squab, Lettuce Salad.
- Glaces. Cake.
- Cheese. Coffee.

The fine grade of stamps listed at Wolsieffer's last auction, which took place Jan. 31st, attracted quite a number of out-of-town buyers, besides sixty odd local collectors. Among the out-of-town buyers were: Alex. Holland, New York; Wm. Schultz, Milwaukee; J. V. Yegge, DeWitt, Ia.; H. N. Withee, LaCrosse, Wis.; J. M. Westphal, Joliet, Ill.; S. J. Caswell, Rockford, Ill.; Jas. Pike, Lake Geneva, Wis.

The prices maintained on single stamps averaged about half catalogue, or nearly as much as those realized at the Ludwig Wolff sale, which was the banner auction of the year before. Below are a few of the prices realized:

	Cat. price.	Sale price.
Match, No. 3126,	\$20.00	\$8.60
No. 3142,	50.00	27.00
" 3195, o. g.,	40.00	30.50
" 3244, (creased),	50.00	25.50
" 3248, entire,	150.00	121.00
" 3253, o. g.,	15.00	7.50
" 3132,	2.00	2.20
" 3161d, roulette, cracked,	10.00	18.00
Medicine, No. 3290, o. g.,	2.00	2.10
No. 3294, o. g.,	5.00	3.10
" 3295,	50.00	37.00
" 3315, o. g.,	50.00	60.00
" 3348 "	7.50	5.75
Same, wrmkd.,	10.00	6.60
No. 3350a, error \$100.00,	100.00	36.00
" 3364, (repaired),	75.00	41.00
" 3474, o. g.,	15.00	11.50

MR. E. B. STERLING

will write the description and catalogue the 27 Lots of Oddities and Freaks of Revenues in

WOLSIEFFER'S FEB. SALE.

Mr. Sterling's guarantee goes with each lot. These freaks are from the same source and almost a duplicate of the 25 lots we sold April 26th last (see Annual Year Book for full particulars).

This sale also contains the Irving Dickinson and S. B. Bradford collections, catalogues free.

United Stamp Co., 1149 Marquette Bldg., Chicago.

OUR STOCK

has increased in size threefold in the last few weeks. We would like to send you a General Book or a book of one country to a book. Scott's and Gibbons' 1903 catalogues are now ready. Will send either for 58c, prepaid with 8c Columbian, Omaha, Pan-American or Martha Washington, or for 63c with 13c Harrison.

J. T. STARR STAMP CO., Coldwater, Mich.

A RECENT PURCHASE.

U. S. 1847, 10c black on part cover.	\$1.65
" 1857, 90c blue, new.....	7.00
" 1861, 24c red lilac.....	.65
" 1869, 10c yellow, new, full o. g.	2.75
" 1879, 90c carmine, new, full o. g.	2.50
" 1890, 1 to 90c, new, full o. g.	1.85
" 1898, Rev. \$50 brown, uncut..	1.35
" 1898, Rev. \$30 red, cut.....	6.00
" 1898, Rev. \$100, fine but cut..	6.00
Hawaii 1894, set P. O. state.....	.75

These are only a few of the many bargains on my new list to be issued shortly. It's free!

CHAS. W. CUTTER,
138 Harvard St., BROOKLINE, MASS.

No. 3475, o. g.,	10.00	7.35
" 3478, "	10.00	6.75
" 3493, "	25.00	18.00
" 3513, watermarked,	20.00	9.25
" 3539, o. g.,	8.00	5.85
Perfumery, No. 3564,	6.00	4.00
No. 3562, o. g., hor. pair,	16.00	10.25
Brazil, No. 109a, inverted head,	7.00	4.60
Hawaii, \$1.00, o. g.,	13.50	7.05
Gt. Britain, No. 91,	7.50	4.15
Finland, No. 2,	1.75	1.40

A set of Trans-Mississippi India proofs, 1c to \$2.00, in one color, brought \$24.00, and a bi-colored set fetched \$7.25. The wholesale lots brought fair prices.

Among a large mixture of cheap stamps, which was purchased by one of our dealers, there was found a good copy of the No. 2 Schleswig Holstein, catalogued at \$40.00. The dealer returned the rarity to the party who sold him the lot, saying he did not wish to take advantage of the carelessness of the latter, as the stamp was evidently put in the cheap mixture by mistake.

A party, evidently connected with a Board of Trade firm, has been endeavoring to sell a number of the \$5.00 Documentary surcharge reading downward, but as he asked catalogue price, he was probably unsuccessful.

CLIFFORD.

Almost every dealer sends approval selections at 50% Discount—BUT there are some stamps in our selections of this class that are not to be had as cheap elsewhere.

A COLLECTION OF 5000 VARIETIES of POSTAGE STAMPS, carefully selected from our own stock, \$175.00. Satisfaction Guaranteed.

3000 for \$45.00 ♦ 2000 for \$13.50 ♦ 1000 for \$3.40 ♦ ALL GENUINE POSTAGE STAMPS

550 Varieties mounted in a blank book (cataloguing by Scott's 61st edition Catalogue \$10.00), post free \$1.50. A Bargain for Dealer or Collector!

C. H. MEKEEL STAMP & PUBLISHING CO., ST. LOUIS, MO.

Springfield, Mass., Notes.

The Stamp Club held its first annual supper January 29th in the Flemish room of the Highland Hotel. Each guest found at his or her plate an imitation French postal card bearing the inscription "Club Philatelique de Springfield—Carte Menue" etc. In the right upper corner was pasted a 3 centime stamp of the current type cancelled with a circular postmark inscribed with date and name of the club. On the reverse was found the "Catalogue" as follows:

CATALOGUE.

- CONSUMME ROYALE (first issue)
 - GREEN SMELTS (grilled)
 - TARTAR SAUCE (en surcharge)
 - CELERY (trimmed at south)
 - QUEEN OLIVES (entires)
 - ROAST TURKEY (guaranteed by expert committee)
 - CRANBERRY SAUCE (speculative issue)
 - POTATOES (Irish cancellation)
 - SUGAR CORN (cut specimens)
 - ICE CREAM (bi-colored)
 - CAKE (horizontally laid)
 - COFFER (water-marked)
- All lots are POSITIVELY without recourse.

President Maynard occupied the head of the table with Messrs. Lombard and Carpenter of the Boston Society on either hand. The collection offered in the catalogue seemed to be approved of, especially the olives, which were mostly absorbed by one of the ladies. Lucky there is a physician in the family. When the last lot was disposed of the President made a little speech and called on Messrs. Lombard, Carpenter, Bartlett and Provost for remarks. Owing to the fact that our stenographer was too full of turkey to write we shall have to omit a report of what they said.

After adjournment Mr. Lombard's matchless collection of French stamps was displayed and explained together with the medals it has won.

Mr. Carpenter very kindly brought with him the medals offered by the Chicago Philatelic Society which had been sent east for exhibition. They were much admired by all.

Letters were read during the evening from Gordon Ireland, former Secretary of the Club, George L. Toppan, Charlie Severn and others. Next year we hope to have more visitors with us from out of town. The supper was gotten up by a committee composed of Messrs. Stone, Provost and Champagne.

The new Special Delivery stamps are on sale at the local office together with the eight and thirteen cents. Chicopee Falls has the two cents, the local office not having received a supply owing to a large stock of the old issue being on hand. Mr. Carpenter favored the members with specimens of the new fives at the supper.

S.

Detroit Paragraphs.

The supply of the new 2c stamps has arrived and is now on sale. Strange to say that lots of people who handle stamps daily failed to notice the new issue, the color being so near the same as the old 2c.

And now we may look forward for the 1, 3 and 8c issues. Imagine the anxiety of some of the collectors since the papers have been puffing them up.

Howard C. Beck was a delegate to Washington at the "Get Coal Conference", held in that city last week.

The sale of the new Catalogue in the bookstores has been quite satisfactory. Speaking of the sales, one enthusiastic collector here sold thirty copies among the collectors.

Recent articles on the new issues in our dailies brought quite a demand for the new stamps; but many were greatly disappointed to find that all were not on sale yet, as reported.

HERMAN W. BOERS.

TRADE COLUMN.

Under this head we will print exchange, want and for sale notices, business announcements, 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.

One four-line notice free with each subscription, providing copy accompanies the subscription.

THREE Consecutive Insertions of SAME ad in this Column for PRICE OF TWO.

Precancelled stamps, 20 var., 25 cents. Contains some dated specimens and some values other than the one cent. With a single exception dated stamps are now a thing of the past and never will be any cheaper. 1c Columbus down, 1c: same between lines down, 1c; 1c Scranton, Pa., 1c; 1c Baineville, Ohio, 8c; 4c Philadelphia, 1c; 1c Philadelphia, 4c. Want any on approval? CHAS. A. TOWNSEND, Akron, Ohio. [9]

Cash or good exchange for illustrated patriotic envelopes of Spanish and Civil War. E. C. FARNSWORTH, 262 Spring St., Portland, Me. [10]

120 odds and ends in stamp papers, 1892 to 1896 inclusive, to exchange for stamps or cash. C. F. RICHARDS, 326 West 20th St., New York. [10]

Good U. S. stamps and general collections bought at right prices. LEON G. YOUNG, Kittery, Me. [11]

Good stamps on my approval sheets, low prices, 50¢. Mexico, Canada, U. S. Will exchange. Want current issue, all except 3c. Write. G. H. DENNIS, Lakewood, New Jersey. [12]

I collect proofs and essays of U. S. stamps. Will give good exchange or buy for cash. What have you? H. H. WILSON, Ansonia, Conn. [13]

1000 var. good foreign stamps, cat. over \$25, for \$3. Money back if not as represented. Cash with order. J. H. WILSON, 335 Water St., Pittsburg, Pa. [14]

100 mixed Australia contains 20 var., only 10c; 100 mixed Argentine contains 8 var., price 15c; 100 mixed Canada contains 12 var., 12c. All postfree. TWIN CITY STAMP CO., Box 101, Berlin, Ont. [15]

Don't spoil your stamps, especially O. G.'s by fastening them with hinges. Send 50c and I will tell you how to fasten them. Send 50c and I will tell you how to clean stamps of paper quickly and without injury. You need a Fountain Pen, send for the "Standard" hard rubber; it is only 50 cents silver, 50 cents stamps; 60 cents in any kind of unused United States stamps, original gum. [16]

C. R. HOMAN,
1229 N. 6th St., Quincy, Ill.

U. S. Dues surch. Puerto Rico, unused, o.g., fine set \$1.00. J. H. WILSON, 335 Water St., Pittsburg, Pa. [17]

We want to buy 100,000 2c Current U.S. used. Must be cheap. TOLEDO STAMP CO., Toledo, Ohio. [18]

Bargains in Canadians: 1892-3, 8c lilac gray, Cat. 50c, only 12c; 90c vermilion, Cat. 35c, only 8c. Both fine copies, unused and o. g. Postage extra. 20th Century International Album \$1.00 post paid. For best values try our packets. No. 4, 1000 fine varieties, used, foreign only, neatly mounted, \$3.50 post paid. Will catalogue over \$30.00. If you desire to deal in a small way among your friends write us for prices on lots of packets etc. ROYAL SUPPLY CO., 728 Greenwood Ave., Avondale, Cincinnati, O. [19]

Hawaii Special! Sheet of 15 No. 51 surcharged "Reprint," \$2.25. Block of 4 No. 78, o. g., \$1.50. Used No. 9, fair, \$1.00; Unused No. 6, picked, \$7.50; Used No. 28, \$3.00; No. 29a, surcharged "Specimens," 50c; No. 66c, o. g., one in block of 4, \$4.00. C. F. RICHARDS, 326 W. 20th St., New York. [19]

Pre-Cancels, 10 varieties, only 10c; 6 King's Head incl. 15b, only 10c; 11 Japan 1899-00, only 10c; 11 Germany 2 pf to 2m, 1900 obs., only 25c. 1000 Varieties Genuine stamps, all mounted, only \$12.98; 1st check gets it. We want to buy Pan-Am., Omahas, Current Postage Due and Special Del., also 50,000 of 1c Green, current; 50,000 2c green, 3c green, 3c claret, 1c 1895. Must be cheap. TOLEDO STAMP CO., Toledo, O. [18]

Stamps of all kinds to exchange for Coins, Fractional Currency, Revenue Proofs, or encased Postage stamps. Send list of what you have and want. C. B. RICE, Oswego, N. Y. [19]

\$2.00 catalogue for \$1.00. Send me sheets or books, will return double catalogue for all I keep. Scott's latest catalogue. No stamps given or when catalogued under 5 cents each. All in fine order and guaranteed genuine. MRS. BELLE BULLARD, Greene, N. Y. [11]

U. S. Postage, Departments, single and blocks, unused and used, M. & M., superior lot at 2/3 to 3/4 of Cat. val. T. M. Drossner, 347 Summit Av., Jersey City, N. J. [18]

For exchange, good U. S. Postage, Revenue and Entires for Foreign Postal Cards. Write me what you have in this line. GEO. A. FIELD, Sanford, Me. [18]

Is your collection for sale? I will buy it or any odd lots of good stamps. No cheap stuff wanted. Send on approval with lowest cash offer. Immediate returns guaranteed. HOWARD C. BECK, City Controller's Office, Detroit, Mich. [15]

Is your collection for sale? Get your dealer to make a price on it, add 20% to his offer, and send book to me. It's 10 to 1 I buy it. F. W. PICKARD, 2427 Ingleside, Cincinnati, O. [16]

U. S. Dept. at 60% discount. 1c Treas. (cat. \$1.25) 50c; 2c same (cat. 10c) 4c. Both unused, o. g., fine copies. Postage extra. 1000 die cut possible hinges, 8c postpaid. Royal Supply Co., 758 Greenwood Ave., Cincinnati, O. [17]

A few good stamps at half catalogue. GEO. F. CRANE, 90 Nassau St., N. Y. City. [14]

U. S. Pre-Cancelled postage stamps. I will pay a good price in cash or exchange for any not in my collection. F. L. SMITH, 40 Exchange Pl., N. Y. [14]

Approval sheets 60% discount. Net sheets for advanced collectors, 9000 var. in stock. Want lists desired. F. W. PICKARD, 2427 Ingleside, Cincinnati, O. [16]

Wanted for cash U. S. pre-cancelled postage stamps. WALTER L. GATES, Teaticket, Mass. [11]

Pre-cancels not in my collection wanted. Best cash or trade price. E. R. ALDRICH, Benson, Minn. [16]

Wm. v. d. Wettern, Jr.,
WHOLESALE DEALER IN
* POSTAGE + STAMPS *
411 W. Saratoga St., Baltimore, Md.

New special list just issued, sent free on application to dealers only.

Special Notice!

The February number of the Perforator will be a special number. Increased circulation and special rates to liberal advertisers. Address

THE PERFORATOR,
106 E. 111th Street, NEW YORK CITY.

New Year Bargains in U. S. Departments.

War, Good Copies,
Complete, used, \$1.50; unused, \$1.75

Treasury, Used,
Complete set, good copies, 2.15

Post Office,
Complete, used except 90c new, cat. \$11.10, price 3.50
State, Used, Good Copies,
2c, 10c, 12c, 15c, 24c, 90c, cat. \$36.50, price.... 12.25

Omaha Stamp & Coin Co., 209 S. 13th St., Omaha, Neb.
The Only Stamp and Coin Store in Omaha.

American Philatelic Association.

(INCORPORATED.)

THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA—OFFICIAL JOURNAL.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

ALEXANDER HOLLAND, President,
40 Grace Court, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Board of Vice-Presidents.
FRANK H. BURT, Chairman,
Room 1046, Tremont Building, Boston, Mass.
GORDON IRELAND, Secretary,
Holyoke House 21, Cambridge, Mass.
J. F. JOHNSON,
383 Lexington St., Auburndale, Mass.

H. E. DEATS, Secretary,
Flemington, N. J.
E. DOEBLIN, International Secretary,
Box 736, Pittsburg, Pa.
C. L. ANNAN, Treasurer,
Copper Range R. R., Houghton, Mich.
H. B. PHILLIPS,
1311 Grove St., Berkeley, Cal.
F. W. CONING,
350 George St., New Brunswick, N. J.

RESIDENT VICE-PRESIDENTS.

BOSTON, MASS.—J. F. JOHNSON, 383 Lexington St., Auburndale, Mass.
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.—W. E. LOV, 2422 Ellsworth St., Berkeley, Cal.
NEW YORK CITY.—W. F. GREGORY, 71 Nassau St.
PITTSBURG, PA.—E. DOEBLIN, Box 736.
CHICAGO, ILL.—A. F. MERELL, 432 Marquette Building.
MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.—EBEN S. MARTIN, 3344 First Avenue, South.
WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS—ROBERT D. MAYNARD, 36 Oak Grove Ave., Springfield.

APPOINTEE OFFICERS.

E. H. ANDERSON, Librarian,
Carnegie Library, Pittsburg, Pa.
H. D. WATSON, Collecting Agent,
64 Cedar St., New York City.
JOHN J. OESCH, Superintendent of Sales Dept.,
34 Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill.

H. E. DEATS, Assistant Librarian,
Flemington, N. J.
W. F. GREGORY, Auction Purchasing Agent,
71 Nassau St., New York City.
P. M. WOLSIEFFER, Auction Purchasing Agent,
1009 Atwood Bldg., Chicago, Ill.
A. W. BATCHELDER, Auction Purchasing Agent,
21 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass.

REPORT OF SECRETARY

For the Week Ending February 7th.

New Stockholder.

1798. MILLER, WALTER W., Box 282,
Franklin, Pa.

Changes of Address.

622. HILLS, ISAAC, from West Somerville, Mass., to Siasconset, Mass.
1302. HOPKINS, CHAS. W., from Box 1423 to 417, Cranston St., Providence, Rhode Island.
423. POLLOCK, E. T., Lieut., U. S. N., from care Navy Dept., Washington, D. C., to 105 Hanover St., Annapolis, Maryland.

Membership Summary.

Membership Jan. 31st..... 539
New Stockholder 1
Total membership Feb. 7th..... 540
H. E. DEATS, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF VICE-PRESIDENTS.

To the Members of the American Philatelic Association:

Your Board are gratified to report that few matters of discipline or charges against members have been submitted to them since their election. We regret to note the departure of Mr. Johnson from the neighborhood of Boston, and therefore his resignation from the Board; which deprives us of an energetic and interested fellow-worker, and the Association of a skilled and efficient student in the philatelic field. We feel certain that the members will share heartily our wish for his speedy return to health.

An evil which we had hoped had died entirely out among members of this Association, together with other unfortunate philatelic practices, but which we have had recently called to our attention, is the habit of sending on approval unsolicited selec-

tions of stamps. The principle of forcing wares upon the purchaser in any such manner should be held no less reprehensible in our pursuit than in any other business of the world; and the circumstances which force the unwilling recipient to an outlay, if not of money for postage as ordinarily, always of time and labor, are irritating in the extreme and highly unjust. We trust that this mention of the practice will serve to eradicate it wholly from among us.

Membership in this Association should be a voucher of a reputation for integrity and fair dealing. A close inspection of the applicants, taken as a personal duty each week by every member who has any possible means of past or contemporary information will prevent the admission of objectionable persons, and so do away with the occasion for cases of discipline which have been none too few in the past. Members having knowledge of the bad financial standing of applicants or of a reputation for ignoring just debts are urgently requested to communicate with the Board of Vice-Presidents at the earliest possible date after the publication of the name. Members making claims are also reminded of the affidavit required by Art. II, Sect. 2, of the By-Laws.

Respectfully submitted,
For the Board,
GORDON IRELAND, Secretary.

NEW YORK, N. Y., Jan. 16, 1903.

MR. H. E. DEATS, Secretary,
Dear Sir: We, the undersigned, an Expert Committee, appointed by the President to pass upon stamps submitted to us for examination, report that we have organized and are ready to receive stamps for that purpose.

We beg to call the attention of collectors to the fact that the Committee was appointed to examine stamps and surcharges, but not cancellations.

The services of the Committee are not to be restricted to members of the American Philatelic Association.

Stamps to be examined should be sent to Mr. John N. Luff, 18 East 23rd St., New York, accompanied by a fee of \$1.00 for each specimen.

Respectfully yours,
JOHN N. LUFF,
J. M. ANDREINI,
J. C. MORGENTHAU.

The New England Philatelic Association.

Organized February, 1895.

Board of Officers:

President, CHARLES H. SMITH, Dedham, Mass.
Vice President, J. FAVILL CAPRON, 22 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass.
Secretary and Treasurer, H. W. LEGG, 26 Hancock St., Boston, Mass.
Sales Department, CHARLES H. STONE, 91 Antrim St., Cambridgeport, Mass.
Information Bureau, MRS. WALLACE DANA SMITH, 20 Wibold St., Portsmouth, N. H.
Counterfeit Detector, WILLIS D. KING, Nashua, N.H.
Attorney, HORACE S. BACON, 107 Stevens St., Lowell, Mass.
Governing Board, CHARLES H. STONE, Chairman, 91 Antrim St., Cambridgeport, Mass., JOHN J. CONE, New Dorchester, Mass., FRANK A. WILSON, 185 Highland Ave., Somerville, Mass.
Official Organ, THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA.

AUCTION SALES

ARE OUR SPECIALTY.

We hold them about every two weeks during the season.

We charge a reasonable commission depending on the grade of the goods offered.

We make prompt settlements.

We want you on our mailing list if you are interested.

We want to sell your collection if you are desirous of disposing of it.

We want to do business with you and will treat you fairly.

Bogert & Durbin Co.,

722 Chestnut St., PHILADELPHIA, PA.
[1st fl.]

I am the Proprietor of these Proprietaries, but am tired of the title. You can assume ownership at a mere bagatelle.

No.	Price.	Cat. Price	My Price
2802.....	\$.05	\$.05	
2812.....	.10	.04	
2813.....	1.25	.60	
2817.....	.20	.08	
2821.....	.90	.08	
2828.....	.75	.35	
2837.....	.25	.12	
2970.....	.05	.02	
2971.....	.10	.04	
2972.....	.35	.14	
2973.....	.10	.04	
2974.....	4.00	1.00	
2975.....	1.25	.37	
2976.....	2.00	.65	
2983, rouletted.....	1.00	.27	
298.....	3.50	1.25	
2985, perf., o. g.....	..	.02	
2986, ".....	.12	.04	
2987, ".....	.05	.02	
2988, " wmkd.....	2.50	1.00	
2989, ".....	.60	.22	
2821, part perf., big margins.....	3.00	1.00	

Postage extra. Satisfaction guaranteed.
E. C. Dodd, 289 So. Hermitage Ave., Chicago.

WHOLESALE SELECTIONS

on approval to responsible dealers. References required.

GUARANTEE STAMP CO.,

106 E. 111th St., NEW YORK.

lectors but they are all good and cover a variety of subjects. In compliance with the request of the Public Library we have undertaken to accumulate a collection of Dealers' Catalogues from the earliest days of stamp collecting and many of our additions are of this character. The financial report is as follows:

Balance from previous report,	\$6.94
Sales,	1.50
Proceeds auction sale,	24.15
Appropriation,	75.00

Total receipts, \$107.59

Disbursements.

(Various items amounting to)
Total expenditures, \$105.96
Leaving a balance unexpended in the hands of the Committee of \$1.63.

ADDITIONS TO THE LIBRARY.

[As a complete catalogue of the Library will soon be issued by the committee the list of accessions for 1902 will not be given here.]

The foregoing comprises 13 reference works, 77 volumes periodicals and 40 catalogues in English; 10 reference works, 16 volumes periodicals and 7 catalogues in German; 1 reference work, 3 volumes periodicals and 2 catalogues in French; 1 reference work in Italian. This makes a total of 170 pieces added the past year and makes the grand total of our donations in the three years just past 394 pieces.

Messrs. B. L. Drew & Co. gave the Society a file of priced auction catalogues up to and including their 100th Sale, also a file of the *Eastern Philatelist*, 22 volumes; the New England Stamp Co. charged no profit to the Society on books bought through them; and the success of the auction sale at the May meeting was principally due to the J. M. Bartels Co. and the New England Stamp Co. The thanks of the Society are also due to many other members who contributed stamps for the Auction Sale.

Respectfully submitted,
(Signed) H. CORBETT,
Library Committee.

REPORT OF SUPT. OF SALES.

Number of books received,	203
" " circuits sent out,	28
Sales from circuits,	\$646.33
Number of books retired	92

I am sorry that I am not able to make a more a detailed report, but illness prevents me.

Respectfully,
(Signed) J. F. JOHNSON,
Sales Supt.

REPORT OF EXHIBITION COMMITTEE.

Mr. President and Members of the Boston Philatelic Society:

Your committee appointed to arrange a series of competitive stamp exhibitions for 1902 have attended to that duty and, the series being now completed, beg leave to submit the following report:

Exhibitions have been held at all the meetings of the Society from February to December inclusive. As a copy of the committee's circular is filed with this report the list of the countries selected need not be here repeated. Thirteen exhibitions were originally planned, but the competitions afterwards arranged for the Carl Willadt cup and for the two medals offered by Mr. Charles H. Stone increased the number to fifteen. The cup was given the Society by Mr. Carl Willadt in remembrance of his visit to this city, and was competed for in an exhibition of the stamps of the German States; while Mr. Stone's medals were for a competition in all re-

spects like Class B of March 18th, which was so successful, but the limits were for stamps cataloguing between 50 cents and \$1.00. Not being in the original list these two extra exhibitions did not count toward the gold and silver medals for the series.

In the exhibitions as originally arranged 54 collections have been entered for competition. The following table shows the number of times exhibited and the number of points won by the gentlemen who have exhibited:

	Times Exhibited	1st Prize.	and Prize.	Points.
John N. Luff,	7	4	2	54
M. H. Lombard,	9	3	4	48
Alexander Holland,	6	3	1	37
E. H. Mason,	3	1	1	17
W. J. Gascoyne,	3	1	1	17
A. N. Wayne,	2	1		10
H. J. Crocker,	1	1		10
C. A. Howes,	4		1	7
L. L. Green,	4		1	7
P. F. Bruner,	1		1	7
W. S. Barker, Jr.,	2			
L. G. Barrett,	2			
W. H. Allen,	2			
J. A. Frazier,	2			
F. M. Crehore,	1			
S. C. Barnes,	1			
R. B. Smith,	1			
J. F. Johnson,	1			
R. F. Burns,	1			
Wm. Alex. Smith, Jr.,	1			
	54	13	12	214

It will be remembered that the medals to be offered as prizes for these exhibitions were contributed by members of the Society and local dealers, and that the winner of a silver medal was to score 10 points and the winner of a bronze medal 7 points towards a gold medal furnished by the Society, to be presented to the exhibitor scoring the highest in the series; while a silver medal donated by the Chicago Philatelic Society was to be given the exhibitor standing second in the number of points won. It is therefore with pleasure that we announce that Mr. John N. Luff, by winning first prize in Ceylon, 50 stamps cataloguing not over \$10 each, and Transvaal and Orange River Colony; and second prize on British Central, East and South Africa, and Samoa, Tonga and Cook Island, with a total of 54 points, has won the gold medal offered by the Boston Phi-

latelic Society; while Mr. M. H. Lombard, by winning 1st prize on Denmark and Iceland, and Pairs, Strips and Blocks; and 2nd prize on Ceylon, Brazil, Transvaal and Orange River Colony, and Greece, with a total of 48 points, has won the silver medal offered by the Chicago Philatelic Society.

In closing this report your committee, realizing that this is a busy world, wish to express their thanks to those gentlemen who have given of their time to act in the capacity of judges for these exhibitions. As fifteen exhibitions have been held it has meant for your committee the securing of 45 judges, and this has been the most onerous duty of your committee. This duty has fallen largely if not entirely to Mr. Howes, and has been most faithfully performed.

We wish also to congratulate the Society on the selection of the excellent committee which has been chosen for the coming year, and to express the hope that the members will accord them the same hearty support which has been given your retiring committee.

Respectfully submitted,
(Signed) L. L. GREEN,
C. A. HOWES,
C. F. ROTHFUCHS,
Committee.

The Secretary then exhibited the gold medal won by Mr. Luff, and presented the silver medal to Mr. Lombard.

Mr. Corbett announced that the Library Committee had the Catalogue in preparation and hoped to issue it in February. The Secretary also announced that the revised membership list would be included in the same pamphlet.

The following applications were posted:
MR. CHAS. J. BARTON, Melrose, Mass.; proposed by L. L. Green.
MR. FREDERICK S. COOK, Brighton, Mass.; proposed by E. F. Sawyer.
MR. CHAS. C. BIGELOW, Sonerville, Mass.; proposed by J. H. Lyons.
MR. GUSTAVE GELLI, Brussels, Belgium; proposed by M. H. Lombard.
MR. A. P. HANSCOM, Cambridge, Mass.; proposed by Edw. de Z. Kelley.
MR. ROBERT D. MAYNARD, Springfield, Mass.; proposed by Wm. C. Stone and John W. Prevost.

The following were elected members:
No. 361. Mr. Isaac Hills, Siasconset, Nantucket, Mass.
No. 362. Mr. W. F. van Malder, Roslindale, Mass.

The resignations of Messrs. S. Willson

Now Ready!

STANDARD POSTAGE STAMP CATALOGUE FOR 1903.

Bound in Cloth.....	\$0.50, Post Free \$0.58
" " Leather.....	1.25, " 1.35
" " Interleaved.....	2.00, " 2.16

INTERNATIONAL POSTAGE STAMP ALBUMS.

19th Century Edition, from \$1.50 upwards.
20th Century Edition, for stamps issued in 1901 and 1902 only, from \$1.00 upwards.

Imperial Albums, Bound in Boards, 25c, post free.
" " " " Cloth, 40c, "

Circular of new packets and sets free on application.

[10°

SCOTT STAMP & COIN CO.,
18 EAST 23RD STREET, NEW YORK, N. Y.

Bailey, William H. Allen, Wm. Talbot and H. K. Sanderson were read and accepted.

The Treasurer reported the following members as in arrears for dues and it was moved that they be dropped from the rolls: Wm. F. Tanner, Nat. G. Robinson, Plummer C. Spring, H. D. Tudor, Edward S. Bennett, Chas. S. Hill, Louis M. Mier, Henry A. Moore, Walter S. Scott, Walter D. Grout, Alfred A. Tutin, Dr. Walter H. Price and Wm. A. McDonnell.

The Secretary then read four documents dealing with the matter of fraudulently surcharged stamps, these being a sequel to the report of the Investigating Committee presented last October. By vote of the Society these were to be published in *Mitchell's Weekly* and the *ERA*, and they will be found in full in those papers of date Jan. 31.

Mr. Fred Smith was appointed a committee of one to arrange for our Annual Jollification at the next meeting, and \$60 was voted for the purpose.

The annual election of officers was accomplished by the Secretary casting one ballot for the following:

- President—M. H. Lombard.
- Vice-President—C. F. Rothfuchs.
- Secretary—C. A. Howes.
- Treasurer—L. L. Green.
- Supt. of Auctions and Sales—J. H. Lyons.
- Library Committee—H. Corbett, C. K. B. Nevin.

Governing Board—R. F. Burns, E. S. Phelps, L. G. Barrett, E. F. Sawyer and G. F. Loring.

After an informal auction the first exhibition of the third series was shown. This was of stamp portraits and three collections were entered, Mr. L. G. Barrett receiving the silver medal and Mr. John A. Klemann the bronze medal. Each collection contained from 175 to 200 stamps and the array was an eye-opener. Mr. Klemann's collection was notable in that it had all the subjects named, with the dates of birth and death and historical status of most of them.

The meeting adjourned at 10.30 o'clock.
C. A. Howes, Secretary.

Library Circuit.

Members desiring to join the Library Circuit are requested to send their names and addresses with a list of the monthly magazines they wish to read to H. Corbett, 1413 Washington St., Boston, as early as possible. Remember this circuit is FREE to all members of the Boston Philatelic Society and one can select both Foreign and Domestic Stamp Magazines, as many as he chooses. Lists are now making up.

Exhibition Committee.

Messrs. J. M. Bartels and Geo. L. Toppan have each donated a bronze and a silver medal in addition to those already noted in the committee's circular. These have been allotted to extra exhibitions as follows:

March 17.—Best collection of stamps of the 20th Century exhibited in *blank* albums. Single specimens only to count.

Points to be awarded: For completeness, 60%; condition, 25%; arrangement, 15%.

Oct. 20.—United States, cut square envelopes.

Points to be awarded: For completeness, 20%; condition, 50%, arrangement, 30%.

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.]

CAMBRIDGE, MASS., Jan. 29, 1903.
MR. W. W. JEWETT,

Dear Sir: As a member of the American Philatelic Association I have, in common with numerous others, lately regretted the lack of growth in membership or progress in philatelic worth evidenced by that society. As touching on these things, and likely to arouse some possible interest, I ask you to give this place in the *WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA*, the Official Journal of that society.

I am not one of those who feel that political agitation is the only thing which can sustain interest in our national society: I think that as soon as we can establish and prove that membership in the Association gives benefits and privileges which are of value to every stamp collector and which are offered by no other organization, we shall note a satisfactory healthy stream of applications from a class of philatelists far more likely to be of permanent value to our pursuit than the fervid politico-convention type. A greater truly philatelic interest is, I think a majority of the members will agree, what our Association immediately needs.

We have in our annual *American Philatelist* a publication which might be made of permanent philatelic worth, instead of being merely a convention report and membership list. It should contain each year thorough researches upon the philatelic history of some one country or group of countries, compiled by all members who would volunteer and edited by a small committee of advanced students; the history of the country as to its postal administration, the official decrees, the printers and their manner and time of work, the causes for the issues, the explanation of each design, the bibliography are each and all of them subjects that should be given out to as many members as should chose them, immediately after each convention, in September, to be worked upon energetically by each man all through the winter, submitted to the small staff in the spring, and the resulting compilation be ready for reading and discussion at the Convention, and to be published in the Year Book not later than October. There should appear in each Annual a reference list and summary of all the journals and leading articles issued during the year; and more detailed remarks upon new or recently suspended publications. In this way our *American Philatelist* would come to have a permanent value to us all, increase philatelic knowledge, and bring to us those collectors who think there is in Philately more than Convention meetings. At the present charge of twenty-five cents per number, a

ON ALL MY ADS I'LL AGREE

Y. M. B. O. D.

- Mexico No. 157, used..... \$0.05
- Venezuela No. 16, unused..... .05
- St. Thomas No. 12a, used..... 3.75
- Dom. Repub. No. 47, 59, 60 or 76, used .16
- “ “ 88, 89, 96 or 97, “ .02
- France No. 36, used..... .55
- Antigua No. 5, used..... .40
- “ “ 6, “ 1.55
- Porto Rico No. 65, unused..... .35
- Danish W. I. No. 2, unused, o. g. . . 1.45
- “ “ “ 2, used..... .40
- “ “ “ 2, pair, used.... .95
- Porto Rico No. 63, used..... .06
- “ “ 63a, used..... 1.90
- Brazil No. 26, unused..... .90
- “ “ 77, used..... 1.75
- Bermuda No. 5, used..... 2.00

Only a few of some, order early.
A. W. DUNNING, Newton, Mass.

THEO. MAINHART, JOHNSTOWN, PA. Bargains! Bargains!!

Here are five sets of stamps at bargain prices:

	Cat. My Price		
1892 Mozambique Co. 5r to 3oor....	\$1.58	\$0.45	
1896 Hayti, 1c to 5cc.....	.36	.20	
1898 Honduras, 1c to 1p.....	.83	.40	
1891 Honduras, 1c to 1p.....	.79	.40	
1891 Honduras, 2p, 5p, 10p.....	.75	.40	

Stamps on Approval At 50% Discount.

Get good stamps cheap by selecting stamps from my approval sheets.

THEO. MAINHART, JOHNSTOWN, PA.

U. S. REVENUES, 1861 PERF.

	Cat.	\$3.00	Price	\$1.25
1c Playing Cards.....	.25	“	.10	
2c “ blue.....	.30	“	.10	
2c “ orange.....	.30	“	.10	
2c Proprietary, orange.....	1.25	“	.50	
3c Playing Card, beauty.....	6.00	“	2.50	
4c “.....	8.00	“	3.00	
5c “.....	75	“	.25	
5c Proprietary.....	.75	“	.25	
15c Foreign Exchange.....	.60	“	.25	

GREATER N. Y. STAMP & COIN CO.,
238 East 58th St., New York City.

dozen copies of the Annual have been sold, I think, in the last four years.

I feel, moreover, that the recent revival of interest in philatelic literature, as evidenced by frequent advertisements of exchanges and back numbers wanted in the current periodicals warrants a revival of the office of Superintendent of Literary Exchange in the Association, provided it be filled by a sufficiently painstaking and energetic man; and that the Purchasing Department, severed from the Sales Department, might still find a sphere of usefulness. The appointment of the Expert Committee is a step in the right direction upon which we have great cause to congratulate ourselves; but the work upon the Index seems to have perished where it began, with the lassitude of the appointees.

I bring these matters up now when there are four months of active consideration and suggestion possible, with notice that I hope to have some of them discussed at the next Convention.

All of these things are really bound together, it seems to me, by the underlying conviction which I hold that if the members we have who are willing to work in our common pursuit could only be joined and directed, works would evolve that would make the Association pre-eminent among philatelic societies for usefulness, activity, and promotion of philatelic welfare and knowledge. I am,

Very respectfully yours,
GORDON IRELAND.

The Weekly Philatelic Era

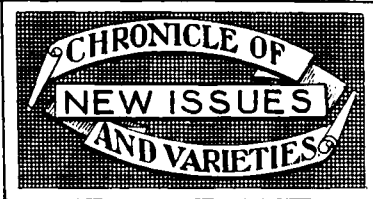
A PAPER DEVOTED TO STAMP NEWS.

50c PER YEAR.

ENTERED AT PORTLAND POST OFFICE AS SECOND CLASS MATTER JAN. 10, 1890.

2c PER COPY.

VOL. XVII. No. 21. PORTLAND, ME., SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1903. WHOLE No. 509.



BY HENRY A. KIDDER.

Friends of the ERA are invited to send to the editor of this department any information regarding new issues or varieties that may prove of interest. Such information will be suitably acknowledged. Address, HENRY A. KIDDER, 17 Addison Street, Arlington, Mass.

Exchanges will please send Mr Kidder a copy of each issue to the foregoing address, and an extra copy of the ERA will be gladly sent whenever desired.

UNITED STATES.—Mr. Walter Bartels has shown us the new 1c stamp, which is a worthy companion to those previously issued. Like the rest of the series there is a multiplicity of detail, which renders careful printing necessary. Unlike that of Lincoln the new portrait of Franklin is not as satisfactory as the old one. It may be said that the figures of value have not sufficient room to make them most effective, and there are other minor points that will be criticised; but on the whole it is a beautiful stamp, and the general verdict will undoubtedly be that it is the peer of any 1c stamp yet issued by the government.

Many shades of the 2c are to be found, and the specialist will find a rich field in this issue. The general public is criticising the new stamp pretty severely, as witness the following from the *Boston Herald* of recent date:

"Fortunately, the portrait on the new two-cent stamp is labelled with the name of Washington. Otherwise it might be taken for any smug and amiable old gentleman. The most natural comment on these new stamps is the fervent expression of a wish that we might be permitted to continue the use of the old ones."

Later issues are more satisfactory in color and it is said that the very latest are in the same color as the old 2c.

The new 10c is reported to be the next that will be issued. The new envelopes and wrappers are now slated for March, according to the *Metropolitan Philatelist*.

ARGENTINE.—Mr. Lohmeyer reports having received two New Year's cards, inscribed "TARJETA POSTAL" in the upper centre, and impressed with the new oval stamp of 4 centavos. There are two varieties, from a purely philatelic standpoint, but quite a number for the view card collector, one on buff card board with illustrations of Argentinian scenery, the other on white, of which there are 14 varieties, each showing a map of one of the 14 provinces of the Republic. In addition to these illustrations, on the reverse, there appears the greeting "FELIZ ANO NUEVO" (Happy New Year), leaving a small space for a message.

Postal Cards (New Years):
4c green on white, 78x130mm.
4c green on buff, 78x130mm.

BAHAMAS.—Three new values of the "staircase" set have been issued, and shown us by Mr. J. H. Lyons of the New England Stamp Co. The design is the same as the 1d of 1901, Scott's No. 33.

Adhesives (Regular):
5d orange and black.
25h slate blue and black.
34h olive green and black.

CHILE.—Mr. A. W. Dunning, Newton, Mass., sends us for inspection two new official stamps for the southern republic. The main features of the design are the same as the registration envelopes of 1900, except that the inscriptions are in two lines in white labels, "Correos de Chile" above the vignette and "Clerro Oficial" below. They are printed in vermilion and deep ultramarine without value, upon large squares of gummed paper and are imperforate. The design is about 34½mm. in

diameter, and the paper 42 to 44mm. square.

Adhesives (Official):
Vermilion.
Ultramarine.

HAYTI.—The set of six postal cards, issue of 1898, have been surcharged for use during the term of the late Provisional Government, "MAI—Gt Pre—1902" in three lines, surrounded by a single lined frame with rounded corners, 18x21mm., in black, covering about two-thirds of the stamp. A permanent government having been organized December 21, these cards were withdrawn from circulation, and the regular issue was again placed on sale, and will be continued (so Mr. Lohmeyer is informed) until the present stock is exhausted.

Postal Cards (Provisional):

1c blue and black on white.
1x1c " " " " gray, T. 4.
2c orange and black on rose.
2x2c " " " " lilac, T. 4.
3c green and black on buff.
3x3c " " " " dark lilac, T. 4.

LEEWARD ISLANDS.—Mr. Lohmeyer has received the "King's head" cards of the new Colonial type. The single cards were placed on sale during December, while the double card was not issued until January 2.

Postal Cards (Regular):

½d green on buff, 28x12mm.
1d carmine on buff, 88x140mm.
1x1d " " " " T. 3.

NIEUR.—According to the *Metropolitan Philatelist* several new values are to be issued for the islands, including 3d, 6d, 1sh and possibly 5sh. These are to be surcharged on New Zealand stamps like previous issues.

1903 CATALOGUE

NOW ON SALE.

Our 1903 Catalogue, priced in American currency, is bound in one volume, well printed on good paper, and sold for **FIFTY CENTS**; post free, **SIXTY CENTS**.

It contains the latest quotations at which we can supply the stamps, and is made up by and based on our own stock, no attention being paid to other quotations.

Previous editions contained the British Colonials in one part and foreign stamps in another part, and cost \$1.50. This latest edition contains both in one volume and sells at the same price as other catalogues.

BLANK ALBUM NUMBER 31.

This album is a companion to the King's Own Postage Stamp Album, and is specially designed for those collectors who desire a Blank Album, without going to the expense of the movable leaved Albums such as the Oriol or Philatelic.

The Blank Album No. 31 contains **100 pages of heavy white plate paper** outlined with a neat border of neutral grey, with a guadrille background inside the border and name space at top of page. Exact size of leaves 7½x9½—available for mounting 6½x8½. Strongly bound in cloth, bevelled boards, countersunk gold lines on cover, gilt edges.

Price **\$2.25**, or by Mail **\$2.50**.

STANLEY GIBBONS, INC.,

167 BROADWAY,

NEW YORK CITY.

JUST A WORD

with you about the U. S. Revenues you want. Why not send me your want list in this line with proper reference and have your wants sent to you on approval at the right price?

FRED G. JONES,

2013 Brook St., LOUISVILLE, KY.

CHAPTER XXII.

It is said that most men must see in order to be convinced. How can I convince you therefore of the excellence of

Osgood's Famous Big Selections

unless you give me an opportunity to place one before you? If we can get together I am sure it will be to our mutual benefit. References required. Are you interested in Precancelled? I buy and sell. Write me.

The Stampman, free.

D. W. OSGOOD,

South Fork, Rio Grande Co., Colorado.
[To be Continued.]

THEO. MAINHART, JOHNSTOWN, PA.

ALMOST GIVEN AWAY!

That's what—almost given away. If you have space in your album for any of these, buy now while the opportunity presents itself.

1897	\$2.00	Canada Jubilee Cat.	\$1.50	My Price	\$0.65
	\$5.00	"	4.00	"	1.00
1888	4	Queensland.....	4.00	"	1.00
1893	30r	on 300r Timor ...	3 50	"	1.00

Cash with order. Ask for my

Approval Sheets at 50% Discount.

THEO. MAINHART, JOHNSTOWN, PA.

PORTUGAL.—A reply letter card, after the French pattern, the smaller reply card enclosed in the larger message card, has been issued for inland use, according to Mr. Lohmeyer. While in its general appearance it resembles the current single letter card of 25 reis, issued in 1896, there are several marked differences. It bears the inscription in three lines "CARTAO POSTAL—DE—RESPOSTA PAGA" on the face of the message card, and "CARTAO POSTAL—RESPOSTA" on the reply card, the inscription "PARA—PORTUGAL E HESPANHA," appearing on the single card, being omitted, indicating that this letter card with paid reply is for use in the inland mails only, and can not be transmitted to Spain. Unlike the single card, it is folded at the top, and larger in size.

Letter Card (Regular):

25 reis, green on yellow-buff, inside white, perf. B. III; message card, 80x129mm.; reply card, 7x119mm.

PARAGUAY.—*Mekeel's Weekly* chronicles two new provisionals. The 14c brown, issue of 1892, has been surcharged vertically in black, "Habilitado—en un—1 cent 1", in three lines; and the 28c orange, issue of 1902, has been surcharged vertically, also in black in three lines, "Habilitado—en cinco—5 cent 5." Both surcharges read up.

Adhesives (Provisional):

1c on 14c brown and black.
5c on 28c orange and black.

TRINIDAD.—The single King's head type cards have been issued and received by Mr. Lohmeyer. The Postmaster General says that no time has been fixed as yet for the issue of the double cards. These cards are of the new colonial type.

Postal Cards (Regular):

½d green on thick white, 74x118mm.
1d carmine on buff, 88x140mm.

Chicago Notes.

Ben G. Green, one of our leading coin dealers, held a successful mail auction sale of coins, Jan. 31st, which included the fine collection of W. G. Jerrens, and several other properties.

N. J. Petersen, an old time Chicago collector, and an ex-member of the C. P. S., has taken up his residence in Los Angeles, Cal.

E. L. Warner, the wholesaler, who is still making Chicago his headquarters, has bought the stock of Hattie Strong, of Lockport, N. Y., making the fifth stock he has purchased during the last three months.

The new stamps are evidently in great demand, judging by the way our dealers are buying from office boys and janitors in some of our large buildings, who can procure them in limited quantities only, as yet.

An employe in a branch of our post office had the good fortune to be presented with a number of the 24c lilac of the issue 1862-66, all o. g.; some in pairs, in which condition they are rather unusual. He has an inflated idea of their value, however, as he holds them at catalogue.

Z. G. Stebbins, a popular member of the C. P. S., and who recently turned his attention to "Seebecks," is wintering in New Orleans.

CLIFFORD.

TRADE COLUMN.

Under this head we will print exchange, want and for sale notices, business announcements, 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.

One four-line notice free with each subscription, providing copy accompanies the subscription.

THREE Consecutive Insertions of SAME ad in this Column for PRICE OF TWO.

Cash paid for your Collection or good duplicates. I also buy current unused U. S. postage. C. B. MERRILL, 130 West 14th St., New York. [11]

Send ref. for approvals and receive free 3 good stamps cat. 5c each. H. R. MCKENZIE, Rumford Falls, Me.

All for 25c: 300 Foreign mixed, 3 Egypt Salt Tax, 10 fine Unused, 25 different Sweden, 200 2c Columbians, 1 Stamp Book. All postpaid. A. C. ROESLER, 19 Club Bldg., Denver, Colo.

Fine M. and M. at half catalogue. C. H. NAGLE, 171 W. Green St., Reading, Pa. [11]

Exchange your duplicates for stamps you need. I have some good ones to offer and will allow 50% to 75%. Write for particulars. C. B. MERRILL, 130 W. 14th St., N. Y.

Wanted: To exchange U. S. and Foreign stamps with collectors. Send sheets and say what you would like in return. F. N. CHASE, 5073 Delmar Boul., St. Louis, Mo.

Who wants a well centered, mint block of four Hawaii 1893, 15c red lilac, black surcharge, with guarantee of genuineness signed by P. M. General of Hawaii attached? C. F. Richards, 326 West 20th St., N. Y. [11]

10 perfect stamps, catalogue \$1.00, postpaid 25c. ARNHEIM'S, 908 Liberty St., Pittsburg, Pa. [11]

We have for sale the following U. S. stamps unused in mint condition: 1888, 3c, 5c, 10c; 1890, 3c, 6c, 10c, 15c; Columbians 1c to \$5.00. Send in your best cash offers for what you can use. Sheets, Blocks or single stamps. Also nice used copies of 1888, 30c, 50c; 1890, 10c; Columbians 3c, 4c, 5c, 6c, 8c, 15c. COL-LATERAL LOAN CO., Augusta, Me. [10]

Blocks of 4 common U. S. Postage, used or unused, wanted for cash. WM. AMES, 397 8th Ave., N. Y.

Good U. S. and Foreign, also U. S. Revs. on approval at 60% discount to prompt buyers. Reference required. C. B. MERRILL, 130 W. 14th St., N. Y. [11]

Approval sheets 60% disc. Net sheets for advanced collectors at equally low prices. 0000 var. in stock. F. W. PICKARD, 2427 Ingleside, Cincinnati, O. [11]

Send for approvals at 50%. Send 10c for 20 U. S. Revenues, Turkey, Nyassa and San Marino. RING-GOLD & CLEMENTS, 416 Clark St., Knoxville, Tenn. [11]

Beautiful Oil Painting of California scenery, small size, to exchange for 400 var. stamps or for other stamps. Price \$1.00. Hardy & Co., 584 36th St., Oakland, Cal. [11]

Postmarks & lettered stations from about every office in U. S. to sell or exch. F. A. Goldsmith, Beverly, Mass. [11]

Precancelled stamps, 20 var., 95 cents. Contains some dated specimens and some values other than the one cent. With a single exception dated stamps are now a thing of the past and never will be any cheaper. 1c Columbus down, 1c: same between lines down, 1c; 1c Scranton, Pa., 1c; 5c Painesville, Ohio, 8c; 4c Philadelphia, 5c; 5c Philadelphia, 4c. Want any on approval? CHAS. A. TOWNSEND, Akron, Ohio. [9]

120 odds and ends in stamp papers, 1894 to 1890 inclusive, to exchange for stamps or cash. C. F. RICHARDS, 326 West 20th St., New York. [10]

Don't spoil your stamps, especially O. G.'s by fastening them with hinges. Send 50c and I will tell you how to fasten them. Send 25c and I will tell you how to clean stamps of paper quickly and without injury. You need a Fountain Pen, send for the "Standard" brand rubber; it is only 50 cents silver, 95 cents stamps; 60 cents in any kind of unused United States stamps, original gum. [10]

C. R. HOMAN,
1129 N. 6th St., Quincy, Ill.

Bargains in Canadians: 1892-3, 8c lilac gray, Cat. 50c, only 12c; 20c vermilion, Cat. 35c, only 8c. Both fine copies, unused and o. g. Postage extra. 20th Century International Album \$1.00 post paid. For best values try our packets. No. 4, 1000 fine varieties, used, foreign only, neatly mounted, \$3.50 post paid. Will catalogue over \$50.00. If you desire to deal in a small way among your friends write us for prices on lots of packets etc. ROYAL SUPPLY CO., 758 Greenwood Ave., Avondale, Cincinnati, O. [10]

Hawaii Specials! Sheet of 15 No. 51 surcharged "Reprint," \$2.25. Block of 4 No. 78, o. g., \$1.00; Used No. 9, fair, \$3.00; Unused No. 6 piered, \$7.50; Used No. 28, \$3.00; No. 20a, surcharged "specimens," 50c; No. 66c, o. g., one in block of 4, \$4.00. C. F. RICHARDS, 326 W. 20th St., New York. [10]

Stamps of all kinds to exchange for Coins, Fractional Currency, Revenue Proofs, or encased Postage stamps. Send list of what you have and want. C. B. RICE, Oswego, N. Y. [9]

\$5.00 catalogue for \$1.00. Send me sheets or books, will return double catalogue for all I keep. Scott's latest catalogue. No stamps given or when catalogued under 5 cents each. All in fine order and guaranteed genuine. MRS. BELLE BULLARD, Greene, N. Y. [11]

Is your collection for sale? I will buy it or any odd lots of good stamps. No cheap stuff wanted. Send on approval with lowest cash offer. Immediate returns guaranteed. HOWARD C. BECK, City Controller's Office, Detroit, Mich. [11]

Is your collection for sale? Get your dealer to make a price on it, add 20% to his offer, and send book to me. It's 10 to 1 I buy it. F. W. PICKARD, 2427 Ingleside, Cincinnati, O. [11]

A few good stamps at half catalogue. GEO. F. CRANE, 90 Nassau St., N. Y. City. [9]

U. S. Pre-Cancelled postage stamps. I will pay a good price in cash or exchange for any not in my collection. F. L. SMITH, 40 Exchange Pl., N. Y. [14c]

Wanted for cash U. S. pre-cancelled postage stamps. WALTER L. GATES, Teaticket, Mass. [11]

Pre-cancels not in my collection wanted. Best cash or trade price. E. R. ALDRICH, Benson, Minn. [11]

Try an Ad in this Column. It Pays.

SPECIAL BARGAINS IN Confederate States Stamps

All are used unless stated unused.

No.	Description	Price for 1st.	2nd.	3rd.
200	1861, 5c green.....	\$0.30	\$0.20	\$0.10
200	1861, 5c unused.....	.35	.25	.15
201	1861, 10c blue.....	.60	.40	.20
202	1862, 5c green.....	2.00	1.00	.50
203	1862, 5c blue.....	1.25	1.00	.50
204	1862, 10c rose.....	2.00	1.50	.60
205	1862, 5c blue.....	.10	.07	.03
205	1862, 5c unused.....	.07	.05	.03
206	1862, 5c blue.....	.07	.05	.03
206	1862, 5c unused.....	.15	.10	.03
207	1863, 5c brown red.....	1.25	.75	.35
207	1863, 5c unused.....	.15	.10	.05
208	1863, 10c blue.....	5.00	3.50	1.75
208	1863, 10c unused.....	6.00	3.50	2.00
209	1863, 10c (outer line).....	4.00	3.00	2.00
210	1863, 10c blue.....	.08	.05	.02
210	1863, 10c unused.....	.03	.02	.01
211	1863, 10c blue.....	.05	.03	.02
211	1863, 10c unused.....	.03	.02	.01
212	1863, 5c green.....	1.50	1.00	.50
212	1863, 5c unused.....	.10	.07	.05
213	1864, 1c unused.....	.75	.50	.25
210e	1863, 10c blue, unused.....	.35	.25	.10
212e	1863, 10c blue, unused.....	.15	.10	.05

Used on original envelopes. All fine condition.
 207 1863, 5c brown red, strip of 5..... \$10.00
 207 1863, 5c brown red, strip of 4..... 20.00
 210d 1863, 10c blue, perforated..... 2.75
 212c 1863, 5c, 1/2 used as 10c..... 20.00

Off the Letter. Provisional Issue.

20	Charleston 5c blue, small tear.....	5.00
20	Unused, two small holes.....	3.75
60	Jonesville, cut square, unused.....	50.00
88	Memphis 5c unused, fair.....	.50
88	Unused, damaged.....	.20
89	Unused, creased.....	.65
91	1861, 5c red, fair margins.....	35.00
97	Mobile, 5c blue, damaged.....	1.25
99	Memphis 5c, damaged.....	5.00
103	Memphis 10c, very fine.....	150.00
106	New Orleans, 5c brown, fair.....	.75
109	New Orleans 5c brown, damaged.....	1.00

All the above were picked out of two boxes of Confederate States Stamps.
 1st are in good condition, the pick of the lot.
 2nd are in average good condition, some with slight imperfections. 3rd are more or less damaged.
 None are sent on approval.
 Money will be promptly refunded for all stamps not entirely satisfactory if returned within two days after received.
 Postage extra on orders under \$1.00.
 Please remit by Bills or Money Order.

C. F. ROTHFUCHS,
 38 Munroe St., **ROXBURY, MASS.**
 Special: U. S. No. 57, Used, Price \$500.00

Springfield, Mass., Notes.

Several of the Club will probably attend the Boston Club's Annual on the 17th. Messrs. Prevost and Stone are members and Mr. Maynard's application was filed last month.

Springfield has the largest membership outside of Boston of any city in the State in the American Philatelic Association. Massachusetts made a gain of twelve over the list in last year's Year Book.

Ever since Curtis heard of the fine fishing at Clayton he has talked of leaving us and settling on one of the Thousand Islands, where he can dig arrow heads and tempt the finny tribe with flies and worms at the same time. It is his ideal of the happy hunting grounds.

The local Club is compiling a list of all the known collectors in the city and vicinity with the idea of making it a sort of reference list for use in case of applications for certificates of good character etc.

S.

Here and There.

BY DAVID HEAREM.

Few collectors who have noticed the illustration of the San Marino Registration envelope in the catalogue realize what an immense affair it is. The "brown, blue, red, yellow, green and gold" monstrosity would practically cover an entire page in the International album, and by comparison with such little things as the Mulready envelopes and Colombian cubiertas, they are dwarfed into insignificance. The whole effect of the affair is that of a cover page for some popular weekly rather than a postage stamp. The envelope is seldom seen in collections because its issue was so barefacedly speculative that few even of the most omniverous advanced collectors cared for it.

Speaking of speculative stamps, a peculiar result of the crusade against them may be seen in the rise in price of the Portugal and Azores "St. Anthony" or "Prayer" sets of 1895. When these stamps were issued, the sentiment against speculative emissions, while perhaps no stronger than now, was certainly much noisier. The society of the sibilant initials was in its glory and these sets were promptly blacklisted, as they certainly deserved to be. Both dealers and collectors were singularly unanimous in refusing or neglecting to buy them and the issue, so far as returns to the government went, was a failure. Today these stamps are undoubtedly hard to obtain, and while the reason for their existence is as poor as it ever was, their value has increased many hundred per cent. All of which shows that collectors are as human as other folks in not wanting a thing till they can't get it.

I don't want to be disrespectful to the "immortal George," especially so near his birthday, but the new two cent stamp certainly does give him a nose whose color ought to illuminate any countenance. Have you noticed it?

Modern Agents, a publication devoted largely to the mail order business, "schemes," etc., says in its last issue: "The stamp dealers are becoming more numerous and business is booming. Of late quite a number of stamp dealers have added a mail order branch to their business and the collector can now buy rare and foreign stamps without making a trip to the cities." This startling news should be of interest to ERA readers and may induce more dealers to add "mail order branches."

It is a rather unusual fact that in the midst of the busy season this year there is no particular "boom" on. I mean by this, no concerted rush for any country or group

HAYTI CARDS.

Issue of 1868, surcharged "MAL—Gr Pre—1902," and withdrawn from circulation Dec. 22.
 1c blue on white, 1212c blue on gray.
 2c orange on rose, 222c orange on lilac.
 3c green on cream, 333c green on lilac-gray.
 Price per set 30 CENTS, postpaid.
 Order early. No more to be had.
ADOLPH LOHMEYER,
 922 N. Gilmor St., **BALTIMORE, MD.**

EXTRACTS

From Our PRICE LIST No. 12

just issued. Send for one, post free.

Set No.	Description	Varieties	Price
109	Cal. State Rev.....	15	\$0.75
125	Belgium Postal Pkt., 1895.....	6	.10
325	Wuhu, 1804, complete.....	16*	.90
328	Corea 1884, complete.....	5*	.30
414	Dahomey, 1900-01.....	3*	.10
456	Falkland.....	4*	.10
603	Guam, 1, 2 and 3c.....	3*	.50
634	Guam, 10, 50 and \$1 00.....	3*	4.25
605	Guatemala, 1875.....	4	.40
636	Hawaii, complete set, surch. Prov. Gov., 1893.....	21	26.00
653	Honduras 1890.....	11*	.35
667	Honduras 1896.....	8	.25
928	Niue, 1/2, 1 and 2 1/2.....	3	.13
958	Penrhyn, 1/2, 1 and 2 1/2.....	3	.15

Over 1,300 more priced just as reasonable.
 All orders under 50 cents must contain return postage.
 Our millimeter scale and perf. gauge free with orders.

APPROVAL SELECTIONS.

We have a specialty of this department, and have a very fine grade of stamps on our sheets at the following discounts:
 U. S. and U. S. Revenues..... 50 per cent.
 Foreign..... 50 per cent.
 Hawaiian and Chinese..... 40 per cent.

Our approval books are marked net, and when a stamp is at all difficult to locate, Scott's catalogue number is given. Catalogue price is always inserted. These features are greatly appreciated. Send for a selection today with reference. You will be pleased.

MAKINS & CO., Inc.,

Capital Stock, \$40,000.

506 Market Street, **SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.**

Special Price List

No. 24 Just Out.

Many Bargains. Don't Miss It.

10sh Niger Coast, unused, only.... \$5.00
 51 San Marino No. 201, largest stamp
 in the world..... 1.75

BOSTON STAMP COMPANY,

22 BROMFIELD ST.,

BOSTON, - - MASS.

J. Favill Capron, Mgr. [11*

Please mention ERA when answering ads.

of countries. After the Spanish war we had the scramble for United States Colonials. Then with the death of Victoria came the demand for "Queen's heads." Later, collectors went in for Danish West Indies. Interspersed with these were little "boomlets" in China, Cooks Islands, St. Vincent and Martinique. Today there is a steady interest in almost all classes of stamps but the craze for one line seems to be missing. It is a healthy condition of affairs, too.

ANNOUNCEMENT No. 5.

If you have any envelopes listing over two dollars which you want to sell, write us, giving accurate description by Scott's 1903 catalogue. Enclose stamp for reply and we will make offer. We will give good exchange or cash for anything we need in our stock.

HOLTON STAMP CO., BOSTON, MASS.

60% DISCOUNT.

I have a fine lot of Approval Books at 60% discount, which I shall be pleased to submit on request. Send for Lists of Bargains in single stamps and sets, mailed free.

Nyassa 1897, 3c, unused, o. g. Cat. \$0.35 \$0.15
 Queensland 1875, 5sh blue..... 3.50 1.50
 " 1885, 4r green..... 4.00 1.80
 Brazil 1890, 700r, o. g., scarce..... .. .30
 L. N. HERBERT, JR.
 1890 Washington Ave., NEW YORK.

WHEN YOU THINK OF SELLING

WRITE TO

B. L. DREW & CO.,

7 WATER ST., (Room 501), BOSTON, MASS.

[2001

The Leading Auction Firm in America.

HAYTI.

A popular country with American collectors. We offer to submit on approval the following new books of Hayti stamps at 25% discount from current catalogue.

Book No. 65. Stamps of Hayti, mostly unused.

Book No. 65a. Containing only blocks of four unused, Hayti 1893-1902.

Book No. 65b. Containing only fine postally cancelled stamps of Hayti 1887-1902.

Besides the above books we have a specialized stock book of Hayti, containing used and unused, shades, singles and blocks, subject to 10%, which will be submitted subject to arrangement to liberal buyers.

SPECIAL OFFERS!

	Catalogue.	Our Price
1898 1c ultramarine.....	\$0.75	\$0.38
1898 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 9oc, set of six.....	5.85	3.95

All are fine unused copies, well centered.

"Mekeel's Stamp Collector"

A weekly stamp paper, sample copy free, also price list giving terms and list of approval books in our Approval Department the greatest in America.

C. H. MEKEEL STAMP & PUBLISHING CO.,
 ST. LOUIS, MO.

Pacific Coast News.

MARE ISLAND NAVY YARD,
 VALLEJO, CALIF.

On my arrival in Vallejo, I found that many things of interest had transpired during my absence on the briny deep, and on visiting San Francisco found a number of interesting items for my digestion, some of which were old and stale to landmen but not to me.

The Exhibition of the Pacific Philatelic Society with its prizes and fine exhibits were things of the past, but from what I heard it was the most successful show ever given under the auspices of this enterprising and ambitious society; and was an effort affording pleasure and gratification to all concerned.

This society had their yearly election of officers on last Monday evening. Henry J. Crocker was elected President; R. H. Wilcox, Vice-President; R. E. Cowan, Secretary and Treasurer, and W. E. Loy, Superintendent of Exchange for the ensuing year.

The prospects for business are satisfactory, and it looks as if dealers and collectors both will be successful in their efforts to secure stamps for business and stamp books. The new issue of stamp albums has a tendency to divide collectors into two classes, but the general collector will proceed on the old line, and secure those he desires without regard to the date of issue, as to century, and pursue the even tenor of his way.

There appears to be no particular philatelic gossip attracting much attention here at present. Sellechopp & Co. appear to be busy, and Makins & Co. have enlarged, and have added another fine large safe, and all appear to be happy and prosperous.

The new Harrison 13 cent, and the Martha Washington 8 cent stamps are considered fine specimens of art. They are generally conceded to be beautiful, but

GUATEMALA.

1898 Surcharges, 22 var. comp. used or unused, (cat. \$3.78).....	\$1.90
1901 Surcharges, 3 var., unused.....	.08
1902 Surcharges, 3 var., unused.....	.18
Jubilee 18c (1897) unused.....	.35

TOPPAN M. AND M. PRICED CATALOGUE now ready, price 50c. All M. and M. collectors will want it.

The next auction sale of the Chicago Philatelic Society will contain the collection of a Chicago Collector, and the contents of sale catalogue far above the average.

Wolsieffer's next sale will contain those Freak Revenues, Bradford and Dickinson collections. Catalogues of all sales free.

United Stamp Co., 1149 Marquette Bldg., Chicago.

OUR STOCK

has increased in size threefold in the last few weeks. We would like to send you a General Book or a book of one country to a book. Scott's and Gibbons' 1903 catalogues are now ready. Will send either for 50c, prepaid with 8c Columbian, Omaha, Pan-American or Martha Washington, or for 65c with 13c Harrison.

J. T. STARR STAMP CO., Coldwater, Mich.

BARGAINS IN UNUSED O. G. STAMPS.

Brit. sh Colonies, King's head, 10 diff. countries	\$0.18
Br. Guiana 1898 Jubilee, 1, 2, 5, 10, 15c, complete	.48
Seychelles 1892, 12c on 16c orange.....	.35c
Sarawak 1894, 2c red brown.....	.12c
Sarawak 1899, 2c on 12c rose.....	.18c
Guatemala 1875, 1/2, 1, and 2 reals.....	.38c
Johore 1896, Kemah-kotaan, 1 to 6: (6).....	.80
Shanghai 1888, 20c on 80c flesh (No. 110).....	.10
Surinam 1873, 10c bistre.....	cat. 18c .08

ALFRED E. COLE, Plainfield, N. J.

2nd ISSUE REVS., BLUE AND BLACK.

2c.....	\$0.30	\$1.30	\$2.00
3c.....	.12	\$1.50	.18
4c.....	.25	\$1.90	1.05
5c.....	.70	\$2.00	.85
15c.....	.17	\$2.50	.18
30c.....	.30	\$3.00	.50
40c.....	.30	\$3.50	2.00
60c.....	.30	\$5.00	.30
70c.....	.25	\$10.00	1.25

GREATER N. Y. STAMP & COIN CO.,
 238 East 58th St., New York City.

Our Next Auction Sale Thursday Evening, Feb. 26

**U. S. AND FOREIGN STAMPS
 IN THE FINEST OF CONDITION.**

There is surely something in this sale you want.

Catalogues are free.

CHAS. H. STONE & CO.,

19 Washington St., BOSTON, MASS.

many are spoiled by smudgy cancellations, therefore it is difficult to secure good used copies.

Henry J. Crocker and wife have returned from their visit to the Hawaiian Islands. Mr. Crocker made a display of his Hawaiian collection at the rooms of the Honolulu Chamber of Commerce. The publicity of his action caused a great gathering to see it. Through this means Mr. Crocker was brought in connection with many persons having stamps, and he secured a number of numerals (that were not much prized by their holders), at reasonable prices, greatly to his gratification. I understand that he enjoyed his trip exceedingly, and although in good health at all times, returned to San Francisco much better for his six weeks' vacation.

BLUE JACKET.

Almost every dealer sends approval selections at 50% Discount—BUT there are some stamps in our selections of this class that are not to be had as cheap elsewhere.

A COLLECTION OF 5000 VARIETIES of POSTAGE STAMPS, carefully selected from our own stock, \$175.00. Satisfaction Guaranteed.

3000 for \$45.00 ♦ 2000 for \$13.50 ♦ 1000 for \$3.40 ♦ ALL GENUINE POSTAGE STAMPS

550 Varieties mounted in a blank book (cataloguing by Scott's 61st edition Catalogue \$10.00), post free \$1.50. A Bargain for Dealer or Collector!

C. H. MEKEEL STAMP & PUBLISHING CO., ST. LOUIS, MO.

American Philatelic Association.

(INCORPORATED.)

THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA—OFFICIAL JOURNAL.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

ALEXANDER HOLLAND, President,
40 Grace Court, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Board of Vice-Presidents.
FRANK H. BURT, Chairman,
Room 1046, Tremont Building, Boston, Mass.
GORDON IRELAND, Secretary,
Holyoke House 91, Cambridge, Mass.
J. F. JOHNSON,
383 Lexington St., Auburndale, Mass.

H. E. DEATS, Secretary,
Flemington, N. J.
E. DORBLIN, International Secretary,
Box 736, Pittsburg, Pa.
C. L. ANNAN, Treasurer,
Copper Range R. R., Houghton, Mich.
H. B. PHILLIPS,
1311 Grove St., Berkeley, Cal.
F. W. CONING,
350 George St., New Brunswick, N. J.

RESIDENT VICE-PRESIDENTS.

BOSTON, MASS.—**J. F. JOHNSON**, 383 Lexington St., Auburndale, Mass.
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.—**W. E. LOY**, 2431 Ellsworth St., Berkeley, Cal.
NEW YORK CITY.—**W. F. GREGORY**, 71 Nassau St.
PITTSBURG, PA.—**E. DORBLIN**, Box 736.
CHICAGO, ILL.—**A. F. MERRELL**, 432 Marquette Building.
MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.—**LENN S. MARTIN**, 3244 First Avenue, South.
WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS—**ROBERT D. MAYNARD**, 36 Oak Grove Ave., Springfield.

APPOINTEE OFFICERS.

E. H. ANDERSON, Librarian,
Carnegie Library, Pittsburg, Pa.
H. D. WATSON, Collecting Agent,
64 Cedar St., New York City.
JOHN J. OESCH, Superintendent of Sales Dept.,
34 Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill.

H. E. DEATS, Assistant Librarian,
Flemington, N. J.
W. F. GREGORY, Auction Purchasing Agent,
71 Nassau St., New York City.
P. M. WOLSIEFFEK, Auction Purchasing Agent,
1009 Atwood Bldg., Chicago, Ill.
A. W. BATCHELDER, Auction Purchasing Agent,
21 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass.



REPORT OF SECRETARY

For the Week Ending February 14th.

Application for Re-instatement.

1702. GIBBS, FRANK P., Olean, New York.

Membership Summary.

Total membership Feb. 14th..... 540

H. E. DEATS, Secretary.

Unsolicited Approval Sheets.

The following from a letter from a correspondent gives a good idea of the extent to which the unsolicited approval sheet nuisance may be carried, and incidentally how one collector disposes of the matter:

"As a practical illustration, I have recently been away three weeks. Upon my return I found awaiting me no less than thirty-nine enclosures from dealers and dealers and dealers. I have had this experience before. It was not that I genuinely admire the push and energy of young America, (in this instance, however, nearly one-half were foreign), I would chuck the whole mess in the furnace. I have, however, sent out a card to each advising that such and such a package had been received and would be returned, unopened, upon the receipt of—cts for postage; which if not received within — (according to domestic or foreign) days, the same would be destroyed. I never open an approval lot (if I know or suspect it to be such) unless from someone whom I know or have had previous dealings with."

The Boston Philatelic Society.

M. H. LOMBARD, President, Winchester, Mass.
C. F. ROTHFUCHS, Vice-President, Boston.
C. A. HOWES, Secretary, 55 Kilby St., Boston.
L. L. GREEN, Treasurer, 47 Tremont St., Boston.
J. H. LYONS, Supt. of Sales, 27 Bromfield St., Boston.
THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA, Official Journal.

The Postal Card Society of America.

Officers for 1902-3.
President, **HORACE E. CARPENTER, JR.**, Care N. B. Bradley & Sons, Bay City, Mich.
Vice-President, **J. T. ALBERT HOSBACH**, 1422 North 53rd St., Philadelphia, Pa.
Secretary, **W. F. AGER**, Hope, Ark.
Treasurer, **JOHN N. MORSE**, 105 Devonshire St., Boston, Mass.
Executive Committee, **GUY A. BRYANT**, Princeton, Ill.; **W. D. ARNOLD**, The Portland, Broadway, St. Paul, Minn.; **N. HASKELL WITHEE**, 230 S. 9th St., La Crosse, Wis.
Exchange Superintendent, **J. T. A. HOSBACH**, 1422 No. 53rd St., Phila., Pa.
Purchasing Agent, **ADOLPH LOHMEYER**, 922 N. Gilmore St., Baltimore, Md.
International Secretary, **E. DORBLIN**, P. O. Box 736, Pittsburg, Pa.
Official Journal, THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA.

WHOLESALE SELECTIONS

on approval to responsible dealers. References required.

GUARANTEE STAMP CO.,
106 E. 111th St., NEW YORK.

Special Notice!

The February number of the **Perforator** will be a special number. Increased circulation and special rates to liberal advertisers. Address

THE PERFORATOR,

106 E. 111th Street, NEW YORK CITY.

The New England Philatelic Association.

Organized February, 1895.

Board of Officers:

President, **CHARLES H. SMITH**, Dedham, Mass.
Vice President, **J. FAVILLE CAPRON**, 22 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass.
Secretary and Treasurer, **H. W. LEGG**, 26 Hancock St., Boston, Mass.
Sales Department, **CHARLES H. STONE**, 91 Antrim St., Cambridgeport, Mass.
Information Bureau, **MRS. WALLACE DANA SMITH**, 20 Wilder St., Portsmouth, N. H.
Counterfeit Detector, **WILLIS D. KING**, Nashua, N.H.
Attorney, **HORACE S. BACON**, 107 Stevens St., Lowell, Mass.
Governing Board, **CHARLES H. STONE**, Chairman, 91 Antrim St., Cambridgeport, Mass., **JOHN J. COME**, New Dorchester, Mass., **FRANK A. WILSON**, 185 Highland Ave., Somerville, Mass.
Official Organ, THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA.

The next meeting of the N. E. P. A. takes place Tuesday evening, March 3rd, at 22 Bromfield St., at 8 o'clock sharp. All members are invited to attend if possible.

H. W. LEGG, Secretary.

The regular monthly meeting of the N. E. Philatelic Association was held at 22 Bromfield St., on Tuesday evening, Feb. 3, 1903.

Owing to the absence of the President and Secretary, the Vice-President, Mr. J. Faville Capron, took the chair and appointed F. A. Wilson, Secretary pro tem.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved, also the report of the Treasurer showing a balance on hand of \$21.90.

The resignation of the following members were received and it was voted to accept them with regrets:

- No. 46. Wm. H. Page, Haverhill, Mass.
- No. 122. Bayard C. Ryder, Washington, D. C.
- No. 115. Henry M. Wilder, Lynn, Mass.

No. 34. Chas. F. Wilcox, Ware, Mass. As Mr. H. W. Legg had kindly offered an exhibition the matter was discussed at some length and it was finally decided to offer this stamp as a prize for the best exhibit of 50 United States Postage and Revenue stamps, condition and rarity to count equally. It was decided to hold the exhibit at the next meeting of the Association, Tuesday evening, March 3rd, and Mr. H. W. Legg and Mr. J. F. Capron were appointed as a committee to act as judges.

It was also voted that the members of the Association be notified personally of this exhibition by the Secretary, by mail, and urgently requested to participate.

Exhibitions may be sent to Mr. H. W. Legg, 230 Washington St., Boston, or Mr. J. Faville Capron, 22 Bromfield St., Boston, and will be received up to 4 o'clock P. M., of the day of the exhibit, Tuesday, March 3rd, 1903.

The meeting adjourned at about 9 o'clock.
F. A. WILSON,
Secretary pro tem.

Topics About Town.

FROM NEW YORK CITY.

The next meeting of the National Philatelic Society will occur on Monday evening, February 16th. A competitive exhibition will be a feature of the evening.

The next meeting of the Manhattan Philatelic Society will occur on Thursday evening, February 19th, at the Collectors Club.

The Brooklyn Stamp Club, branch of the Empire State Philatelic Society, will meet Monday evening, Feb. 16th. A special exhibition of United States stamps is down on the program for the evening's entertainment.

The *Perforator* for January contains half-tone illustrations of some varieties on the entire cover, one being the rare St. Vincent, 4d on 1sh, Scott's No. 33, and the other a pair of Saxony, No. 1. The February number will be a special issue.

It is not unlikely but that one of the prominent local dealers will shortly dispose of his business. At present details are not in shape for publication.

The following clipping from the *New York Sun* may prove of interest:
IN ITALY'S GRACES.

LONDON.—A despatch from Rome to the *Pall Mall Gazette* says that King Victor Emmanuel and Queen Helena have begun to show special interest in Americans

Wm. v. d. Wettern, Jr.,
WHOLESALE DEALER IN

POSTAGE + STAMPS.
411 W. Saratoga St., Baltimore, Md.

New special list just issued, sent free on application to dealers only.

through Mr. Meyer, the American Ambassador. It is stated that the Ambassador prepared a list of presentations which was unusually large. Their Majesties were delighted at such a long list.

Queen Helena recently received Mr. Meyer and his wife. She asked about the family, and on hearing from Mrs. Meyer that her eldest son was an enthusiastic philatelist exclaimed:

"Is that so? Well, it is a fine study for children and one easier to understand than coin collecting," this latter remark being a hit at Mr. Meyer's passion for numismatics.

A few days later a gorgeous functionary appeared at the American Embassy with a mysterious parcel which was to be given with the Queen's compliments to "Master Meyer." There was great excitement until the wrappings were carefully taken off, when two really magnificent stamp albums were revealed, one of which contained a complete set of Montenegrin stamps.

VOLUNTEER.

Detroit Paragraphs.

It may not be known generally that postal cards which have been spoiled and not sent through the mails, if entire, are redeemed at all postoffices under a sliding scale of valuations by which the postmaster will pay 7 cents for 10 cards, 18 cents for 25 cards, 37 cents for 50 cards and 75 cents for 100 cards. The cards are to be wrapped in bundles of 25.

There are many postals destroyed off-handed by persons not thinking. If they only stopped to think of the amount of money there is wasted they would soon realize a penny here and a penny there soon counts up.

One of the clerks at the post office found a distinct variety in shade of the new 2c issue: it is nearly the color of 6c Garfield. To his knowledge he saw but this one. Ever since then the clerks have been on the lookout for others, but as yet have failed to find any more of them. And now look out for the variety hunter.

HERMAN W. BOERS.

PRIVATE AUCTION SALE OF UNITED STATES STAMPS, FEB. 26, 1903.

Your Money Back if You Want It!
The stamps offered below are my personal property, part of my stock when in business as Providence several years ago. Each lot is to be SOLD to the highest bidder whose offer reaches me on or before Feb. 25, 1903.

TERMS.

Make bids by the lot. The highest bidder on each lot will be notified on the above date and will be expected to remit at once, when the lots will be sent. All stamps are in good condition unless otherwise stated, but any lot (except Nos. 74 to 80) which is not satisfactory may be returned within twenty-four hours after receipt and money refunded, no matter whether there is cause for complaint or not.

PLEASE NOTE. No lots whatever will be sent out except against cash in advance. This is not because I have any doubts as to your credit, but because I am a very busy man and have absolutely no time to follow up accounts. Buyers are absolutely protected, because if you don't like your bargain your money will be returned. I don't want it. I will not send anything on approval, and if you are not prepared to remit at once after the sale, please don't bid. I refer to W. W. Jewett, almost any Boston collector, or any large dealer. Member Boston Philatelic Society and American Philatelic Association. Address

F. PUTNEY, JR.,
GLOUCESTER, MASS.

Lot No.	* Means Unused.	No. in Lot.	Cat. Value
1	* Providence, 5c black.....	1	\$5.00
2	1847, 5c brown, fine.....	1	.70
3	1851, 1, 3, 10c, fine.....	3	.92
4	*1851, 1c green, part gum.....	1	15.00
5	*1857, 1c, type II; 3c, type II, o. g.....	2	.60
6	*1857, 1, 2, 3, 10c, fine.....	4	.60
7	*1857, 4d lilac, fine.....	1	4.00
8	*1861, 3c buff, fine.....	1	7.00
9	*1861, 9c blue, fine.....	1	3.50
10	*1862, 3c brown, fair.....	1	3.50
11	*1869, 1c buff, o. g., fine.....	1	1.25
12	*1869, 1c buff, fine.....	1	.60
13	*1870, 15c embossed, good.....	1	6.50
14	*1882, 5c brown, o. g.....	1	.50
15	*1888, 30c orange brown, fine.....	1	.35
16	*1888, 30c purple, fine.....	1	.40
17	*1890, 30c orange, fine.....	1	.50
18	*1893, Columbus I, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10c, fine.....	8	.86
19	*1893, 5c slate, fine.....	1	.50
20	*1893, 5c red, o. g.....	1	2.50
21	*1893, 5c red, o. g.....	1	2.50
22	*1893, 5c green, o. g.....	1	3.75
23	*1893, 5c lake, o. g.....	1	5.00
24	*1893, 5c black, o. g.....	1	5.00
25	*1895, 5c black, o. g.....	1	1.25
26	Same, no gum.....	1	1.25
27	*Executive, 5c, full gum, fine.....	1	6.50
28	I. terrier, 12, 24c, good.....	2	1.15
29	*Justice 3c, very fine, o. g.....	1	1.50
30	*Justice 3c, fine.....	1	.75
31	*Post Office 30c, o. g., fine.....	1	1.00
32	*State 1c, "Specimen",.....	1	2.50
33	Treasury 24c, fine.....	1	3.00
34	*War 7c rose, o. g., fine.....	1	1.00
35	Unpaid 1870, 50c brown.....	1	2.25
36	" " 1889, 3c red brown, o. g.....	1	2.00
37	" " 1889, 30c red brown.....	1	.45
38	" " 1891, 50c claret.....	1	1.25
39	" " 1895, 50c deep claret.....	1	.60
40	*Newspaper 1865, 25c red.....	1	5.00
41	" " 1875, 25c rose, no gum.....	1	2.00
42	Envelope 1853, 6c green on buff.....	1	3.00
43	" " 1853, 10c on buff, die 3.....	1	2.00
44	" " 1853, 10c on buff, die 4.....	1	4.00
45	" " 1887, 50c purple on amber, fine.....	1	3.50
46	Envelope 1852-1890, new and used.....	10	2.00
47	Western Union Telegraph, 1876.....	1	3.00
48	Revenue 1c Express, imperf.....	1	1.00
49	" " 3c Telegraph, imperf.....	1	2.00
50	" " 50c Life Ins., part perf.....	1	5.00
51	" " 50c Pass. Ticket, imp., punched.....	1	5.00
52	" " 70c For. Ex., imp., very fine.....	1	4.00

All the above have good margins.

53	Revenue, perf., 2c Certificate, blue.....	1	.60
54	" " " " ac " orange.....	1	.40
55	" " " " 5c Proprietary.....	1	.75
56	" " " " 20c For. Exchange.....	1	1.00
57	" " " " \$5.00 Mortgage.....	1	.40
58	*Doc. on Period, \$5.00, Cat. No. 2996.....	1	8.00
59	Revenue, 5c blue and black.....	1	5.00
60	Proprietary 1878, 2c brown, rouletted.....	1	5.00

WHOLESALE LOTS.

61	1895, 50c orange.....	10	1.50
62	Unpaid 1879, 3c brown.....	10	1.00
63	Western Union 1890, new and used.....	20	1.00
64	Revenue, 2c Proprietary, blue.....	7	.70
65	6c Inland Exchange.....	5	.50
66	1 issue, 1c to 20c, 17 var., mixed.....	100	2.00
67	25c Certificate.....	100	1.00
68	25c Insurance.....	25	.75
69	50c Mortgage.....	10	.50
70	50c Original Process.....	30	.60
71	\$2.50 Inland Exchange.....	10	1.20
72	50c Mortgage, imperf., punched, fair.....	2	2.50
73	\$1.00 Entry, imperf., punched, fair.....	2	1.50
74	40,000 U. S. previous to 1895.....		
75	10,000 same.....		
76	100,000 common U. S., 1870 to 1898.....		
77	10,000 same.....		
78	5,000 same.....		
79	1,000 2c Columbian, 1893.....		
80	10,000 2c red, mixed issues.....		

The last seven lots are not returnable. The mixtures contain mostly common stamps, but have not been sorted for grilles, ribbed papers, triangles, caps, etc.

Now Ready!

STANDARD POSTAGE STAMP CATALOGUE FOR 1903.

Bound in Cloth.....	\$0.50, Post Free \$0.58
" " Leather.....	1.25, " 1.35
" " " Interleaved.....	2.00, " 2.16

INTERNATIONAL POSTAGE STAMP ALBUMS.

19th Century Edition, from \$1.50 upwards.
20th Century Edition, for stamps issued in 1901 and 1902 only, from \$1.00 upwards.

Imperial Albums, Bound in Boards, 25c, post free.
" " " " Cloth, 40c, "

Circular of new packets and sets free on application.

[10*

SCOTT STAMP & COIN CO.,

18 EAST 23RD STREET,

NEW YORK, N. Y.

The Weekly Philatelic Era

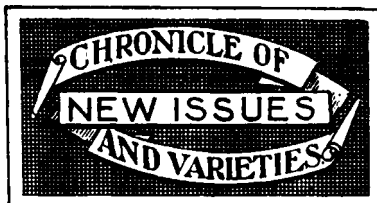
A PAPER DEVOTED TO STAMP NEWS.

50c PER YEAR.

ENTERED AT PORTLAND POST OFFICE AS SECOND CLASS MATTER JAN. 10, 1890.

2c PER COPY.

VOL. XVII. No. 22. PORTLAND, ME., SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1903. WHOLE No. 510.



BY HENRY A. KIDDER.

Friends of the ERA are invited to send to the editor of this department any information regarding new issues or varieties that may prove of interest. Such information will be suitably acknowledged. Address, HENRY A. KIDDER, 17 Addison Street, Arlington, Mass.

Exchanges will please send Mr Kidder a copy of each issue to the foregoing address, and an extra copy of the ERA will be gladly sent whenever desired.

UNITED STATES.—The new 2c stamps were placed on sale at the Boston post office, Feb. 14, after having been on sale for weeks at many other offices. It is hinted that there are other values of the new stamps also in the office, but which will not be placed on sale until the old stock is exhausted.

The 5c has been issued by the Department and will soon be on sale at various offices. The 1c, 2c, 5c, 8c, 10c and 13c, and special delivery have now been issued.

Mr. J. H. Lyons of the New England Stamp Co. shows us the new 10c. It is a handsome stamp though the color (the same as the old 10c) does not allow full credit to be done to its beauty.

The new envelope stamps are being prepared, the designs having all been approved by the Department.

Mr. E. F. Galvin, of Boston, has shown us some fine copies of die A, 4c current envelope on amber paper. This ought to be a rare die.

ARGENTINE.—*Ewen's Weekly* says that the pictorial envelope, 15c blue on white glazed paper, has been surcharged with a large 5 in red on the embossed head, the old value being struck out with a square type. Apparently this is similar to the 5c on 12c, Scott's No. 316. Has any one else seen this?

AUSTRIAN OFFICES IN CRETE.—A special issue of surcharged stamps has been made by the Imperial Government for the use of the Austrian Offices in Crete,

according to the *Illustriertes Briefmarken Journal*.

Adhesives (Regular):
5 centimes on 5h dark green and black.
20 " " 10h rose and black.

Post Card (Regular):
10 centimes on 10h rose and black.

BENADIR.—*Ewen's Weekly* defends the Benadir stamps, which issue has been attacked by various English philatelic journals. *Ewen's* says: "We clearly stated nine months ago that there were no post offices in Benadir, but that in course of time it was expected to open them at Mogadisho, Merca, Brava and Guimbo; also that the administration of the colony was undertaken by the Societa Anonima Commerciale Italiana del Benadir, Milan, who, as administrators, naturally have the sole right to issue stamps. The stamps are printed at the Italian Government Printing Office and should not of course have been allowed to circulate before the post offices were opened, but it does not follow on that account that they are to be classed with the bogus issues of places like Brunei and Sedang. Pending the establishment of post offices, it is only natural there should be no postal service, and we stated at the time that 'until then, as heretofore, correspondence will be forwarded unfranked to Zanzibar and thence despatched to its destination by British or French packet (chiefly the former)'. The reason why dealers refuse to buy the stamps is chiefly because the Societa Anonima will only supply advance sets at about 25 per cent over face value. They have never been offered as current stamps at face value and we fail to see what anyone has to complain

about. There has never been any secret about their history."

CANADA.—A correspondent of *Ewen's Weekly* says that only a few of the new 7c stamps were issued and that "they have been withdrawn (?), owing to their being of too light a color."

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.—*Mekeel's Weekly* lists a new wrapper of the King's head type.

Wrapper (Regular):
½d green on amber.

CYLON.—The *Deutsche Briefmarken Zeitung* chronicles and illustrates the first of the King's head stamps to be issued for the colony. It is the 5c and suggests in design the 5c of 1886. The side labels are, however, curved inward, and the four labels are separated by eight-pointed stars in small circle. The oval is much smaller than the Queen's head stamp and the crown is worked in at the top as in all the King's head stamps. A registration envelope has also been issued.

Adhesive (Regular):
5c dull lilac.

Envelope (Registration):
10c pale rose on white, 13x18.5mm.

CYPRUS.—The *Metropolitan Philatelist* chronicles a new set for the island including the ½ piastre noted in No. 507. The full set, which is of the conventional colonial type, is given below.

Adhesives (Regular):
20 paras, green and purple.
½ piastre, red and green.
1p blue and carmine.
2p purple and olive green.
6p pale aile green and brownish green.
12p black and brown.

FRENCH ALEXANDRIA.—The 10c carmine retouched stamp of France has been

1903 CATALOGUE NOW ON SALE.

Our 1903 Catalogue, priced in American currency, is bound in one volume, well printed on good paper, and sold for FIFTY CENTS; post free, SIXTY CENTS.

It contains the latest quotations at which we can supply the stamps, and is made up by and based on our own stock, no attention being paid to other quotations. Previous editions contained the British Colonials in one part and foreign stamps in another part, and cost \$1.20. This latest edition contains both in one volume and sells at the same price as other catalogues.

BLANK ALBUM NUMBER 31.

This album is a companion to the King's Own Postage Stamp Album, and is specially designed for those collectors who desire a Blank Album, without going to the expense of the movable leaved Albums such as the Oriol or Philatelic.

The Blank Album No. 31 contains 100 pages of heavy white plate paper outlined with a neat border of neutral grey, with a guadrille background inside the border and name space at top of page. Exact size of leaves 7½x9½—available for mounting 6½x8½. Strongly bound in cloth, bevelled boards, countersunk gold lines on cover, gilt edges.

Price \$2.25, or by Mail \$2.50.

STANLEY GIBBONS, INC.,
167 BROADWAY, NEW YORK CITY.

JUST A WORD

with you about the U. S. Revenues you want. Why not send me your want list in this line with proper reference and have your wants sent to you on approval at the right price?

FRED G. JONES,

2013 Brook St., LOUISVILLE, KY.

CHAPTER XXIII.

"None so blind as those who will not see," says the wisacre. I would be glad to assist in curing your blindness regarding

OSGOOD'S FAMOUS BIG SELECTIONS of which you will let me. References. U. S. precancelled stamps of the 1895 series are fast becoming obsolete as the beautiful new series of 1902 comes into use. Why not begin to collect now before they become rare? Write me if interested.

The Stampman free.

D. W. OSGOOD,

South Fork, Rio Grande Co., Colorado.
[To be Continued.]

Send for a sample copy of the Perforator for February. It is worth while. The Perforator, 108 E. 111th St., N. Y. City.

surcharged "Alexandrie" as an addition to the values chronicled in No. 498.

FRENCH MOROCCO.—*L'Echo de la Timbrologie* says that the retouched 10c carmine has been surcharged "10 centimos" for use in the French offices in Morocco. This is supplementary to the values chronicled in No. 499.

GERMANY.—The new official set contains the 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 40 and 50 pf stamps. All are of the color of the current postage stamps, the 25, 40 and 50 pf being in two colors.

HONG KONG.—A new set of King's head stamps has been issued for the colony according to the *Metropolitan Philatelist*. The design is similar to the 1862 stamps with the panels at the sides and bottoms and squares in the corners. They are printed in brilliant colors and are said to form an attractive set. The portrait of King Edward appears in the centre, with the usual crown suspended above. In each case the portrait is in the first color and the design in the second.

Adhesives (Regular):

- 1c mauve and dark chocolate.
- 2c light green.
- 4c brown on salmon.
- 5c light green and orange.
- 8c black and violet.
- 10c mauve and ultramarine on light blue.
- 12c green and brown on yellow.
- 20c black and brown.

NICARAGUA.—Mr. J. H. Lyons, of the New England Stamp Co., has shown us several new values of the commemorative set of which the 1c was chronicled in No. 508. The design is the same on all values with only the denomination and colors changed. The central portrait in each case is in black.

Adhesives (Commemorative):

- 1c green and black.
- 2c carmine and black.
- 5c ultramarine and black.
- 10c orange and black.

SOUDAN.—*Le Collectionneur de Timbres Poste* chronicles a new envelope, with stamp the same type as the current adhesives.

Envelope (Regular):

- 5m rose on white.

Chicago Notes.

F. J. Lefever, a stamp and coin broker of this city, has been very sick with a severe attack of pneumonia, which has confined him to the house for the past two weeks. He is out of danger now, however, and we trust to hear of his speedy recovery.

For some time past there has been an abnormal demand in Chicago for precancelled postage, and all kinds of revenues which are surcharged. Some collectors here will gladly pay fancy prices, for anything in the shape of a surcharge, which is lacking in their collection.

E. L. Warner, of Grand Rapids, who is still tarrying in this city, bought the stock of A. L. Bateman, a dealer in Marseilles, Ill., last week.

Jas. Pike, of Lake Geneva, and Billy Fish, of Sturgeon Bay, who have been staying in Chicago a short while, returned home last week with a goodly lot of stamps, purchased from the dealers here, and as these two philatelic members of the "finny tribe" are the leading collectors in their respective localities, they will doubtless astonish the natives with some of the fine stamps they "imported" from Chicago.

One of our collectors recently exhibited three of the stamps of Lourenzo Marques, i. e.: 5, 10 and 20 reis of 1895, surcharged "Centenario de S. Antonio MDCCCXCV." These stamps are somewhat rare, not being priced in Scott's Catalogue. They are undoubtedly authentic, as the owner received them from a correspondent in that country.

Dealers are warned against sending stamps to one "Slade" of Detroit. E. L. Warner, Arndt & Co., Ashland Stamp Co. and others sent him stamps several weeks ago and he has failed to make returns.

CLIFFORD.

TRADE COLUMN.

Under this head we will print exchange, want and for sale notices, business announcements, 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.

One four-line notice free with each subscription, providing copy accompanies the subscription.

THREE Consecutive Insertions of SAME ad in this Column for PRICE OF TWO.

Precancels wanted in exchange for duplicates of all sorts, by JOSHUA M. FROST, St. Johnsbur, Vt. [12]

Selections on approval at 50¢ dis., also cards of unused "mint condition", at lowest net prices. Ref. required. G. D. WEEKS, Care Garfield Safe Deposit Co., N. Y. [12]

Boys! I have a fine lot on approval, 50% com. and prices below cat. Best hinges 8c. Write at once. T. H. MORTON, Forestville, Conn.

50 varieties, all different, U. S., 10c; 25 Japans, 10c; 50 stamps and album, 5c; 3 Argentines, 1c; 4 Canadas, 2c; 10 Australias, 5c. Postage 2c extra. C. L. BABCOCK, JR., 240 Remsen Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

A rare opportunity for beginners. Stamps on approval at 50% discount. Send references with your request. L. P. GUION, 112 E. 47th St., Chicago, Ill.

Your wants, U. S. Post., Revs., M. & M. filled cheap; selling out. Thurn & Taxis 16 & 22, used, for best offer. T. M. Drossner, 547A Summit Ave., Jersey City. [12]

To complete your United States. Fine catalog copies, 1895, \$5.00 green, \$1.25 each; \$2.00 blue, \$1.05 each. Wholesale, both values \$11.00 only, per dozen.

Thousands of bargains in old United States, British and Colonial stamps. Fine approval selections at 25 to 50% discount. No common rubbish but only fine copies of desirable stamps sent out. Write stating wants and send reference. I can save you hundreds of dollars. Established 1880. FREDERICK GINN, 143 Strand, London, England. [22]

Victoria, all postally used. Scott's Nos. 188, 190c; 105, 3c; 176, 4c; 178, 50c; 168, 7c; 222, 12c; 203, 12c; 204, 35c; 200, 5c; 317, 7c; 327, 30c; 326, \$1.00; 331, 60c. Postage extra under 50c. A. MACK, Box 494, Ottawa, Ont. [12]

Cash paid for your Collection or good duplicates. I also buy current unused U. S. postage. C. B. MERRILL, 130 West 14th St., New York. [11]

Fine M. and M. at half catalogue. C. H. NAGLE, 171 W. Green St., Reading, Pa. [11]

Who wants a well centered, mint block of four Hawaii 1893, 12c red lilac, black surcharge, with guarantee of genuineness signed by P. M. General of Hawaii attached? C. F. Richards, 326 West 20th St., N. Y. [11]

10 perfect stamps, catalogue \$1.00, postpaid 25c. ARNHEIM'S, 908 Liberty St., Pittsburg, Pa. [11]

We have for sale the following U. S. stamps unused in mint condition: 1888, 3c, 30c, 90c; 1890, 3c, 6c, 30c, 90c; Columbians 1c to \$5.00. Send in your best cash offers for what you can use. Sheets, Blocks or single stamps. Also nice used copies of 1888, 30c, 90c; 1890, 90c; Columbians 3c, 4c, 5c, 6c, 8c, 15c. COL-LATERAL LOAN CO., Augusta, Me. [10]

Good U. S. and Foreign, also U. S. Revs. on approval at 60% discount to prompt buyers. Reference required. C. B. MERRILL, 130 W. 14th St., N. Y. [11]

Approval sheets 60% disct. Net sheets for advanced collectors at equally low prices. 9000 var. in stock. F. W. PICKARD, 2427 Ingleside, Cincinnati, O. [11]

Send for approvals at 50%. Send 10c for 20 U. S. Revenues, Turkey, Nyassa and San Marino. RING-GOLD & CLEMENTS, 416 Clark St., Knoxville, Tenn. [11]

Beautiful Oil Painting of California scenery, small size, to exchange for 400 var. stamps or for other stamps. Price \$1.00. Hardy & Co., 584 36th St., Oakland, Cal. [11]

Postmarks & lettered stations from about every office in U. S. to sell or exch. F. A. Goldsmith, Beverly, Mass. [11]

120 odds and ends in stamp papers, 1894 to 1890 inclusive, to exchange for stamps or cash. C. F. RICHARDS, 326 West 20th St., New York. [10]

Don't spoil your stamps, especially O. G.'s by fastening them with hinges. Send 50c and I will tell you how to fasten them. Send 25c and I will tell you how to clean stamps of paper quickly and without injury. You need a Fountain Pen, send for the "Standard" hard rubber; it is only 50 cents silver, 55 cents stamps; 60 cents in any kind of unused United States stamps, original gum. [10]

C. R. HOMAN,
1129 N. 6th St., Quincy, Ill.

Bargains in Canadians: 1892-3, 8c lilac gray, Cat. 50c, only 12c; 20c vermilion, Cat. 35c, only 8c. Both fine copies, unused and o. g. Postage extra. 20th Century International Album \$1.00 post paid. For best values try our packets. No. 4, 1000 fine varieties, used, foreign only, neatly mounted, \$3.50 post paid. Will catalogue over \$20.00. If you desire to deal in a small way among your friends write us for prices on lots of packets etc. ROYAL SUPPLY CO., 758 Greenwood Ave., Avondale, Cincinnati, O. [10]

Hawaii Specials! Sheet of 12 No. 51 surcharged "Reprint," \$2.25. Block of 4 No. 78, o. g., \$1.20. Used No. 9, fair, \$3.00; Unused No. 6, pierced, \$7.50; Used No. 28, \$3.00; No. 29a, surcharged "Specimen," 50c; No. 60c, o. g., one in block of 4, \$4.00. C. F. RICHARDS, 326 W. 20th St., New York. [10]

\$2.00 catalogue for \$1.00. Send me sheets or books, will return double catalogue for all I keep. Scott's latest catalogue. No stamps given or when catalogued under 5 cents each. All in fine order and guaranteed genuine. MRS. BELE BULLARD, Greene, N. Y. [11]

Is your collection for sale? I will buy it or any odd lots of good stamps. No cheap stuff wanted. Send on approval with lowest cash offer. Immediate returns guaranteed. HOWARD C. BECK, City Controller's Office, Detroit, Mich. [51]

Is your collection for sale? Get your dealer to make a price on it, add 50¢ to his offer, and send book to me. It's 10 to 1 I buy it. F. W. PICKARD, 2427 Ingleside, Cincinnati, O. [11]

U. S. Pre-Cancelled postage stamps. I will pay a good price in cash or exchange for any not in my collection. F. L. SMITH, 40 Exchange Pl., N. Y. [12]

Wanted for cash U. S. pre-cancelled postage stamps. WALTER L. GATES, Teaticket, Mass. [11]

U. S. STAMPS.

Cat. No.	UNUSED.	1909 Cat. Price.	Gum. My Price.
33	1851, 3c red, imp.	\$1.50	\$0.50
33	unsevered pair	?	2.00
33	block of four	?	6.00
133	1c, without gum	1.50	.50
133	unsevered pair	3.00	2.00
133	block of four	6.00	2.00
158	1873, 3c green	1.00	.75
158	block of four	?	3.00
158c	ribbed paper, scarce thus	?	1.00
158c	block of four	?	5.00
190	1879, 3c black	2.00	1.00
190	block of four	8.00	4.00
197	1888, 3c brown	.65	.40
197	block of four	?	2.00
198	1888, 9c purple	3.50	2.00
198	block of four	?	8.00
202a	1894, 3c, imperforate	?	.50
202a	unsevered pair	?	3.00
202a	block of four	?	6.00

All have full original gum, excepting No. 133, which has no gum, but is very fine and well centered. I also offer, in the finest possible condition, the following:

U. S. STAMPED ENVELOPES.

Cat. No.	Used, Cut Square.	Cat. My Price.
1377	1870, 1c blue on amber	\$1.50 \$0.35
1463	1880, 3c vermilion on cream	1.50 .35
1469	1874, 3c vermilion on orange	1.50 .35
1504	1884, 3c red on fawn	.75 .30
The above four envelopes		
6 sets of above, \$5.00; cat. price, \$31.50.		

I can still furnish nearly every bargain as advertised in the WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA since November 29, 1902.

Please remit by bills or P. O. Money-order.

C. F. ROTHFUCHS,
38 Munroe St., **ROXBURY, MASS**
Special! Hawaii, No. 29b, unused, o. g., large margins, fine, \$27.50.

New Year Bargains in U. S. Departments.

Complete, used, \$1.50; unused	\$1.75
Complete set, good copies, price	2.15
Complete, used except 90c new, cat. \$11.10, price	3.50
State, Used, Good Copies,	
1c, 10c, 2c, 15c, 24c, 90c, cat. \$36.50, price	12.25

Omaha Stamp & Coin Co., 209 S. 13th St., Omaha, Neb.
The Only Stamp and Coin Store in Omaha.

Our Next Sale Takes Place

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18.

It will contain the balance of the Wholesale stock from our 8th Sale. There is surely something you want in it.

CATALOGUES ARE FREE.

CHAS. H. STONE & CO.,

19 Washington St., **BOSTON, MASS.**

SUPERB CONDITION.

ALL UNUSED.

Crete, 1dr, No. 17	\$0.34
" 2dr, No. 18	.68
" 5dr, No. 19	1.75
Seychelles, 45c, No. 17	.70
" 1902, 30 on 1r	.18
" " 45 on 1r	.18
" " 30 on 75c	.27
Tonga 1897, 1/2p to 1sh, 11 var.	1.65
Turks Islands 1900, 1/2p to 1sh	.82
" " 2sh	.70
" " 3sh	1.05
Italy 1900, 1pi, No. 516	.09
Jamaica 1878, 1p, No. 101	.10
Uganda 1898, 1s to 8a	.65
" " 1 rupee	.90
" " 5 rupee	4.00
So. Nigeria, 2sh 6d	1.25
" " 5sh	2.50
" " 10sh	5.00

BOSTON STAMP COMPANY,
22 Bromfield St., **BOSTON, MASS.**
J. Favill Capron, Mgr.

Springfield, Mass., Notes.

The Club held a very interesting meeting with Dr. F. H. Haskins, 107 Main St., Friday evening. Mr. C. C. Lewis, of Northampton, read a paper on Portugal. Among other things he brought out the fact that Portugal issued stamps for fourteen years without the name of the country appearing on the stamps.

We were favored with a call from Mr. Colson, of Boston, last Thursday. He had with him the Hawkins collection, a fine lot of rarities including, of course, a few Hawaiians.

One of our letter carriers is showing a 50 cent U. S. postage with what he calls an inverted 5. It certainly is a "bum" 5 but that is about all.

The committee sent out to get the names, address, age and standing of the stamp collectors of Springfield and vicinity is about ready to report. As soon as the list can be properly indexed and published a public stamp meeting will be held, probably in the Y. M. C. A. building, and all on the list will receive an invitation to attend.

Dealers wishing to know how any collector on the list is rated, etc., can find out by addressing the Secretary of the S. S. C., but the list is not for sale.

Gordon Ireland says in the ERA No. 20, "Work upon the Index seems to have perished." If he could see the work Stone laid out to eight of us he'd think some one was going to perish. But things are going along fine and you can order your bouquets for that committee.

Detroit Paragraphs.

The Post Office Department receipts for January were \$102,145.33 against 83,949.49 for the same month in 1902, an increase of \$18,195.49. This breaks two records. It is the first time the local office has ever reached the \$100,000 mark and the increase is the largest ever known here.

The new 5c Lincoln was placed on sale here this week. So far we have had the 2c, 5c, 13c and special delivery stamps.

Ever since the latter part of December the local office has been out of the 13c stamps. Many collectors would like a few to send away to their distant friends and correspondents.

HERMAN W. BOERS.

Send for a sample copy of the Perforator for February. It is worth while. The Perforator, 106 E. 111th St., N. Y. City.

HAYTI CARDS.

Issue of 1898, surcharged "MAL-Gt Pre-1909," and withdrawn from circulation Dec. 22. 1c blue on white, 121c blue on gray. 3c orange on rose, 222c orange on lilac. 3c green on cream, 212c green on lilac-gray.

Price per set 30 CENTS, postpaid. Order early. No more to be had.

ADOLPH LOHMEYER,

922 N. Gilmore St., **BALTIMORE, MD.**

2nd ISSUE REV. BLUE AND BLACK.		
1c	\$0.30	\$1.30
3c	.12	\$1.50
4c	.25	\$1.90
6c	.70	\$2.00
15c	.17	\$2.50
30c	.30	\$3.00
40c	.30	\$3.50
60c	.30	\$5.00
70c	.25	\$10.00

GREATER N. Y. STAMP & COIN CO.,
238 East 88th St., **New York City.**

BARGAINS IN U. S. ENTIRE ENVELOPES.

Scott's Nos. All Unused and Fine.

1467, 1486, 1514, 1526, 1527, 1541, 1590	4 cts. Each
1426, 1462, 1480, 1494, 1495, 1496, 1522	8 cts. Each
1448, 1478, 1488, 1542, 1594, 1604, 1722	10 cts. Each
1396, 1408, 1421, 1422, 1440, 1513, 1591	20 cts. Each
1377, 1466, 1469, 1515, 1559, 1571, 1728	50 cts. Each

Postage extra. Want lists priced by Scott's or Barlett's catalogue. Have over 800 vars. and will sell cheap. **ALFRED E. COLE, Plainfield, N. J.**

DIME PACKETS.

Packet No. 1.—Contains 25 different stamps, including Jamaica, Cuba, Venezuela, Porto Rico, Spain, etc.

Packet No. 2.—Contains 25 different stamps, including Argentine Republic, India, Victoria, New Zealand, etc.

Packet No. 3.—Contains 25 different stamps, including Canada, Brazil, Dutch Indies, Japan, etc.

Packet No. 4.—Contains 25 different stamps, including Honduras, Bosnia, Ecuador, Salvador, etc.

Packet No. 5.—Contains 25 different stamps, including Mexico, Egypt, Trinidad, Queensland, etc.

Packet No. 6.—Contains 25 different stamps, including West Australia, French Colonies, Luxembourg, Turkey, etc.

Packet No. 7.—Contains 25 different stamps, including Cape Good Hope, Guatemala, Monaco, Colombia.

Packet No. 8.—Contains 25 different stamps, including Nicaragua, Mexico, Mauritius, Natal, etc.

Packet No. 9.—Contains 25 different stamps, including Chili, Sweden, Surinam, Venezuela, etc.

Packet No. 10.—Contains 25 different stamps, including Costa Rica, India, Servia, Peru, Hong Kong, etc.

Price 10c Each.

The 10 packets, containing 250 different stamps, will be sent post free for 90 cents. Postage extra on single packets.

COLUMBIAN STAMP CO., Arlington, Mass.

52% DISCOUNT FOR FINE UNUSED STAMPS.

It will pay you to look at these stamps and prices.

UNITED STATES.	Cat. Price.
15c 1862, full gum	\$10.00 \$4.80
12c 1867, " " 913	5.00 2.40
You never saw finer. Perfectly centered and deep in color. Two gems. Either worth 75% of catalogue.	
Argentine.	
3c orange, 1873, unused	\$3.50 \$1.68
9c blue, 1873, " "	2.50 1.20
Gold Coast 1879.	
1/2p bistre, gum	1.25 .60
1p green, " "	4.00 1.92
4p red violet	14.00 6.72
Chances to buy Gold Coast at these prices seldom occur.	
St. Vincent.	
4p lake brown, 1883-88, gum	2.50 1.20

WM. D. ELDRIDGE,

Box 1352, **BOSTON, MASS.**

Boston Correspondent Era.

The Boston Philatelic Society.

M. H. LOMBARD, President, Winchester, Mass.
C. F. ROTHFUCHS, Vice-President, Boston.
C. A. HOWES, Secretary, 55 Kilby St., Boston.
L. L. GREEN, Treasurer, 47 Tremont St., Boston.
J. H. LYONS, Supt. of Auctions, 27 Bromfield St., Boston.
J. H. LYONS, Supt. of Sales, 27 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass.
THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA, Official Journal.

**RARE FRENCH MOROCCO, 1893,
On Entire Covers.**

1306, 5c (only 400 issued.), \$3.00
1307, 10c (only 500 issued.), \$2.50

GUARANTEED GENUINE. 114

R. M. LANGZETTEL, 92 Crown St.,
New Haven, Conn.

SEND FOR ONE.

PACKET No. 25—FLOOD CITY SPECIAL.

Here is a packet of 50 varieties, mostly obsolete stamps, that has become the favorite of quite a few collectors. The stamps contained in this packet catalogue from four to five times its price. Try one of them—many advanced collectors have purchased two or more at a time. Positively the biggest value ever offered for the money.

PRICE ONE DOLLAR.

Stamps on approval at 50% discount mailed to responsible parties.

THEO. MAINHART, JOHNSTOWN, PA.

YOUR DUPLICATES WANTED.

If you have some good stamps catalogued at 4 cents each and up, send on a lot; will use what I can at 1/2 Catalogue. Have over 6000 varieties to pay from. Especially desire foreign medium priced. I sometimes buy job lots of good stamps or collections for cash. Register valuable lots. 113*

L. V. LINDSEY, Greene, N. Y.

HAYTI.

A popular country with American collectors. We offer to submit on approval the following new books of Hayti stamps at 25% discount from current catalogue.

Book No. 65. Stamps of Hayti, mostly unused.

Book No. 65a. Containing only blocks of four unused, Hayti 1893-1902.

Book No. 65b. Containing only five postally cancelled stamps of Hayti 1887-1902.

Besides the above books we have a specialized stock book of Hayti, containing used and unused, shades, singles and blocks, subject to 10%, which will be submitted subject to arrangement to liberal buyers.

SPECIAL OFFERS!

Catalogue. Our Price

1898 1c ultramarine..... \$0.75 \$0.38

1898 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 20c, set of six..... 5.85 3.95

All are fine unused copies, well centered.

"Mekeel's Stamp Collector"

A weekly stamp paper, sample copy free, also price list giving terms and list of approval books in our Approval Department the greatest in America.

C. H. MEKEEL STAMP & PUBLISHING CO.,
ST. LOUIS, MO.

Items from the Hub.

Mr. Alexandre of Barcelona, Spain, the well known continental dealer, is on a visit to the United States. His headquarters for the past week has been at the office of the J. M. Bartels Co., but by the time these notes are read he will have left for New York. Mr. Alexandre intends to visit the principal cities of the east before leaving for Cuba. He carries with him a wonderful wholesale stock at remarkably low prices, also a large assortment of medium grade stamps for collectors at prices which will move them.

Mr. E. M. Carpenter, of the New England Stamp Co., left Boston on Thursday last on a trans-continental trip, visiting Denver, San Francisco, Los Angeles, San Antonio, Houston, New Orleans, St. Louis and Chicago, the trip covering four or five weeks. Mr. Carpenter will carry with him the Hawkins collection and some of the best stamps in the Todd collection.

Mr. J. F. Johnson, a prominent and popular member and officer in the Boston Boston Philatelic Society and the American Philatelic Association, died in Denver, Colorado, on February 8th. He left Boston on the 3rd inst., and arrived in Denver on the 7th. The funeral was held at Roxbury on the 13th, and was attended by a large delegation from the Boston Society. The Society sent a suitable floral tribute.

Collectors and dealers have experienced the difficulty of securing the new Danish West Indies, surcharge 2c on 3c. If now develops that the supply is entirely exhausted and an official decree dated the 20th ult. has authorized the current 4c stamp to be bisected and sold for 2c. This has been done and the J. M. Bartels Co. have shown me one. These will be in use until a new supply comes from Denmark. The 2c rate only applies to drop letters, consequently only a small number will be used.

Mr. I. A. Mekeel and Mr. S. W. Comstock of Turners Falls, Mass., were visitors here last week.

WM. D. ELDRIDGE.

A CHICAGO COLLECTION

will be the feature of the next C. P. S. Auction Sale. Are you on the list? Date of Sale is Feb. 28th. It contains many nice things.

Wolsieffer's Next Sale

will contain those Freak Revenues catalogued and guaranteed by E. B. Sterling, and the Dickinson and Bradford Collection. It will be very attractive for the general collector, with plenty of Lots by countries for the dealers.

Catalogues of all sales free.
Wolsieffer's Pocket Edition Stock Book, cloth bound, to hold 560 stamps, postpaid 25 cts.

United Stamp Co., 1149 Marquette Bldg., Chicago.

OUR STOCK

has increased in size threefold in the last few weeks. We would like to send you a General Book or a book of one country to a book. Scott's and Gibbons' 193 catalogues are now ready. Will send either for 58¢, prepaid with 8c Columbian, Omaha, Pan-American or Martha Washington, or for 63¢ with 13c Harrison.

J. T. STARR STAMP CO., Coldwater, Mich.

**8000 8000
OUR BARGAIN LISTS.**

Our price list of U. S. and foreign stamps is now finished. It is in twenty parts, all post free. It has cost us hundreds of dollars and has taken thousands of lines of space in philatelic papers the last few months. Over 8000 used and unused stamps are listed at low prices. Nearly everything in stock today.

HOLD YOUR ORDERS. Get our list and send orders to us. Save money.

HOLTON STAMP CO.,
Successors to E. A. HOLTON,
60 Devonshire St., BOSTON, MASS.
ESTABLISHED 1861.

8000 8000

If You are Sick my Medicines Will Cure You. No cure, no pay. Money refunded. If these prices don't cure you, better make your will.

	Cat. Price.	My Price.
1/2c Auhkammia.....	\$0.25	\$0.19
1/2c Branca Bros., roui.....	.....	.45
1/2c C. H. Fletcher.....	.10	.04
1/2c J. Ellwood Lee.....	.08	.04
1/2c " " ".....	.10	.05
1/2c " " ".....	.80	.09
1/2c " " ".....	.30	.14
1/2c " " ".....	.40	.17
1/2c Emerson Drug Co.....	.10	.04
1/2c " " ".....	.10	.04
1/2c " " ".....	.15	.06
1/2c " " ".....	.20	.08
1/2c Marchand.....	.10	.04
1/2c " " ".....	.25	.10
1/2c " " ".....	.15	.06
1/2c Piao.....	.05	.02
1/2c Warner.....	.20	.10
1/2c Od Chem. Co.....	.25	.10
1/2c Radway.....	.10	.04
1/2c Johnson & Johnson, pairs..	—	.03
\$5.00 Doc., orange, pairs, uncut	—	.17

Postage extra.
E. C. Dodd, 259 So. Hermitage Ave., Chicago.

Send for a sample copy of the Perforator for February. It is worth while. The Perforator, 106 E. 111th St., N. Y. City.

The New England Philatelic Association.
Organized February, 1895.

Board of Officers:
President, CHARLES H. SMITH, Dedham, Mass.
Vice President, J. FAVILL CAPRON, 22 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass.
Secretary and Treasurer, H. W. LEBG, 26 Hancock St., Boston, Mass.
Sales Department, CHARLES H. STONE, 91 Antrim St., Cambridgeport, Mass.
Information Bureau, MRS. WALLACE DANA SMITH, 20 Wiburd St., Portsmouth, N. H.
Counterfeit Detector, WILLIS D. KING, Nashua, N. H.
Attorney, HORACE S. BACON, 107 Stevens St., Lowell, Mass.
Governing Board, CHARLES H. STONE, Chairman, 91 Antrim St., Cambridgeport, Mass., JOHN J. COME, New Dorchester, Mass., FRANK A. WILSON, 185 Highland Ave., Somerville, Mass.
Official Organ, THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA.

Almost every dealer sends approval selections at 50% Discount—BUT there are some stamps in our selections of this class that are not to be had as cheap elsewhere.

A COLLECTION OF 5000 VARIETIES of POSTAGE STAMPS, carefully selected from our own stock, \$175.00. Satisfaction Guaranteed.

3000 for \$45.00 ♦ 2000 for \$13.50 ♦ 1000 for \$3.40 ♦ ALL GENUINE POSTAGE STAMPS

550 Varieties mounted in a blank book (cataloguing by Scott's 61st edition Catalogue \$10.00), post free \$1.50. A Bargain for Dealer or Collector!

C. H. MEKEEL STAMP & PUBLISHING CO., ST. LOUIS, MO.

American Philatelic Association.

(INCORPORATED.)

THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA—OFFICIAL JOURNAL.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

ALEXANDER HOLLAND, President,
40 Grace Court, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Board of Vice-Presidents.

FRANK H. BURT, Chairman,
Room 1046, Tremont Building, Boston, Mass.

GORDON IRELAND, Secretary,
Holyoke House 21, Cambridge, Mass.

EDWIN F. SAWYER,
101 Washington St., Brighton, Mass.

H. E. DEATS, Secretary,
Flemington, N. J.

E. DOEBLIN, International Secretary,
Box 736, Pittsburg, Pa.

C. L. ANNAN, Treasurer,
Copper Range R. R., Houghton, Mich.

H. B. PHILLIPS,
1311 Grove St., Berkeley, Cal.

F. W. CONING,
350 George St., New Brunswick, N. J.

RESIDENT VICE-PRESIDENTS.

BOSTON, MASS.—J. F. JOHNSON, 383 Lexington St., Auburndale, Mass.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.—W. E. LOY, 4431 Ellsworth St., Berkeley, Cal.

NEW YORK CITY.—W. F. GREGORY, 71 Nassau St.

PITTSBURG, PA.—E. DONALD, Box 736.

CHICAGO, ILL.—A. F. MERRILL, 432 Marquette Building.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.—E. S. MARTIN, 3244 First Avenue, South.

WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS—ROBERT D. MAYNARD, 36 Oak Grove Ave., Springfield.

APPOINTEE OFFICERS.

E. H. ANDERSON, Librarian,
Carnegie Library, Pittsburg, Pa.

H. D. WATSON, Collecting Agent,
64 Cedar St., New York City.

JOHN J. OESCH, Superintendent of Sales Dept.,
34 Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill.

H. E. DEATS, Assistant Librarian,
Flemington, N. J.

W. F. GREGORY, Auction Purchasing Agent,
71 Nassau St., New York City.

P. M. WOLSIEFFER, Auction Purchasing Agent,
1009 Atwood Bldg., Chicago, Ill.

A. W. BATCHELDER, Auction Purchasing Agent,
21 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass.

REPORT OF SECRETARY

For the Week Ending February 21st.

Application for Membership.

PIKE, JAMES, R. R. No. 1, Walworth, Wisconsin; age, 27; occupation, Engineer. References: R. Robinson, J. J. Oesch.

Re-instated.

757. WITHEE, N. HASKELL, La Crosse, Wisconsin.

Membership Summary.

Membership Feb. 14th.....	540
Re instated.....	1
Total membership Feb. 21st.....	541

The President certifies under date of Feb. 13th, that the Board of Directors have approved the bonds of the Treasurer and Superintendent of Sales. The Board have also accepted the resignation of J. F. Johnson as Director and Vice-President, and have elected Edwin F. Sawyer to succeed him as Director and Vice-President.

H. E. DEATS, Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT

For Month of January, 1903.

HOUGHTON, MICH., Feb. 12, 1903.

General Fund.

Receipts.

On hand Jan. 1, 1903,	\$351.16
In creast on cert. of deposit,	15.00
Secretary, Dec. collections,	41 05
	<u>\$407.21</u>

Disbursements.

Jan. 14, MacCrellish & Quigley, printing Year Book, (A90)	\$182.23
14, MacCrellish & Quigley, printing By-Laws, (A91)	6.00
24, H. E. Deats, Sec'y's expenses, (A92)	32.45
	<u>220.68</u>
	\$186.53

Stock Fund.

In Fund Jan. 1,	\$1782.00
Received in January,	8.00
	<u>1790.00</u>

Insurance Fund.

In Fund Jan. 1,	\$866.55
Jan. 3, C. L. McFarland, stamps substituted, (A89)	3.20
	<u>863.35</u>

Total in Fund, \$2,839.88
Respectfully submitted,
C. L. ANNAN, Treasurer.

CHICAGO BRANCH, No. 1.

The regular monthly meeting of the Chicago Branch of the American Philatelic Association was held in the C. P. S. club-room on Thursday, February 12th. Those present were: Messrs. Boehm, Lively, Michael, Oesch, Robinson, Severn, Staab, Wolsieffer and Zajicek. J. Pike of Lake Geneva was present as a visitor.

In the absence of the President Mr. Severn was elected to take the chair.

The reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was dispensed with.

A communication was read from C. S. Smack, the President of the branch, tendering his resignation, which was accepted with regrets.

Mr. Otto von Schaezler was unanimously elected to fill the vacancy.

Upon motion it was decided to reduce the dues from 50 to 25 cents a year, payable at the beginning of each fiscal year.

The Secretary was instructed to write and invite all Chicago members to attend the meetings of the Branch and to point out the benefits to be derived, it being the intention of the Branch in future to have a collection or exhibition at each meeting.

It was also decided to dispense with the stamp drawings usually held after the meetings.

The meeting then adjourned.

R. ROBINSON, Secretary.

Special Price List

No. 24 Just Out.

Many Bargains. Don't Miss It.

- 10sh Niger Coat, unused; only.... \$5.00
- 51 San Marino No. 201, largest stamp in the world..... 1.75

BOSTON STAMP COMPANY,

22 BROMFIELD ST.,

BOSTON, - - MASS.
J. Favill Capron, Mgr. [11°

Wm. v. d. Wettern, Jr.,

WHOLESALE DEALER IN

★ POSTAGE + STAMPS. ★
411 W. Saratoga St., Baltimore, Md.

New special list just issued, sent free on application to dealers only.

Send for a sample copy of the Perforator for February. It is worth while. The Perforator, 106 E. 111th St., N. Y. City.

Please mention ERA when answering ads.

Now Ready!

STANDARD POSTAGE STAMP CATALOGUE FOR 1903.

Bound in Cloth.....	\$0.50, Post Free \$0.58
“ “ Leather.....	1.25, “ 1.35
“ “ “ Interleaved.....	2.00, “ 2.16

INTERNATIONAL POSTAGE STAMP ALBUMS.

19th Century Edition, from \$1.50 upwards.

20th Century Edition, for stamps issued in 1901 and 1902 only, from \$1.00 upwards.

Imperial Albums, Bound in Boards, 25c, post free.

“ “ “ “ Cloth, 40c, “

Circular of new packets and sets free on application.

[10°

SCOTT STAMP & COIN CO.,

18 EAST 23RD STREET,

NEW YORK, N. Y.

The Weekly Philatelic Era

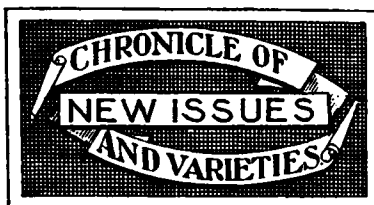
A PAPER DEVOTED TO STAMP NEWS.

50c PER YEAR.

ENTERED AT PORTLAND POST OFFICE AS SECOND CLASS MATTER JAN. 10, 1890.

2c PER COPY.

VOL. XVII. No. 23. PORTLAND, ME., SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1903. WHOLE No. 511.



By HENRY A. KIDDER.

Friends of the ERA are invited to send to the editor of this department any information regarding new issues or varieties that may prove of interest. Such information will be suitably acknowledged. Address, HENRY A. KIDDER, 17 Addison Street, Arlington, Mass.

Exchanges will please send Mr. Kidder a copy of each issue to the foregoing address, and an extra copy of the ERA will be gladly sent whenever desired.

UNITED STATES.—The 5c Lincoln of the new series has been on sale at the Boston office for several days.

Some curiosity has been excited as to the earliest date on which the new 2c stamp was used, and we have endeavored to ascertain, if possible, which postoffice had the honor of first sending the new stamp through the mail. On looking through several thousand envelopes mailed in the months of January and February the following dates were discovered in January. All February dates were thrown aside. It will be noticed that Bedford, Pa., was the earliest postmark in the list. We invite our readers to look over their correspondence and give us if possible any earlier dates than those recorded. Boston does not appear in this list, for the very good reason that while the new stamps were in the strong box, for days before, none were issued until Feb. 21, we are informed. The list is as follows:

- | | |
|-------------------------|----------|
| Bedford, Pa., | Jan. 24. |
| Leonia, N. J., | Jan. 26. |
| Plainfield, N. J., | Jan. 26. |
| Reading, Pa., | Jan. 27. |
| Detroit, Mich., | Jan. 27. |
| North Attleboro, Mass., | Jan. 28. |
| Seymour, Wis., | Jan. 29. |
| New York, | Jan. 29. |
| Brooklyn, Station S, | Jan. 29. |
| Camden, N. J., | Jan. 30. |
| Verona, Pa., | Jan. 30. |
| Ravenna, Ohio, | Jan. 30. |
| Washington, D. C., | Jan. 30. |
| New York, Station J, | Jan. 30. |

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|----------|
| New York, Station P, | Jan. 30. |
| Brooklyn, N. Y., Station B, | Jan. 30. |
| New York, Station O, | Jan. 31. |
| Binghamton, N. Y., | Jan. 31. |
| Herkimer, N. Y., | Jan. 31. |
| Bowling Green, Ohio, | Jan. 31. |
| Brooklyn, N. Y., Blithebourne Sta., | Jan. 31. |

The Boston Herald says of the new 2c stamps, that fifteen of them look like 30 cents.

It is rumored that a new design is being prepared for the 2c stamp, so much criticism having been aroused by the present design. It is only fair to say, however, that later printings show much improvement.

The completed set of the new stamps is expected to appear by March 15th.

AUSTRIAN OFFICES IN CRETE.—Mr. Lohmeyer has received the Postal Union cards of Austria, surcharged in black, for use in Crete, "10 CENTIMES 10" over the original value.

Postal Cards (Regular):
10 centimes on 10 heller, black and carmine.
10x10c on 10x10c black and carmine, T. 3.

BAHAMAS.—Mr. F. W. Sprague informs us that the Bahamas 5sh stamps mentioned in Nos. 506 and 508, should be chronicled as lilac and blue, as stated in the *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly*.

Adhesive (Regular):
5sh lilac and blue.

BRITISH HONDURAS.—Mr. Lohmeyer's Belize correspondent sends, under date of February 13, as just issued, the new 2c King type card, and says that the double card has not yet been issued. The chronicle in No. 508, on authority of *Le Collectionneur de Timbres Poste* must, therefore, be "anticipated." This card is of the

new colonial type, except that the coat-of-arms between "POST CARD" and "CARTE POSTALE" has been omitted.

Postal Card (Regular):
2 cents, carmine on cream, 89x140mm.

BRITISH OFFICES IN THE LEVANT.—Mr. Edwin F. Sawyer, of Boston, has shown us copies of the Registration envelope, 40 paras on pale lilac (Scott gives it brown). This has been chronicled, but is not common as yet.

CUBA.—Mr. F. P. Brown has shown us a pair of the 3c surcharged U. S., in one of which appears differences which may well be called a distinct variety. Not only does the 3c of the surcharge appear in a different position as regards the letter "P" in the bottom line of the inscription, but there is more space between the second and third lines than in the normal. This variety was also mentioned in No. 497.

INDIA.—Mr. J. H. Lyons, of the New England Stamp Co., has shown us copies of the 4c brown and blue, cut diagonally in half and used as 2c. Mr. Lyons has several specimens on the cover of both halves.

FRANCE.—Mr. Lohmeyer reports receiving by courtesy of Mr. Foulon, Brussels, a copy of the new 30 centimes letter card for the Paris Pneumatic Service. While the type of the stamp remains unchanged, the inscription has been simplified, reading now, in two lines, "REPUBLIQUE FRANCAISE—CARTE PNEUMATIQUE." It is now folded at the top instead of the bottom, a new departure since the introduction of pneumatic letter cards. A triangular space in the upper

1903 CATALOGUE

NOW ON SALE.

Our 1903 Catalogue, priced in American currency, is bound in one volume, well printed on good paper, and sold for **FIFTY CENTS**; post free, **SIXTY CENTS**.

It contains the latest quotations at which we can supply the stamps, and is made up by and based on our own stock, no attention being paid to other quotations.

Previous editions contained the British Colonials in one part and foreign stamps in another part, and cost \$1.20. This latest edition contains both in one volume and sells at the same price as other catalogues.

BLANK ALBUM NUMBER 31.

This album is a companion to the King's Own Postage Stamp Album, and is specially designed for those collectors who desire a Blank Album, without going to the expense of the movable leaved Albums such as the Oriol or Philatelic.

The Blank Album No. 31 contains 100 pages of heavy white plate paper outlined with a neat border of neutral grey, with a quadrille background inside the border and name space at top of page. Exact size of leaves 7½x9½—available for mounting 6½x8½. Strongly bound in cloth, bevelled boards, countersunk gold lines on cover, gilt edges.

Price \$2.25, or by Mail \$2.50.

STANLEY GIBBONS, INC.,

167 BROADWAY,

NEW YORK CITY.

CONFEDERATES.

Charleston Local, No. 2, 5c blue on cover.....\$5.00
New Orleans Local, No. 107 or 109 on cover..... 1.75
Regular Issue, No. 208, "Ten" on cover..... 3.50
Regular Issue, No. 212, on part cover..... 1.00
Money refunded if stamps don't suit.

FRED G. JONES,

2013 Brook St., LOUISVILLE, KY.

CHAPTER XXIV.

A MAN who travels much acquires much valuable knowledge denied to the stay-at-home. THE COLLECTOR who tries many approval systems soon settles upon

Osgood's Famous Big Selections

as being the most satisfactory in the long run. References.

1895 series of Precancelled are fast becoming obsolete and prices are rising. Better look into this "fad" right now.

The Stampman free.

D. W. OSGOOD,

South Fork, Rio Grande Co., Colorado. (To be Continued.)

"Specimen" Departments.

Table listing various stamp categories and prices: Agriculture 1c, Executive 1c, Set, perfectly matched colors, rare, Justice 1c, Navy 1c, State 1c, Treasury 7c, War 1c, Carrier, re-issue, Eagle.

These are special prices. Our prices are to be advanced. We can supply most of the above in blocks of four at same rate. These stamps are really much scarcer than those not marked "Specimen."

HOLTON STAMP CO., BOSTON, MASS.

Send for a sample copy of the Perforator for February. It will be worth while. The Perforator, 106 E. 111th St., N. Y. City.

left corner is reserved for the name and address of the sender. The impression is in black, but it is said that this is only a temporary issue, and that the color will be changed to red.

Letter Card (Pneumatic): 30 (centimes), black on pale blue, 80x130, perf. 11, B.

GERMANY.—Mr. Lohmeyer informs us that he has received the 5 pfennig single and double cards with shortened and closer address lines.

Postal Cards (Regular): 5pf green on cream, 92x140mm. 5x5pf " " " 90x140mm, T. 3.

ITALY.—Dr. Diena of Rome has sent Mr. Lohmeyer a few copies of the "902" 10 centesimi card with stamp of the new type. The instructions "NB Sul lato anteriore della presente si scrive soltanto l'indirizzo" reading upwards on the "902" card with the "Humbert" stamp, have been omitted on this new card, in all other respects, excepting the stamp, it remains unchanged.

Postal Card (Regular): 10c red on cream, 92x139mm.

MOZAMBIQUE COMPANY.—The Illustrertes Briefmarken Zeitung chronicles a new stamp for this colony in the current type.

Adhesive (Regular): 65 reis, blue.

PARAGUAY.—Ewen's Weekly chronicles a new provisional.

Adhesive (Provisional): 5c on 28c orange.

PORTUGUESE INDIA.—According to L'Echo de la Timbrologie two new values have been issued in the current type and the 6 reis has appeared in a new color.

Adhesives (Regular): 1 real, gray and black. 2 reis, orange and black. 6 reis, green and black.

SERVIA.—L'Echo de la Timbrologie says that a new set of stamps has been ordered from the Boulevard Brune printers, and that the design has been engraved by M. Monchon.

SOUDAN.—Mekel's Weekly says that a set of official stamps was placed in circulation Jan. 1st, consisting of the 3m, 5m, 1p, 2p and 5p, surcharged "O. S. G. S." (Official Service Government Soudan). They are all watermarked crescent and star and cannot be obtained unused. The watermark of the 3m for ordinary correspondence has been changed, and all new supplies of the other values will bear the crescent. Post cards, envelope, letter cards and wrappers are issued now in the camel design.

SOUTHERN NIGERIA.—Mr. F. P. Brown has shown us the complete set of the King's head stamps for this colony, chronicled in No. 496.

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.—Mr. Lohmeyer reports having just received the new 3c card of the King type, issued at the Singapore post office in December, and not last summer, as chronicled in Der Philatelist of August 15.

Postal Card (Regular): 3c carmine on cream, 89x140mm.

WEST AUSTRALIA.—A new 2d stamp has been issued according to Ewen's Weekly, similar to the previous stamp except that "Postage Two Pence" is printed below the swan instead of "Two Pence." The stamp is watermarked V and Crown sideways.

Adhesive (Regular): 2d yellow.

TRADE COLUMN.

Under this head we will print exchange, want and for sale notices, business announcements, 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. One four-line notice free with each subscription, providing copy accompanies the subscription.

THREE Consecutive Insertions of SAME ad in this Column for PRICE OF TWO.

U. S. cut envelopes wanted in exchange for rare U. S. Postage, Revenues and Foreign. E. S. PHELPS, 165 W. Canton St., Boston, Mass. [13]

Trans-Mississippi Issue, 1898. Complete set, 1c to \$2, in one color, India proofs, mounted and depressed on white card board, size 154x235mm. Another set but in two colors. Both sets are exceedingly attractive, perfect and not soiled. For both sets, price \$35.00. Address Lock-box 28, Post Office, Ridgefield, Ct. [13]

Wanted—A copy of the 5c vermilion, Fetridge & Co. stamp ball of 1000 flowers, also album for the old M. & M. varieties, for cash. Do not all speak at once. Here is an opportunity to complete your sets of the late P. P.'s; can supply any or a full set of them or pairs or blocks of 4 of most varieties; all fine and many of them full gum. Let me hear from you. GEO. H. ANDERS, Norristown, Pa. [13]

A fine dealer: stock containing 10 collections and good stamps in quantities, especially U.S., at a bargain. Want offers for uncanceled Columbians. Bush, Bellefonte, Pa.

Mexico 1000 mixed postage \$1, in U.S. bank note. FELIPE NAVEDA, Urbina 8, Toluca City, Mexico. [13]

Why depreciate the value of valuable stamps by fastening them with hinges. For 5c I will tell you how to fasten stamps without attaching them with hinges. Blank approval book, made of light bond paper, holding 200 stamps, 6c each; 60c per doz. The "Standard" Fountain Pen, made of hard rubber, 50c, reg price \$1; 50 business or calling cards 15c; 1 doz. steel pens with reservoir attachment 10c. Sample cards and pens for two 1c stamps. C. R. HOMAN, 1129 N. 6th Ave., Quincy, Ill. [13]

Precancel: wanted in exchange for duplicates of all sorts, by JOSHUA M. FROST, St. J. hasbury, Vt. [12]

Selections on approval at 50% dis., also cards of unused "mint condition", at lowest net prices. Ref. required. G. D. WEEKS, Care Garfield Safe Deposit Co., N. Y. [12]

Your wants, U. S. Post, Revs., M. & M. filled cheap; selling out. 1 thurn & Taxis 16 & 22, used, for best offer. T. M. Drossner, 547A Summit Ave., Jersey City. [12]

To complete your United States. Fine perfect copies, 1895, \$5.00 green, \$1.25 each; \$2.00 blue, \$1.05 each. Wholesale, both values \$1.00 only, per dozen. Thousands of bargains in old United States, British and Colonial stamps. Fine approval selections at 25 to 50% discount. No common rubbish but only fine copies of desirable stamps sent out. Write stating wants and send reference. I can save you hundreds of dollars. Established 1860. FREDERICK GINN, 143 Strand, London, England. [11]

Victoria, all postally used. Scott's Nos. 288, 19c; 165, 3c; 176, 4c; 178, 5c; 198, 7c; 209, 12c; 203, 12c; 204, 15c; 206, 5c; 217, 7c; 221, 3c; 226, \$1.00; 231, 6c. Postage extra under 50c. A. MACK, Box 494, Ottawa, Ont. [12]

Cash paid for your Collection or good duplicates. I also buy current unused U. S. postage. C. B. MERRILL, 130 West 14th St., New York [11]

Fine M. and M. at half catalogue. C. H. NAGLE, 171 W. Green St., Reading, Pa. [11]

Who wants a well centered, mint block of four Hawaii 1893, 12c red lilac, black surcharge, with guarantee of genuineness signed by P. M. General of Hawaii attached? C. F. Richards, 226 West 20th St., N. Y. [11]

10 perfect stamps, catalogue \$1.00, postpaid 22c. ARNHEIM'S, 908 Liberty St., Pittsburgh, Pa. [11]

Good U. S. and Foreign, also U. S. Revs. on approval at 60% discount to prompt buyers. Reference required. C. B. MERRILL, 130 W. 14th St., N. Y. [11]

Approval sheets 6% disc. Net sheets for advanced collectors at equally low prices. 9000 var. in stock. F. W. PICKARD, 2427 Ingleside, Cincinnati, O. [11]

Send for approvals at 50%. Send 10c for 20 U. S. Revenues, Turkey, Nyassa and San Marino. RING-GOLD & CLEMENTS, 416 Clark St., Knoxville, Tenn. [11]

Beautiful Oil Paintings of California scenery, small size, to exchange for 400 var. stamps or for other stamps. Price \$1.00. Hardy & Co., 584 36th St., Oakland, Cal. [11]

Postmarks & lettered stations from about every office in U. S. to sell or exch. F. A. Goldsmith, Beverly, Mass. [11]

\$2.00 catalogue for \$1.00. Send me sheets or books, will return double catalogue for all I keep. Scott's latest catalogue. No stamps given or when catalogued under 5 cents each. All in fine order and guaranteed genuine. MRS. BELLE BULLARD, Greene, N. Y. [11]

Is your collection for sale? I will buy it or any odd lots of good stamps. No cheap stuff wanted. Send on approval with lowest cash offer. Immediate returns guaranteed. HOWARD C. BECK, City Controller's Office, Detroit, Mich. [11]

Is your collection for sale? Get your dealer to make a price on it, add 20% to his offer, and send book to me. It's 10 to 1 I buy it. F. W. PICKARD, 2427 Ingleside, Cincinnati, O. [11]

U. S. Pre-Cancelled postage stamps. I will pay a good price in cash or exchange for any not in my collection. F. L. SMITH, 40 Exchange Pl., N. Y. [12]

Wanted for cash U. S. pre-cancelled postage stamps. WALTER L. GATES, Teaticket, Mass. [12]

Pre-cancels not in my collection wanted. Best cash or trade price. E. R. ALDRICH, Benson, Minn. [12]

SPECIAL BARGAINS

—IN—

U. S. STAMPED ENVELOPES.

All are in the finest possible condition.

No.	Unused, Cut Square, Large Margins.	Cat. Price	My Price
1377	1870, 1c blue on amber.	\$1.50	\$0.35
1463	1880, 2c vermilion on cream.	1.50	.35
1469	1874, 2c vermilion on orange.	1.50	.35
1504	1884, 2c red on fawn.	.75	.30

The above four envelopes 5.25 1.00
 6 sets of above \$5.00, Cat. price \$31.50.

PACKETS OF FOREIGN STAMPS.

- No. 1 contains 500 different stamps from many countries. Regular Price \$3.00, Reduced to \$1.15.
- No. 2 contains 500 different stamps from many countries. Regular Price 50c. Reduced to 22 Cents.
- No. 3 contains 75 varieties of Foreign Stamps. Regular Price 15c, Reduced to 7 cts.
- No. 4 contains 50 varieties of Foreign Stamps. Regular Price 10c, Reduced to 4 cts.
- No. 5 contains 25 varieties of Foreign Stamps. Regular Price 6c, Reduced to 2 cts.
- No. 6 contains 100 mixed Foreign Stamps. Regular Price 8c, Reduced to 3 cts.
- No. 7 contains 10 scarce Foreign Stamps. Regular Price 10c, Reduced to 5 cts.
- 16 different packets No. 7, for 50 cts.
- No. 8, 10 varieties Unused Foreign Stamps. Regular Price 10c, Reduced to 7 cts.
- No. 8, 6 packets, 6c varieties, unused Foreign Stamps, Regular Price 6c. Reduced to 40c. A Bargain.

U. S. STAMPS.

No. 9 contains 100 mixed U. S. stamps including Postage, Department, Revenue and Telegraph stamps, and cut round Envelopes. Many are more or less damaged. Each packet contains at least 25 varieties, and not more than 8 of one kind. The catalogue price of
 This Packet is over \$3.00, My Price 20 cts. Remember that Packet No. 9 of U. S. stamps include many damaged. Some collectors have duplicated their orders for Packet No. 9 many times. Postage extra on orders under 50c. Please remit by Bills or Money Order.

C. F. ROTHFUCHS,

38 Munroe St., ROXBURY, MASS.

New Year Bargains in U. S. Departments.

War, Good Copies, Complete, used, \$1.50; unused.....	\$1.75
Treasury, Used, Complete set, good copies, price.....	2.15
Post Office, Complete, used except 90c new, cat. \$11.10, price	3.50
State, Used, Good Copies, 2c, 10c, 12c, 15c, 24c, 90c, cat. \$36.50, price.....	12.95

Omaha Stamp & Coin Co., 209 S. 13th St., Omaha, Neb. The Only Stamp and Coin Store in Omaha.

Our Next Sale Takes Place

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18.

It will contain the balance of the Wholesale stock from our 8th Sale. There is surely something you want in it.

CATALOGUES ARE FREE.

CHAS. H. STONE & CO.,

19 Washington St., BOSTON, MASS.

A Chance of a Short Lifetime.

A Bargain for the Small Dealer.

Having purchased several stocks of stamps during the past year, and having no time to arrange them, will sell some nice approval stock at a remarkably close figure.

An Unparalleled Offer for \$1.00

	Retail Price.
50 Approval Sheets.....	\$0.13
1000 Faultless Hinges.....	.10
500 Stamps to sell at 2c.....	2.00
100 " " " " 2c.....	2.00
50 " " " " 3c.....	1.50
500 Assorted U. S. Revenues.....	.60

Retail value, \$6.33

All for \$1.00.

No rotten truck or cheap Continentals in this mixture. I sent out 25 lots to dealers on approval and 23 stuck, so it must be good. Money back if not as advertised.

E. C. Dodd, 259 So. Hermitage Ave., Chicago.

Topics About Town.

FROM NEW YORK CITY.

At the next meeting of the Collectors Club an exhibition of United States Documentary and Proprietary Revenues, also the stamps of Russia, Finland and Poland will be held.

W. F. Gregory will hold his 20th auction sale on Tuesday evening, March 12th, at the Collectors Club. There are 519 lots listed. His 21st sale to occur in the first week in April, will include the collection of Mr. F. W. Davis of Brooklyn, N. Y., the discoverer of the 2c Pan-American inverts. There will be offered in this sale the last of the celebrated stamps owned by Mr. Davis.

Mr. Geo. R. Tuttle will hold his 57th auction sale on March 7th at 2 P. M., at 116 Nassau street. There are 897 lots listed.

VOLUNTEER.

The Postal Card Society of America.

Officers for 1902-3.

- President, HORACE E. CARPENTER, JR., Care N. E. Bradley & Sons, Bay City, Mich.
- Vice-President, J. T. ALBERT HOSBACH, 1422 North 53rd St., Philadelphia, Pa.
- Secretary, W. P. AGEE, Hope, Ark.
- Treasurer, JOHN N. MORSE, 105 Devonshire St., Boston, Mass.
- Executive Committee, GUY A. BRYANT, Princeton, Ill.; W. D. ARNOLD, The Portland, Broadway, St. Paul, Minn.; N. HASKELL WITCHEE, 230 S. 9th St., La Crosse, Wis.
- Exchange Superintendent, J. T. A. HOSBACH, 1422 No. 53rd St., Phila., Pa.
- Purchasing Agent, ADOLPH LOHMEYER, 922 N. Gilmore St., Baltimore, Md.
- International Secretary, E. DOEBLIN, P. O. Box 736, Pittsburg, Pa.
- Official Journal, THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

HOPE, ARK., Feb. 16, 1903.

A Correction.

In my report of January 3rd, No. 12 is reported as dropped for non-payment of dues. This is an error I regret very much to have occurred. It should have read: No. 11. Jos. S. Rich, 489 Manhattan Ave., N. Y.

Election.

In response to the call for nominations

BRITISH COLONIAL "KING" CARDS.

Straits Settlements, 3 cents.....	.04
British Honduras, 2 cents.....	.04
Bahamas, 1d and 1 1/2d.....	.12
Trinidad, 1/2d and 1d.....	.07
Leeward Islands, 1/2', 1d and 1 1/2d.....	.15
Gambia, 1d and 1 1/2d.....	.12
Grenada, 1/2d and 1d.....	.07

Postage Extra.

ADOLPH LOHMEYER,

922 N. Gilmore St., BALTIMORE, MD.

DIME PACKETS.

- Packet No. 1.—Contains 25 different stamps, including Jamaica, Cuba, Venezuela, Porto Rico, Spain, etc.
- Packet No. 2.—Contains 25 different stamps, including Argentine Republic, India, Victoria, New Zealand, etc.
- Packet No. 3.—Contains 25 different stamps, including Canada, Brazil, Dutch Indies, Japan, etc.
- Packet No. 4.—Contains 25 different stamps, including Honduras, Bosnia, Ecuador, Salvador, etc.
- Packet No. 5.—Contains 25 different stamps, including Mexico, Egypt, Trinidad, Queensland, etc.
- Packet No. 6.—Contains 25 different stamps, including West Australia, French Colonies, Luxembourg, Turkey, etc.
- Packet No. 7.—Contains 25 different stamps, including Cape Good Hope, Guatemala, Moaaco, Colombia.
- Packet No. 8.—Contains 25 different stamps, including Nicaragua, Mexico, Mauritius, Natal, etc.
- Packet No. 9.—Contains 25 different stamps, including Chili, Sweden, Surinam, Venezuela, etc.
- Packet No. 10.—Contains 25 different stamps, including Costa Rica, India, Servia, Peru, Hong Kong, etc.

Price 10c Each.

The 10 packets, containing 250 different stamps, will be sent post free for 90 cents. Postage extra on single packets.

COLUMBIAN STAMP CO., Arlington, Mass.

BARGAINS IN U. S.—FINE COPIES.

1871 15c orange.....	catalog \$0.75 price \$0.25
" 24c purple.....	1.50 " .70
" 90c carmine.....	1.25 " .50
1890 90c orange.....	.50 " .25
1894 50c orange.....	.35 " .12
" \$1.00 black.....	1.25 " .45

The most complete COIN BOOK published, 43 pages and cover, of prices paid. Mailed free for 10c. GREATER N. Y. STAMP & COIN CO., 238 East 58th St., New York City.

of officers for 1903, I have received the following:

- For President: Horace E. Carpenter, Jr.
- For Vice-President: J. T. Albert Hosbach.
- For Secretary: W. P. Agee.
- For Treasurer: John N. Morse.
- For Executive Committee: Guy A. Bryant, W. D. Arnold, N. Haskell Witchee.
- For Official Journal: The WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA.

All members are requested to send in their votes as early as possible. Votes received later than March 5th will not be counted.

Respectfully,

W. P. AGEE, Secretary.

PATENT INFRINGEMENT NOTICE.

Legal Notice To Collectors and The Trade.

It having been brought to my notice that one Wm. B. Hale, Williamsville, Mass., has made and placed on the market and is selling what he terms "Improved Stamp Cards", I hereby give notice that said Card or any Card used for the purpose of holding stamps, is an infringement of my Patent No. 577998 granted March and 1897, for Wolsieffer's Approval Cards, and that I will claim all protection such Letters Patent afford me. It is an infringement to make, offer for sale, or have in your possession any Card for holding stamps that does not bear the inscription

WOLSIEFFER'S APPROVAL CARDS.

PATENT GRANTED (NO. 577998) MARCH 8, 1897. TO P. M. WOLSIEFFER, CHICAGO. PRICE, \$1.50 PER HUNDRED OR 20 CENTS PER DOZEN.

and you are hereby notified not to make, sell or have in your possession any Card that does not correspond with the above under penalty of the law of the United States regulating Patents and Patent Rights.

P. M. WOLSIEFFER, Sole owner of Patent.

Trade supplied by UNITED STAMP CO., 1149 Marquette, Chicago.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

issue of 1901, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20 and 50c, mint condition, beautiful stamps, catalogued at \$1.53, my price for the above set

ONE DOLLAR.

Did you get one of my packets No. 25, The Flood City Special? Containing 50 varieties, mostly obsolete, and cataloguing from 4 to 5 times the price,

ONE DOLLAR.

Stamps on approval at 50 per cent. discount to responsible parties.

THEO. MAINHART, JOHNSTOWN, PA.



My most important sale is now on. Stamps at big reduction from regular prices.

My priced lists offer a choice array of bargains. They cost nothing but save a lot.

DEALERS! My foreign mixture, including Salvador, Bolivia, Paraguay, etc. at 6c per 100, or \$6.00 per 1000 is good value for the money.

My I. X. L. mixture contains stamps catalogued from 2c to 30c each. Each 100 catalogues \$6.00 to \$8.00. Price **\$1.50.**

Stamps bought. What have you to offer? [12*]

CARL YOUNG, 112 N. 5th St., Phila., Pa.

HAYTI.

A popular country with American collectors. We offer to submit on approval the following new books of Hayti stamps at 25% discount from current catalogue.

Book No. 65. Stamps of Hayti, mostly unused.

Book No. 65a. Containing only blocks of four unused, Hayti 1893-1902.

Book No. 65b. Containing only fine postally cancelled stamps of Hayti 1881-1902.

Besides the above books we have a specialized stock book of Hayti, containing used and unused, shades, singles and blocks, subject to 10%, which will be submitted subject to arrangement to liberal buyers.

SPECIAL OFFERS!

	Catalogue.	Our Price
1898 1c ultramarine.....	\$0.75	\$0.38
1898 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 20c, set of six.....	3.85	3.95

All are fine unused copies, well centered.

"Mekeel's Stamp Collector"

A weekly stamp paper, sample copy free, also price list giving terms and list of approval books in our Approval Department the greatest in America.

G. H. MEKEEL STAMP & PUBLISHING CO., ST. LOUIS, MO.

Items from the Dub.

The Annual Jollification and one hundred and twenty-third regular meeting of the Boston Philatelic Society was held on February 17th at its usual meeting place. Sixty-one members were present including members of the Springfield Stamp Club, Messrs. W. C. Stone, J. W. Prevost, T. J. Champagne, R. D. Maynard and J. D. Bartlett. I also noticed Mr. F. D. Moffatt of Brooklyn, N. Y. A communication was read from the Pacific Philatelic Society of San Francisco offering a silver medal to be awarded to the members of the Society with the best collection of Commemorative Stamps to be exhibited at the November meeting.

Mr. G. L. Toppan of Racine, Wis., offered to the Society a silver and bronze medal which was accepted by the committee. These medals will be offered in competition on Oct. 20 when U. S. cut square envelopes will be exhibited. After the business meeting the Vice-President, Mr. C. F. Rochfuchs read an interesting paper upon his visit to Europe last summer. It was listened to attentively by all present, while the reader was frequently interrupted with applause. A number of interesting photographs, souvenir postal cards and menus were examined after the conclusion of the paper by many of those present. Soon after the paper the members and invited friends descended to the hall below where substantial refreshments had been provided by the committee in charge of the entertainment. From what I overheard when none of the committee were near I inferred that the lunch was equal to or superior to those in the past. After the cigars were lighted the party adjourned to the hall above and examined the two very fine general collections of not over 6000 varieties in competition for the prizes. The competitors were F. D. Moffatt of Brooklyn, N. Y., and Chas. A. Grimmons of Boston. The Judge awarded the silver medal to Mr. Moffatt and the bronze medal to Mr. Grimmons.

Mr. F. D. Moffatt of Brooklyn, N. Y., is a visitor here this week.

NO BETTER CHANGE

to fill up countries as well as purchasing good stamps at low prices is ever offered than those contained in the Dickinson-Bradford Collections contained in the

Wolsieffer Sale, March 14th.

This sale also contains a fine line of Cut Square Envelopes and some rarities in Entires; several fine Revenues including 28 lots of Freaks and oddly perforated stamps listed and guaranteed by E. B. Sterling, and a fine lot of Hawaii.

United Stamp Co., 1149 Marquette Bldg., Chicago.

N. B.—Be sure and read Patent Infringement Notice of Wolsieffer's Approval Cards elsewhere in this paper.

OUR STOCK

has increased in size threefold in the last few weeks. We would like to send you a General Book or a book of one country to a book. Scott's and Gibbons' 1923 catalogues are now ready. Will send either for 58c, prepaid with 8c Columbian, Omaha, Pan-American or Martha Washington, or for 63c with 13c Harrison. **J. T. STARR STAMP CO., Coldwater, Mich.**

BARGAIN HUNTERS ATTENTION!

NEWFOUNDLAND	Cat. Price
3c vermilion, 1867-73, unused.....	\$4.00 \$1.90
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	
1p yellow orange, 1865, used.....	1.50 .70
6p blue green, 1865, unused.....	2.50 1.20
9p violet, 1865, unused.....	1.00 .45
4½p brown, 1870, unused.....	1.50 .70
3c rose, 1872, unused.....	1.00 .45

NEWFOUNDLAND
3c vermilion, 1867-73, unused..... 4.00 1.90

WM. D. ELDRIDGE,
Box 1362, BOSTON, MASS.
Boston Correspondent Era.

WHEN YOU THINK OF SELLING

WRITE TO

B. L. DREW & CO.,
7 WATER ST., (Room 501), BOSTON, MASS.

The Leading Auction Firm in America.

Send for a sample copy of the Perforator for February. It will be worth while. The Perforator, 106 E. 111th St., N. Y. City.

I noticed three new faces in the New England Stamp Co.'s office this week, and Mr. Ratchelder tells me the entire force now numbers twenty-four persons.

The J. M. Bartels Co. have shown me the Colombian Republic Barranquilla 20c purple with clean cut perforations, always before seen with pin perforations. Also the 10c rose with fine perforations, this stamp has always appeared imperforate.

Mr. H. W. Legg has shown me one of the rare 5c Missionary stamps.
WM. D. ELDRIDGE.

Almost every dealer sends approval selections at 50% Discount—BUT there are some stamps in our selections of this class that are not to be had as cheap elsewhere.

A COLLECTION OF 5000 VARIETIES of POSTAGE STAMPS, carefully selected from our own stock, \$175.00. Satisfaction Guaranteed.

3000 for \$45.00 ♦ 2000 for \$13.50 ♦ 1000 for \$3.40 ♦ ALL GENUINE POSTAGE STAMPS

550 Varieties mounted in a blank book (cataloguing by Scott's 61st edition Catalogue \$10.00), post free \$1.50. A Bargain for Dealer or Collector!

C. H. MEKEEL STAMP & PUBLISHING CO., ST. LOUIS, MO.

The Boston Philatelic Society.

M. H. LOMBARD, President, Winchester, Mass.
 C. F. ROTHFUCHS, Vice-President, Boston.
 C. A. HOWES, Secretary, 55 Kilby St., Boston.
 L. L. GREEN, Treasurer, 47 Tremont St., Boston.
 J. H. LYONS, Supt. of Auctions, 27 Bromfield St., Boston.
 J. H. LYONS, Supt. of Sales, 27 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass.
 THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA, Official Journal.

The February Meeting.

The 123d regular meeting and Annual Jollification was held in Elks' Hall on Tuesday evening, February 17, at 8 o'clock. President Lombard occupied the chair and 62 members and friends were present.

The reading of the minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with on account of their length and the program for the evening.

A communication was read from R. R. Bogert presenting a claim for the value of several books stolen from the Sales Dept. two years ago. The matter was laid on the table until the next meeting.

The resignation of C. B. Pratt was read and accepted.

The following applications were posted: MR. JULIUS HERZOG, New York City, MR. FERNALD HUTCHINS, Boston, both proposed by J. M. Bartels.

MR. CHAS. S. OSGOOD, Salem, Mass., MR. ALBERT E. SANFORD, Boston, both proposed by J. H. Lyons.

MR. J. DELANO BARTLETT, East Jamaica, Vt.; proposed by Wm. C. Stone.

MR. FRANK A. WILSON, Somerville, Mass.; proposed by George F. Waldron.

The following were elected members: No. 363. Mr. Chas. J. Barton, Melrose, Mass.

No. 364. Mr. Frederick S. Cook, Brighton, Mass.

No. 365. Mr. Chas. C. Bigelow, Somerville, Mass.

No. 366. Mr. Gustave Gelli, Brussels, Belgium.

No. 367. Mr. A. P. Hanscom, Cambridge, Mass.

No. 368. Mr. Robert D. Maynard, Springfield, Mass.

The President announced with deep regret the death of our fellow member, Mr. J. F. Johnson, on Feb. 8, in Denver. Mr. Johnson was always interested and active in the Society and for several years managed the Sales Department. He was also Resident Vice-President of the American Philatelic Association. The Secretary announced that several members of the Society had attended the funeral services in Roxbury on the 13th inst., and that a suitable floral tribute had been provided. It was voted that the Secretary extend to the family the sympathy of the Society and our regrets at the loss we have sustained.

Mr. Sawyer announced for the Exhibition Committee that a silver and a bronze medal had been given by Mr. Geo. L. Toppan for an exhibition of U. S. cut square envelopes, and had been accepted by the Committee. Notice of this exhibition was given in the last circular.

Mr. Rothfuchs then entertained the Society with a very interesting account of the "14th German Philatelists' Day" in Vienna last September, and also many other details of his trip in Europe last summer. He had many photographs and souvenir

YOUR DUPLICATES WANTED.

If you have some good stamps catalogued at 4 cents each and up, send on a lot: will use what I can at 3/4 Catalogue. Have over 6000 varieties to pay from. Especially desire foreign medium priced. I sometimes buy job lots of good stamps or collections for cash. Register valuable lots. 15¢

L. V. LINDSEY, Greene, N. Y.

American Philatelic Association.

(INCORPORATED)

THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA—OFFICIAL JOURNAL.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

ALEXANDER HOLLAND, President, 40 Grace Court, Brooklyn, N. Y.
 H. E. DEATS, Secretary, Flemington, N. J.
 E. DOEBLIN, International Secretary, Box 736, Pittsburg, Pa.
 C. L. ANNAN, Treasurer, Copper Range R. R., Houghton, Mich.
 H. B. PHILLIPS, 1311 Grove St., Berkeley, Cal.
 F. W. CONING, 350 George St., New Brunswick, N. J.

Board of Vice-Presidents.

FRANK H. BURT, Chairman, Room 1046, Tremont Building, Boston, Mass.
 GORDON IRELAND, Secretary, Holyoke House 21, Cambridge, Mass.
 EDWIN F. SAWYER, 101 Washington St., Brighton, Mass.

RESIDENT VICE-PRESIDENTS.

BOSTON, MASS.—J. F. JOHNSON, 383 Lexington St., Auburndale, Mass.
 SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.—W. E. LOV, 2431 Ellsworth St., Berkeley, Cal.
 NEW YORK CITY.—W. F. GREGORY, 71 Nassau St.
 PITTSBURG, PA.—E. DORRIS, Box 736.
 CHICAGO, ILL.—A. F. MERRILL, 432 Marquette Building.
 MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.—EARN S. MARTIN, 3244 First Avenue, South.
 WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS—ROBERT D. MAYNARD, 36 Oak Grove Ave., Springfield.

APPOINTEE OFFICERS.

G. H. ANDERSON, Librarian, Carnegie Library, Pittsburg, Pa.
 H. D. WATSON, Collecting Agent, 64 Cedar St., New York City.
 JOHN J. OESCH, Superintendent of Sales Dept., 34 Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill.
 H. E. DEATS, Assistant Librarian, Flemington, N. J.
 W. F. GREGORY, Auction Purchasing Agent, 71 Nassau St., New York City.
 P. M. WOLSIEFFER, Auction Purchasing Agent, 1009 Atwood Bldg., Chicago, Ill.
 A. W. BATCHELDER, Auction Purchasing Agent, 21 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass.

REPORT OF SECRETARY

For the Week Ending February 28th.

Applications for Membership.

DUFFY, C. B., 914 Spahr Building, Columbia, Ohio; age, 37; occupation, Purchasing Agent, Hocking Valley R. R. References: Alex. Holland, J. J. Oesch.

PARMALEE, F. S., Omaha, Nebraska; age, 41; occupation, Stamp Dealer, Mecca Stamp Co. References: J. J. Oesch, P. M. Wolsieffer.

WILKINSON, E. H., 2825 Charles St., Omaha, Nebraska; age, 27; occupation, Cashier, Burlington Ry. References: P. M. Wolsieffer, J. J. Oesch.

New Stockholders.

1799. CABLE, Miss FLORA MAY, 616 Eighth St., South, Minneapolis, Minn.
 1800. SPRAGUE, H. C. H., Box 1301, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.
 1801. VON PIRCH, REV. R., Berlin, Canada.

Change of Address.

120. WAINWRIGHT, J. ARTHUR, from Northampton, Mass., to Rollins, N. C.

Membership Summary.

Membership Feb. 21st.....	541
New Stockholders	3
Total membership Feb. 28th.....	544

H. E. DEATS, Secretary.

post-cards which those present enjoyed examining very much.

Supper was then served in the lower hall and after that the exhibition for the evening was displayed. This was for general collections of not over 6000 varieties, and there were two entries, Mr. F. D. Moffat of Brooklyn, N. Y., who was present, carrying off the silver medal, and Mr. Chas. A. Grimmons of Somerville the bronze medal. That our interest in general collections has not been spoiled by the many specialized ones we have been shown was evidenced by the way those present inspected the exhibits.

Many out-of-town members were present, including a delegation of five from Springfield whose defiance of weather and railroad conditions on that day was laudable. A most entertaining meeting was finally adjourned at 10.55.

C. A. HOWES, Secretary.

Library Circuit.

Members desiring to join the Library Circuit are requested to send their names and addresses with a list of the monthly magazines they wish to read to H. Corbett, 1413 Washington St., Boston, as early as possible. Remember this circuit is FREE to all members of the Boston Philatelic Society and one can select both Foreign and Domestic Stamp Magazines, as many as he chooses. Lists are now making up.

Special Price List

No. 24 Just Out.

Many Bargains. Don't Miss It.

105h Niger Coat, unused, only.... \$5.00
 51 San Marino No. 201, largest stamp in the world..... 1.75

BOSTON STAMP COMPANY,

22 BROMFIELD ST., BOSTON, MASS. J. Favill Capron, Mgr. [11*

Wm. v. d. Wettern, Jr.,

WHOLESALE DEALER IN

* POSTAGE + STAMPS. * 411 W. Saratoga St., Baltimore, Md.

New special list just issued, sent free on application to dealers only.

Send for a sample copy of the Perforator for February. It will be worth while. The Perforator, 106 E. 111th St., N. Y. City.

The Weekly Philatelic Era

A PAPER DEVOTED TO STAMP NEWS.

50c PER YEAR.

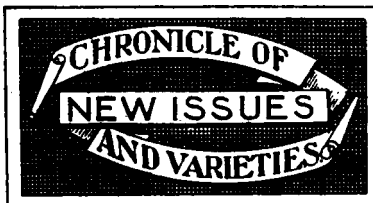
ENTERED AT PORTLAND POST OFFICE AS SECOND CLASS MATTER JAN. 10, 1890.

2c PER COPY.

VOL. XVII. No. 24.

PORTLAND, ME., SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 1903.

WHOLE No. 512.



BY HENRY A KIDDER.

Friends of the ERA are invited to send to the editor of this department any information regarding new issues or varieties that may prove of interest. Such information will be suitably acknowledged. Address, HENRY A. KIDDER, 17 Addison Street, Arlington, Mass.

Exchanges will please send Mr Kidder a copy of each issue to the foregoing address, and an extra copy of the ERA will be gladly sent whenever desired.

UNITED STATES.—Mr. Walter Bartels, of the J. M. Bartels Co., has shown us a copy of the new 6c stamp, just received from the Washington Postoffice. The stamp is a handsome shade, lighter than the current stamp, and more nearly resembling that of 1895. The engraving is beautiful, and while like all of the series, there is a multiplicity of detail, the effect is pleasing, and the popular verdict will undoubtedly be "a beautiful stamp."

The new 3c and 4c stamps have been shown us by Mr. J. H. Lyons of the New England Stamp Co. The 4c is so nearly the shade of the new 10c that there is danger of confusion, and it is likely that some modification of color will be made. The style of the engraving, however, differs in the two stamps to such an extent as to relieve in some degree the sameness.

There continues to be varied and widespread criticism of the new 2c stamp, some of the current comments, by the way, being unfair and unjust. It is said that the wreaths at the side of the portrait resemble bunches of bananas or bands of tobacco; that the engraving gives "the father of his country" a disreputable and rakish look; that there is too much on the stamp; that it is absurd to place the time of birth and death, the name of the portrait, and the words "Series of 1902," on so small a stamp—and so on, *ad infinitum*.

Now to take up the last objection first, these things, (the date, name and year) are common to all the new stamps, and form distinctive and important features of the series. There is a wealth of detail in these

stamps, which makes them among the finest single color stamps ever issued by any country, and the general verdict will be that the engravers have produced a set which in beauty of design and artistic excellence have seldom, if ever, been surpassed. It is a *portrait* of Washington, and not a bust, nor an ideal picture, from which all distinctive character has disappeared. What at first appeared to be defects in the engraving, and which gave the flags a muddy look, and imparted to the dignified old gentleman a "red nose," and other dissipated characteristics, are now seen to have been due to too lavish a use of an improperly prepared ink. Later printings are very much improved in this particular. Mr. E. F. Galvin of Boston has shown us a pane, in which the engraving stands out sharp and clear, and which is free from many of the defects which have been so sharply criticized. The color is very nearly that of the best of the printings of the old 2c.

Notwithstanding this latter fact, reports multiply to the effect that the Department officials, either on account of the public criticism in the press and elsewhere, or for some other reason not yet disclosed, will withdraw the stamp and substitute a new design, which will give better satisfaction. The Washington correspondent of the *Metropolitan Philatelist* says that it has been definitely decided to abandon the present design and substitute another. This is confirmed by Mr. J. M. Bartels, who has reliable information to the effect that a new die is being worked up and that the old one will be withdrawn as soon as the new one is approved.

From Mr. Bartels we also learn that there will be no intermediate stamp between the 15c and 50c. All the dies for the complete series up to \$5 have now been finished and approved. Some of the higher denominations are supposed to have been already printed, but nothing has yet been seen in Boston above the 15c.

CYPRUS.—According to *Meeke's Weekly* a new registration envelope has been issued with the King's head.

Envelope (Registration):
2 piastres, blue.

ECUADOR.—*Meeke's Weekly* chronicles a set of Provisionals consisting of the long upright fiscals of 1901-2, similar to Scott's No. 256 and following numbers, surcharged "Bienio—1903 Y 1904." This is enclosed in a long oval pointed at the ends with ornaments at both ends, at the sides and in the centre between the two lines of the inscription. The values overprinted are the 1c, 2c, 5c, 10c and 20c. The same paper also chronicles two other new provisionals, including the 25c bistre fiscal of 1901-1902, surcharged in a long vertical oval "Correos—Un Centavo" in black; and the 20c dark blue fiscal of 1897-98 surcharged diagonally in black, "1899—1900." The latter is not listed by Scott.

EGYPT.—A correspondent mentions having received the 5m on chalky paper, the design and color being unchanged.

GIBRALTAR.—*Der Philatelist* announces the first of the King's heads in the shape of a registration envelope.

Envelope (Registration):
sd dark blue.

1903 CATALOGUE

NOW ON SALE.

Our 1903 Catalogue, priced in American currency, is bound in one volume, well printed on good paper, and sold for FIFTY CENTS; post free, SIXTY CENTS.

It contains the latest quotations at which we can supply the stamps, and is made up by and based on our own stock, no attention being paid to other quotations.

Previous editions contained the British Colonials in one part and foreign stamps in another part, and cost \$1.50. This latest edition contains both in one volume and sells at the same price as other catalogues.

BLANK ALBUM NUMBER 31.

This album is a companion to the King's Own Postage Stamp Album, and is specially designed for those collectors who desire a Blank Album, without going to the expense of the movable leaved Albums such as the Oriol or Philatelic.

The Blank Album No. 31 contains 100 pages of heavy white plate paper outlined with a neat border of neutral grey, with a quadrille background inside the border and name space at top of page. Exact size of leaves 7½x9½—available for mounting 6½x8½. Strongly bound in cloth, bevelled boards, countersunk gold lines on cover, gilt edges.

Price \$2.25, or by Mail \$2.50.

STANLEY GIBBONS, Inc.,

167 BROADWAY,

NEW YORK CITY.

I WANT AGENTS to sell United States Postage and Revenues at 50% discount.
25 VARIETIES old Civil War Revenues 17 Cents.

FRED G. JONES,

2013 Brook St., LOUISVILLE, KY.

CHAPTER XXV.

Lives of great philatelists oft remind us that they started with

Osgood's Famous Big Selections.

Why shouldn't you start right? And right now! References.

50 varieties Precancels only..... \$1.00
 A fine start in this increasingly popular field of collecting effort.

Stampman free!

D. W. OSGOOD,

South Fork, Rio Grande Co., Colorado.
 (To be Continued.)

YOUR DUPLICATES WANTED.

If you have some good stamps catalogued at 4 cents each and up, send on a lot: will use what I can at 1/2 Catalogue. Have over 6000 varieties to pay from. Especially desire foreign medium priced. I sometimes buy job lots of good stamps or collections for cash. Register valuable lots. [15]

L. V. LINDSEY, Greene, N. Y.

DEALERS! My foreign mixture, including Salvador, Bolivia, Paraguay, etc. at 65c per 100. or \$6.00 per 1000 is good value for the money.

My I. X. L. mixture contains stamps catalogued from 2c to 30c each. Each 100 catalogues \$6.00 to \$8.00. Price \$1.50.

Stamps bought. What have you to offer? [12]

CARL YOUNG, 112 N. 5th St., Phila., Pa.

BARGAINS IN U. S.—FINE COPIES.

1871	15c orange.....	catalog \$0.75	price \$0.25
"	24c purple.....	1.50	.70
"	90c carmine.....	1.25	.50
1890	90c orange.....	.50	.25
1894	10c orange.....	.35	.18
	\$1.00 black.....	1.25	.45

The most complete COIN BOOK published, 43 pages and cover, of prices paid. Mailed free for 10c.
GREATER N. Y. STAMP & COIN CO.,
 228 East 58th St., New York City.



Hesitation has made many a man poor—never one rich.

Don't hesitate to ask for Parker's priced-list. They cost nothing but save a lot.

THE JUNIOR is a monthly magazine for young people. Send to cents and we will put you on our subscription list for six months.
THE JUNIOR, Bethlehem, Pa.

New Year Bargains in U. S. Departments.

Complete, used, \$1.50; unused.....	\$1.75
Treasury, Used.....	2.15
Complete set, good copies, price.....	3.50
State, Used, Good Copies.....	12.25
2c, 10c, 12c, 15c, 24c, 90c, cat. \$36.50, price....	12.25

Omaha Stamp & Coin Co., 209 S. 13th St., Omaha, Neb.
 The Only Stamp and Coin Store in Omaha.

8000 OUR BARGAIN LISTS. 8000

Our price list of U. S. and foreign stamps is now finished. It is in twenty parts, all post free. It has cost us hundreds of dollars and has taken thousands of lines of space in philatelic papers the last few months. Over 8000 used and unused stamps are listed at low prices. Nearly everything in stock today.
HOLD YOUR ORDERS. Get our list and send orders to us. Save money.

HOLTON STAMP CO.,
 Successors to E. A. HOLTON,
 60 Devonshire St., BOSTON, MASS.
 ESTABLISHED 1861.

8000 8000

GREAT BRITAIN.—The rarity of the 2d green and carmine surcharged O. W., is shown by the fact that it is being offered at 75c each, used.

GUATEMALA.—*Der Philatelist* chronicles a new official set of which five values have thus far been issued. The stamps are type set with a fancy type border. In the centre "1902" appears between two plain rules, with "Franqueo Oficial—Guatemala" in two lines above and "1—Centavo" in two lines below. It is said that the five values are all printed on one sheet in consecutive order. The 25c was first issued as a 20c value, but the cipher obliterated by the surcharge of a "5" in black.

Adhesives (Official):
 1c light green.
 2c carmine.
 5c blue.
 10c brown violet.
 25c on 20c brown orange and black.

HAYTI.—A correspondent sends us the following information regarding the recent surcharges, "Mal—Gt. Pre—1902," which he says is semi-official, under date of Jan. 22, 1903. Nos. 52, 53 and 56, surcharged (Scott's Nos. 67, 69 and 73) are reported to have been purchased by the Director of Posts. The total number surcharged and sold of each denomination are given in the following table, from which the remainders can easily be figured:

Scott's 62nd No.	Surcharged.	Sold.
52	20,000	3,000
53	18,000	4,000
56	7,000	1,702
64	68,600	60,000
65	67,400	65,000
54	20,100	15,257
55	14,800	8,103
66	21,100	19,216
57	13,340	12,200
58	8,310	2,815
59	12,812	8,000
60	7,000	3,300
61	7,695	4,000
62	1,100	295
63	596	132
125	In black, 6,600	2,000
125	In red, 3,825	2,515
126	5,000	4,018
127	4,700	3,150
128	1,750	805

HONG KONG.—To Mr. Ross O'Shaughnessy of San Francisco, we are indebted for an early glimpse of the 1c of the new series chronicled in No. 510, on the authority of the *Metropolitan Philatelist*. Personal inspection discloses many points of difference from the old set, though the general design is similar. In the first place the corner ornaments are diagonally placed instead of in line with the frame. The English inscription "Hong Kong" at the top is much larger, and the value at the bottom is in large white letters on a colored tablet. Ornamental end pieces fill up the corners of the side tablets with the usual Chinese characters. The King's head appears in a short oval, the head being sur-

rounded by a solid background. The oval is surrounded by a toothed line with the crown at the top. The square around the oval is white with fancy ornaments in the four corners. The design is in some ways an improvement over the old stamp, but it is doubtful if its rather florid type will be permanently as pleasing. Another correspondent also sends us news of the same stamp.

HUNGARY.—*La Cote Reelle* says that a 12h stamp is to be issued for letters over 15 grammes in weight. There is some talk of an entirely new series.

ICELAND.—From a correspondent to whom we are indebted for several good things in this number, we have received the following late information regarding the stamp doings of our northern friends. The 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 16, 20, 25, 40, 50 and 100 aur were all surcharged "1 Gild—'02—'03." The same treatment was given the 3, 4, 5, 10, 16, 20 and 50 aur official stamps, and various post cards. This statement is official, under date of Feb. 6, 1903. From this official letter it appears that "there will be no other or further stamps and post cards overprinted."

INDIA.—*Mekeel's Weekly* says that the three low values have been surcharged with the word "Gwallior" and native inscriptions, for use in that state.

Adhesives (Regular):
 3p gray.
 1/2a green.
 1a carmine.

INDO CHINA.—The new 10c carmine of France has been surcharged "Timbre—Colis postee" in two lines.

JAMAICA.—*I. P. R.* is informed by a correspondent in Jamaica that the new King's head series may be expected at an early date.

LIBERIA.—A correspondent sends us information of several new stamps from new designs.

Adhesive (Regular):
 3c black, "Inland Postage."
Adhesive (Official):
 3c green, "Inland Postage" surcharged O. S. in script.

Adhesives (Registration):
 10c green and black, Harper.
 10c mauve and black, Robertsport.
 10c violet and black, Moorovia.
 10c orange and black, Greenville.
 10c light blue and black, Buchanan.

MAURITIUS.—According to *L'Echo de la Timbrologie* only about 19,000 of the 5c arms type were sent out, as "the crown agents were very much dissatisfied with the color, which might easily be confounded with that of the 2c arms. As a result of this report getting about, the entire stock was bought up locally in three days and cannot now be had under double face value." A correspondent of *Ewen's Weekly* says "that a fresh supply of the 5c has been sent out, but with the value in black. These are expected to be placed in issue soon, along with the 3c and 6c in the new colors. The 15c arms, unsurcharged, is

95% Discount on Heavily Damaged U. S. POST OFFICE SEAL STAMPS.
REGISTERED, GREEN.
 Catalogue Price 1 for 25c or 80 for \$20.00.
MY PRICE 80 for \$1.00, equal to 95% discount.
 After repaired they ought to prove quick sellers at from 5c to 10c each. If you do not wish \$1.00 worth, you can have 1 for 7c, 10 for 30c, 25 for 50c, 80 for \$1.00. Catalogue Price for 80 \$20.00.
 I also have a few more which are in average good condition.
 Not Damaged. 1 for 12c, 3 for 25c, 15 for \$1.00. Please remit by bills or money order.
 None of the damaged are returnable.
SPECIAL! U. S. Stamped Envelopes.
 Cat. No. 1504, 1884, 20 red on fawn, UNUSED, CUT SQUARE, LARGE MARGIN
 Cat. price 75c. My price 1 for 20c, 10 for \$1.50, 50 for \$5.00. Catalogue Price \$37.50.
C. F. ROTHFUCHS,
 38 Munroe Street, - - - - - ROXBURY, MASS.

Our Next Sale Takes Place WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18.

It will contain the balance of the Wholesale stock from our 8th Sale. There is surely something you want in it.

CATALOGUES ARE FREE.

CHAS. H. STONE & CO.,

19 Washington St., BOSTON, MASS.

SNAPS FOR DEALERS, All Classes.
 Whether heavy weight or bantam. Per 100

40c Rev., uncut.....	\$1.10
30c " cut.....	2.00
\$1.00 black and green.....	.40
\$1.00 black, cut fine.....	17.50
4c Omaha.....	.00
4c Pass.....	.00
8c ".....	1.80
10c ".....	1.80
Lauman & Kemp 1/4c, cat. 20c.....	5.50
3c Treasury.....	.90
3c War.....	.90
6c ".....	1.40
10c orange Spec, Del.....	2.00
8c Prop., blue.....	2.50
4c ".....	3.50
3c ".....	6.00
50c Surety Bond.....	8.50

50% of above sold at proportional price. All you have to do is order. Satisfaction guaranteed. Postage extra.
 E. C. Dodd, 259 So. Hermitage Ave., Chicago.

HISTORY OF THE POSTAL ISSUES OF HAWAII
\$1.25 A. W. DUNNING, NEWTON, MASS., U. S. A. \$1.25

now obtainable in the island from local holders only at a considerable premium, and bids fair to become a good stamp. The 1c grey, reported out of issue recently, has now re-appeared. It does not differ in any respect from the earlier printing.

NORWAY.—Mr. J. N. Morse of Boston reports having received new changes in the 3 ore and 5 ore cards, which have not been previously mentioned. The previous issues have had in the line "Paa deune Side skrives kun Adressen," three capital letters as printed here. These last arrivals have only one capital letter, "Paa" being the only word thus dignified. There are other minor changes as well.

Post Cards (Regular):
 3 ore, orange on white.
 5 ore, green on white.

ORANGE RIVER COLONY.—The first of the King's head series for this colony is illustrated by the *Deutsche Briefmarken*

Zeitung and is in its way as marked a contrast to the other colonial types as the new Cape stamps, though not as handsome. In the design the "1d" appears in both the upper corners in white oblong tablets with rounded corners. The vignette is printed above the centre and is surrounded by triple curved tablets having "Orange—River—Colony" in the different curves. "Postage" is printed at the bottom on a narrow black label, while in the space between this label and the vignette is depicted a scene on the veldt with two of the typical South African animals, the antelope and the gnu. The stamp is watermarked crown and CA.

Adhesive (Regular):
 1d carmine.

PERSIA.—Mr. Harry W. Legg, of the J. M. Bartels Co., has shown us the 1 kr red, surcharged "Provisoire—1319" in the usual frame in black, with an additional surcharge in violet, "12 ch" and Persian characters at the top. This is evidently Scott's No. 181. Mr. Legg also calls our attention to differences of printing in the 2s brown and buff, A25. The original is printed on a thin, smooth, hard gummed paper, the burelege being faint and light in shade. What appears to be a reprint is printed on soft paper, with burelege very conspicuous, being printed in a strong yellow, instead of buff. The color of the inscription and frame is the same in both cases, and both stamps are surcharged "P. L. Teheran" in two lines in a thick, oily black ink. A difference, however, in the typesetting marks a material difference between the two stamps. In what appears to be the original, in the top line, "2—Chahis—2", the word Chahis is printed in small caps; in the other, the same word is printed in lower case, capitalized.

PORTUGAL.—The private stamp for civilian rifle clubs has appeared in new colors, green and brown.

SERVIA.—We are informed that a new 1 dinar stamp has been issued, the type being Scott's A8.

Adhesive (Regular):
 1 dinar, light brown.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—From a correspondent we learn that the 9d with the new watermark—wide S. A.—is offered at \$2.50 each, unused.

TRANSVAAL.—Mr. E. F. Sawyer has secured a copy of the 4d registration envelope, surcharged E. R. I.

WURTEMBERG.—According to *Deutsche Briefmarken Zeitung*, two new official stamps have been issued. The figure of value and the words "Amtlicker Verkehr" are printed in black. A change in the 2pf official post card is listed by *Der Philatelist*.

Adhesives (Official):
 30pf orange and black.
 40pf carmine and black.
Post Card (Official):
 2pf gray blue on bluish, 140x90mm.

BRITISH COLONIAL "KING" CARDS.
 Straits Settlements, 3 cents.....04
 British Honduras, 2 cents.....04
 Bahamas, 1d and 1x1d.....19
 Trinidad, 1/2d and 1d.....07
 Leeward Islands, 1/2d, 1d and 1x1d.....15
 Gambia, 1d and 1x1d.....13
 Grenada, 1/2d and 1d.....07
Postage Extra.
ADOLPH LOHMEYER,
 922 N. Gilmer St., BALTIMORE, MD.

I invite correspondence regarding the following stamps of which I have one copy each.

- 650.00 Green and Black Revenue, lightly cut.
- 650.00 Grey and Black, very fine, cut.
- 1000.00 cut, superb.
- 65.00 Proprietary in superb condition—no tack holes.
- St. Louis 10c on Greenish paper, in fine condition.

Full Sets Cardboard Proofs, will sell in sets.

FRANK P. BROWN,
 339 Washington St., BOSTON, MASS.

DO YOU WANT
 to obtain bargains in stamps in fine condition, from the commonest to the scarcest varieties? If so, send for my price lists, showing rock-bottom prices, both for single stamps and sets, mailed free. If you wish to obtain an approval selection, state what country or countries you are interested in, and you will have what you want by return mail.
L. N. HERBERT, [100]
 1520 Washington Ave., NEW YORK.

Send for a sample copy of the **Perforator for February**. It will be worth while. **The Perforator, 106 E. 111th St., N. Y. City.**

The Postal Card Society of America.

Officers for 1902-3.
 President, HORACE E. CARPENTER, JR., Care N. B. Bradley & Sons, Bay City, Mich.
 Vice-President, J. T. ALBERT HOSBACH, 1422 North 53rd St., Philadelphia, Pa.
 Secretary, W. F. AGEE, Hope, Ark.
 Treasurer, JOHN N. MORSE, 205 Devonshire St., Boston, Mass.
 Executive Committee, GUY A. BRYANT, Princeton, Ill.; W. D. ARNOLD, The Portland, Broadway, St. Paul, Minn.; N. HASKELL WITMER, 230 S. 9th St., La Crosse, Wis.
 Exchange Superintendent, J. T. A. HOSBACH, 1422 No. 53rd St., Phila., Pa.
 Purchasing Agent, ADOLPH LOHMEYER, 922 N. Gilmer St., Baltimore, Md.
 International Secretary, E. DOEBLIN, P. O. Box 736, Pittsburg, Pa.
 Official Journal, THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA.

Fiscal Philatelic Society.

At the meeting held on Thursday, Jan. 8th, 1903, M. F. Leschevin (Belgium) was elected a member, and under Rule 4 M. Lalour has ceased to belong to the Society.

The fiscals of New Zealand were discussed and catalogued and an addenda to the published list compiled.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 5th, 1903, at 6.30 P. M. at 65 Bishopsgate Street, Without, London, E. C., when the fiscals of Niger Coast, Orange Free State and Queensland will be studied.

Sheets have been returned from the Continental Section which is now in good working order. From the October packet 175 fr. net was taken from sheets sent by Home members and 228 fr. from the November packet. The January contribution totalled to 946 fr. and the Home packet to £158.

All interested in fiscal stamps should apply for Rules, etc., to Hon. Sec. A. B. Kay, 2 Harlem Mansions, West Kensington, London, W.

From an Intermittent Correspondent.

Canadian Fiscal Notes.

OTTAWA, 2nd March, 1903.

There are two new sets of Canadian fiscals to chronicle, necessitated by the establishment of two new courts in the far-off territory of Yukon. In the development of that mining district, it became desirable to institute new local machinery for the prompt settlement of claims, instead of referring disputes to Ottawa. One of these is the Yukon Territorial Court, having general jurisdiction, the other the Dawson Mining Court, occupying itself more particularly with mining claims. The fees imposed by both courts are represented by revenue stamps affixed to the papers filed, and each court has a separate series. Each series consists of six values, 10, 25 and 50 cents, and \$1, \$2 and \$3, all of one general design and color, but with varied frames. In the former series, which are steel blue stamps, the central vignette is a seated figure of Justice. Above the figure is the title "Yukon Territorial Court Law Stamp," below is the value. The stamps are rectangular, 38mm. high by 25mm. wide, printed on yellowish white wove paper, and perforated 12, like other Canadian issues.

The other set is very similar in design and execution; the central design is the figure of a miner, with a pack on his back, examining a specimen. The legend above the figure is, "Dawson Mining Court Law Stamp," with the value in words and figures below. The color is scarlet vermilion and in size they approximate the set first described, being, however, 1mm. higher. The general effect of both designs is vigorous and pleasing.

These two sets will doubtless be scarce for some time to come, though they can probably be obtained unused at face in Dawson. So long as the documents on which they are used have any legal value the cancelled stamps cannot be removed from them.

The American Bank Note Company's issue of other fiscal stamps is gradually coming into use, displacing the British American Bank Note Company's (Burland's) designs as the printed supplies of the latter become exhausted. In the Canada Law (Superior Court) stamps the new 10c and \$1 stamps are now in use; in the Weights and Measures series, the 20c, 50c and 75c, and the \$1, \$1.50 and \$2 values; by the time this is in print the 15c value will also be issued; in the Gas Inspection series the 25c, 50c and \$1 are in use, and in the Electric Light series, the same three values. The new stamps assimilate to the old ones in shape and color, but are more artistic in design and superior in workmanship.

TRADE COLUMN.

Under this head we will print exchange, want and for sale notices, business announcements, 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.

One four-line notice free with each subscription, providing copy accompanies the subscription.

THREE Consecutive Insertions of SAME ad in this Column for PRICE OF TWO.

Complete used set of Vryburg stamps, \$20.00.
WENDELIN WEBER, 869 E. Eagle St., Buffalo, N.Y.

50 var. of C. S. A., Broken Bank, and State Bills, 5c to \$50.00, from 1877 to 1866, for only 44c; 25 var., 62c; 35 var., \$1. These are fine for a cabinet. Also a fine Arrowhead 5c, Spear 11c; both with \$20 C. S. A. for 17c. \$35.50 in C. S. A. money, inc. All postpaid.

A. C. MAE,
Room 15, Johnston House, Butte, Mont.

Block of 6 U. S. 6c 1866 unused and full o. g. \$10.00.
WENDELIN WEBER, 869 E. Eagle St., Buffalo, N.Y.

50c, \$1, \$2, Columbian, Omahas, currents, at half catalogue, cash. Unused Queen's heads taken in exchange at face. Grant Squires, 41 Wall St., New York.

Guatemala 1902 1, 2, 5, 10 and 20c, unused, for 17c. Russia, 1889, 1 rouble, 10c. New Zealand 1900 4p and 6p for 10c. Others on approval, 50 to 75% discount. Reference required. 28-page Bargain List free.

LEON V. CASS, McCraw, New York.

Fine copy of 7c Navy, unused o. g., for only \$7.00.
WENDELIN WEBER, 869 E. Eagle St., Buffalo, N.Y.

I am wanting photo apparatus and materials, all kinds, and am willing to exchange my stamps for such. ERASTUS CORNELL, Box 99, Marshalltown, Iowa.

Send for my net approval books, prices range from 33 1/2 to 75% off cat. WENDELIN WEBER, 869 E. Eagle St., Buffalo, N.Y.

10,000 mixed tobacco tags at 8c per 100. Job lots of stamps at 1/2 to 1-5 cent. First class selections at 1/2 cent. Everything postpaid.

JOEL H. DuBOISE, Huguenot, Georgia.

I have stamps cat. 1c to \$2 each to exchange with collectors. Send sheets of U. S. and foreign and receive mine. E. BULL, JR., Care Union Bank, New London, Conn. [13]

U. S. stamp Scott's No. 825 on part of cover, cat. \$5.00, for only \$1.00; look it up. WENDELIN WEBER, 869 E. Eagle St., Buffalo, N.Y.

New issues, unused, a different packet sent you each Saturday. Any stamp not wanted may be exchanged. We keep your collection up to date. Circulars free. Subscription Stamp Society, 16 Gray St., Cambridge, Mass.

A fine, well centered copy 6c Executive, only \$7.00.
WENDELIN WEBER, 869 E. Eagle St., Buffalo, N.Y.

I want to buy old U. S. Stamped Envelopes, entire unused, 1833 to 1870. S. B. FISH, Butler, Illinois.

Many Hawaiians at 50% discount. WENDELIN WEBER, 869 E. Eagle St., Buffalo, N.Y.

Plate numbers for sale. Get them while you can. 2c plates 12 for \$1.00, 25 for \$2.00, 55 for \$4.00. All different, my selection. Plates from 1890 to date to sell. GEORGE COCKRELL, Deer Lodge, Montana. [15]

Pre-cancels on approval against A1 Ref. 1888 Burlington, Vt., Nov., \$2.50, Invert, \$1.50, Double, \$5.00. Chicago, Ill., 4c, 10-1 ought sideways, \$1.50. H. E. CHATILLON, 726 Va. Ave., St. Louis, Mo. [14]

90c National print only 50c.
90c Continental print only 50c.
90c American print only 50c.
WENDELIN WEBER, 869 E. Eagle St., Buffalo, N.Y.

Exchanges, with amateurs only, invited. Will send assorted used Canadians to anyone sending me assorted stamps of any British Colony or South American Republic, and guarantee satisfaction; or will exchange a large variety of better to rare stamps for others not in my collection, British Colonials preferred. Have a nice bright copy 6d New Brunswick but without margins and a similar 6d Nova Scotia to exchange for best offer in unused high values U. S. Correspondence invited. Reference, Editor this paper. WM. P. ANDERSON, 64 Cooper St., Ottawa, Canada. [13]

Try Buffalo's stamp dealer on U. S., he has them almost complete at reasonable prices. WENDELIN WEBER, 869 E. Eagle St., Buffalo, N.Y.

I pay good prices for single stamps, job lots and collections. WENDELIN WEBER, 869 E. Eagle St., Buffalo, N. Y.

I will exchange stamps with you for a slight profit to myself. WENDELIN WEBER, 869 E. Eagle St., Buffalo, N. Y.

Stop, look and read. 50 varieties, one stamp album, 300 hinges, a unused Mexico and our price list of bargains, for ten cents in stamps. Postage extra. Approval sheets at 5c on application. Premium with each order. Union Stamp Co., 603 W. Main, Norristown, Pa.

For Sale. 3 complete sets Hawaiian Provisional Government stamps, with envelope stamps, uncanceled. W. L. WALLIS, Centre St., Jamaica Plain, Mass. [14]

U. S. cut envelopes wanted in exchange for rare U. S. Postage, Revenues and Foreign. E. S. PHELPS, 165 W. Canton St., Boston, Mass. [13]

Trans-Mississippi Issue, 1898. Complete set, 1c to \$2, in one color, India proofs, mounted and set depressed on white card board, size 154x23mm. Another set but in two colors. Both sets are exceedingly attractive, perfect and not soiled. For both sets, price \$35.00. Address Lock-box 28, Post Office, Ridgefield, Ct. [13]

Wanted—A copy of the ac vermilion, Fetridge & Co. stamp album of 1000 flowers, also album for the old M. & M. varieties, for cash. Do not all speak at once. Here is an opportunity to complete your sets of the late P. P.'s; can supply any or a full set of them or pairs or blocks of 4 of most varieties; all fine and many of them full gum. Let me hear from you. GEO. H. ANDERS, Norristown, Pa. [13]

A spotless unused copy of the 15: 1869 U. S., off center, cat. \$6.00, for \$1.00. WENDELIN WEBER, 869 E. Eagle St., Buffalo, N. Y.

Mexico. 1000 mixed postage \$1, in U. S. bank note. FELIPE NAVEDA, Urbina 8, Toluca City, Mexico. [13]

Why depreciate the value of valuable stamps by fastening them with hinges. For 5c I will tell you how to fasten stamps without attaching them with hinges. Blank approval book, made of light bond paper, holding 800 stamps, 6c each; 60c per doz. The "Standard" Fountain Pen, made of hard rubber, 5c, reg. price \$1; 50 business or calling cards 15c; 1 doz. steel pens with reservoir attachment 10c. Sample cards and pens for two 1c stamps. C. R. HOMAN, 1129 N. 6th Ave., Quincy, Ill. [13]

Pre-cancels wanted in exchange for duplicates of all sorts, by JOSHUA M. FROST, St. Johnsbury, Vt. [12]

Selections on approval at 50% dis., also cards of unused "mint condition", at lowest net prices. Ref. required. G. D. WEEKS, Care Garfield Safe Deposit Co., N. Y. [12]

Your wants, U. S. Post., Revs., M. & M. filled cheap; selling out. Thurs & Taxis 16 & 25, used, for best offer. T. M. Drossner, 547A Summit Ave., Jersey City. [12]

To complete your United States. Fine perfect copies, 1895, \$5.00 green, \$1.12 each; \$2.00 blue, \$1.05 each. Wholesale, both values \$11.00 only, per dozen.

Thousands of bargains in old United States, British and Colonial stamps. Fine approval selections at 25 to 50% discount. No common rubbish but only fine copies of desirable stamps sent out. Write stating wants and send reference. I can save you hundreds of dollars. Established 1860. FREDERICK GINN, 143 Strand, London, England. [11]

U. S. Postage, Depts. and Revenues also Foreign on approval against references. WENDELIN WEBER, 869 E. Eagle St., Buffalo, N. Y.

Victoria, all postally used. Scott's Nos. 188, 190; 165, 3c; 176, 4c; 178, 50c; 198, 7c; 202, 12c; 203, 12c; 204, 35c; 200, 5c; 317, 7c; 321, 30c; 326, \$1.00; 331, 60c. Postage extra under 50c. A. MACK, Box 494, Ottawa, Ont. [12]

Is your collection for sale? I will buy it or any odd lots of good stamps. No cheap stuff wanted. Send on approval with lowest cash offer. Immediate returns guaranteed. HOWARD C. BECK, City Controller's Office, Detroit, Mich. [51]

U. S. Pre-Canceled postage stamps. I will pay a good price in cash or exchange for any not in my collection. F. L. SMITH, 40 Exchange Pl., N. Y. [14c]

Pre-cancels not in my collection wanted. Best cash or trade price. E. R. ALDRICH, Benson, Minn. [11]

Try an Ad in this Column. It Pays.

Here and There.

BY DAVID HEAREM.

Late* newspaper advices from Washington are to the effect that Congress will do nothing at this session toward establishing a domestic parcels post system to carry the packages of this nation through the mails at something like reasonable rates. It is ingeniously stated that the chief opposition to the plan comes from country storekeepers and other small retailers, who are afraid of the competition of the big mail order houses and department stores. As the country store keeper today is one of the greatest sufferers from the exorbitant rates for transportation charged by the express companies, the reader may look with some suspicion upon these expressions of solicitude for his interests. The fact is that the small retailer would save enough on the transportation charges of his own goods to meet lower prices on such articles as the mail order houses might supply through the parcels post. In truth the big mail order houses today get special rates from the express companies, which would not be possible from the government. It is the small shipper, the little fellow, who has to pay full rates. However, I mustn't get started on the merits of the parcels post system, or there won't be room for anything else in this week's ERA.

The real reason why there is so little chance of Congress giving us a parcels post at present is that the average citizen, even the average merchant, knows or cares very little about the matter. He has been used to paying the express companies' rates, and does not realize that there is anything better. The chances are about even that he never heard of a parcels post and, so far, the daily newspapers have been singularly slow in informing him. Some day when we voters wake up to what the parcels post is already doing in our transactions with those foreign countries where treaties exist, and when we realize that we can send a pound package from our town to Germany for less than it costs to send it to our neighbor in the suburbs, we shall speak more loudly for what we ought to have, and Congress and the express companies, like Crockett's coon, will "come down."

What has become of the philatelic literature collector? I don't mean the man who preserves and values his philatelic library for the knowledge there is in it, but the simon pure collector, who would rather have a copy of the rare number two of the "Podunk Philatelist," (of which only ten were printed because the printer refused further credit to the editor,) than a com-

*In explanation of the apparent staleness of these notes we wish to state that they were intended to appear two weeks ago but circumstances and reduced size prevented.—ED.

Desirable Stamps at Low Prices.

Only one copy of a kind to a customer. These prices are from 1/2 to 3/4 lower than our regular rates and only intended to apply to readers of this advertisement. See special premium offer below.

Scott's No.	62nd Cat.	Our Price.	Scott's No.	62nd Cat.	Our Price.	
*30	Angola 1894 50 blue.....	\$0.18	\$0.04	174	Greece 1901 50 maroon.....	.03
18	Antigua 2 1/2 p blue.....	.18	.10	*11	Guatemala 1878 1/2 yellow green..	.08
*19	" 4c brown orange.....	.26	.11	*13	" 4r violet.....	.15
84	Austria 1 krona 1900.....	.10	.08	*16	" 1879 1 real.....	.15
1027	Austria Levant 5 pis on 50 violet..	.10	.06	75 to 96	1898 surcharged, 22 var. complete, used or new.....	3 78 1.90
14	Lombardy Venice 1861 2s brown..	.20	.12	*63	Guatemala Exposition 18c, scarce.....	.60
53	Barbados 4 rose red.....	.45	.23	*106 to 108	complete Guatemala 1901, 3 var., surcharged.....	.10
9	Bavaria 1861 1kr yellow.....	.05	.02	*109, 110, 111	complete Guatemala 1902 surcharge.....	.10
13	" 1861 1kr yellow green.....	.05	.14	Guatemala 1902 2 var., 1c and 2c.....	.03	
14	" 1861 1kr vermilion red.....	.75	.30	167	" 2c on 5c blue.....	.10
17	Bermuda 1p dull rose.....	.10	.04	*64	Hawaii 25c dark violet, very fine.....	1.50
22	Bolivia 1876 2c green.....	.06	.02	77	Hawaii 1874 10c green.....	.15
*106	" 5c blue.....	.10	.04	24	Hayti 1887 5c green.....	.08
*24	Brazil 1850 6c black.....	.15	.08	57	Hayti 1898 7c gray.....	.08
60	" 1866 500 reis orange.....	.25	.12	*38	Honduras 1883 4 real.....	.20
122	" 1894 1000 reis.....	.08	.03	"	1891 2, 5, 10 pesos, 3 var.....	.75
404	" unpaid 100r carmine.....	.06	.02	*158	Honduras 1892 official 40c.....	.06
45	Br. Honduras 1895 5c ultramarine..	.15	.06	8	Hong Kong 1863 2c brown.....	.25
37	Bulgaria 1889 1r red.....	.10	.07	17	" 30c violet.....	.06
160	" unpaid 30s lake.....	.10	.06	32	" 1880 10c violet.....	.25
169	" 30s green.....	.10	.05	37	" 1883 10c green.....	.10
16	Canada 1859 10c red lilac.....	.45	.25	10	Jamaica 4 pence CC.....	.12
21	" 1868 1/2c black.....	.18	.09	16	" 1 pence blue, CA.....	.12
22	" 1868 1c brown red.....	.30	.18	22	" 3 " olive green.....	.06
26	" 1868 1 1/2c blue.....	.25	.11	27	" 1890 2 1/2 on 4 pence, scarce.....	.35
47	" 1891 2c olive green.....	.25	.11	101	Jamaica 1 pence rose, used postally, very scarce.....	.75
7	Chile 1854 10c blue.....	.25	.10	34	Japan 1874 2c yellow.....	.12
32	" 30c rose carmine.....	.25	.10	24	" 1875 5c yellow.....	.08
2	China.....	.50	.22	60	" 1876 5c brown.....	.20
31	Cyprus 1 rose.....	.12	.04	84	" 1881 1 yen carmine.....	.20
66	France 4c green.....	.15	.08	86	" 1894 5 sen Silver Wedding stamp.....	.08
37	Egypt 20 on 5 pis.....	.15	.06	80	Labuan 1897 24c lilac and blue.....	.15
*677	to 681 Ecuador Official, 4 var.....	1.05	.40			
80	Ecuador 10c vermilion.....	.10	.04			
13	" 1/2 blue.....	.06	.02			
18	Thurn and Taxis, used.....	.60	.15			
26	North German Postal District 30gr blue.....	.40	.13			
63	Germany 1900 3 mark.....	.18	.04			
133	Greece 1900 50 on 40.....	.08	.04			
134	" 1900 1dr on 40 red violet.....	.20	.10			

On all orders amounting to 50c or over we will send a Transparent Perforation Gauge, or a copy of Robie's Canadian Revenue Catalogue. On orders of \$1.00 or over 4 large Peru Revenues unused, face value \$36.00. On \$5.00 orders one of Wolsieff's Pocket Ed. Stock Books, cloth, to hold 350 stamps.

We hold Auction Sales frequently. Catalogues free.

STAMPS ON APPROVAL.

UNITED STAMP CO., 1149 Marquette Bldg., Chicago.
 P. M. WOLSIEFFER, President. F. N. MASSOTH, Secy.-Treas.

plete file of the *American Journal of Philately*. A few years ago this sort of literature acquiring was a regular "fad within a fad," considerable space was devoted to it in the journals, there were frequent literature auctions, and if I remember correctly, even one or two monthly publications for the collectors.

Some index to the number of transient collectors who never get beyond the twenty-five cent album and home made hinges stage is given by the quantity of cheap packets which are sold. Most of the very cheap variety packets sold by dealers are put up in Europe, and to give some idea of the immense quantity which are disposed of, one dealer who does this business recently wrote to a friend in this country that less than three years ago he bought One Million of a common Belgian stamp and that today they were all gone, used up in making variety packets!

A "Lend a Hand" Philatelic Club has been established in Boston, according to the last issue of the official organ of that movement. A novel feature of the organization is that the fees are to be paid in stamps which will be sold by the club and the proceeds used for philanthropic purposes.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

issue of 1901, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20 and 50c, mint condition, beautiful stamps, catalogued at \$1.53, my price for the above set

ONE DOLLAR.

Did you get one of my packets No. 25, The Flood City Special? Containing 50 varieties, mostly obsolete, and cataloguing from 4 to 5 times the price,

ONE DOLLAR.

Stamps on approval at 50 per cent. discount to responsible parties.

THEO. MAINHART, JOHNSTOWN, PA.

RARE FRENCH MOROCCO, 1893, On Entire Covers.

1306, 5c (only 400 issued), \$3.00
 1307, 10c (only 500 issued), \$2.50

GUARANTEED GENUINE. 115

R. M. LANGZETTEL, 92 Crown St., New Haven, Conn.

PORTO RICO, Nos. 61, 62, 65, 73, used..... .07

DOM. REPUB., Nos. 59, 60, used..... .31

HAYTI, Nos. 10, 22, 24, used, .14

DOM. REPUB., Nos. 88, 89, 90, 96, 97, used..... .12

TRINIDAD, Nos. 67, 68, 69, 70, 74, 75, 86, 151, used..... .14

BR. GUIANA, Nos. 107, 108, 131, 140, 141, 147, 148, 220, 221, 275, used..... .15

Or send \$1.00 for the entire lot and I will throw in 10 unused Foreign Cat. 30 cts.

A. W. DUNNING, NEWTON, MASS.

COOK ISLANDS, 1d brown surcharged
 crown..... \$3.50

U. S. 1890 2c imperforate vertical pair 2.75
 " 1899 Reissue 1c on hard paper, mint ... 3.50
 " " 2c on hard paper, mint 3.50
 " " 12c green, full o. g., superb..... 5.00
 " " 15c brown " 6.25
 " 1894 \$2.00, no w., unused o. g., fine.... 2.90

The "Best stock of stamps in Boston," so local collectors say.

Why not write me!
FRANK P. BROWN,
 339 Washington St., BOSTON, MASS.

10c 10c 10c 10c
For Single Block of Four,
OR ONE OF EACH COLOR.

Essay of 3c 1861 Washington with fasces at sides, in ten colors on Goldbeaters' skin. A beautiful and rare edition to any collection. 100 sets only. Money returned should these be exhausted, on receipt of your order. [13]

R. A. TARR CO.,
 3126 N. Broad St., PHILADELPHIA, PA.

HAYTI.

A popular country with American collectors. We offer to submit on approval the following new books of Hayti stamps at 25% discount from current catalogue.
 Book No. 65. Stamps of Hayti, mostly unused.
 Book No. 65a. Containing only blocks of four unused, Hayti 1893-1902.
 Book No. 65b. Containing only fine postally cancelled stamps of Hayti 1881-1902.

Besides the above books we have a specialized stock book of Hayti, containing used and unused, shades, singles and blocks, subject to 10%, which will be submitted subject to arrangement to liberal buyers.

SPECIAL OFFERS!

Catalogue. Our Price

1898 1c ultramarine..... \$0.75 \$0.38
 1898 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 20c, set of six..... 5.85 3.95
 All are fine unused copies, well centered.

"Mekeel's Stamp Collector"

A weekly stamp paper, sample copy free, also price list giving terms and list of approval books in our Approval Department the greatest in America.

G. H. MEKEEL STAMP & PUBLISHING CO.,
 ST. LOUIS, MO.

Chicago Notes.

One of our dealers lately secured a most magnificent copy of the \$5.00 Proprietary stamp. This copy, which is the finest the writer has ever seen, would be a bargain at catalogue price.

The truth of the old adage, "Imitation is the sincerest flattery," is exemplified in the case of a party who "hails" from Williamsville, Mass., who is making and selling an imitation of "Wolsieffer's Approval Cards." P. M. Wolsieffer is the sole owner of this patent and any infringement upon it is unlawful.

"Spring trade" has opened up with a brisk rush of business, which every local dealer seems to feel. Counter trade especially, with all, is abnormally large.

A fair average only was maintained at the last sale of the C. P. S., which took place Saturday evening, Feb. 28th. The U. S. stamps as a rule brought a larger percentage of catalogue than the foreign.

	Cat. price.	Sale price.
Confed. States, 10c rose, No. 204, used over U. S. No. 1323, on cover,	\$3.15	\$1.50
New Brunswick, 1/2 on 10c, No. 8a, on cover,	—	2.05
Nova Scotia, 1/2 on 10c, No. 12b, on cover,	—	3.35
Set of Columbian cardboard proofs,	—	2.75
Set of State, \$2.00 to \$20.00 cardboard proofs,	—	2.75
1c Playing Cards,	3.00	1.75
3c " "	6.00	2.20
4c " "	8.00	2.85
\$1.60 Foreign Exchange,	2.00	1.10
\$20.00 Conveyance,	1.10	1.20
\$25.00 Mortgage,	4.00	2.00
\$50.00 U. S. I. R.,	2.50	2.10
\$200.00 black and green, off centre,	15.00	5.50
6c, 2nd issue,	2.00	1.20
\$3.50, 2nd issue,	5.00	2.25
\$10.00, " "	3.00	1.90
\$20.00, " " creased,	15.00	5.60

9 COLLECTIONS

including 1 Pre-Canceled Collection are included in

Wolsieffer's Sale No. 33

to be held March 14th. There is also a rich lot of Hawaii; splendid combination lots by countries for the general collector and beginner; entire and cut square envelopes; the scarcest pre-cancelled stamps; and last but not least those Freak Revenues described and guaranteed by Mr. E. B. Sterling. Catalogues free to auction buyers.

United Stamp Co., 1149 Marquette Bldg., Chicago.

N. B. Did you read Patent Infringement Notice of Wolsieffer's Approval Cards, last week?

OUR STOCK

has increased in size threefold in the last few weeks. We would like to send you a General Book or a book of one country to a book. Scott's and Gibbons' 1903 catalogues are now ready. Will send either for 50c, prepaid with 8c Columbian, Omaha, Pan-American or Martha Washington, or for 63c with 15c Harrison.

J. T. STARR STAMP CO., Coldwater, Mich.

REAL BARGAINS! Selling Out Stock!
 Ninety-six varieties Old Revenues Imperf. and Perf. Stamps catalogued at 10c and under, 75% discount. " " " over 10c, 55% [out] Oscar Bernstrom, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

U. S. ENTIRE ENVELOPES SCARCE SIZES.

30c No. 1527, size 3.....	\$3.50
30c No. 1531, size 3.....	3.50
30c No. 1538, size 4 1/2.....	3.50
30c No. 1545, size 4 1/2.....	3.50
COMPLETE SET OF 4.....	\$12.00

All unused and perfect.
 Dealers and collectors interested in U. S. Envelopes should write to us. Our circular to stimulate envelope collecting is free.

HOLTON STAMP CO.,
 BOSTON, - - - MASS.

FREE! 1903 PRICE LIST.

Our 56 page 1903 Price List of U. S. and Foreign Single Stamps, Sets, Packets, Albums, etc.

FREE FOR THE ASKING.
 Have you tried our 50¢ Approval Sheets?

PERRIN & CO.,
 108 East 23rd St., NEW YORK CITY.

\$50.00, 1898 Revenue,	2.50	1.20
Envelope, No. 1443,	10.00	3.35
1851, 1c blue, reprint of No. 30,	—	1.85
9c Newspaper, no gum,	10.00	3.10
1895 Newspaper, 1c to \$100.00,	—	2.60
5c brick red, No. 45,	10.00	4.75
90c, No. 72,	3.50	2.75
30c, '69,	3.00	1.80
90c, '69, way off centre,	15.00	5.50
30c, 1870, grilled, No. 143,	12.50	5.20
1875 Newspaper, 48c rose,	10.00	4.50
Newfoundland, No. 3, o. g.,	2.00	1.00
Guatemala, No. 146, postally used,	—	2.20

An interesting lot of "freak" revenues, which are guaranteed by Mr. E. B. Sterling, will be a feature in Wolsieffer's next sale. The sale also contains a large number of the favorite combination lots, which have proved so popular with collectors. Among several collections offered, there is a precancelled one, which is the first ever offered in public sale.

CLIFFORD.

Almost every dealer sends approval selections at 50% Discount—BUT there are some stamps in our selections of this class that are not to be had as cheap elsewhere.

A COLLECTION OF 5000 VARIETIES of POSTAGE STAMPS, carefully selected from our own stock, \$175.00. Satisfaction Guaranteed.

3000 for \$45.00 ♦ 2000 for \$13.50 ♦ 1000 for \$3.40 ♦ ALL GENUINE POSTAGE STAMPS

550 Varieties mounted in a blank book (cataloguing by Scott's 61st edition Catalogue \$10.00), post free \$1.50. A Bargain for Dealer or Collector!

C. H. MEKEEL STAMP & PUBLISHING CO., ST. LOUIS, MO.

1903 RETAIL PRICE LIST, No. 14, Part 1--UNITED STATES STAMPS 1845 to 1869

FOR SALE BY

C. F. ROTHFUCHS 38 MUNROE STREET, ROXBURY, MASS., U. S. A.

SPECIAL NOTICE! Stamps advertised on retail price list No. 14 are under three headings: 1st, 2nd and 3rd. In my humble opinion that is the fairest way to price stamps.

Quotations from 62nd Edition (1903) Standard Catalogue of the Scott Stamp and Coin Co. Ld.: "The prices quoted for rare stamps are for specimens in fine condition, but in many instances extra fine copies bring far higher prices," and "Also in many instances, unused stamps with original gum are worth more than the quotations given by us for ordinary unused specimens in fine condition."

Please bear in mind above quotations when comparing catalogue prices with the prices which I ask for stamps under the heading of 1st.

1st. All unused stamps which I offer under the heading of 1st have full original gum, many have never had a hinge on back, they are the best centered stamps in stock, and are what I term as my select stock. Used are the pick of my stock as to centering, color, and cancellation. As a whole, the stamps which I offer as 1st are extra fine copies.

2nd. Many of the unused stamps offered under the heading of 2nd have been removed from collections, and have the gum washed off, but otherwise they are in good condition, others have full original gum, but are not as well centered as 1st. Some have slight imperfections. Used, are in average good condition, but not as fine as my 1st. Some have slight imperfections. As a whole the used and unused stamps which I offer under the heading of 2nd will compare favorably with the stamps offered as in good or fine condition by many firms, who do not classify their stamps according to condition.

3rd. Mostly all the stamps offered under the heading of 3rd are more or less damaged, but are in as good condition as I can furnish at the quoted prices. Some are not damaged, but heavily cancelled. Some of the unused have original gum, but are poorly centered. My 3rd quality at their extremely low prices have given entire satisfaction to many collectors who are not so hard to please.

The following quotations from two letters may interest some collectors who have never favored me with an order. In a letter dated Feb. 9th, 1903, which I received from a collector who bought \$26.63 worth of unused U. S. stamps, 1870 to 1890 issue, such as I offer under the heading of 1st at prices from 3c to \$8.50 each, he writes: "I must thank you for the extremely fine selection of stamps just sent as well as the care and patience you have displayed in my behalf in arranging them, all of which I appreciate."

Another collector writes: "You are the only dealer on earth who receives my cash with order," and "The only reason why I make the exception is that I have always received the stamps from you in a condition to meet my requirements."

There are no risks in complying with my terms. Most of my customers after the receipt of the stamps ordered in their first order, have kept on sending other orders.

Collectors who have never favored me with an order are invited to send me a trial order. The chances are that the trial order will be followed by other orders.

Terms! Cash with order. Postage extra on orders under \$1.00. Unused stamps not accepted in payment. Please remit by Bills, Post Office or Express Money Order. Should my stamp not be entirely satisfactory, it can be returned within two days after receipt, and money will be promptly refunded.

All stamps advertised on this list are warranted as genuine. ALL ARE UNUSED UNLESS STATED USED. (U) STANDS FOR USED. I can furnish nearly all stamps used and unused priced from 1c to 10c each which are not advertised on this list at the following rates: 1st, used and unused, full catalogue price. 2nd, used, at 50% discount; unused, 50% discount, but each stamp must be at least one cent over face value. 3rd, used only, at 75% discount from catalogue prices.

Nos. at left correspond with those of the 62nd Edition Standard Catalogue. I make no distinction in minor varieties. I send out those shades which I happen to have in stock.

Table with columns: Cat. No., Provisional Issue, Price, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Cat. No., General Issue, Price, 1st, 2nd, 3rd. Lists various stamp types and prices.

11th Philatelic Congress, Vienna, Austria, 1902.

Notes Read Before the Boston Philatelic Society on February 17th, 1903, by

C. F. ROTHFUCHS.

MR. PRESIDENT AND GENTLEMEN:

After considering your request to give you an account of my trip abroad last summer, I have decided that at this meeting, it being the evening of our Annual Jollification, an account of the jolly and good fellowship existing amongst stamp collectors, as I saw it in Vienna, Austria, at the Fourteenth Philatelic Congress of the German and Austrian Philatelic Societies may interest you.

We arrived in Vienna two days before the opening of the Philatelic Congress. We made use of the time by visiting some of the many interesting places in the beautiful city of Vienna, situated on the right bank of the river called by our Austrian friends "Der Schone Blau Donau," or the Beautiful Blue Danube.

Friday evening, September 5, 1902, at 8 o'clock a festival meeting was held in the hall of the Austrian Philatelic Club "Vindobona." Their hall was nicely decorated.

In the background were busts of the Austrian and German Emperors, and coats-of-arms of both countries. The attendance was large, and included a number of ladies.

At this first meeting the participants received their cards, badges and guide books of Vienna, and a most cordial welcome, and by the time, about 11.30 o'clock, when we parted we felt as though Vienna was ours.

Saturday, September 6th, at 1 o'clock in the afternoon, official reception by the Burgermeister, Dr. Karl Lueger, in the Rathaus. Admission by card. Burgermeister you know is the German for Mayor, and Rathaus for City Hall.

At this reception there were about 300 present, including many ladies. At the appointed time when all were assembled we were conducted to the different rooms and halls; and after visiting the historic museum containing collections of weapons, paintings and many historic objects relating to the development of Vienna, we were conducted to the reception hall.

At half past one the Mayor accompanied by the Vice Mayor and a number of officials entered the hall. After forming a semi-circle with the Mayor in the centre, Mr. Forster of Vienna made the introduction, and then the presiding officer of the Philatelic Congress, Hermann de la Renotter Ritter von Kriegsfeld, also of Vienna, addressed the Mayor, and said in part: "We did not come to the City Hall as politicians, and none of us have any political scheme, but the numerous guests from other countries wished to visit the Housewife of Vienna, who was so friendly as to receive them in her beautiful home." The presiding officer in concluding his ad-

dress, thanked the Mayor in the name of all present for his official reception of the Fourteenth Philatelic Congress.

The Mayor answered in part: "I heartily welcome you, not as a politician, but as Mayor of the Imperial Capital and Residence City of Vienna." The Mayor continued by saying: "Philatelists do not seem to be so impolitic, but one could believe that they are in touch with revolutionists, because philatelists are full of joy when they hear of the overthrow of a government, and the formation of a new government which would issue new postage stamps." Continuing the Mayor said: "I am pleased that you have come here in such a large body, you will certainly not dispute the fact that we have made many improvements in our Postal System. When a new system is introduced in another country we accept it, if it is good or not." The Mayor concluded his address by saying: "I hope that you will like it here, and that you will enjoy yourself in Vienna. The people here are known as good natured and very hospitable, they will consider it a great honor and pleasure to show you their beautiful father city. I welcome you as my guests and invite you to lunch with me."

The Mayor's address was quite humorous, and was frequently interrupted with applause, cheers and laughter. After prolonged applause at the end of his address the Mayor led the march to the large banquet hall.

As we entered the hall each lady was presented with a bouquet of flowers, tied with a red and white silk ribbon, suitably inscribed with gold letters, and each gentleman received a leather cigar case with four cigars. The cigar case was inscribed with gold letters in four lines in the centre

*XIV. Deutscher
Philatelistentag
Wien Rathaus 6 September
1902*

and with the Austrian coat-of-arms on the upper left hand corner. These souvenirs were gifts from the Mayor of Vienna.

After all were seated, the Mayor advanced, and in a short address again welcomed his guests, and then gave a toast to His Majesty, Emperor Franz Joseph I, and after complimenting the Philatelists from so many countries, and not omitting those from across the sea, he gave a toast to the philatelists of all countries. Lunch followed.

The lunch included soup, fish, meats, salads, cheese, pastry, bon bons, coffee, mineral water, Pilsner beer and four kinds of wine. The lunch and liquids were excellent. This is one of the menus. It is printed in German, but you can read it as easily as many of the menus which you see at banquets in this country.

Send for a sample copy of the **Perforator** for February. It will be worth while. The **Perforator**, 108 E. 111th St., N. Y. City.

1903 RETAIL PRICE LIST, NO. 14, Part 2--UNITED STATES STAMPS 1870 to 1901 AND CARRIER AND SPECIAL DELIVERY STAMPS, FOR SALE BY **C. F. ROTHFUCHS** 38 MUNROE STREET, ROXBURY, MASS., U. S. A.

1st. Are extra fine copies. All unused have original gum.
2nd. Are average copies. Some of the unused have gum washed off, but are otherwise fine copies.
3rd. Some are more or less damaged, others are not damaged, but off centre or heavily cancelled.
All stamps are unused, unless stated as used or U.

Cat. No.	General Issue.	Cat. Price.	1st. Price	2nd. Price	3rd. Price	Cat. No.	General Issue.	Cat. Price.	1st. Price	2nd. Price	3rd. Price
132	1875 2c brown	\$7.00	\$5.00	\$6.00	\$5.00	227	1890 15c blue	\$0.30	\$0.25	\$0.17	\$0.00
133	1880 1c buff	1.50	1.00	50	35	227	1890 15c used	.08	.06	.04	.02
134	1880 1c used	1.50	.75	.50	25	228	1890 30c black	.50	.45	.35	.00
135	1870 1c embossed	5.00	2.00	1.00	2.00	228	1890 30c used	.08	.06	.04	.02
136	1870 1c used	5.00	.40	.30	10	229	1890 90c orange	1.50	1.35	1.00	.05
137	1870 3c embossed	5.00	2.00	1.00	2.00	229	1890 90c used	.50	.45	.25	.10
138	1870 3c used	1.10	.10	.04	.02	230	1893 1c Columbian	.03	.03	.02	.00
139	1870 6c embossed	2.50	1.00	.50	1.00	231	1893 3c violet	.05	.05	.03	.00
140	1870 6c used	3.00	2.50	1.25	.75	231	1893 3c green	.06	.06	.04	.00
141	1871 7c embossed	15.00	6.00	3.00	6.00	232	1893 4c ultra	.08	.07	.05	.00
142	1871 7c used	3.00	2.75	1.25	.75	234	1893 5c chocolate	.10	.08	.06	.00
143	1870 10c used	10.00	9.00	4.00	8.00	235	1893 6c purple	.12	.10	.07	.00
144	1870 15c used	6.00	4.00	2.00	4.00	235	1893 6c used	.07	.05	.03	.00
145	1870 24c used	75.00	50.00	25.00	50.00	236	1893 8c magenta	.15	.12	.10	.00
146	1870 30c used	12.50	12.00	6.00	12.00	237	1893 10c brown	.30	.25	.20	.10
147	1870 90c used	6.00	5.00	2.50	5.00	237	1893 15c green	.30	.25	.20	.10
148	1870 1c no emb.	3.00	2.00	.75	2.5	238	1893 30c brown	.55	.50	.35	.00
149	1870 1c used	1.50	.15	.05	.02	238	1893 30c used	.40	.30	.15	.08
150	1870 3c green	2.00	1.00	.50	1.50	240	1893 50c blue	.75	.65	.55	.00
151	1870 3c embossed	3.50	3.00	1.00	3.00	240	1893 50c used	.50	.40	.25	.15
152	1870 3c used	1.10	.10	.05	.02	241	1893 \$1 salmon	2.50	2.50	1.75	1.25
153	1871 7c vermilion	6.00	4.00	2.00	4.00	241	1893 \$1 used	2.50	2.00	1.50	1.00
154	1871 7c used	.60	.50	.30	.15	242	1893 \$2 br. red	2.50	2.50	2.00	1.75
155	1870 10c brown	6.00	4.00	2.00	4.00	242	1893 \$2 used	1.75	1.50	1.00	.75
156	1870 10c used	.15	.15	.07	.02	243	1893 \$3 green	3.75	3.75	3.00	2.50
157	1870 18c violet	7.00	5.00	2.50	5.00	243	1893 \$3 used	3.50	3.00	2.25	.00
158	1870 18c used	.40	.30	.15	.05	244	1893 \$4 lake	5.00	5.00	4.00	.00
159	1870 15c orange	5.00	3.50	2.00	3.50	244	1893 \$4 used	4.50	4.25	3.75	2.25
160	1870 15c used	.75	.60	.35	.18	245	1893 \$5 black	6.50	6.00	5.00	.00
161	1870 24c purple	12.50	6.00	3.00	6.00	245	1893 \$5 used	5.50	5.25	4.75	.00
162	1870 24c used	1.50	1.25	.50	.25	246	1894 1c ultra	.10	.08	.05	.03
163	1870 30c black	12.00	5.00	2.00	4.00	246	1894 3c pink	.06	.06	.04	.03
164	1870 30c used	.40	.30	.20	.05	249	1894 3c lake	.30	.30	.20	.15
165	1870 90c carmine	15.00	10.00	3.75	7.50	250	1894 3c carmine	.05	.05	.04	.03
166	1870 90c used	1.25	1.00	.50	.25	251	1894 3c triangle 3	.25	.15	.10	.00
167	1873 1c blue	1.00	1.00	.35	.10	252	1894 3c triangle 3 used	.25	.15	.10	.00
168	1873 1c brown	1.50	1.50	.50	.15	253	1894 3c purple	.06	.06	.04	.00
169	Ribbed used	1.50	.15	.07	.05	254	1894 4c brown	.08	.08	.06	.05
170	1873 3c green	1.00	.75	.35	.10	255	1894 4c chocolate	.10	.10	.07	.00
171	Ribbed paper	1.00	1.25	1.00	.50	255	1894 4c puce	.15	.12	.10	.00
172	1873 6c pink	1.25	1.00	.50	.20	258	1894 10c green	.20	.20	.15	.12
173	1873 7c vermilion	6.00	5.00	2.50	5.00	259	1894 15c blue	.25	.25	.20	.00
174	1873 7c used	.60	.50	.30	.15	260	1894 15c used	.06	.06	.03	.02
175	1873 10c brown	6.00	4.00	2.00	4.00	260	1894 30c orange	.80	.65	.55	.00
176	1873 12c violet	10.00	5.00	3.50	2.00	261	1894 50c used	.35	.30	.15	.10
177	1873 12c used	.40	.30	.15	.05	261	1894 \$1 black	1.50	1.35	1.15	.00
178	1873 15c used	.10	.10	.05	.02	261	1894 \$1 used	1.25	1.00	.60	.40
179	Ribbed used	2.50	1.75	1.00	.50	262	1894 \$2 blue	5.00	4.50	3.50	.00
180	1873 30c used	.50	.40	.20	.05	263	1894 \$5 green	7.50	6.50	5.00	.00
181	1873 90c carmine	6.00	4.00	2.25	4.00	265	1895 3c Watermarked	.30	.25	.15	.10
182	1873 90c used	2.00	1.50	.60	.25	265	1895 3c triangle 2	.25	.15	.12	.05
183	1875 5c blue	1.00	.75	.30	.10	270	1895 3c brown	.10	.10	.06	.00
184	1879 1c vermilion	.85	.80	.40	.15	270	1895 3c chocolate	.20	.10	.07	.00
185	1879 3c green	.40	.35	.15	.05	271	1895 3c green	.20	.20	.15	.00
186	1879 5c blue	1.00	.75	.35	.10	272	1895 3c used	.10	.10	.05	.03
187	1879 6c pink	2.00	1.00	.75	.50	273	1895 \$1 black	1.25	1.10	1.00	.00
188	1879 10c used	.15	.15	.05	.02	276	1895 \$1 used	.45	.30	.20	.15
189	1879 10c used	.50	.50	.25	.10	277	1895 \$2 used	1.50	1.50	1.00	.00
190	1879 15c orange	.40	.35	.20	.17	278	1895 \$5 used	1.75	1.50	1.00	.00
191	1879 15c used	.15	.12	.05	.02	279	1895 3c or. red.	.10	.10	.05	.00
192	1879 30c black	2.00	1.25	.75	.50	287	1898 4c Omaha	.08	.08	.06	.00
193	1879 30c used	.10	.10	.05	.02	287	1898 8c brown	.15	.12	.10	.00
194	1879 90c used	1.00	1.00	.50	.25	290	1898 10c violet	.18	.15	.12	.00
195	1882 5c brown	.50	.35	.20	.15	291	1898 30c green	.80	.75	.60	.00
196	1882 1c blue	.10	.10	.04	.02	292	1898 50c used	.30	.30	.20	.00
197	1882 3c green	.15	.15	.07	.04	292	1898 \$1 black	1.50	1.50	1.10	.00
198	1882 6c red	1.50	1.00	.50	.35	293	1898 \$1 used	1.00	1.00	.00	.00
199	1882 10c brown	.30	.30	.15	.10	293	1898 \$2 brown	3.00	3.00	.25	.00
200	1882 15c used	.25	.50	.10	.05	297	1898 \$2 used	2.00	2.00	.00	.00
201	1883 3c brown	.08	.06	.04	.03	297	1898 3c Buffalo	.10	.10	.08	.00
202	1883 4c green	.06	.05	.04	.03	298	1898 4c violet and black	.15	.15	.10	.00
203	1883 5c vermilion	.12	.10	.05	.04	299	1901 10c br. and blk.	.18	.18	.15	.00
204	1887 3c used	.10	.10	.05	.02	300	Complete set of Buffalo	.57	.55	.40	.00
205	1887 1c blue	.06	.05	.03	.02	300	Complete set used	.19	.20	.15	.07
206	1888 4c carmine	.18	.10	.06	.05	For Delivery by Carriers.					
207	1888 5c blue	.25	.20	.10	.07	802	1891 1c Eagle	1.00	.50	.35	.00
208	1888 90c brown	.05	.50	.35	.20	802	1891 1c used	2.00	1.50	1.00	.50
209	1888 90c used	.35	.25	.12	.05	803	1891 1c Horseman	6.00	6.00	4.00	2.00
210	1888 90c purple	3.00	2.00	1.50	1.25	803	1891 1c used	3.50	3.50	2.00	1.25
211	1888 90c used	.90	.75	.45	.25	803	1891 1c sent	25.00	25.00	5.00	.00
212	1890 3c lake	.50	.50	.25	.15	803	1891 1c short rays	15.00	15.00	7.50	.00
213	1890 3c used	.05	.05	.03	.02	804	1891 1c red, U	10.00	10.00	5.00	.00
214	1890 3c Imperforate	6.00	4.00	2.00	4.00	805	1891 1c red, U	20.00	15.00	10.00	.00
215	1890 3c purple	.08	.06	.04	.03	806	1892 1c blue, U	15.50	10.00	10.00	.00
216	1890 4c imperforate	9.75	9.75	5.00	5.00	810	1892 1c Eye, U	20.00	20.00	10.00	.00
217	1890 5c chocolate	12.00	12.00	6.00	6.00	811	1891 1c red	12.50	10.00	6.00	3.00
218	1890 6c br. red	15.00	15.00	8.00	8.00	811	1891 1c used	6.50	5.00	2.75	.00
219	1893 8c lilac	18.00	18.00	10.00	10.00	848	1846 3c N. Y. U	12.00	10.00	10.00	.00
220	1890 10c green	.80	.80	.40	.24						

MENU.

(Illustration of Rathhaus)
Empfang der Teilnehmer des
XIV. Deutschen Philatelistentages im
Wiener Rathaus am 6 September, 1902.

Speisen—Folge:

Kraftbrue.
Schill-Tunke nach Ravigotte.
Sterlet mit Mayonnaise.
Ochsenrucken nach Englischer Art.
Lendenbraten nach Gartnerart.
Kalbskeule.
Galantine vom Huhn.
Wildbrot Glastert.
Geraucherte Ochsenzunge.
Feiner Schinken.
Steinische Huhner.
Gansl.
Rehshogel mit Preiselbeeren.
Russischer und franzosischer Salat.
Kase.
Backwerk.
Kaffee.
Getranke: Pilsner Bier (Aktienbrau).
Weiss-Weine: Feldsberger 1900,
Zobinger 1895,
Retzer 1889
Rot-Wein: Vostaner Gradenthaler.

The lunch, or I should rather call it reception and banquet, lasted until 4 o'clock. Some good short speeches were made by several of the officials as well as by some of the philatelists of note.

At 4 o'clock the guests, and our host the Mayor in the centre, were photographed in one of the courts of the Rathhaus. I have one of the photographs here. Some of you may recognize some of the parties. In the group there are three members of the Boston Philatelic Society. This reception of the Fourteenth Philatelic Congress is the first one on record where a body of philatelists were officially received and banquetted by the Mayor, and will be remembered by all participants as a most enjoyable afternoon of the Fourteenth Philatelic Congress.

At 9 o'clock in the evening an entertainment was given in the hall of the Merchants of Vienna. The vocal and instrumental music, the art whistling, the ventriloquism and comic recitations were rendered by Vienna artists. The entertainment, free beer and other refreshments kept the large party of ladies and gentlemen very jolly and lasted until about 12 o'clock. I refer to the entertainment, as there was no time limit to free beer.

Sunday, September 7th, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, was held the first session of the Fourteenth Philatelic Congress. There were 22 societies with a total of 5520 members represented at this session.

At 12 o'clock we took the train for Modling. At Modling we took the electric tram, and part of the way we rode in barges to Hinterbruhl. The ride from Modling to Hinterbruhl was made interesting by the attractive summer cottages and the high wooded hills on both sides of the road, which was very narrow at some of the curves between hills.

At 2 o'clock we had dinner in the Hoidrichsmuhle. The dinner, concert, lovely ladies, jolly good fellows, and the delightful weather made this a very enjoyable

afternoon. At 6 o'clock we started for Vienna.

At 8.30 o'clock in the evening we visited the English Garden (called Venice in Vienna). This garden is in the Prater park, and is the most attractive garden in Vienna. Entertainments to suit all tastes, such as seen in theatres, operas and music halls can be had here. The buildings are in many styles, representing castles, ruins, forts etc., and are very attractive. The illumination by the many thousand colored lights is a sight such as one would expect to see in fairyland.

Monday, September 8th, at 9.30 o'clock in the forenoon we took the electric tram, and at the end of the route changed and took the horse-car for Nussdorf. At Nussdorf we took the cogwheel steam cars for Kahlenberg, a very high hill west of Vienna. In ascending this hill we passed many of the grape vines which cover a large portion of the sunny side.

Breakfast was served in the beautiful Terrace Restaurant of Hotel Kahlenberg. There we had a grand view of Vienna, and the surrounding country. It was the only place where we got a good view of the Danube, and the Danube canal as it winds its way through the city of Vienna. The orchestra deserves special mention for the sweet music which it rendered on this occasion. At 2 o'clock we started for Vienna.

At 4.30 o'clock the participants, ladies and gentlemen in a group, were photographed in the garden of Hotel Continental.

At 6 o'clock, banquet in Hotel Continental. There were 285 persons at the banquet. After we were seated around the long tables in the banquet hall we noticed the absence of menus. A few minutes later each guest was agreeably surprised by receiving an Austrian 5 heller postal card with his or her name on the face addressed:

*Festtheilnehmer am XIV Deutschen Phi-
latelisten-Tag
Wien,*

Hotel Continental.

and the menu printed on back of card. At the banquet the first toast was for the Emperor of Austria, followed by a toast for the Emperor of Germany. After each toast the orchestra struck up the National hymn. The toasts were followed by some good speeches from some of the prominent collectors, and lasted until 8 o'clock.

At 9 o'clock, ball in Hotel Continental. There were not many dancers on the floor, as it was almost too warm for dancing. The large majority preferred a promenade in the garden, and enjoyed a social chat or stamp talk more than the dancing. It was midnight when the party broke up.

Tuesday, September 9th, at 11 o'clock, a visit to the Rathhaus-keller was next on the program. Rathhaus-keller is the German for City Hall cellar. The City Hall cellar in Vienna is like most of the City Hall cellars which we visited in Germany.

A large wine cellar with elaborate and costly furnished dining halls, patronized by moneyed people, aristocrats, nobility and by visitors. The food and wine which is served in these cellars are excellent. Many of these cellars have sub-cellars in which are stored wines of different ages. A guide conducts parties to the sub-cellar at intervals, and explains everything of interest relating to wines, barrels etc.

At 8 o'clock in the evening Festbourse in the Society's hall. Festbourse was the last meeting of the Philatelic Congress, and the only one at which pleasure and business was combined. The hall contained long tables with chairs around each table. As each one entered the hall he selected a seat; after placing his stamps and papers on the table in front of it, the seat remained his for the evening, and he could leave it whenever he wanted to buttonhole his prospective customer in any part of the hall without any risk of losing his seat, stamps or Pilsner beer.

Nearly every one of the 150 or more who were present had a stock of stamps for sale or exchange. The stamps offered included all grades from common to rarities, single specimens and wholesale lots, also collections. It was reported that the business transacted at the Festbourse amounted to about 500,000 marks or \$125,000.

In addition to the stock of stamps on the table in front of each participant there also could be seen refreshments, mostly in liquid form. I did not hear of any report as to how much of the liquid was exchanged during that evening, but believe, in fact I can say that as far as my observation goes everyone made big exchanges in that line as well as he did in stamps.

The participants at the Festbourse as a whole was a body of fine and prosperous looking men. Many have large capital invested in stamps, and are ready to invest more whenever they have opportunities to make good purchases. It would be no easy task to find a body of business men who are as jolly as the stamp men at a Festbourse.

The Fourteenth Philatelic Congress was a great success. The attendance was large. Everyone wanted to outdo his neighbor in making it pleasant for the visitors. The weather during our stay was delightful.

At Philatelic Congresses stamp collectors from all countries are welcome. At the Fourteenth Philatelic Congress each participant received a badge, a guide book, an invitation card for the official reception at the Rathhaus, tickets for railways, admission to the English Garden, to all entertainments, refreshments, dinners, banquet and ball. The price for gentleman was 20 kronen, and 15 kronen for each lady.

At the business session only delegates have a voice, but visitors are welcome.

(Continued next week.)

American Philatelic Association.

(INCORPORATED.)

THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA—OFFICIAL JOURNAL.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

ALEXANDER HOLLAND, President,
40 Grace Court, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Board of Vice-Presidents.

FRANK H. BURT, Chairman,
Room 1046, Tremont Building, Boston, Mass.GORDON IRELAND, Secretary,
Holyoke House 21, Cambridge, Mass.EDWIN F. SAWYER,
101 Washington St., Brighton, Mass.

H. E. DEATS, Secretary,

E. DOEBLIN, International Secretary,
Flemington, N. J.C. L. ANNAN, Treasurer,
Box 736, Pittsburg, Pa.H. B. PHILLIPS,
Copper Range R. R., Houghton, Mich.F. W. CONING,
1311 Grove St., Berkeley, Cal.

350 George St., New Brunswick, N. J.

RESIDENT VICE-PRESIDENTS.

BOSTON, MASS.—J. F. JOHNSON, 283 Lexington St., Auburndale, Mass.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.—W. E. LOY, 2431 Ellsworth St., Berkeley, Cal.

NEW YORK CITY.—W. F. GREGORY, 71 Nassau St.

PITTSBURG, PA.—E. DOEBLIN, Box 736.

CHICAGO, ILL.—A. F. MERELL, 423 Marquette Building.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.—EDEN S. MARTIN, 3244 First Avenue, South.

WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS—ROBERT D. MAYNARD, 36 Oak Grove Ave., Springfield.

APPOINTEE OFFICERS.

E. H. ANDERSON, Librarian,
Carnegie Library, Pittsburg, Pa.H. D. WATSON, Collecting Agent,
64 Cedar St., New York City.JOHN J. OESCH, Superintendent of Sales Dept.,
34 Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill.H. E. DEATS, Assistant Librarian,
Flemington, N. J.W. F. GREGORY, Auction Purchasing Agent,
71 Nassau St., New York City.P. M. WOLSIEFFER, Auction Purchasing Agent,
1009 Atwood Bldg., Chicago, Ill.A. W. BATCHELDER, Auction Purchasing Agent,
21 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass.

Springfield, Mass., Notes.

Your correspondent is pleased to learn that Mrs. John Provost has started a collection of her own. Her intention is to make a specialty of St. Helena. She has a fine showing now, they are mounted in a blank album, Krassa binders. I hope some of the other ladies will start collections of their own soon.

Some of the boys have got the medal bee in their bonnets, and are casting about among their completed countries to see if they can win a medal. Why can't the A. P. A. offer a series of medals to be competed for at the annual convention?

One way to increase your collection is to save tobacco tags and trade with some of our members who have duplicate stamps to dispose of in this way.

The Stamp Club met with Mr. Ward last Friday and among other business was the report of the Committee on the Public Meeting. We wish to hold a large auction to make it interesting for the 200 collectors in this vicinity who will be invited. We expect the boys will be out in great force and we want donations for them.

Danish West Indies stamps never will be as popular in this town as the Danish Restaurant in Boston has become since the boys got back.

C.

Send for a sample copy of the **Perforator** for February. It will be worth while. **The Perforator**, 106 E. 111th St., N. Y. City.

Detroit Paragraphs.

Things are rather quiet here this week; must be due to the extreme cold weather we have been having here.

I had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Bartels of Boston here this week. He was on his trip around the country with his magnificent collection of some 18,000 varieties, also the lot to be auctioned in March. What he did have was certainly the finest I ever saw. He was particularly strong in Hawaiian Island and U. S., and many rarities that were superb.

The majority of local phils. turned out to look them over, much to their delight when they feasted their eyes on such a lot of beauties. After meeting the boys he was given the glad hand with hopes of meeting him in the near future. As far as business was concerned he said it was all right. Toledo and Chicago were his destinations from here.

W. D. Ingrain, one of the leading collectors of Merlin, Ont., was here recently. Mr. Ingrain makes a specialty of Canadians only, of which he says he has an elegant collection, including many of the rarest issues.

H. W. Boles, formerly of Hudson this State, has taken up his abode here. As a philatelist he is very enthusiastic and keeps well posted on stamps. I spent several hours with him last Sunday, both of us relating each others stamp experience. His collection numbers several thousand, including many unused specimens. Well, I guess he is welcome among the phils.

HERMAN W. BOERS.

Dr. Theodore W. C. Happel.

BROOKLYN, N. Y., Mar. 2, 1903.

WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA,
Portland, Me.

Gentlemen: Enclosed find resolutions on the death of Mr. Theodore W. C. Happel of 169 Vernon Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y., adopted by the Brooklyn Stamp Club, March 2nd, 1903.

Mr. Happel was a well-known collector in this vicinity, and I am sure all your readers will regret to learn of his sudden and untimely death. He was a Civil Engineer in charge of one of the Divisions of the Underground Rapid Transit Railway being constructed in New York City.

He arrived home Saturday evening from his work in usual good health, after eating his dinner went to his room, and opening the windows, sank back in his chair and died without making any outcry or giving other warning.

Very truly yours,
JOHN D. CARBERRY, Sec'y.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE BROOKLYN STAMP CLUB, MARCH 2, 1903.

WHEREAS, it has pleased God in his wisdom to take from among us with suddenness and without warning Mr. Theodore W. C. Happel, a member of this Club since its organization; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Happel took the deepest interest in all that pertains to building up philately and making it more of a scientific study, and especially in those departments not commonly investigated by philatelists; and

WHEREAS, this Club has lost a man with a kind word for all and of sterling qualities, a faithful and devoted worker, and its members a true and loyal friend, now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Brooklyn Stamp Club extend its sincere condolences to the members of the family of the deceased in the hour of their great bereavement, and further

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this meeting, published in the *Brooklyn Eagle* and the *Philatelic Press*, and that a copy be sent to the family of Mr. Happel.

The New England Philatelic Association.

Organized February, 1895.

Board of Officers:

President, CHARLES H. SMITH, Dedham, Mass.

Vice President, J. FAVILL CAPRON, 22 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass.

Secretary and Treasurer, H. W. LEGG, 26 Hancock St., Boston, Mass.

Sales Department, CHARLES H. STONE, 91 Antrim St., Cambridgeport, Mass.

Information Bureau, MRS. WALLACE DANA SMITH, 20 Wibird St., Portsmouth, N. H.

Counterfeit Detector, WILLIS D. KING, Nashua, N. H.

Attorney, HORACE S. BACON, 107 Stevens St., Lowell, Mass.

Covering Board, CHARLES H. STONE, Chairman, 91 Antrim St., Cambridgeport, Mass., JOHN J. CONE, New Dorchester, Mass., FRANK A. WILSON, 185 Highland Ave., Somerville, Mass.

Official Organ, THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA.

UNITED STATES GOOD THINGS.

5c 1847, Pair on cover..... \$1.95
 10c " " not on cover..... 10.00
 1851, Baltimore Carrier No. 803, Error "Sent"
 on cover..... 7.00
 Newspaper Set, the same set sold by Post Office
 authorities for \$5 00..... 3.50
 1894, \$1.00 black,..... .85
 Money Back if Stamps Don't Suit.

FRED G. JONES,

2013 Brook St., LOUISVILLE, KY.

CHAPTER XXVI.

To buy at right prices, to buy from large books, to be philatelically happy in short, one should patronize **OSGOOD'S FAMOUS BIG SELECTIONS.** Reference required. 100 varieties Precancels..... \$3.50 A collection in itself. Precancel on approval. Stampman free!

D. W. OSGOOD,

South Fork, Rio Grande Co., Colorado.
 (To be Continued.)

BARGAINS IN U. S.—FINE COPIES.

1871 15c orange..... catalog \$0.75 price \$0.35
 74c purple..... " 1.50 " .70
 90c carmine..... " 1.25 " .50
 1890 92c orange..... " .50 " .25
 1894 50c orange..... " .35 " .18
 \$1.00 black..... " 1.25 " .45
 The most complete COIN BOOK published, 43 pages and cover, of prices paid. Mailed free for 10c.
GREATER N. Y. STAMP & COIN CO.,
 238 East 58th St., New York City.

U. S. Unused Entire Envelopes.

Scott's Nos. All are in fine condition. Postage extra.
 1518, 1533, 1554, 1579, 1583, 1586, 1720... Sets. Each
 1400, 1420, 1468, 1534, 1710, 1726, 1753... Sets. Each
 1451, 1487, 1497, 1550, 1551, 1569, 1587... Sets. Each
 1448, 1478, 1488, 1542, 1594, 1604, 1724... 10cets. Each
 1314, 1411, 1473, 1493, 1536, 1543, 1580... 15cets. Each
 1396, 1421, 1422, 1440, 1513, 1526, 1591... 20cets. Each
 1369, 1504, 1509, 1539, 1544, 1548, 1731... 30cets. Each
 1365, 1377, 1469, 1508, 1515, 1571, 1613... 80cets. Each
 1324, 1349, 1400, 1415, 1463, 1483, 1706... 75cets. Each
A \$1.00 Collection of Cut Square Envelopes consisting of Nos. 1377, 1469, 1467, 1591, 1724 and a set of Columbian 1-5c, Nos. 1585, 1586, 1587 and 1589. All have large margins and may be returned if not satisfactory.
 If interested in sizes and watermarks, send want list by Bartels' Catalogue.
ALFRED E. COLE, Plainfield, N. J.

WE HAVE MONEY

to invest in Fine Stamps, Rarities, Collections, Stocks, Job Lots, etc. Nothing too large or too small for us to figure on. What have you to offer in rarities? We make a specialty of buying unused 1c and 2c current stamps for mercantile use at a discount of from 3% to 5% according to quantities. Higher denominations at a greater discount. [11]

UNITED STAMP COMPANY, Incorporated,
 1149 Marquette Building, CHICAGO, ILL.

Please mention ERA when answering ads.

\$30,000.00 COULDN'T BUY

The collection of original covers owned by Mr. J. F. Seybold. People who have seen this wonderful collection are amazed at its magnitude. It is indeed a remarkable accumulation of rarities.

If you want to see the best things in this collection

READ THE PERFORATOR.

Two of the original covers are illustrated in every issue of that much talked of and popular publication, the Perforator. A new departure in philatelic journalism, a monthly magazine conducted on newspaper policy. Every issue distinctly original and a volume in itself. Plenty of interesting and instructive reading matter.

Are you a regular reader of the Perforator? If not it's either that you don't know that the Perforator exists or you don't know a really first class magazine when you see it.

These are the only reasons why we haven't got 50,000 subscribers. The Perforator costs you 30 cents for twelve consecutive months.

THE PERFORATOR,

106 E. 111th Street. NEW YORK CITY.

FRENCH POSTOFFICES IN CRETE.—Two values of the type "Droits de l'Homme," have been added to the new set, chronicled in No. 498.

Adhesives (Regular):
 10c rose.
 15c red.

FRENCH POSTOFFICES IN THE LEVANT.—Two new stamps have been added to the set chronicled in No. 498. Both are the type "Droits de l'Homme," like the current French stamps except that "Poste Française" appears at the top and "Levant" at the bottom of the 10c. The 1p is surcharged in thin sans serif capitals, "1 Piastre 1."

Adhesives (Regular):
 10c rose.
 1 piastre on 15c blue.

GREAT BRITAIN.—Ewen's Weekly says that the stamps to be surcharged for Naval use (chronicled in No. 503) to be issued April 1, will bear the surcharge "Admiralty Official." The denominations will be ½d, 1d, 2d, 2½d, 3d and ½d post cards and 3d registration envelopes.

GUINEA.—New set, type 1898, like Angola and Cape Verde.

Adhesives (Regular):
 15r gray green.
 25r carmine.
 50r brown.
 65r dull blue.
 75r lilac.
 115r orange brown on pink—
 130r brown on straw.
 400r dull blue on straw.

INHAMBAUE.—This Portuguese Colony whose territory lies between Mozambique and Lourenço Marques on the East Coast, has a complete new set of stamps of the current type (1898). The 500r has the numerals in carmine, the others in black.

Adhesives (Regular):
 2½r gray.
 5r orange yellow.
 10r light green.
 15r gray green.
 20r gray violet.
 25r carmine.
 50r brown.
 65r dull blue.
 75r lilac.
 100r dull blue on blue.
 115r orange brown on pink.
 130r brown on straw.
 200r violet on pink.
 400r dull blue on straw.
 500r black on blue.
 700r gray black on straw.

IVORY COAST.—L'Echo de la Timbrologie chronicles new parcels post stamps, surcharged "Cote I'Goire—Cote—Postaux" on postage due stamps of French Colonies.

Adhesives (Parcels Post):
 50c.
 60c.

LOURENÇO MARQUES.—A new set has been issued for this colony like those chronicled above for other colonies.

Adhesives (Regular):
 15r gray green.
 25r carmine.
 50r brown.
 65r dull blue.
 75r lilac.
 115r orange brown on pink.
 130r brown on straw.
 400r dull blue on straw.

LIBERIA.—Illustrations of the new inland postage and registration stamps chronicled last week show them to be handsome

stamps of striking design. The registration stamps, especially, are large upright rectangles with portrait of some local celebrity, and no place for writing.

MACAO.—A similar set has been issued for this colony to those chronicled above except the necessary changes caused by different standards of money.

Adhesives (Regular):
 2a gray green.
 3a slate.
 4a carmine.
 5a pale yellow brown.
 6a red brown.
 8a gray brown.
 10a dull blue.
 12a lilac.
 12a gray violet.
 12a orange brown on pink.
 20a brown on straw.
 31a violet on pink.
 47a dull blue on straw.

MOZAMBIQUE.—A new set of stamps for this colony, similar to those listed elsewhere, has been issued.

Adhesives (Regular):
 15r gray green.
 25r carmine.
 50r brown.
 65r dull blue.
 75r lilac.
 115r orange brown on pink.
 130r brown on straw.
 400r dull blue on straw.

PERSIA.—Supplementary to the report of a reprint of the typeset 2c brown and buff, type A25, in No. 512, Mr. H. W. Legg shows us complete sets of both originals and reprints, Scott's Nos. 193 to 197 inclusive. In all the reprints the same differences are noticeable, especially the substitution of lower case type for small caps in the word "Chahis" in the top line. In all the reprints the burelage is stronger and more pronounced than in the originals. Sets of these reprints are being offered at comparatively low prices.

Mr. J. M. Bartels reports having seen two new surcharges.

Adhesives (Provisional):
 2 toman in blue on 50kr green.
 3 toman in black on 50kr green.

Mr. Bartels also has seen a new set of officials being several varieties of the current type overprinted "Service."

Adhesives (Regular):
 5ch red.
 12ch blue.
 1k violet.
 2k "
 5k "
 10k "

PORT SAID.—The French postoffice at Port Said has been furnished with the new 10c type "Droit's de l'Homme."

PORTUGUESE CONGO.—This colony also comes into line with a new set of stamps.

Adhesives (Regular):
 15r gray green.
 25r carmine.
 50r brown.
 65r dull blue.
 75r lilac.
 115r orange brown on pink.
 130r brown on straw.
 400r dull blue on straw.

PEELABLE HINGES

NOT ENGLISH		NOT GERMAN
1000 12c.		5000 50c.
POST FREE		POST FREE

STRONG PAPER—TASTELESS GUM
W. F. GREGORY, 71 NASSAU ST., NEW YORK.

LATEST ARRIVAL. \$10.00 For \$1.00.
COLOMBIAN REPUBLIC.
 1908 Issue. Imperforate.
 Unused. Very Fine. Original Gum.
10 Pesos, Green, Price \$1.00.
 Unsevered pairs and blocks at same rate.
My Price is the Lowest.

If any other advertisement in this issue offers the above \$10.00 or 10 pesos stamps for less than \$1.00 I will reduce my price, and furnish the stamps singly, in pairs or blocks at the lowest (if any lower) price, and give an extra discount of 10%. That's fair, isn't it? I bought these 10 pesos stamps from a firm who just received them from Colombia in payment for a debt.

Please remit by Bills or Money Order.
G. F. ROTHFUCHS, 88 Munroe St., Roxbury, Mass.

Old Cubans For Little Money!
 1868, Cuba, 5, 10, 20, 40.....cat. \$1.66, my price \$0.50
 1869, " 10, 20, 40..... " .96 " .45
 1870, " 40c..... " 1.50 " 1.00
 1871, " 1p..... " .50 " .25
 All postally used. Cash with order.

Here's A Stunner!
 Packet No. 15—Contains 500 varieties from all over the world. Catalogues many times the price, \$1.65.
 Stamps on approval at 50% discount to responsible parties.
THEO. MAINHART, JOHNSTOWN, PA.

YOUR DUPLICATES WANTED.
 If you have some good stamps catalogued at 4 cents each and up, send on a lot; will use what I can at 3% Catalogue. Have over 6000 varieties to pay for. Especially desire foreign medium priced. I sometimes buy job lots of good stamps or collections for cash. Register valuable lots. 15%
L. V. LINDSEY, Greene, N. Y.

8000 8000
OUR BARGAIN LISTS.
 Our price list of U. S. and foreign stamps is now finished. It is in twenty parts, all post free. It has cost us hundreds of dollars and has taken thousands of lines of space in philatelic papers the last few months. Over 8000 used and unused stamps are listed at low prices. Nearly everything in stock today.
HOLD YOUR ORDERS. Get our list and send orders to us. Save money.
HOLTON STAMP CO.,
 Successors to E. A. HOLTON,
 60 Devonshire St., BOSTON, MASS.
 ESTABLISHED 1861.
8000 8000

PORTUGUESE INDIA.—The type of 1898 is used for a new set of stamps for this colony also.

Adhesives (Regular):
 1½x1 slate.
 2½x1 pale yellow brown.
 3x1 dull blue.
 9x1 gray violet.
 11x1 carmine.
 21x1 brown.
 2½x1 dull blue.
 3x1 blue.
 31x1 brown on straw.
 81x1 violet on pink.
 121x1 green on pink.
 1rupia, dull blue on straw.
 2rp gray black on straw.

RUSSIAN LEVANT.—In a note from Mr. Fred Fuessel, St. Louis, received some time since, and unfortunately overlooked, he reports having in his possession a 1k brown Russian Levant, Scott's No. 8, on wove paper, unwatermarked. This is an uncatalogued variety. Have any of the readers of the ERA seen a similar variety?

ST. THOMAS AND PRINCE ISLANDS.—A new set has also been issued for this colony, type of 1898.

Adhesives (Regular):
 15x1 gray green.
 25x1 carmine.
 50x1 brown.
 65x1 dull blue.
 75x1 lilac.
 115x1 orange brown on pink.
 130x1 brown on straw.
 400x1 dull blue on straw.

SWEDEN.—Mr. Lohmeyer has received the double 5 ore card corresponding to the new single card, described recently. It contains only three lines of inscription: "BREFKORT."—"MED BETALD T SVAR."—"ADRESSEN ANBRINGAS A DENNA SIDA." and on the reply half, as a second line "SVAR." It has two long and two short, dotted address lines, the fourth being underscored by a solid line.

Post Card (Regular):
 5x5 ore, green on white, 90x140mm., T. 3.

TIMOR.—This colony also appears in the list with a new outfit, though what the natives do with the labels is beyond the philatelic ken.

Adhesives (Regular):
 3x1 gray green.
 5x1 carmine.
 6x1 pale yellow green.
 9x1 red brown.
 10x1 gray brown.
 12x1 dull blue.
 13x1 lilac.
 15x1 violet.
 22x1 orange brown on pink.
 30x1 brown on straw.
 47x1 violet on pink.
 78x1 dull blue on straw.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.—Mr. Lohmeyer reports having received the new reply cards and the letter card, issued last October. The inland card bears the familiar "Swan" stamp, and is inscribed, in three lines, "POST (arms) CARD—WESTERN AUSTRALIA.—THE ADDRESS ONLY TO BE WRITTEN ON THIS SIDE." And in the lower left corner, in two lines, "THE ANNEXED CARD IS INTENDED—FOR THE ANSWER." The reply half has only the word "(REPLY.)" under "WESTERN AUSTRALIA." The Postal Union card, bearing the stamp of the 1½d card of Victoria, issue of 1900, except that the word "POSTAGE" has been inserted under the Queen's head, and the inscription altered to "WEST AUSTRALIA" (not Western), has "UNION POSTALE UNIVERSELLE" added as a top line, and "(WESTERN AUSTRALIA)" appears above the arms. The letter card is a facsimile of the 1902 issue of Victoria, except that the stamp, which is also identical, is inscribed "WEST AUSTRALIA." The reply cards are perforated at the folding lines.

Post Cards (Regular):
 1x12 vermilion on cream, 85x127mm., T. 3.
 1½x1½ dull blue on pale green, 93x130mm., T. 3.

Letter Card (Regular):
 2d red-brown on pearl gray, 94x150mm., perf. IV. T.

ZAMBESI.—Last but not least in "darkest Africa," the natives are to be favored with a new set of gummed labels.

Adhesives (Regular):
 15x1 gray green.
 25x1 carmine.
 50x1 brown.
 65x1 dull blue.
 75x1 lilac.
 115x1 orange brown on pink.
 130x1 brown on straw.
 400x1 dull blue on straw.

BRITISH COLONIAL "KING" CARDS.
 Straits Settlements, 3 cents.....04
 British Honduras, 3 cents.....04
 Bahamas, 1d and 1x1d.....12
 Trinidad, ½d and 1d.....07
 Leeward Islands, ½, 1d and 1x1d.....15
 Gambia, 1d and 1x1d.....15
 Grenada, ½d and 1d.....07
Postage Extra.
ADOLPH LOHMEYER,
 922 N. Gilmore St., BALTIMORE, MD.

RARE FRENCH MOROCCO, 1893,
On Entire Covers.
 1306, 5c (only 400 issued), \$3.00
 1307, 10c (only 500 issued), \$2.50
GUARANTEED GENUINE. 15
 R. M. LANGZETTEL, 92 Crown St., New Haven, Conn.

Do You Want
 to obtain bargains in stamps in fine condition, from the commonest to the scarcest varieties? If so, send for my price lists, showing rock-bottom prices, both for single stamps and sets, mailed free. If you wish to obtain an approval selection, state what country or countries you are interested in, and you will have what you want by return mail.
L. N. HERBERT, 119
 1520 Washington Ave., NEW YORK
New Year Bargains in U. S. Departments.
 War, Good Copies, Complete, used, \$1.50; unused..... \$1.75
 Treasury, Used, Complete set, good copies, price..... 2.15
 Post Office, Complete, used except 90c new, cat. \$11.10, price 3.50
 State, Used, Good Copies, 2c, 10c, 12c, 15c, 24c, 90c, cat. \$36.50, price..... 12.25
Omaha Stamp & Coin Co., 209 S. 13th St., Omaha, Neb.
 The Only Stamp and Coin Store in Omaha.

Topics About Town.
FROM NEW YORK CITY.

Mr. E. L. Fischer of Cincinnati, Ohio, was a recent visitor.

Mr. J. D. Bartlett of Springfield, Mass., temporarily located at East Jamaica, Vt., was in town the past week. He attended Gregory's auction sale, and he was astonished at some of the high prices fetched for certain stamps.

The Harlem Philatelic Club held its first meeting on March 12th at 119 E. 128th St. This club is composed mostly of Harlem stamp fiends.

The Brooklyn Stamp Club will hold an exhibition of the stamps of South America at the next meeting, March 16th, at 1117 Broadway, corner of Dekalb Ave.

The next meeting of the Manhattan Philatelic Society will occur on March 19th.

I learn that B. L. Drew & Co. will shortly hold a three night auction sale in this city. Dates will be announced later.

Mr. C. H. Stone was in town the past week exhibiting the contents of his next auction sale, which takes place in Boston.

J. W. Scott Co. will hold their next auction sale on March 23rd. It will contain part first of the great Mandel collection.
VOLUNTEER.

1903 RETAIL PRICE LIST, No. 14, Part 3--UNITED STATES OFFICIAL STAMPS

FOR SALE BY C. F. ROTHFUCHS 38 MUNROE STREET, ROXBURY, MASS., U. S. A.

1st. Are extra fine copies. All unused have original gum. 2nd. Are average copies. Some of the unused have the gum washed off, but otherwise in good condition. 3rd. Some are more or less damaged; others are not damaged, but are too much off centre, or too heavily cancelled for my use.

For other description of 1st, 2nd and 3rd read Part 1. I have made no distinction as to paper or shade of colors, and do not agree to furnish any print or shade, excepting War ac, dull vermilion, and Post Office 6c, on ribbed paper. Of all other stamps I furnish the ones of which I have the most in stock, regardless of their higher catalogue prices. Mixed set contains used and unused stamps.

All stamps are unused unless stated used or U. Please remit by Bills or Money Order and Not by Unused Stamps.

Table with columns: 1903 Cat., My Price for (1st, 2nd, 3rd), and Price. Includes sections for Agriculture, Executive, Interior, Juniors, and Navy.

Table with columns: 1903 Cat., My Price for (1st, 2nd, 3rd), and Price. Includes sections for Post Office, State, Treasury, and War.

Here and There.

By DAVID HEAREM.

As long as men have differing tastes, so long will every new issue of postage stamps be subject to a torrent of adverse criticism from newspaper paragraphists. The most dyspeptic outpouring which I have noticed regarding the new twos is the following from Christian Work:

Quickly following the last edition of postal cards, which we had supposed to be entitled to the first prize for ugliness, comes the new two cent stamps; and we think the prize must go to the "artist" who designed them. The legend "Washington" under the medallion of our National Father is mildly suggestive that it might be taken for some one else—Noah or Ulysses, for example. Why does not Congress take to itself the designs of our coinage and postage stamps and authorize a committee to secure the best designs from our leading artists? Especially does the record of our coinage cry aloud for reform; why leave such a matter to be decided upon by some one apparently having the minimum of artistic perception and the maximum of assurance?

And now, just as I am writing these notes, comes the Boston Globe, with the positive statement that the new two cent stamp is to be called in and a fresh engraving made. This may be true, and I suppose the Globe knows more about it than I do. Still, I remember the howl that went up when the two cent of 1887 was first issued, and in spite of all the newspaper criticism of its color, the "horrible, sickly, yellow green" lived for three years.

The best cure for criticism of our stamps would be to let the critic examine a collection of essays. He would then appreciate what we have escaped.

Christian Work's implied objection to the "labelling" of Washington may be well founded, but there will be other faces in the series not so well known. Our government has before this put out stamps to which a label would have been a desirable addition. A surprising number of people today labor under the impression that Andrew Jackson on the three cent purple is a red Indian; while thousands of Americans lived and died in the firm belief that Thomas Jefferson on the old ten cent brown was an idealized Goddess of Liberty.

A newspaper states that when John Wanamaker was postmaster general, he said that there were four reasons why Congress would not adopt the parcels post. Those four were: the American Express Company, the Adams Express Company, the National Express Company, and the Wells-Fargo Express Company.

According to dispatches, the effort in the home country to form a Danish West India Company to stimulate trade and in-

dustry in the islands seems likely to fail, subscriptions to the stock having come in very slowly. Denmark still has until June to ratify the treaty ceding the islands to the United States and it is very possible that, having had time to think it over, the Danes will let their common sense get the better of their "patriotism," and decide at the last moment to allow the islands to go to Uncle Sam.

A dealer friend tells me that the other day he received in a letter a couple of hundred cancelled two cent stamps with the modest request that he forward the sender a gold watch in exchange for them. There is a game being worked on the subscribers to the farming papers which is causing some of the large stamp firms considerable annoyance. An advertisement leads the reader to judge that the advertiser buys common stamps at large prices and advises him to send ten cents for book of information and prices paid. The "book" is a small pamphlet containing a little information about stamps and the addresses of several stamp dealers, with directions to make further inquiries of them. The promoter of the scheme gets the dime, and to the dealers is left the task of answering the letters from people who have "seven rare three cent green stamps"—or of throwing the said inquiries into the waste basket. Probably the watch man had seen one of these false advertisements and preferred the watch to the cash.

Fiscal Philatelic Society.

Meeting held on February 5th, 1903.
 Present—Mr. Schwabacher (chair), Messrs. Cooper, Fulcher, Marsh, Morley, South, Thompson Thomson and Kay.
 Mr. K. Peerbhoy (India) was elected a member, and the resignation of Mr. Mackenzie accepted with regret.
 A fine collection of New Zealand revenues sent by Mr. A. Hamilton (Dundin) was shown, and an unanimous vote of thanks and admission to the privilege of membership for the current season was duly passed for the courtesy.
 Several interesting fiscals were also submitted. Among others, Mr. Schwabacher showed a pair of Gt. Britain Bankruptcy 1sh 6d perf. 12½; Mr. Fulcher a range of upwards of 60 types of the first issue 3sk Denmark, due to variation of lettering in value labels; Mr. South the new 5 and 10 kroner Sweden Savings Bank stamps; and Mr. Thomson a £3 10sh Natal.
 The fiscals of Niger Coast, Orange Free State and part of Queensland were discussed and catalogued.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 4th, 1903, at 6.30 p. m., at 65 Bishopsgate Street Without, London, E. C., when the fiscals of Queensland, S. Kitts, S. Lucia, S. Vincent, &c., will be taken.

Sheets amounting to fr. 1,306.85 nett were contributed by Home members to the Continental Exchange Section.

For rules, and any other information respecting the Society, apply to Hon. Sec. A. B. Kay, 2 Haarlem Mansions, West Kensington, London, W.

**RETAIL PRICE LIST, No. 14,
 Part 4--United States.
 NEWSPAPER AND POSTAGE DUE STAMPS
 FOR SALE BY
 C. F. ROTHFUCHS 38 MUNROE STREET,
 ROXBURY, MASS., U. S. A.**

1st. Are extra fine copies. All unused have original gum.
 2nd. Are average copies. Some of the unused have the gum washed off.
 3rd. Some are more or less damaged. Others are not damaged, but are too much off centre or too heavily canceled for my 2nd. This does not apply to the Newspaper stamps of 1895 issue: read description of 3rd under 1895 issue.

Please remit by Bills or Money Order and not by Unused Stamps.
 All stamps are unused unless stated U or used.

Cat. No.	1903 Cat.	My price for	1895 Issue, WMKD, UNUSED.		
			1st.	2nd.	3rd.
1001	1865 5c blue.....	\$15.00	\$7.50	\$6.00	
1002	1865 10c green.....	5.00	3.50	3.00	1.50
1003	1865 25c red.....	5.00	4.00	2.50	1.50
1004	1865 5c white border.....	2.50	2.00	1.25	1.00
1005	1875 2c black.....	.50	.40	.25	.15
1005	1875 3c used.....	.50	.40	.25	.15
1006	1875 3c black.....	.75	.60	.30	.25
1007	1875 4c black.....	.75	.60	.30	.25
1010	1875 9c black.....	10.00	4.75	3.75	
1028B	3c gray black.....	?	2.00		
1028C	4c gray black.....	?	2.00		
1028D	6c gray black.....	?	5.00		
1028E	9c gray black.....	?	15.00		
1029	1879 3c black.....	.30	.20	.10	.07
1029	1879 3c used.....	.30	.20	.10	.05
1030	1879 3c black.....	.60	.40	.20	.10
1030	1879 3c used.....	?	.50	.25	.15
1031	1879 4c black.....	.40	.25	.15	.10
1031	1879 4c used.....	.40	.30	.12	.08
1032	1879 6c black.....	.75	.50	.35	.20
1032	1879 6c used.....	.75	.40	.30	.15
1033	1879 8c black.....	1.00	.75	.50	.35
1033	1879 8c used.....	?	.75	.40	.25
1034	1879 10c black.....	.40	.35	.20	.18
1034	1879 10c used.....	.40	.30	.15	.10
1035	1879 12c red.....	3.00	3.00	.50	
1036	1879 24c red.....	3.00	2.25	1.00	.50
1039	1879 60c red.....	6.00	5.00	3.00	
1043	1879 \$1.00 used.....	?	2.50		
1046	1879 \$2.00 orange, U.....	?	9.00	6.00	4.00
1048	1879 \$2.00 (hole).....	?	7.00		
1049	1879 \$3.00 (hole).....	?	5.00		
1050	1879 \$4.00 (hole).....	?	10.00		
1051	1879 \$6.00 (hole).....	?	10.00		
1052	1885 1c black.....	.20	.15	.07	.05
1052	1885 1c used.....	.20	.18	.08	.04
1053	1885 2c carmine.....	1.25	1.00	.60	.30
1053	1885 2c used.....	?	1.00	.50	.20
1054	1885 4c carmine.....	1.50	1.25	.75	.40
1054	1885 4c used.....	?	1.00	.60	.25
1055	1885 6c used.....	?	1.25	1.00	.75
1056	1885 8c carmine.....	4.00	3.50	2.50	1.50
1056	1885 8c used.....	?	1.50		
1057	1885 6c carmine.....	4.00	?	1.50	
1057	1885 6c used.....	?	2.50	1.00	.50
1058	1885 7c used.....	?	4.00	3.00	2.00
1059	1885 8c used.....	?	7.50	5.00	2.50
1060	1885 60c carmine.....	8.00	7.50		
1060	1885 60c used.....	?	4.00	3.00	1.75
1061	1894 1c black.....	.50	.50	.25	
1063	1894 2c used.....	?	.40		
1066	1894 12c pink.....	2.50	1.00	.50	.25
1066	1894 12c used.....	?	1.50	.75	.40
1067	1894 24c pink.....	4.00	3.00	1.50	.75
1067	1894 24c used.....	?	2.00	1.00	.50
1069	1894 60c used.....	?	5.00		
1074	1895 \$2.00 (hole).....	?	15.00		
1074	1895 Issue Similar design, but smaller.				
1075	1c no watermark.....	.25	.20	.15	.10
1075	1c black, used.....	1.00	.75	.50	.30
1076	2c black, used.....	1.00	.75	.50	.30
1077	5c black, used.....	1.50	.75	.50	.30
1077	5c (pin perf.).....	?	.50	.35	.20
1078	10c black, used.....	2.00	1.00	.75	.40
1079	25c carmine, used.....	3.00	2.00	1.50	.80
1080	50c carmine.....	5.00	3.00	2.00	1.00
1080	50c carmine, used.....	4.00	3.00	2.00	1.00
1080	50c carmine (cut).....	?	2.00	1.00	.50
1081	\$1.00 scarlet, used.....	2.00	1.00	.75	.40
1081	\$2.00 scarlet, (cut).....	?	2.00	1.00	.50
1082	\$5.00 dark ultramarine, U.....	?	15.00	10.00	5.00
1082	\$5.00 (cut).....	?	15.00	7.50	4.00
1083	\$10.00 green, used.....	?	10.00	5.00	2.50
1083	\$10.00 (cut).....	?	10.00	7.00	4.00
1084	\$20.00 date, used.....	20.00	15.00	10.00	5.00
1084	\$20.00 (cut).....	?	19.00	7.50	4.00
1085	\$30.00 carmine, used.....	30.00	20.00	15.00	8.00
1086	\$100.00 purple, used.....	100.00	75.00	50.00	25.00
1087	1c used, WMKD.....	1.00	.75	.40	.20
1088	2c black, used.....	.25	.15	.07	.04
1089	5c black, used.....	1.00	.35	.10	.05
1090	10c black, used.....	.50	.30	.10	.05
1091	25c carmine, used.....	1.25	.50	.25	.15
1092	25c pink, used.....	5.00	2.50	1.00	.50
1093	50c carmine, used.....	1.00	.50	.25	.15
1093	50c pink, used.....	3.00	1.00		
1093	50c pink (hole).....	?	2.00		
1093	\$2.00 scarlet, used.....	1.25	.75	.60	.35
1094	\$5.00 dark ultramarine, U.....	7.50	5.00	3.75	2.00
1094	\$5.00 (pin perf.).....	?	6.00	4.00	2.00
1095	\$10.00 green, used.....	10.00	8.00	5.00	2.50
1096	\$20.00 date, used.....	20.00	15.00	10.00	5.00
1097	\$30.00 carmine, used.....	30.00	20.00	15.00	8.00
1098	\$100.00 purple, used.....	75.00	50.00	30.00	15.00
1098	\$100.00 (hole).....	?	1.00	.50	
Complete set, 12 stamps, used.....		30.00	15.00	10.00	

Complete set, 12 stamps with various cancellations, such as name of town, lines, knife cut, hole punch, pin perforations etc., all guaranteed used postally, and in good condition. Price \$8.50.
 The 1895 issue, used and unused are all in good condition. None are damaged. Even the 3rd are in good condition.
 Damaged Newspaper stamps come under the heading of 3rd in the issues before 1895.
 1st have name of town cancellations.
 2nd have cork or oth r cancellations.
 3rd have fine or coarse lines cancellations. (hole) refers to hole punch cancellations. (pin perf.) to small holes perforated with needles, hardly perceptible.
 (cut) to knife cut cancellations, almost imperceptible, very fine.

1895 ISSUE, WMKD, UNUSED.
 In the Finest Possible Condition.
 1c, 2c, 5c, 10c, 25c, 50c, \$1, \$2, \$3, \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50, \$100.
 Set of 11 Varieties, \$25.50.

Every stamp in the set is in extra fine condition and worth more than the ordinary unused stamp in good condition.

The catalogue price for the \$25.00 Unused Original is \$25.00.
 I offer a guaranteed original, used, cancelled with almost imperceptible ink lines, in extra fine condition for \$6.00.

This stamp at first sight appears to be unused, but by close examination with a sharp eye, or the aid of a magnifying glass the ink lines can be detected.

All Newspaper stamps offered in this list are guaranteed as genuine originals.

Used are guaranteed as used postally. Cancellations such as town, punch, cut, ink lines, etc., noted on this list includes nearly every known variety of cancellation. Collectors who desire these varieties will find a good assortment in the \$8.50 set.

Reprints. The sets of reprints which are advertised "as sold by the Post Office" I do not offer on this list.

By buying the set of 12 unused originals for \$6.50 and the \$5.00 used original for \$3.75 to \$7.50 you will have a complete set of all originals in extra fine condition, and better value than you would have in the set "as sold by the Post Office" which has been going down in price from \$5.00 to \$2.25 inside of two years.

Cat. No.	1903 Cat.	My price for	UNPAID LETTER STAMPS.		
			1st.	2nd.	3rd.
1201	1879 1c yel. brown, U.....	1.25	1.00	.50	.25
1202	1879 2c yel. brown.....	.25	.25	.10	.05
1203	1879 3c yel. brown.....	.40	.30	.15	.10
1204	1879 4c used.....	.08	.05	.03	.02
1204	1879 5c used.....	.50	.40	.25	.15
1205	1879 10c used.....	.35	.25	.15	.08
1206	1879 1c brown.....	.08	.05	.03	.02
1207	1879 2c brown.....	.08	.05	.03	.02
1208	1879 3c brown.....	.15	.10	.05	.03
1209	1879 4c brown.....	.15	.08	.04	.02
1210	1879 5c brown.....	.15	.08	.04	.02
1211	1879 6c brown.....	.15	.08	.04	.02
1212	1879 7c brown.....	.15	.08	.04	.02
1213	1879 8c brown.....	1.00	.75	.40	.30
1214	1879 9c brown.....	1.00	.60	.35	.20
1215	1879 10c brown.....	1.00	.60	.35	.20
1216	1879 11c brown.....	1.25	.60	.35	.20
1217	1889 1c red brown.....	.15	.10	.05	.02
1218	1889 2c red brown.....	.15	.10	.05	.02
1219	1889 3c red brown.....	.15	.10	.05	.02
1220	1889 4c red brown.....	.15	.10	.05	.02
1221	1889 5c red brown.....	.15	.10	.05	.02
1222	1889 6c red brown.....	.15	.10	.05	.02
1223	1889 7c red brown.....	.15	.10	.05	.02
1224	1889 8c red brown.....	.15	.10	.05	.02
1225	1889 9c red brown.....	.15	.10	.05	.02
1226	1889 10c red brown.....	.15	.10	.05	.02
1227	1889 11c red brown.....	.15	.10	.05	.02
1228	1889 12c red brown.....	.15	.10	.05	.02
1229	1889 13c red brown.....	.15	.10	.05	.02
1230	1889 14c red brown.....	.15	.10	.05	.02
1231	1889 15c red brown.....	.15	.10	.05	.02
1232	1889 16c red brown.....	.15	.10	.05	.02
1233	1889 17c red brown.....	.15	.10	.05	.02
1234	1889 18c red brown.....	.15	.10	.05	.02
1235	1889 19c red brown.....	.15	.10	.05	.02
1236	1889 20c red brown.....	.15	.10	.05	.02
1237	1889 21c red brown.....	.15	.10	.05	.02
1238	1889 22c red brown.....	.15	.10	.05	.02
1239	1889 23c red brown.....	.15	.10	.05	.02
1240	1889 24c red brown.....	.15	.10	.05	.02
1241	1889 25c red brown.....	.15	.10	.05	.02
1242	1889 26c red brown.....	.15	.10	.05	.02
1243	1889 27c red brown.....	.15	.10	.05	.02
1244	1889 28c red brown.....	.15	.10	.05	.02
1245	1889 29c red brown.....	.15	.10	.05	.02
1246	1889 30c red brown.....	.15	.10	.05	.02
1247	1889 31c red brown.....	.15	.10	.05	.02
1248	1889 32c red brown.....	.15	.10	.05	.02
1249	1889 33c red brown.....	.15	.10	.05	.02
1250	1889 34c red brown.....	.15	.10	.05	.02
1251	1889 35c red brown.....	.15	.10	.05	.02

My 21st Auction Sale

to be held early in April will include the collection of Frederick Willis Davis, the discoverer of the Pan-American ac with inverted center.

The last one of these owned by Mr. Davis will be offered in this sale.

Catalogues for the asking.

W. F. GREGORY,

71 Nassau Street, NEW YORK.

10c 10c 10c 10c For Single Block of Four, OR ONE OF EACH COLOR.

Essay of 3c 1861 Washington with fasces at sides, in ten colors on Goldbeaters' skin. A beautiful and rare edition to any collection. 100 sets only. Money returned should these be exhausted, on receipt of your order. [13*

R. A. TARR CO.,

3125 N. Broad St., PHILADELPHIA, PA.

HAYTI.

A popular country with American collectors. We offer to submit on approval the following new books of Hayti stamps at 25% discount from current catalogue.

- Book No. 65. Stamps of Hayti, mostly unused.
- Book No. 65a. Containing only blocks of four unused, Hayti 1893 1902.
- Book No. 65b. Containing only fine postally cancelled stamps of Hayti 1887-1902.

Besides the above books we have a specialized stock book of Hayti, containing used and unused, shades, singles and blocks, subject to 10%, which will be submitted subject to arrangement to liberal buyers.

SPECIAL OFFERS!

	Catalogue.	Our Price
1898 1c ultramarine.....	\$0.75	\$0.38
1898 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 20c, set of six.....	5.85	3.95

All are fine unused copies, well centered.

"Mekeel's Stamp Collector"

A weekly stamp paper, sample copy free, also price list giving terms and list of approval books in our Approval Department the greatest in America.

C. H. MEKEEL STAMP & PUBLISHING CO.,
ST. LOUIS, MO.

lower values genuinely surcharged. The source of supply seems to be Constant-nople. A word to the wise is sufficient.

An editorial in *Mekeel's Weekly*, Feb. 14th, calls up the question of a perforated current playing card stamp. Four copies of this stamp, one attached to an unbroken pack of cards and the others recently removed, are before me. They are all perforated 12 and cancelled in black "Cancelled. 6-8-1902. U. S. P. C. Co." Inasmuch as the copy submitted to the editor of the *Weekly* was cancelled in red, "1899. N. Y. C. C. Co.," it would appear that more than one card company was using perforated stamps. As one of these cancellations dates back three years, and the other nearly one year, it is remarkable that they have escaped notice. It is the belief of the writer that they are officially perforated for the convenience and at the request of the card companies.

That the frost-bound serfs and political refugees of Siberia should want postage stamps of their own passes belief. The Imperial ukase and knaut have frequently been forced upon them, but the limit is reached when postage stamps are handed out as witness an enterprising advertiser in *Mekeel's Weekly* for Feb. 14th, page 53. Shades of Alexander II!

Another specialist's plum has escaped the catalogers in Brazil, Scott's number 157. This stamp exists as an error surcharged 1699 instead of 1899. A lengthy search of the copies of this issue in one dealer's stock and several collections failed to reveal a duplicate error.

ARSCULAPIUS.

The Boston Philatelic Society.

- M. H. LOMBARD, President, Winchester, Mass.
 - C. F. ROTHFUCHS, Vice-President, Boston.
 - C. A. HOWES, Secretary, 55 Kilby St., Boston.
 - L. L. GREEN, Treasurer, 47 Tremont St., Boston.
 - J. H. LYONS, Supt. of Auctions, 27 Bromfield St., Boston.
 - J. H. LYONS, Supt. of Sales, 27 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass.
- THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA, Official Journal.

4c and Postage for 3kr Hungary

Other dealers are offering this as a big bargain for 9c to 12c. Guess we have struck rock bottom:
 *Venezuela 1896, 5c Tete Beche (cat. \$1)..... \$0.11
 *Bolivia 1894, 5c, No. 42, (cat. 6c)..... .02
 *Bolivia 1894, 10c, No. 43, (cat. 12c)..... .04
 *Nicaragua 1903, just out, 1, 2, 3..... .07

Wolsleffer's Sale No. 34, March 28,

will contain some fine foreign proofs, splendid entire and cut square envelopes, very fine U. S. and Foreign, and 34 more lots of those Freak Revenues that have been in the public eye recently.

SALE CATALOGUES FREE.

Other sales to follow including some notable collections. If you are an auction buyer these are the sales that explicitly describe each lot.

United Stamp Co., 1149 Marquette Bldg., Chicago.

1903 PRICE-LIST.

Our 1903 Red Cover Catalogue is out—free; but if you send 1c for postage and mention *WEEKLY ERA* will send Celluloid Perforation Gauge free. The price-list gives our net prices on U. S. Postage, Department, Dues, Telegraphs, Cut Square Envelopes, Confederate, Revenues, packets, sets, supplies, albums, wholesale lots, etc., etc. You can save money by buying from it. The prices are 40 to 60 per cent. discount from Scott's.

J. T. STARR STAMP CO., Coldwater, Mich.

PHILLIPINE (U. S.)

\$1.00 black, fine, o. g.....	\$1.50
\$2.00 blue, " o. g.....	2.85
\$5.00 green, " o. g.....	6.75
30c Due, mint.....	.55

Victoria 2£, mint.....	12.60
" 5sh Postage, mint.....	1.70
" 2sh ".....	.70
" 1sh ".....	.35
Bahamas 1903, 2sh.....	.70
" 3sh.....	1.05

Send for copy of B. B. No. 10.

FRANK P. BROWN,

339 Washington St., BOSTON, MASS.

Items from the Dub.

J. M. Bartels Co. will have a fine lot of unused stamps in their next sale which will occur sometime during the first week in April. These stamps are the best part of a 10,000 variety collection.

B. L. Drew & Co. will hold their 110th sale at the Collectors Club in New York on April 22nd, 23rd and 24th, when the Castle collection will be sold under the hammer. It contains many great rarities, also a fine lot of United States and British North America.

Mr. Montgomery W. West, of Atlanta, Georgia, and Mr. E. G. Greenough late of Atkinson, N. H., were recent visitors to our city.

WM. D. ELDRIDGE.

The New England Philatelic Association.

Organized February, 1895.

Board of Officers:

- President, CHARLES H. SMITH, Dedham, Mass.
 - Vice President, J. FAVILL CAPRON, 25 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass.
 - Secretary and Treasurer, H. W. LEGG, 36 Hancock St., Boston, Mass.
 - Sales Department, CHARLES H. STONE, 91 Antrim St., Cambridgeport, Mass.
 - Information Bureau, MRS. WALLACE DANA SMITH, 20 Wildrid St., Portsmouth, N. H.
 - Counterfeit Detector, WILLIS D. KING, Nashua, N.H.
 - Attorney, HORACE S. BACON, 107 Stevens St., Lowell, Mass.
 - Governing Board, CHARLES H. STONE, Chairman, 91 Antrim St., Cambridgeport, Mass., JOHN J. CORNE, New Dorchester, Mass., FRANK A. WILSON, 185 Highland Ave., Somerville, Mass.
- Official Organ, THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA.

Almost every dealer sends approval selections at 50% Discount—BUT there are some stamps in our selections of this class that are not to be had as cheap elsewhere.

A COLLECTION OF 5000 VARIETIES of POSTAGE STAMPS, carefully selected from our own stock, \$175.00. Satisfaction Guaranteed.

3000 for \$45.00 ♦ 2000 for \$13.50 ♦ 1000 for \$3.40 ♦ ALL GENUINE POSTAGE STAMPS

550 Varieties mounted in a blank book (cataloguing by Scott's 61st edition Catalogue \$10.00), post free \$1.50. A Bargain for Dealer or Collector!

C. H. MEKEEL STAMP & PUBLISHING CO., ST. LOUIS, MO.

Detroit Paragraphs.

Local collectors may again look forward for surprises in the way of rarities as well as novelties in the way of stamps. The announcement the Mr. Maison Alexandre, of Barcelona, Spain, has arrived in this country and will visit the principle cities West, will no doubt bring out the lover or rarities. He states that he has brought over his entire stock, which is no doubt one of the richest and most interesting lots in existence. In *Meeke's* last issue the N. Y. correspondent says he is a man of fine presence and his stature, 6 feet 4 inches, and avoirdupois 250. He is booked for here in the near future. Well we await his arrival.

Philately is oftentimes full of incidents. Where one least expects collecting to have a hold that is often just where it has a good hold. A curious one happened to me here this week. I was waiting on three Lilliputians, playing here, conversation drifted from one point to another; during the course of conversation I remarked off handed, "I suppose amongst you there is no doubt a stamp collector." Oh yes, we all are collectors, and there is still another one at the hotel, perhaps you have some old stamps you don't want, came the response suddenly.

I laughed at them, and said I was one of them myself; they looked rather surprised when I told them I had over 5,200 kinds myself, while each one of them had from three to four thousand varieties all collected in about 6 years, but owing to their travels they had not the time to devote to it they would like, but were nevertheless all very enthusiastic. They were Otto and Adolph Schamell and Alex. Ebart, from Berlin.

First steps in an organized campaign to get a new Post Office building for Detroit to be erected in the rear of the present building, and to stand with it as a home of all local government offices, were taken last Saturday night at a banquet at the Griswold House in the honor of Postmaster F. B. Dickerson by the Detroit Branch of the Union National P. O. Clerks Association. We have not room enough to put another carrier's desk in our main building said Postmaster Dickerson, we are fearfully congested in fact. He showed that when the present building was put up in 1888 the gross receipts of the P. O. for the year were \$359,000. Five years ago when the building was first occupied the receipts were \$595,000, receipts for the present year ending June 30 will amount, according to careful estimate, to \$1,100,000, an increase of nearly 300 per cent. since the building was planned. The building was planned to accommodate a business of less than one-half million dollars a year, and within the next 3 years the postmaster estimates that the volume of business will amount to \$1,500,000 per annum.

The number of employees in 1888 were about 180, today 405. The net revenues of the P. O. for the current year will be upwards of \$600,000. The city of Milwaukee which does a business of about \$150,000 per annum less than Detroit, has a floor space of 30,000 square feet, devoted to the work of the department. Buffalo which does a trifle more business than Detroit has a floor space of 35,000 square feet while the Detroit office has a floor space of but 10,000 square feet. Detroit has quickly outgrown the present building. 20 years ago it was but a small city of 116,000 people, now a great city of over 300,000, and her future is not simply bright and rosy, but it is assured Uncle Sam has no fairer or more promising child in all his domain, and the best he can do will be none too good.

The new work should be a twin building. It should conform to the architecture and be commensurate with the size of the present structure, covering the remaining space on Lafayette Ave. Congressman-elect Alfred Lucking, also Asst. P. M. Mayworm delivered speeches and promised to do their best in securing the additional building. The entire talk was warmly and heartily seconded by the clerks and guests present.

Over 200 clerks were present to honor Postmaster Dickerson.

C. W. Leonard & Co. showed me something in the way of *oddities* I never saw before or perhaps many others. A 1c blue 1870-71 double grill, they have shown it to the best of collectors and none have ever seen one like it. Also a strip of 3 Honduras Scott's No. 142, (not cataloged) postally used, sent direct from there to here. Some of our advanced collectors think them good things to keep.

It is reported that the use of the telephone in free rural mail delivery will be tried by the P. O. Dept. with \$25,000 attached for the purpose to the postoffice appropriation bill. Postmasters, it is proposed, will telephone the contents of special delivery letters to the addressees, if they give consent, instead of delivering them.

It is said, hearing that Ambassador Meyer's son was an amateur philatelist, the queen of Italy sent the boy two handsome albums and a complete set of Montenegrin stamps a few days ago. Guess perhaps this boy isn't envied by others for his good luck.

The postmaster-general has issued the following order, which is of particular interest to Detroit letter carriers:

Hereafter any letter carrier who borrows money beyond his means or at an exorbitant rate of interest will be dismissed from the service.

First Assistant Postmaster-General Wynne says that much of the dishonesty among employes in the larger cities comes from the practice of borrowing from money-lenders. As a further protection postmasters have been forbidden to recognize orders guaranteeing the payment of notes held by money-lenders.

HERMAN W. BORRS.

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 ERA,

Dear Sir: I notice on Page 171, under heading "Unsolicited Approval Sheets" I believe that if the party who wrote the article had kindly and considerately opened the packages he would in many, if not all, have found return postage enclosed, which would have saved him the trouble of writing even a card. During over twenty years I have been a collector (not a dealer) I have received only three lots of stamps which did not contain a stamped return envelope, a little trouble in this manner does not come amiss, and may be a favor to a friend of our friend. That's their way of business.

Yours,

C. E. SEBBENS.

The Postal Card Society of America.

Officers for 1902-3.

President, HORACE E. CARPENTER, JR., Care N. B. Bradley & Sons, Bay City, Mich.

Vice-President, J. T. ALBERT HOBBACH, 1422 North 53rd St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Secretary, W. P. AGEE, Hope, Ark.

Treasurer, JOHN N. MORSE, 105 Devonshire St., Boston, Mass.

Executive Committee, GUY A. BRYANT, Princeton, Ill.; W. D. ARNOLD, The Portland, Broadway, St. Paul, Minn.; N. HASKELL WYTHE, 230 S. 9th St., La Crosse, Wis.

Exchange Superintendent, J. T. A. HOBBACH, 1422 No. 53rd St., Phila., Pa.

Purchasing Agent, ADOLPH LOHMEYER, 922 N. Gilmer St., Baltimore, Md.

International Secretary, E. DOEBLIN, P. O. Box 736, Pittsburg, Pa.

Official Journal, THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA.

IF YOU WISH TO

BUY, SELL OR EXCHANGE

Stamps, Desired Results can be had through

AN AD IN THE WEEKLY ERA.

THE Philatelic Congress, Vienna, Austria, 1902.

Notes Read Before the Boston Philatelic Society on February 17th, 1903, by
C. F. ROTHFUCHS.

(Continued from page 194.)

Vienna is well provided with stamp dealers.

Mr. Rudolf Friedl, one of the largest and most popular dealers, had a very fine display in his show window of scarce stamps of old issues, as well as the very latest issues including high values from different countries. In fact, all the dealers had attractive displays in their show windows, and by all reports, and by observation, they seem to do a good business.

The Postal Museum in Vienna is in the Prater, a park four miles long and two miles broad, and considered by many as the finest public park in Europe. The collection of postage stamps in the Postal Museum is quite large, and contains many choice specimens, but it is not as complete nor as valuable as the one in the Postal Museum in Berlin, Germany.

Of the places which we visited in Vienna, St. Stephens Cathedral is the most interesting of the many churches. The corner stone of this Gothic edifice was laid by Duke Rudolph IV in 1359. The main tower is 453 feet high; it contains a bell which weighs 18 tons. Inside of the Cathedral there are many statues, the high altar of black marble, the richly carved choir stalls, the beautiful sarcophagus of red marble of Emperor Frederick III (who died in 1493), the tomb of Rudolph IV, the founder of the Cathedral, the Savoy Chapel with the tomb of Prince Eugene, and the stained glass windows are some of the most interesting sights which we saw. St. Stephens Cathedral is near the centre of the business part of Vienna. A few minutes' walk from the Cathedral is Ringstrasse.

Ringstrasse, the pride of the Viennese, is 165 feet wide, has wide promenades, many shade trees and a good supply of seats. This street circles the old city, which is the most fashionable quarter of Vienna and also the shopping district. There are some very fine and artistic displays in the show windows of these elegant and fashionable shops. The House of Parliament, the Rathaus, the University, the Opera House, the Imperial Court Theatre, the Imperial Museums, the Emperor's Palace and many monuments, are some of the sights to be seen in making the circuit.

The grandest of these monuments is in the centre of the garden between the Art and Natural History Museums. It is of Empress Maria Theresa at the age of 35, the time of her most brilliant reign. Surmounting an elevated substructure rises the figure of the great Empress seated on a throne and holding a sceptre in her left hand. At each of the truncated corners of

the large and massive pedestals stands an equestrian figure of some one of her generals, between these in relief are some of her advisers with the great Prince Kannitz in the centre.

At the places of amusement the Imperial Opera House is the first one which we visited. This Opera House is considered by many to be the finest in the world. In our humble opinion we consider the Opera House in Paris equally as fine if not finer.

We next visited the Imperial Court Theatre (called Hofburg Theater). It took 13 years to build this magnificent structure. The artistic ornamentations, decorations and paintings of the ceilings, the foyer, the private royal reception rooms, the Imperial Box, and the grand marble staircase are all very beautiful, and superior to those of any theatre or opera which we visited.

The Imperial Palace we also found very interesting. The court guide conducts parties through the apartments and explains everything relating to the objects of interest. In the Palace we saw the bed in which Empress Maria Theresa died.

In the Imperial Treasury we saw the Crown Jewels, Coronation Robes and many precious articles of gold; also a cradle. The cradle seemed to interest every one, not only on account of its beauty and costliness, but because it was the cradle of Napoleon I.'s only son, called the King of Rome.

The Imperial Art Museum is well worth visiting. It took 10 years to complete this structure. It was opened in 1891 and is one of the most modern buildings of any museum in Europe, and one of the finest, not excluding the Art Museum in Dresden or the Louvre in Paris. The building and arrangements for the exhibits in the different halls and rooms is superior to any museum which we visited.

The collection of paintings occupies 42 rooms and is very rich in paintings by the old Italian, German, French, Dutch and Spanish masters, as well as many of modern masters.

These paintings remind me of one by an artist who made a better reputation with his sword than he did with his brush. When

TRADE COLUMN.

Under this head we will print exchange, want and for sale notices, business announcements, 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 20 cents.

One four-line notice free with each subscription, providing copy accompanies the subscription.

THREE Consecutive Insertions of SAME ad in this Column for PRICE OF TWO.

Approval sheets 60¢ disc. Net sheets for advanced collectors at equally low prices. 9000 var. in stock. F. W. PICKARD, 2427 Ingleside, Cincinnati, O. [24]

I buy stamps, any kind or quantity. Approvals at 66% \$ discount. R. DIEHL, Tama, Iowa.

Will give good foreign in exchange for U. S. revenue, value for value, basis Scott's Catalogue. Send me list of what you have to offer. H. L. RICH, 1 Thurston St., Somerville, Mass.

\$7.40 for \$1.00: 20 each fine copies of the following stamps: Cuba No. 142 used; Cuba No. 122, new; Bolivia No. 43, new; Japan No. 83, used; Spain No. 90, used; Spain No. 149, used; cat. value \$7.40, for \$1.00. Others equally cheap. Write for quotations. IMPERIAL STAMP CO., Room 512, 225 Dearborn St., Chicago, Ill. [24]

Is your collection for sale? Get your dealer to make a price on it, add 20¢ to his offer, and send book to me. It's 10 to 1 I buy it. F. W. PICKARD, 2427 Ingleside, Cincinnati, O. [24]

Trans-Mississippi Issue 1898, complete set 1c to \$2 in two colors, India Proofs, mounted and depressed on white card board, perfect and not soiled, price \$10.00. JAS. PIKE, Walworth, Wis.

I have stamps cat. 1c to \$2 each to exchange with collectors. Send sheets of U. S. and foreign and receive mine. E. BULL, JR., Care Union Bank, New London, Conn. [13]

Plate numbers for sale. Get them while you can. 2c plates 12 for \$1.00, 2¢ for \$2.00, 5¢ for \$4.00. All different, my selection. Plates from 1895 to date to sell. GEORGE COCKRELL, Deer Lodge, Montana. [15]

Pre-cancels on approval against At Ref. 1888 Burlington, Vt., Nov., \$2.50, Invert, \$3.50, Double, \$5.00, Chicago, Ill., 4, 10-1 ought sideways, \$1.50. H. E. CHATILLON, 726 Va. Ave., St. Louis, Mo. [14]

Exchanges, with amateurs only, invited. Will send assorted used Canadian to anyone sending me assorted stamps of any British Colony or South American Republic, and guarantee satisfaction; or will exchange a large variety of better to rare stamps for others not in my collection. British Colonials preferred. Have a nice bright copy 6d New Brunswick but without margins and a similar 6d Nova Scotia to exchange for best offer in unused high values U. S. Correspondence invited. Reference, Editor this paper. WM. P. ANDERSON, 64 Cooper St., Ottawa, Canada. [13]

For Sale. 3 complete sets Hawaiian Provisional Government stamps, with envelope stamps, uncanceled. W. L. WALLIS, Centre St., Jamaica Plain, Mass. [14]

U. S. cut envelopes wanted in exchange for rare U. S. Postage, Revenues and Foreign. E. S. PHELPS, 165 W. Canton St., Boston, Mass. [13]

Trans-Mississippi Issue, 1898. Complete set, 1c to \$2, in one color, India proofs, mounted and depressed on white card board, size 15x23mm. Another set but in two colors. Both sets 2¢ exceedingly attractive, perfect and not soiled. For both sets, price \$31.00. Address Lock-box 28, Post Office, Ridgefield, Ct. [13]

Wanted—A copy of the 2c vermilion, Fetridge & Co. stamp helm of 1000 flowers, also album for the old M. & M. varieties, for cash. Do not all speak at once. Here is an opportunity to complete your sets of the late P. F.'s; can supply any of a full set of them or pairs or blocks of 4 of most varieties; all fine and many of them full gum. Let me hear from you. GEO. H. ANDERS, Norristown, Pa. [13]

Mexico 1000 mixed postage \$1, in U.S. bank note. FELIPE NAVEDA, Urbina 8, Toluca City, Mexico. [13]

Why depreciate the value of valuable stamps by fastening them with hinges. For 5¢ I will tell you how to fasten stamps without attaching them with hinges. Blank approval book, made of light bond paper, holding 200 stamps, 6¢ each; 60¢ per doz. The "Standard" Fountain Pen, made of hard rubber, 50¢, reg. price \$1; 50 business or calling cards 15¢; 1 doz. steel pens with reservoir attachment rec. Sample cards and pens for two 1c stamps. C. R. HOMAN, 1129 N. 6th Ave., Quincy, Ill. [13]

To complete your United States. Fine perfect copies, 1895, \$5.00 green, \$1.25 each; \$2.00 blue, \$1.05 each. Wholesale, both values \$11.00 only, per dozen. Thousands of bargains in old United States, British and Colonial stamps. Fine approval selections at 25 to 50% discount. No common rubbish but only fine copies of desirable stamps sent out. Write stating wants and send reference. I can save you hundreds of dollars. Established 1880. FREDERICK GINN, 143 Strand, London, England. [21]

Is your collection for sale? I will buy it or any odd lots of good stamps. No cheap stuff wanted. Send on approval with lowest cash offer. Immediate returns guaranteed. HOWARD C. BECK, City Controller's Office, Detroit, Mich. [21]

U. S. Pre-Canceled postage stamps. I will pay a good price in cash or exchange for any not in my collection. F. L. SMITH, 40 Exchange Pl., N. Y. [14c]

Pre-cancels not in my collection wanted. Best cash or trade price. E. R. ALDRICH, Benson, Minn. [14]

Try an Ad in this Column. It Pays.

we were in Berlin, Germany, we took a side trip to Potsdam. At Potsdam we visited the Town Palace and the Sans Souci Palace which was built for Frederick the Great. Sans Souci Palace is in a large park somewhat similar to the park in front of the Palace at Versailles. It is not generally known that Frederick the Great was an artist, but during his latter days whilst he was suffering from a severe attack of the gout he took to painting. One of his paintings is that of a woman seated on a chair with her legs crossed. The guide attracted our attention to this particular picture, because Frederick the Great had painted two left feet instead of one right and one left, or in other words he painted a left foot on her right ankle. We did not learn the name of this woman. We named her the left-footed beauty.

In Potsdam we also visited the Garrison Church. A vault under the pulpit contains the remains of Frederick the Great, and also of his father, Frederick William I, the founder of the church. When we were in the vault and looking at the coffin which contains the remains of Frederick the Great, our guide (a woman) said to us: "In 1806 Napoleon stood where you now stand. I can tell you this much, had Frederick the Great been alive at that time Napoleon would not have been in Potsdam." She looked as though she meant every word she said.

That left-footed beauty has taken me off my course. I will return to Vienna, a city which is so interesting and not visited by many people who travel in Europe. To all who intend to visit Vienna I can recommend the trip which we took. We left Dresden, Saxony, on the 7 a. m. express and arrived in Vienna at 8 p. m., eleven hours' ride. For several hours after the train leaves Dresden and before it arrives at Prague most of the road is at the side of the river Elbe. The scenery along the river as you pass the Bastei (cliffs 645 feet high) and the country called the Switzerland of Saxony and Bohemia, and the Bohemian Forests form a most beautiful panorama.

In returning from Vienna we took the route over Linz, stopped over at Salzburg, Austria. Salzburg, the birthplace of Mozart, is most picturesquely situated on both sides of the rapid Salza. There are high hills on each side of the town. The Cathedral built in 1614 in imitation of St. Peter's in Rome is the most interesting of the churches which we visited in this town. The poor house is a fine looking building and looks much better than some of the Palaces from the outside. As I have no inclination to go to the poor house, we did not visit the interior.

From Salzburg we rode to Berchtesgaden, a village in Upper Bavaria, situated on a mountain slope, fifteen miles from Salzburg. At Berchtesgaden we visited the salt mines. After securing admission tickets we started for the dressing-rooms. The ladies discarded their skirts and donned

white duck pantalets, black coats and blue caps. The men put on black overalls, jackets and caps. Each one wore a leather apron on the back, on the front of the apron strap was hooked a box with a candle.

The ladies were almost hysterical from laughing at each other's appearance. Personally, I admired their new style of dress, it was very becoming. After all were ready we met in the general waiting-room, each one lighted his or her candle, and with the guide at the head, we followed in single file through the narrow dark passages which led to the chambers. At one place we had to climb up 126 steps. At the top there was a large cave-like chamber; from there we walked through other passages in the dark until we reached a salt water pond. The pond was surrounded by hundreds of lights, the reflection in the water made it appear like double rows of lights. We were rowed across the pond, and after leaving the boat, we were led through another passage until we came to a stop.

There were two wooden poles about six inches in diameter. At one side of the poles was a rope. The guide said that the next chamber was below. In looking down I could see nothing but darkness, and seeing no signs of fire nor detecting any odor from brimstone, I decided that I would risk it. The guide sat across the two poles a la clothes-pin and requested us to do likewise, and hold on to the rope until he would say, let go. Each one also held on to the one in front of him or her. When we were seated, the guide asked: "Are you ready?" All answered "Yes." Then the guide gave the command, "Let go." All let go at the same time. We then shot through the darkness on the poles like lightning, each one holding on to the one in front for dear life. We landed at the bottom in less time than it takes to tell it. We breathed a sigh of relief, but nevertheless we had a hearty laugh over our experience.

We were then led through other dark passages until we came to a niche. In front of the niche was an arch, built of different colored transparent salt rocks, in the niche back of the arch was the coat-of-arms and crown of Bavaria, made from the same kind of rocks. In back of the rocks were lighted candles, which illuminated the rocks in their different colors, the effect was very beautiful. After another slide down the poles we landed at the long narrow passage which leads to the starting point.

There in waiting were long narrow cars, about 1½ feet wide and 12 feet long, with a pole from front to back about 1½ feet above the wheels. When we were all seated a la clothes-pin on the pole, the guide blew a whistle, and off we shot shooting the chute style out of the mines. It took 45 minutes to visit the mines.

After leaving the salt mines we rode to Konigsee, a lake surrounded by mountains. A man and a woman, both dressed in fancy costumes rowed us across the lake

SNAPS FOR DEALERS, All Classes,	
Whether heavy weight or bantam.	Per 100
40c Rev., uncut.....	\$1.10
80c " cut.....	8.00
\$1.00 black and green.....	4.00
\$1.00 black, cut fine.....	17.50
4c Omaha.....	.05
4c Paos.....	.90
8c ".....	1.80
10c ".....	1.80
Langman & Kemp 1½c, cat. 20c.....	5.50
3c Treasury.....	.90
3c War.....	.90
6c ".....	1.40
10c orange Spec. Del.....	2.00
5c Prop., blue.....	2.50
4c ".....	5.50
3c ".....	6.00
50c Surety Bond.....	8.60

10 of above sold at proportional price. All you have to do is order. Satisfaction guaranteed. Postage extra.
E. C. Dodd, 259 So. Hermitage Ave., Chicago.

WHEN YOU THINK OF SELLING

WRITE TO

B. L. DREW & CO.,

7 WATER ST., (Room 501), BOSTON, MASS.

The Leading Auction Firm in America.

and back. The water is very clear and deep. It takes 3½ hours to make the trip across the lake and back, allowing 30 minutes at a landing place, for refreshments and rest. The sun was getting in some very warm work on our backs while we were being rowed. The sight of snow on the mountains did not even have a cooling effect. The whole trip took a day. The best way to visit these places, is to go in a team. The drivers know every place of interest, all I had to do was to foot the bills, the driver done the rest. We started at 7 a. m. and returned about 9 p. m. This trip is considered by tourists, who have traveled much, as a very interesting one from start to finish.

From Salzburg we went to Munich. We were told to be sure and visit the Hofbrauhaus (The King's Brewery) we visited the brewery. The sight in the halls of this brewery is one such as we had never seen before, and the sound from the merry-makers was indescribable. There were about 2,000 people seated around tables, each one with a mass of beer. A mass is an earthen mug which holds about a quart. In order to become one of the select set we were required to drink at least four mass or quarts of beer before breakfast.

This accomplishment was too much for us, and therefore we were not sufficiently qualified to join the select set.

To give an account of the interesting places which we saw in Munich, and other cities in Germany, Belgium, France, and England would take too long. I may have already taken up more time than I should have.

I have some photographs and souvenir Postal Cards, of some of the most interesting places which we visited. I will be pleased to show them, any time during the evening, to any one who may wish to see them. I will now conclude by thanking you for your kind attention.

American Philatelic Association.

(INCORPORATED.)

THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA—OFFICIAL JOURNAL.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

ALEXANDER HOLLAND, President,
40 Grace Court, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Board of Vice-Presidents.
FRANK H. BURT, Chairman,
Room 1046, Tremont Building, Boston, Mass.
GORDON IRELAND, Secretary,
Holyoke House 21, Cambridge, Mass.
EDWIN F. SAWYER,
101 Washington St., Brighton, Mass.

H. E. DEATS, Secretary,
Flemington, N. J.
E. DOEBLIN, International Secretary,
Box 736, Pittsburg, Pa.
C. L. ANNAN, Treasurer,
Copper Range R. R., Houghton, Mich.
H. B. PHILLIPS,
1311 Grove St., Berkeley, Cal.
F. W. CONING,
350 George St., New Brunswick, N. J.

RESIDENT VICE-PRESIDENTS.

BOSTON, MASS.—J. F. JOHNSON, 383 Lexington St., Auburndale, Mass.
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.—W. E. LOY, 2431 Ellsworth St., Berkeley, Cal.
NEW YORK CITY.—W. F. GREGORY, 71 Nassau St.
PITTSBURG, PA.—E. DONALD, Box 126.
CHICAGO, ILL.—A. F. MARSH, 438 Marquette Building.
MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.—EMERY S. MARTIN, 3244 First Avenue, South.
WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS—ROBERT D. MAYNARD, 36 Oak Grove Ave., Springfield.

APPOINTEE OFFICERS.

E. H. ANDERSON, Librarian,
Carnegie Library, Pittsburg, Pa.
H. D. WATSON, Collecting Agent,
64 Cedar St., New York City.
JOHN J. OESCH, Superintendent of Sales Dept.,
34 Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill.

H. E. DEATS, Assistant Librarian,
Flemington, N. J.
W. F. GREGORY, Auction Purchasing Agent,
71 Nassau St., New York City.
P. M. WOLSIEFFER, Auction Purchasing Agent,
1009 Atwood Bldg., Chicago, Ill.
A. W. BATCHELDER, Auction Purchasing Agent,
21 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass.

REPORT OF SECRETARY

For the Week Ending March 14th.

Deceased.

574. JOHNSON, J. F., Auburndale, Mass., Feb. 8, 1903.

Under date of Feb. 23rd, the President writes me: "Mr. Johnson was a man of sterling qualities and character, and the members of this Association and others with which he was actively associated have lost a hard worker and one who always had the interest of his associates at heart, and who endeared himself to all by his rugged honesty and unselfish work for the good of all."

The President deeply feels the loss of Mr. Johnson and trusts the members of this Association will seek to emulate his splendid example of devotion and fidelity to this Association.

Change of Address.

226. EATON, LT. COMDR. W. C., from care Wm. Cramp & Sons, Philadelphia, to Homestead Steel Works, Munhall, Pa.

Membership Summary.

Membership Feb. 28th..... 544
Died..... 1
Total membership March 14th..... 543
H. E. DEATS, Secretary.

REPORT OF SALES DEPARTMENT.

CHICAGO, March 4th, 1903.

450 books on hand last report,
valued at.....\$12,941.39
176 books received since last re-
port valued at..... 4,850.25
626 books valued at.....\$17,791.64
36 books retired since last report
valued at..... 612.29

590 books on hand valued at....\$17,179.35
Sales from books retired, \$334.56.
About 55% of value.

I have now on hand 590 books, with new books coming in every day. Members who are not receiving the circuits are missing good chances of securing stamps for their collections. The sales to date amount to over \$2,500.00 which shows that many desirable stamps can be found in the books now circulating. I am making up new circuit lists, and a postal request will bring the books to you from time to time.

To those patronizing the Department in a selling way, I would say, there is a continual demand for the better grade of stamps. Stamps of such a character will find a ready sale.

A last word, send me your request to receive the circuits, if you are looking for the stamps to fill those blank spaces, and circuits will reach you about once a week or possibly three times in two weeks.

JOHN J. OESCH, Supt. of Sales.

COUNTERFEIT STAMPS SEIZED.

Secret service agents have visited many of the toy and stationery houses in the city and seized what are known as "perforated transfer picture post stamps," made in Germany, eighty-four to each sheet. Each sheet contains counterfeit stamps of the principal foreign nations, but none of the United States. The transfer stamps are made for children, and it is contended that they are educational.

One of the Federal laws provides that it shall be a felony to have "the counterfeit of a bond or obligation of a foreign country at peace with the United States." The Federal officials decided that confiscation of the stamps would be sufficient to put a stop to the sale in the future. Two dealers declined to surrender the stamps they had in stock. They were taken later by means of search warrants, but no arrests were made.—N. Y. World.

Chicago Notes.

In a wholesale lot of Austria, received by a local dealer, was found the rare perforated variety of the 2 and 10kr of 1877. Something out of the common to find those stamps in a "job lot."

After much discussion it was decided to re-number the membership of the C. P. S., putting quite a few of the boys near the "head of the class."

Reginald Robinson has sold his publication *Robinson's Review* to Judson N. Burton, Madison, N. Y., Editor of the *Philatelic Star*. Mr. Robinson could not give the proper time and attention to the paper, which it demanded, as his rapidly increasing trade keeps himself and assistant busy all the time.

Quite a number of imperforates, with colossal margins, of the issue of 1873, hard paper, and also those of '79 issue, American Bank Note Co., were shown by F. J. Lefever, who picked them from several collections he recently acquired.

Dealers in Chicago are nearly rushed to death. Massoth was waiting on five customers, Robinson was holding up several boys, and Ben Green had the usual Saturday afternoon crowd, all buying freely, on last Saturday when the writer was "traveling his beat" between the local stamp offices.

That omnipresent "scalper" "Eddie" Dodd has issued a somewhat novel wholesale price list. He has nine 100 space approval books, all filled with different samples. The number is above the stamp, the price per hundred or thousand below it. Buyers have the article in front of their optics, consequently do not lose time consulting the catalog.

Mr. W. G. Fritz, whose home is in Ohio, but who has been doing missionary work in the Philippines for three years, stopped in the city a few days last week on his way home. Mr. Fritz says old Philippine stamps are even more scarce there than in the U. S., as nearly all are sent to England for sale. He brought with him, the later issues nearly complete, but could not get many of the early ones, as they were held at enormous prices. Mr. Fritz has a general collection of 9000 varieties.

R. S. Hanford, a collector-dealer formerly of Detroit, is now permanently located in Chicago.

He has assumed the management of the approval department of the Ashland Stamp Co. This firm, while in business but a year, has the names of over four hundred active collectors on its books.

CLIFFORD.

Brooklyn News.

The following resolutions were adopted by the Section on Philately of the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences at a meeting held March 13th, 1903:

WHEREAS God in His wisdom has removed from among us Mr. Theodore W. C. Happel, one of the oldest members of this Section; and

WHEREAS Mr. Happel, at the time of his death, was the Librarian of this Section and took the deepest interest in arranging and classifying the books in our library; and

WHEREAS the building up of philately in a scientific way by study and investigation was one of the great aims of our co-worker; and

WHEREAS this Section has lost a member honorable and upright in all his dealings with his fellow members, careful and painstaking in all that he undertook,—a man whose every act and thought was directed towards that which was of the noblest order, now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That as a mark of respect to the deceased, these resolutions be entered upon the minutes of this meeting, a copy sent to the family of our late member, and published in the philatelic press.

A joint committee from the Section on Philately of the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences and the Brooklyn Stamp Club, consisting of Messrs. Hyatt, Ring, Minaldi and Carberry, attended the funeral services of the late Theodore W. C. Happel on Tuesday evening, March 10th, and presented two handsome floral pieces as a token of sympathy from the members of their respective philatelic societies.

Recently Mr. A. Krassa, 81 Nassau St., New York, offered two prizes, consisting of a 1 real on 8c de peso, green surcharge, Philippine stamp, used and unused, for the best exhibit of 10 cancelled postage stamps by members of the Section on Philately of the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences. Exhibits were entered by the following Brooklyn collectors: H. A. Talbot, George W. Ring, D. Minaldi, W. Haack, H. E. Robinson, George E. Weeks, and John D. Carberry. Considerable interest was taken in this competition, and Messrs. Morgenthau, Reynolds and Bruner, all expert philatelists, being appointed judges, examined the various exhibits, and awarded first prize to H. E. Robinson and second prize to W. Haack. Small exhibits of this kind are always interesting because they are easily made up and call for keen competition.

C.

CUBA 1c ON 3c PROVISIONAL.

A few perfectly centered mint copies at 15c each; blocks of four same rate.

J. M. BARTELS CO., BOSTON, MASS.

The Collectors Club,

351 FOURTH AVE., NEW YORK.

The 91st meeting of the Board of Governors was held at the club on Monday evening, March 9, 1903.

Present—Messrs. Bruner, Luff, Morgenthau, Rich, Scott and Perrin. In the absence of the President, the meeting was called to order at 8.15 p. m., by the Vice-President.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved. The resignation of Mr. J. H. Ward was read and accepted with regret.

A number of communications were read by the Secretary.

The Treasurer's report, showing a cash balance in bank of \$432.93, exclusive of reserve fund, was approved as read. The names of Oney K. Carstarphen, F. W. Meyer, Jr., and H. E. Woodward were dropped from the membership roll for non-payment of dues.

The report of the House Committee was read and received.

The Literary Committee reported that Mr. Charles J. Phillips had donated to club library bound vols. 8, 9, 10 and 11 of Stanley Gibbons' Monthly. The judges on the exhibitions of U. S. Documentary and Proprietary, Russia, Finland and Poland stamps reported as follows:

NEW YORK, March 9, 1903.

To the Board of Governors, Collectors Club:

GENTLEMEN:—We, the undersigned, appointed by your Board as a committee to judge the entries in competition for the prizes instituted by you, beg to submit the following report:

For the U. S. Revenues, Documentary and Proprietary, no entries were received.

For the competition of the stamps of Russia, Finland and Poland, only one collection was entered for competition, although a second collection, consisting of the stamps of Poland only, will be exhibited this evening, but not in competition, as the owner of this collection has paid no attention to the stamps of Russia and Finland, and hence did not feel justified in entering in competition. The one collection entered, your judges found to be such an excellent one, that we have no hesitancy in recommending that the prize shall be awarded, even though there was no competition, as this collection would undoubtedly have secured the prize, against any and all known collections of these stamps in this country. The collection is that of Mr. W. H. Suesdorff, and is practically complete in the issues of the three countries, containing not only the main varieties, but also nearly all the minor varieties and errors, and is particularly rich in shades, and the condition of the stamps is as perfect as can be expected.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. MORGENTHAU, PAUL ROWE.

The report of the death of our fellow-member, J. B. Brevoort, was received with regret.

The application of Wm. H. Hendrickson having been posted the required length of time, was balloted upon and he was declared to have been unanimously elected a subscribing member of the club.

Adjourned at 9 p. m.

ALBERT PERRIN, Secy.

Wm. v. d. Wettern, Jr., WHOLESALE DEALER IN POSTAGE & STAMPS, 411 W. Saratoga St., Baltimore, Md.

New special list just issued, sent free on application to dealers only.

NINTH MAIL AUCTION

Closes April 10, 1903.

All bids to be made by mail to Lot No., at 50 much per lot. Stamps in good average condition unless otherwise specified.

Table with columns: Lot No., United States, Cat. Lot. Includes items like 1847, 5c, two fine copies, light and dark... \$1.40 2; 1847, 10c, pen canceled... 4.00 1; 1851, 1c and 10c, fine... 1.50 1; etc.

COLUMBIAN STAMP CO., Arlington, Mass.

The Weekly Philatelic Era

A PAPER DEVOTED TO STAMP NEWS.

50c PER YEAR.

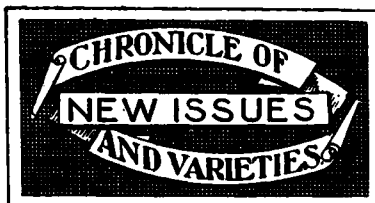
ENTERED AT PORTLAND POST OFFICE AS SECOND CLASS MATTER JAN. 10, 1890.

2c PER COPY.

VOL. XVII. No. 26.

PORTLAND, ME., SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 1903.

WHOLE No. 514.



BY HENRY A. KIDDER.

Friends of the ERA are invited to send to the editor of this department any information regarding new issues or varieties that may prove of interest. Such information will be suitably acknowledged. Address, HENRY A. KIDDER, 17 Addison Street, Arlington, Mass.

Exchanges will please send Mr Kidder a copy of each issue to the foregoing address, and an extra copy of the ERA will be gladly sent whenever desired.

UNITED STATES.—Mr. J. M. Bartels has shown us a new shade of the 8c Mariha Washington, more nearly approaching the violet shade of the 13c Harrison. Whether this is a new definite printing or only a printer's variation, does not yet appear.

Mr. Duncan Kay of Detroit writes us that the Winona, Minn., postoffice had the new 2c stamp on sale as early as Jan. 19, when our correspondent purchased a sheet. He does not know how much earlier they were on sale there.

Since our announcement last week of the appearance of the new 2c envelope, we have been shown copies both used and unused by many friends, including Messrs. J. M. Bartels, F. H. Sprague, W. C. Stone, N. Cobe and others. Mr. Stone writes that he has seen No. 14 on white and No. 5 on amber.

It will be noticed that several correspondents have mentioned earlier dates when the new 2c stamps were placed on sale than those given in No. 511, but no one has mentioned definitely seeing an earlier postmark than the one there given—Bedford, Pa., Jan. 24.

Mr. E. F. Galvin of Boston has shown a distinct color of the new 10c delivery stamp. This is caused by a variation in color. While the regular shade is a dark ultramarine, the variety is a very light ultramarine. It might perhaps better be called milky blue.

Mr. J. H. Lyons has shown us in a collection entered for competition, three Pan American inverts 1c, 2c and 4c.

ANTIOQUIA.—Mr. A. W. Dunning submits for inspection a vertical pair of the 1c red of 1901, No. 128, imperforate between. Mr. J. M. Bartels also shows us a horizontal pair of the same stamp, imperforate between.

BRITISH SOMALILAND.—Mr. J. H. Lyons has shown us complete unused sets of the stamps for this colony surcharged in two lines on the Queen's head stamps of India. The colors and denominations are correctly given in the latest Scott. It is noticeable that the official stamps have the two lines of the surcharge wide apart to allow the "On" of the official surcharge to appear between without interference.

CUBA.—Mr. J. M. Bartels has received the 1c on 3c Cuba, with inverted surcharge.

DANISH WEST INDIES.—Mr. J. H. Lyons reports having seen all four corners of the split provisional chronicled in No. 511. Mr. Bartels shows us copies of the same on both old and new perforations. Dr. W. L. Babcock, Bath, N. Y., also submits for examination a fine used copy of the lower right corner.

FRANCE.—Mr. Louis G. Barrett has shown us the current 5c in a new color, a decided blue green.

FRENCH OFFICES IN THE EAST.—We have been favored with the following list of new stamps for the various French Offices in Africa and the Levant. Some of them have been mentioned before, but we repeat. The lower values are all Scott's Type A19, which, by the way, has been erroneously called a retouched die. It is rather a re-engraved die.

Alexandrie—10c, 20c, 30c.
China—20c.
Crete—40c, 50c, 1f, 2f, 5f, all surcharged with new values in Turkish money.
Crete—10c not surcharged.
Levant—10c, 15c, 20c, 25c.
Morocco—10c surcharged in black "10 centimo."
Morocco—25c surcharged "25 centimo" in black.
Port Said—20c, 25c, 30c.
The following are also said to have been issued, but have not yet been seen.
Alexandrie—15c, 25c.
Cavalle—10c, 15c, 20c, 25c, 30c.
Dedeagh—10c, 15c, 20c, 25c, 30c.
China—10c, 15c, 20c, 25c, 30c.
Levant—30c.
Morocco—15c, 20c, 30c, all surcharged in same value in centimos.
Port Said—10c, 15c.
Zanzibar—10c, 15c, 20c, 25c, 30c.
In every case, including France itself, the 15c, Type A19, has been changed from orange to dull pink.

GREAT BRITAIN.—We are informed that new envelopes have been seen with King's head.

Envelopes (Regular):

2d maroon, similar to 1d King's head.
4d carmine, similar to Scott's E12.
3d brown purple, similar to Scott's E13.

HOI HAO.—Mr. E. deZ. Kelley has shown us the 10c, 15c, 20c, 30c and 40c Indo-China, surcharged "Hoi Hao" and Chinese characters, on the original covers.

ICELAND.—Mr. J. H. Lyons calls our attention to varieties in the surcharged Iceland stamps now current. These are in the dates and consist of differences in the

1903 CATALOGUE

NOW ON SALE.

Our 1903 Catalogue, priced in American currency, is bound in one volume, well printed on good paper, and sold for FIFTY CENTS; post free, SIXTY CENTS.

It contains the latest quotations at which we can supply the stamps, and is made up by and based on our own stock, no attention being paid to other quotations.

Previous editions contained the British Colonials in one part and foreign stamps in another part, and cost \$1.20. This latest edition contains both in one volume and sells at the same price as other catalogues.

BLANK ALBUM NUMBER 31.

This album is a companion to the King's Own Postage Stamp Album, and is specially designed for those collectors who desire a Blank Album, without going to the expense of the movable leaved Albums such as the Oriol or Philatelic.

The Blank Album No. 31 contains 100 pages of heavy white plate paper outlined with a neat border of neutral grey, with a quadrille background inside the border and name space at top of page. Exact size of leaves 7½x9½—available for mounting 6½x8½. Strongly bound in cloth, bevelled boards, countersunk gold lines on cover, gilt edges.

Price \$2.25, or by Mail \$2.50.

STANLEY GIBBONS, INC.,

167 BROADWAY,

NEW YORK CITY.

1903 PRICE LIST, No. 14,
Part 5--UNITED STATES TELEGRAPH, LOCAL,
AND CONFEDERATE STATES STAMPS

FOR SALE BY

C. F. ROTHFUCHS 38 MUNROE STREET,
ROXBURY, MASS., U. S. A.

1st. Are extra fine copies. All unused stamps have original gum.
2nd. Are average copies. Some of the unused stamps have the gum washed off. The Western Union 1871 to 1880 issue, which I offer as and (because they have the gum washed off) will compare favorably with those which are generally sold as fine or very fine.
3rd. Some are more or less damaged; others are not damaged, but are too much off centre, or too heavily cancelled for my aid.
Please remit by Bills or Money Order and Not by Unused Stamps.
All stamps are unused unless noted used or U.

TELEGRAPH STAMPS.

Cat. No.	Am. Rapid.	Cat. Price.	My Price.	1st.	2nd.	3rd.
1901	1881 3c orange	\$1.00	\$0.50	\$0.25	\$0.15	
1901	1881 3c used	..	..	..	..	..
1902	1881 5c brown	..	..	..	..	..
1902	1881 5c used	..	..	..	..	..
1903	1881 10c used	..	..	..	..	..
1904	1881 15c green	..	..	..	..	..
1904	1881 15c used	..	..	..	..	..
1905	1881 20c red	..	..	..	..	..
1906	1881 25c rose	..	..	..	..	..
1906	1881 25c used	..	..	..	..	..
1907	1881 30c used	..	..	..	..	..
1909	Collect 15c blue	..	..	..	..	..
1910	Collect 15c brown	..	..	..	..	..
1910	Collect 15c used	..	..	..	..	..
1911	20c olive green	..	..	..	..	..
1911	Collect 15c used	..	..	..	..	..
	Complete set, 10 stamps	..	1.50	..	..	..
	Complete set, used	1.08	..	..	..	..
	Set of 5 varieties, used	..	..	..	..	..

Baltimore and Ohio.

1940	1885 1c vermilion	..	..	..	..	..
1940	Am. Bk. Note Co., 1c U	..	..	..	..	..
1941	1885 5c blue, U	..	..	..	..	..
1942	1885 10c red brown	..	..	..	..	..
1942	1885 10c used	..	..	..	..	..
1943	1885 25c orange, U	..	..	..	..	..
1944	1885 25c brown	..	..	..	..	..
1945	1886 black	..	..	..	..	..
1946	Kendall B. N. Co. 1c, U	..	..	..	..	..
1947	1886 5c blue	..	..	..	..	..
1947	1886 5c used	..	..	..	..	..
1948	1886 10c brown	..	..	..	..	..
1948	1886 10c used	..	..	..	..	..
1949	1886 25c dk. orange	..	..	..	..	..
1949	1886 25c used	..	..	..	..	..
	Complete set, 4 stamps	..	1.00	..	..	..
1950	A. Heen & Co. 1c	..	..	..	..	..
1950	1886 5c green, U	..	..	..	..	..
1951	1886 5c blue, U	..	..	..	..	..
1952	1886 10c brown, U	..	..	..	..	..
	Complete set of 3 used	..	..	..	..	..
1953	Forbes & Co. 1c U	..	..	..	..	..
1954	1887 5c blue, used	..	..	..	..	..
1955	1887 10c brown, U	..	..	..	..	..
1956	1887 25c drk. br., U	..	..	..	..	..
	Complete set of 4, used	..	..	..	..	..
2075	Mut. Union, blue	..	..	..	..	..
2075?	1882 blue, imperf.	..	1.00	..	..	..
2076	1883 carmine	3.00	..	1.25	..	..
2108	Pac. Mutual 1c	..	..	..	..	..
2103	1883 5c buff	..	..	..	..	..
2104	1883 10c salmon	..	..	..	..	..
2105	1883 25c salmon	..	..	..	..	..
	Set of 4 stamps	..	..	..	..	..
2110	Postal 10c, U	..	..	..	..	..
2111	1885 25c red, used	..	..	..	..	..
2112	1885 5c blue, U	..	..	..	..	..
2113	1885 5c brown, U	..	..	..	..	..
	Complete set of 4 used	..	..	..	..	..
2116	1883 red	..	..	..	..	..
2116	1883 red, used	..	..	..	..	..

Western Union.

2160	1871 green	3.00	..	2.00	1.00	..
2161	1872 red	3.00	..	1.50	..	..
2162	1873 blue	3.00	..	1.50	..	..
2163	1874 yel. brown	3.00	..	1.50	..	..
2164	1875 green	3.00	2.00	1.50	..	..
2165	1876 red	3.00	1.75	1.00	..	..
2166	1877 violet	3.00	..	1.25	..	..
2167	1878 gray brown	4.00	..	3.00	..	..
2168	1879 blue	4.00	..	3.00	..	..
2169	1880 lilac rose	3.00	..	1.50	..	..
2170	1881 green	3.00	1.25	1.00	..	..
2171	1882 blue	3.00	2.00	..	..	..
2172	1883 brown	2.50	1.00	..	..	..
2173	1884 violet	..	..	..	..	..
2173	1884 violet, U	..	..	..	..	..
2174	1885 green	..	..	..	..	..
2174	1885 green, used	..	..	..	..	..
2175	1886 dull violet	..	..	..	..	..
2176	1887 red brown	..	..	..	..	..
2177	1888 blue	..	..	..	..	..
2178	1889 olive	..	..	..	..	..
2179	1890 purple	..	..	..	..	..
2179	1890 used	..	..	..	..	..
2180	1891 puce brown	..	..	..	..	..
2181	1892 vermilion	..	..	..	..	..
2182	1893 blue	..	..	..	..	..
2183	1894 light green	..	..	..	..	..
2184	1895 brown	..	..	..	..	..
2185	1896 violet	..	..	..	..	..
2186	1897 rose red	..	..	..	..	..
2187	1898 yel. green	..	..	..	..	..
	Adams Ex. Co. blue	..	..	..	..	..
	Adams Ex. Co. red	..	1.00	..	..	..

LOCAL STAMPS.

Cat. No.	62nd Edition, 1903 Catalogue Price.	My Price for 1st.	2nd.	3rd.
2200	Allen's, black	\$0.25	\$0.20	\$0.00
2208-9-10	the three for	..	..	..
2216	Am. L. Mail Co., U	..	..	..
2239	D. O. Blood blk., U	4.00	3.75	..
2240	black, used	8.00	5.00	..
2243	black, used	5.00	..	2.50 1.00
2248	1858 black, used	..	..	..
2258	entire, fine	3.00	3.00	..
2258	entire, used	3.00	..	..
2263	Bouton's, black	5.00	..	..
2268	blue on green, U	..	..	..
2278	blue on green, U	10.00	..	..
2328	ac lilac, used	..	..	..
2388	Brown & Co. 1c, U	12.50	10.00	6.00 3.00
2417	Cincinnati, U	..	..	..
2420	City Dispatch, U	10.00	4.00	..
2421	City Disp. Post, U	5.00	..	1.00
2426	City Disp. Post, U	15.00	..	6.00
2430	City Express, U	100.00	..	10.00
2468	Floyd's, U	3.00	2.00	..
2490	Grafflin's, U	15.00	8.75	..
2491	Guy's, used	2.00	1.50	..
2493	Hale & Co., red, U	7.50	..	3.00
2496	Hale & Co., blue, U	7.5	7.5	3.5 2.5
2501	Hale & Co., blue, U	7.5	7.5	3.5
2587	Hussey's, blue, U	7.5	5.0	2.5 1.0
2588	Hussey's, rose, U	7.5	5.0	2.5 1.0
2643	Metropolitan 5c	4.00	..	2.00
2659	Washington, U	15.00	12.00	7.50 3.00
2679	Baltimore, U	35.00	25.00	..
2728	Princes, white, U	25.00	..	2.50
2730	Swarts, bluish, U	10.00	..	5.00
2730	Swarts, rose, U	5.00	..	1.25

2641 This "Rara avis" I captured in 1887. It is the only copy known. Others have advertised for it but caught none. It is in fine condition, on the original envelope, stamp not canceled. It is one of the, if not the scarcest stamp which is known to exist.

MY PRICE IS \$500.00.

If it was a Postmaster stamp instead of a local \$5,000.00 WOULD BE A LOW PRICE.

All locals advertised on this list were pronounced as genuine originals by an expert on locals. I offer a packet of six different locals used and unused mixed, 10 catalogue over \$4.00. My price for 1st, \$2.00; 2nd, \$1.00; 3rd, 50 cents.

A packet of 20 varieties of these originals would add interesting stamps to your collection.

CONFEDERATE STATES STAMPS.

Cat. No.	Provisional Issue.	Cat. Price.	My Price for 1st.	2nd.	3rd.
2	Athens 5c used	\$40.00	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
20	Charleston 5c used	12.00	12.00	5.00	3.00
60	Jonesboro 5c cut square	..	..	..	..
88	Memphis 3c blue	1.00	..	..	..
88	5c used on cover	5.00	..	..	..
89	5c red	2.00	..	..	..
89	5c used on cover	6.00	..	..	..
91	5c cut square, used	50.00	..	..	..
97	Mobile 5c used	6.50	..	..	..
98	Nashville 5c carmine	4.50	..	..	..
99	5c carmine, used	18.00	..	..	..
102	10c green, used	150.00	150.00	..	..
104	New Orleans 2c	3.50	..	..	..
104	5c blue, used	10.00	..	..	..
106	5c brown	3.00	..	..	..
106	5c brown, used	2.50	2.00	..	..
109	5c on blue, used	2.75	1.75	1.00	..
	General Issue.	..	..	..	..
300	1861 5c green	..	..	..	..
300	1861 5c used	..	..	..	..
301	1861 10c blue	1.25	..	..	..
302	1861 10c used	..	..	..	..
302	1862 5c green	2.00	1.50	..	..
302	1862 5c used	3.00	2.50	1.00	..
303	1862 5c blue	..	..	..	..
303	1862 5c used	..	..	..	..
304	1862 10c rose, U	3.00	3.00	1.25	..
305	1862 5c used	..	..	..	..
305	1862 5c used	..	..	..	..
306	1862 5c blue	..	..	..	..
306	1862 5c used	..	..	..	..
307	1863 5c brown red	..	..	..	..
307	1863 5c used	2.00	1.75	1.00	..
308	1863 10c blue	7.00	6.00	3.00	1.00
308	1863 10c used	7.00	6.50	3.00	1.00
309	1863 10c (w. o. l.) U	6.00	5.00	3.00	1.50
310	1863 10c used	..	..	..	..
310c	1863 10c (laid p)	..	..	..	..
311	1863 10c used	..	..	..	..
311c	1863 10c (laid p)	..	..	..	..
312	1863 20c green	..	..	..	..
312	1863 20c used	2.00	1.50	1.00	..
313	1864 1c orange	..	..	..	..

BRITISH COLONIAL "KING" CARDS.

Straits Settlements, 2 cents	..	..	..	..
British Honduras, 2 cents	..	..	..	..
Bahamas, 1d and 1 1/2d	..	..	..	..
Trinidad, 1/2d and 1d	..	..

WHOLESALE Satisfaction Guaranteed. Send for Price List.
 Finely mixed U. S., good variety, grand value, per 10,000, 60c; per 25,000, \$1.25.
 Superior Foreign Mixture, per 5,000, 50c; per 10,000, 40c; per 25,000, \$2.00.
 Stamps to retail 2c each, per 100, 35c; per 1,000, \$3.25.
 " " " 3c " " " 52c; " " " 5.00.
 Argentine, 8 var. (obsolete) asst., per 500, 60c.
 Superior Approval Sheet Mixture, cat. 1c to 8c, per 100, 80c; per 1,000, \$1.50; per 5,000, \$6.25.
 Packets, 100 var., per 10, 40c; per 25, 80c.
 " " " 300 " " 3.40c; " " 10, \$1.25.
 " " " 400 " " each, 60c; " " 3, \$1.25.
 U. S. 6c Treasury, per 10, 88c; per 25, 65c.
 Fine Peerless Hinges, per 10,000, 35c; 25,000, 85c.
Eastern Stamp Co., Hartford, Ct.

Our 11th Sale Takes Place THURSDAY, APRIL 2.

It contains a good variety of United States and Foreign Stamps. Also about 50 lots of Foreign Envelopes.
 Your name on a postal will bring you a Catalogue.

CHAS. H. STONE & CO.,
 19 Washington St., BOSTON, MASS.

HAYTI.

A popular country with American collectors. We offer to submit on approval the following new books of Hayti stamps at 25% discount from current catalogue.
Book No. 65. Stamps of Hayti, mostly unused.
Book No. 65a. Containing only blocks of four unused, Hayti 1893-1902.
Book No. 65b. Containing only fine postally cancelled stamps of Hayti 1887-1902.
 Besides the above books we have a specialized stock book of Hayti, containing used and unused, shades, singles and blocks, subject to 10%, which will be submitted subject to arrangement to liberal buyers.

SPECIAL OFFERS!

	Catalogue.	Our Price
1898 2c ultramarine.....	\$0.75	\$0.38
1898 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 9c, set of six.....	5.85	3.95

All are fine unused copies, well centered.

"Mekeel's Stamp Collector"

A weekly stamp paper, sample copy free, also price list giving terms and list of approval books in our Approval Department the greatest in America.

C. H. MEKEEL STAMP & PUBLISHING CO.,
 ST. LOUIS, MO.

Mr. J. M. Bartels has sent me a copy of the new U. S. 2c envelope. I am disappointed in the design and must say that it has an amateurish look that is displeasing. The upper half of the stamp is better than the lower, as the latter lacks distinctness, and while it is an embossed stamp it reminds one of the lithographed stamp where the lines appear broken in places and faint here and strong there.

A few of the prices obtained at J. M. Bartels Co.'s 17th sale, held March 10th and 11th, may be of interest:

	Cat.	Bid.
Providence, 5c,	\$5.00	\$2.95
1890, 5c hor. pair, imperf., red brown,	—	5.10
1890, 5c, same, black brown,	—	4.25
\$200 U. S. I. R.,	15.00	7.60
1898, \$3.00 lake, o. g.,	—	4.75
\$100, cut,	—	1.05
\$10.00 gray, uncut,	—	3.90
Cape Good Hope 1853, 1sh,	17.50	14.05
Mauritius 1900, 4c on 16c, mint,	—	2.55
Seychelles 1892, 15c on 16c, surcharge inverted, mint,	—	14.10
Danish West Indies 1873, 1c, No. 5c, block of four, mint,	10.00	8.75
1873, 3c, No. 6d, imperf. pair, slight tear and soiled,	50.00	25.50
Chile 1854, 5c, lithographed, No. 8a,	—	1.50
1900, 20c slate, No. 37 in old catalogue,	—	1.05
Cuba, Revenue, No. 476, used on cover,	—	4.40
Denmark 1864-65, 4*, 10 copies, 1870, 48c, five copies, all used on one cover,	12.60	10.00
Macau, 10r on 50r, No. 20, o. g.,	8.00	6.25
Porto Rico 1898, 10c, hor. imp. pair,	—	3.00
St. Lucia Revenues postally used, 1/2p, S. G. No. 123,	—	3.25
1p, Scott's No. 103,	—	2.75
3p, perf. 12, S. G. No. 119,	—	3.10
4p, No. 114,	—	3.70
6p, " 116,	—	4.10
1sh, " 119,	—	5.10
Surinam 1892, 2 1/2c, No. 220, unsevered from specimen of ordinary variety,	—	9.25

Wolsieffer's Sale No. 34

takes place March 28th, and the catalogue has been mailed to every name on our Card Index of bidders. If you did not get it you are not on our list, or it has miscarried.

This sale contains some very fine things, including a nice lot of Envelopes and Cut Squares, Proofs of Foreign stamps, Foreign Entries and Cut Squares, fine U. S. and Foreign, Wholesale Stamps in sets and another installment of those popular Freak, Perforated Revenues that sold so well in our last sale.

Catalogue Free.

The Casey A. Wood collection will be sold in April and exhibited in various cities. Announcements later. Orders for catalogue booked now.

United Stamp Co., 1149 Marquette Bldg., Chicago.

1903 PRICE-LIST.

Our 1903 Red Cover Catalogue is out—free; but if you send 1c for postage and mention WEEKLY ERA will send Celluloid Perforation Gauge free. The price-list gives our net prices on U. S. Postage, Department, Dues, Telegraphs, Cut Square Envelopes, Confederate, Revenues, packets, sets, supplies, albums, wholesale lots, etc., etc. You can save money by buying from it. The prices are 40 to 60 per cent. discount from Scott's.

J. T. STARR STAMP CO., Coldwater, Mich.

U. S. BARGAINS, FINE.

1869 1c.....	\$0.22	1873 15c	\$0.17
" 2c.....	.05	" 30c.....	.17
" 6c.....	.25	1890 90c.....	.25
" 10c.....	.35	50c Columbian .....	.30
" 12c.....	.25	50c Omaha.....	.15
" 15c.....	.20	" " ".....	.65

189c Newspaper set 1c to \$100.00 complete, 11 Originals, regular \$8.50; our price \$3.60. (50 sets on hand.)
GREATER N. Y. STAMP & COIN CO.,
 238 East 68th St., New York City.

YOUR DUPLICATES WANTED.

If you have some good stamps catalogued at 4 cents each and up, send on a lot; will use what I can at 1/2 Catalogue. Have over 6000 varieties to pay from. Especially desire foreign medium priced. I sometimes buy job lots of good stamps or collections for cash. Register valuable lots. [15*

L. V. LINDSEY, Greene, N. Y.

RARE FRENCH MOROCCO, 1893, On Entire Covers.

1306, 5c (only 400 issued), \$3.00
 1307, 10c (only 500 issued), \$2.50

GUARANTEED GENUINE. [15
R. M. LANGZETTEL, 92 Crown St., New Haven, Conn.

The following will be of interest to collectors of Danish West Indies:

Clipping from St. Croix Avis, dated February 11, 1903.

TRANSLATION.

Notice to the Public.

FOR the time being, the Post Offices in St. Croix will admit the use of 4 cents postage stamps cut in half diagonally for the prepayment of postage, say in those cases where the amount of the postage is covered by the payment of two cents or less.

The correspondence thus prepaid should be handed in over the counter, and not dropped in a letter box.

The use of postage stamps thus cut will be disallowed, as soon as 2 cents stamps have been received, about which publication will be issued.

Government, St. Croix, the 10th Feb., 1903.

P. G. V. LIMPRICHT.

B. L. Drew & Co.'s 107th sale was held on March 9th and 11th when in spite of the catalogue with the covers in mourning stamps brought good prices.

WM. D. ELDRIDGE.

Almost every dealer sends approval selections at 50% Discount—BUT there are some stamps in our selections of this class that are not to be had as cheap elsewhere.

A COLLECTION OF 5000 VARIETIES of POSTAGE STAMPS, carefully selected from our own stock, \$175.00. Satisfaction Guaranteed.

3000 for \$45.00 ♦ 2000 for \$13.50 ♦ 1000 for \$3.40 ♦ ALL GENUINE POSTAGE STAMPS

550 Varieties mounted in a blank book (cataloguing by Scott's 61st edition Catalogue \$10.00), post free \$1.50. A Bargain for Dealer or Collector!

C. H. MEKEEL STAMP & PUBLISHING CO., ST. LOUIS, MO.

Chicago Notes.

The catalogues of P. M. Wolsieffer's next sale which takes place March 28th are out. Among the good things offered are a large number of entires and unused cut square envelopes, all in fine condition. The sale also contains some old U. S. and a number of fine single stamps. About one hundred wholesale lots are also offered.

Although there was a large crowd at Wolsieffer's 33rd sale, held March 14th, he represented twenty-two local bidders who were unable to attend, besides having 187 different mail bids. Some of the prices realized are noted below:

	Cat. price.	Sale price.
U. S., No. 1955,	\$30.00	\$5.95
Pair of imp. \$20.00 Conveyance,	10.00	6.10
No. 1393,	5.00	2.30
" 1884,	35.00	9.90
" 1532,	10.00	3.85
" 1528,	10.00	3.85
" 1727,	25.00	5.80
5c, No. 49, o. g.,	4.00	3.90
1c, " 206b,	10.00	5.05
3c, " 207b,	10.00	5.65
2c, 1890, No. 220a, imp. hor. pair,	?	3.05
\$2.00, No. 262, o. g.,	5.00	2.70
No. 841, block of four,	60.00	24.10
" " hor. pair,	30.00	12.25
1895 set Periodicals,	—	3.60
5c, No. 45, used,	10.00	4.60
\$5.00, No. 278, used,	1.75	1.90
Burlington, Vt., pre-canc. 1c, 1887,	—	3.10
Bavaria, No. 1, o. g.,	3.75	3.65
No. 20,	5.50	2.45
Canada, \$4.00 Jubilee, o. g.,	4.50	3.90
\$5.00 Jubilee, o. g.,	7.00	4.90
France, 10c, No. 49, a tete beche pair,	?	6.10
Ger. S. W. Africa, 25pf, No. 5, o. g.,	6.00	6.50
50pf, No. 6, o. g.,	6.00	6.40
Guam, No. 100,	5.00	2.80
Hanover, No. 17, o. g.,	5.00	2.00
Hawaii, No. 23,	12.00	5.10
12c, No. 69, o. g.,	16.50	9.10
\$1.00, No. 73, o. g.,	3.50	1.85
Marshall Islands, Nos. 1 to 12, o. g.,	9.59	9.20
Newfoundland, No. 11, o. g.,	10.00	6.40
Nicaragua, 1893, error 2c, No. 52,	3.00	10.20
Sarawak, No. 20,	6.00	3.95
Canada, No. 2,	5.00	2.70
Finland, No. 57,	2.50	2.55
Hawaii, 2c, No. 11,	4.00	4.90
Newfoundland, No. 8,	12.50	6.60
Nova Scotia, strip of 3 No. 1,	30.00	13.80
Turkey, No. 13, used, priced unused,	2.50	5.80
Wurtemberg, No. 12,	8.50	3.10
A pre-cancelled collection of 170 varieties brought \$8.60.		

The freak revenues as a rule brought very good prices.

American Philatelic Association.

(INCORPORATED.)

THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA—OFFICIAL JOURNAL.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

- | | |
|--|---|
| ALEXANDER HOLLAND, President,
40 Grace Court, Brooklyn, N. Y. | H. E. DEATS, Secretary,
Flemington, N. J. |
| Board of Vice-Presidents. | E. DOEBLIN, International Secretary,
Box 736, Pittsburg, Pa. |
| FRANK H. BURT, Chairman,
Room 1046, Tremont Building, Boston, Mass. | C. L. ANNAN, Treasurer,
Copper Range R. R., Houghton, Mich. |
| GORDON IRELAND, Secretary,
Holyoke House 21, Cambridge, Mass. | H. B. PHILLIPS,
1311 Grove St., Berkeley, Cal. |
| EDWIN F. SAWYER,
101 Washington St., Brighton, Mass. | F. W. CONING,
350 George St., New Brunswick, N. J. |

RESIDENT VICE-PRESIDENTS.

- BOSTON, MASS.—M. H. LOMBARD, Winchester, Mass.
 SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.—W. E. LOY, 2431 Ellsworth St., Berkeley, Cal.
 NEW YORK CITY.—W. F. GREGORY, 71 Nassau St.
 PITTSBURG, PA.—E. DOEBLIN, Box 736.
 CHICAGO, ILL.—A. F. MERRELL, 438 Marquette Building.
 MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.—EBEN S. MARTIN, 3244 First Avenue, South.
 WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS—ROBERT D. MAYNARD, 36 Oak Grove Ave., Springfield.

APPOINTEE OFFICERS.

- | | |
|--|---|
| E. H. ANDERSON, Librarian,
Carnegie Library, Pittsburg, Pa. | H. E. DEATS, Assistant Librarian,
Flemington, N. J. |
| H. D. WATSON, Collecting Agent,
64 Cedar St., New York City. | W. F. GREGORY, Auction Purchasing Agent,
71 Nassau St., New York City. |
| JOHN J. OESCH, Superintendent of Sales Dept.,
34 Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill. | P. M. WOLSIEFFER, Auction Purchasing Agent,
1000 Atwood Bldg., Chicago, Ill. |
| | A. W. BATCHELDER, Auction Purchasing Agent,
21 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass. |

**REPORT OF SECRETARY
For the Week Ending March 21st.**

Application for Membership.

WIENER, H., 122 Sutter St., San Francisco, Cal.; age, 42; occupation, Treasurer. References: Louis Barhyte, A. H. Weber; Resident Vice-President, Wm. E. Loy.

Re-instated.

1702. GIBBS, F. P., Olean, N. Y.

Change of Address.

1690. BLACKWELL, EDWARD S., from 210 Grant Ave., San Francisco, Cal., to Conconully, Washington.

The President certifies that M. H. Lombard has been elected Resident Vice-President for Boston to succeed the late J. F. Johnson.

Membership Summary.

Membership March 14th.....	543
Re-instated.....	1
Total membership March 21st.....	544

H. E. DEATS, Secretary.

CHICAGO BRANCH, No. 1.

The regular monthly meeting of the Chicago Branch of the A. P. A. was held in the C. P. S. clubroom on the evening of

March 12. Those present were Messrs. Boehm, Cornwall, Dahl, Farrell, Lefever, Massoth, Dr. Merrill, Leonard Michael, Mudge, Robinson, Severn, Staab, Von Schaezler and Zajicek. Rev. A. Musson was present as a visitor.

Otto von Schaezler presided over the meeting. The report of the Treasurer, showing a balance in hand of \$4.85, was read and adopted. At the next meeting the collection of F. J. Lefever will be exhibited and F. N. Massoth will show his at a later date.

Upon motion, Leonard Michael was made Open Exchange Manager and the President requested each member to bring stamps to the next meeting.

Mr. Wolsieffer said he supposed that very few of those present remembered the founding of the A. P. A., and gave a very interesting account of the organization of that society and the founding of Branch No. 1

Mr. Cornwall suggested that the branch charter be framed in a more suitable manner and took up a collection for that purpose, getting \$4.85. Mr. Severn was appointed to see that a suitable frame be obtained.

During the meeting three were induced to join the parent body and four the branch.

The meeting then adjourned until April 9th.

R. ROBINSON, Sec'y-Treas.

The Chicago Branch of the A. P. A. has decided to introduce the open exchange at its meetings, a feature which has proved very attractive to the members of the Chicago Philatelic Society for some years. Leonard Michael was appointed manager.

of which were unused. The purchaser was E. C. Dodd, who also bought Mr. Koch's fine U. S. collection some weeks ago.

CLIFFORD.

Send for a sample copy of the **Perforator** for February. It will be worth while. The **Perforator**, 106 E. 111th St., N. Y. City.

Adolph Koch, a well known south side collector, has disposed of his fine general collection of 8000 varieties, a great portion

Johannesburg has no Carriers of Letters.

Not to have a private letter-box in our post-office is to rank yourself with the mere mob. You descend to the level of the counter, and are coerced by callow clerks, says a Johannesburg correspondent of the *London Express*.

You are of no caste, and yet blameless. The fault lies with the powers who decree that 60,000 people shall converge on one building if they want a letter from the home situate somewhere over the convex of the seven seas. They are the Mohameds who perforce go to the mountain, because the man who stays at home listening for the patter of a postman's feet along the pavement and the echoing double-knock will stretch his ears out of shape. There are no pavements, no postmen.

It has been a puzzle to me why Johannesburg hasn't even yet managed a house-to-house delivery. My notions may be unduly gorgeous, after months of prompt servitude six times a day by the London "postie," and mayhap I have not made sufficient allowance for the commercial side of a postoffice as a factor in national revenue.

But if what a delightful old "head" used to tell us at school be true, that the mispent minutes per diem of 150 boys equaled an awful waste of energy (on the raising-one-pound-one-foot formula), I wonder what billions of tons fly into empty air every week in the mere climbing of postoffice steps by our whole population.

HUNTING FOR LETTERS.

The man who has neither box number nor official status goes hunting for his letters in a large hall, lofty, tile-paved, cool, along the length of which runs a breast-high counter lopped with a brass grill like a bloated fireguard. On the left flank, stamps and registration; right, money orders and savings bank; centre, poste restante, backed loftily with pigeon boxes in four divisions—A—G, H—M, N—R, S—Z, and sub-sections for each initial—Go, Gr, Ne, Ra, and so forth, as on tram tickets, without the consecutive number.

In face of each division those who want letters, and won't be happy till they get them, cluster in groups. The clerk in charge has a changeless routine; how can he help being wooden, and how sick he must get of doing and saying the same things for eight hours a day!

A man who has been grunting wrathily in the outer fringe worms to the counter, and catches the query in the clerk's eye.

"Grainger, please, G-r-a-i-n-g-e-r." Funny how almost invariably people spell their name thus at impulse.

Clerk reaches down bundle of letters from box "Gr.," flips it cunningly like a pack of cards on the counter, and says, "Initial?"

"R. W."

The foremost six epistles are scanned, when it occurs to the clerk that he has missed part of the examination.

"When call last?"—in a breath.

"Yesterday."

"Ah! Nothing since yesterday!" in a tone convincing of abstruse knowledge of the number and date of every letter newly added to "Gr."

"Knowles, please." Little woman in black, with sharp chin, a mangy fur boa, and netbag on arm.

"Further down left." Thus the clerk. Cries of "Butterworth!" "Daly!" "Ferguson!" along counter.

"NOTHING" IS THE KNELL OF HOPE.

Daly, a tall, sunburned young fellow, with incipient mustache, and wearing the smasher hat and cords telling of recent days with some wandering column, has the call. Watch his face as the pile of letters is flicked from unseen to seen by nimble fingers.

He hasn't called for two weeks, so the clerk must look right through the lot. Daly's face grows sadder as the search lengthens.

"Nothing" is to him the knell of hope of remittance, the sentence to another dismal week's loafing around hard streets. He has a story, be sure, but heaps of pride and the training to take hard knocks impassively. Still, his lip twitches.

As he moves away the cries rise again. No one has even two glances to waste on the downcast trooper. A podgy man in well worn blue serge, by dint of squeezing has gained front-honors, and clips a bit of paper under the grille. Cute man, this! He has saved himself shouting, and the clerk his questions. So he gets attention, and one letter with the Kaiser's stamp.

THOUSANDS OF BOXES.

Away at the back of the building and from side to side runs a narrow passage, walled on the right with hundreds of tiny iron boxes in sections, 10 high, 10 broad. They extend nearly to the roof, and the upper tiers are reached from a flying balcony. Down in the basement are more hundreds, and the lobby is one of the busiest spots in all Johannesburg.

Each box has a key, and the keyholders number close on 6,000! The rent runs 21s. to 25s., so that the citizens pay, say, £7,000 a year for the privilege of not having a house-to-house postal service, and seem quite willing to go on paying.

We shall see the postman on his rounds some day. The Dutchman used to employ him before the war, but the stumbling block now appears to be the chaotic way in which streets and houses are neither named nor numbered.

The town council of late bethought itself to rechristen our suburban streets on the American plan—everything beyond the railway line to be "North First," etc., and "South First," etc., on the other side, and all the cross streets to be "east" and "west" of Pretoria bridge. It is a good scheme,

fitting the rectangular way the town lies with streets at invariable right angles to one another.

When nice little blue and white enamel tablets are screwed upon doors and at corners, we shall stop the eternal pilgrimage to the postoffice, and save illimitable foot-tons of power.

I would only observe anent this naming and numbering that in Capetown, Port Elizabeth, Durban and other towns where streets are vague and the population shifts incessantly, one takes in letters at the door.

The postmaster-general newly imported from Natal is very willin', as was Peggotty's suitor; but the town council has lagged, even as it is lagging in the matter of sanitation.

Down to a month ago there was graven in the corner-stone of this well-built, admirably-planned edifice (a credit to the late government) an inscription setting forth in good Dutch the story of its being laid by Mr. Van Alphen, postmaster-general of the republic. One day a colored man worked with cement and scraped until the record was totally effaced. Another colored man erased the carven tale of stone-laying by another republican official from outside the fine charge office, or central police bureau.

This by order, but by whose order I know not. What pettiness!

The Editor's Spears.

Ewen's Weekly Stamp News publishes the following warning:

Please warn your readers against the great many series of (1 shahi—50 krans) provisionals local prints of March, 1902. All these stamps are undoubtedly frauds, even "officially (?) ordered. All the letters and figures are of the same type, also the stamps must have been printed in the same printing rooms as the originals. The underground seems also the same. The paper is much different—thin, nearly blue-white (instead of thick, yellow-white and strong), surfaced and of poor quality; the paper has never been gummed, the letters "CHAH, KRAN" are written in minuscules. In Sept. nearly all the post-offices were in possession of the provisional with capitals, and the new issue had arrived, also no new printings were necessary and no letters received here have been franked with the "minuscules" I call *fraud*. All the stamps are obliterated with a postmark, giving no one of the names of any town of some importance in Persia. I saw many series, obliterated all in one edge, but I couldn't find two copies together making a name. I found only "BOUN," into other types, as the usual, and the circle has a diameter of 31mm., and the greatest I know is 27½mm. long. The stamps are offered by a great many German firms, but come from Persia, also those firms have bought those series in all good faith. The stamps are not so-called "reprints." Mr. J. B. Roberts, of the Ned. Tijdschr, having no time to write to all Editors, begs Editors of all other philatelic papers to reproduce this warning in the interest of all collectors and dealers.

The Boston Philatelic Society.

M. H. LOMBARD, President, Winchester, Mass.
C. F. ROTHFUCHS, Vice-President, Boston.
C. A. HOWES, Secretary, 55 Kilby St., Boston.
L. L. GREEN, Treasurer, 47 Tremont St., Boston.
J. H. LYONS, Supt. of Auctions, 57 Bromfield St., Boston.
J. H. LYONS, Supt. of Sales, 57 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass.

THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA, Official Journal.

The March Meeting.

The 124th regular meeting was held in Elks' Hall on Tuesday evening, March 17th, at 8 o'clock, with President Lombard in the chair and 30 members and friends present.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A communication was read from Mr. Frank D. Moffat and also the resignation of Mr. Walter Bartels. The latter was accepted with regret.

The following applications were posted: MR. VINCENT H. LA FORME, Wellesey, Mass.; proposed by C. H. Palmer.

MR. F. L. STOLZ, San Francisco, Cal.; proposed by E. M. Carpenter.

The following were elected members: No. 369. Mr. Julius Herzog, New York City.

No. 370. Mr. Fernald Hutchins, Boston.
No. 371. Mr. Chas. S. Osgood, Salem, Mass.

No. 372. Mr. Albert E. Sanford, Boston.

No. 373. Mr. J. Delano Bartlett, East Jamaica, Vt.

No. 374. Mr. Frank A. Wilson, Somerville, Mass.

Considerable discussion was held over the matter of the stolen Sales Dept. books, which had been laid over until this meeting. The matter was finally put in the hands of the Governing Board for action.

The exhibition for the evening followed an informal auction sale. The subject was 20th Century stamps, and two classes were provided, one for collections in printed albums and the other for collections in blank albums. In the former there were two entries, Mr. Alex. Holland securing first prize and Mr. George F. Loring second prize. In blank albums but one collection was entered, that of Mr. E. M. Carpenter, which was deemed worthy of the first prize. The showing was a very fine one, the largest collection, Mr. Holland's, containing over 1200 varieties for the little more than two years of the new century. Particularly notable in this collection were the three Pan American invents.

The meeting adjourned at 10.10.

C. A. Howes, Secretary.

DON'T NEGLECT

your collection of U. S. Envelopes. Send for our list, also our circular with inducements to stimulate envelope collecting.

HOLTON STAMP CO., BOSTON, MASS.

IF YOU WISH TO

BUY, SELL OR EXCHANGE

Stamps, Desired Results can be had through

AN AD IN THE WEEKLY ERA.

The Postal Card Society of America.

Officers for 1902-3.

President, HORACE E. CARPENTER, JR., Care N. B. Bradley & Sons, Bay City, Mich.

Vice-President, J. T. ALBERT HOSBACH, 1422 North 53rd St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Secretary, W. P. AGEE, Hope, Ark.

Treasurer, JOHN N. MORSE, 105 Devonshire St., Boston, Mass.

Executive Committee, GUY A. BRYANT, Princeton, Ill.; W. D. ARNOLD, The Portland, Broadway, St. Paul, Minn.; N. HASKELL WITHEE, 230 S. 9th St., La Crosse, Wis.

Exchange Superintendent, J. T. A. HOSBACH, 1422 No. 53rd St., Phila., Pa.

Purchasing Agent, ADOLPH LOHMEYER, 922 N. Gilmer St., Baltimore, Md.

International Secretary, E. DOEBLIN, P. O. Box 736, Pittsburg, Pa.

Official Journal, THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA.

PURCHASING DEPARTMENT.

I report the following renewals of subscriptions to the fund of this Department: W. D. Arnold, \$6.26; Edward H. Buehler, \$7.40; N. Haskell Withee, \$2.00; Siegfried Schachne, \$7.40; John N. Morse, \$4.16; Nicholas Adler, \$3.88; J. Oakley Hobby, \$3.88; Will G. Saxton, \$5.00; Herbert A. Croghan, \$2.40; Paul Lazarus, \$3.88; Alfred Michael, \$7.30; Dr. Paul Rossberg, \$3.88; Waldemar Hoffmann, \$2.25; Guy A. Bryant, \$7.00; Bruce V. Jenkins, \$10.00.

Distribution No. 67 was sent out on February 26th, containing the following new issues: Denmark, L. C., 5 and 10 ore; Bahamas, 1 and 1x1d; Leeward Islands, 1/2, 1 and 1x1d; Trinidad, 1/2d and 1d; British Honduras, 2c; Victoria, L. C., 2d; Queensland, L. C., 2d; Straits Settlements, 3c; Argentine, L. C., 4 centavos, and L. Sheet, 5 on 15 centavos; Hayti Provisionals, set of 5; Portugal, L. C., 25x25 reis; Germany, 5x5 pfennig; Austria-Crete, 10 centimes on 10 heller, single and double; Western Australia, 1x1d, 1 1/2x1 1/2d, and L. C. 2d.

The set of Hayti cards is without the 1x1 centime, of which I did not receive a sufficient number to go around. Should I succeed in obtaining more, this value will be supplied later. As my correspondent failed to send me a sufficient number of sets of the new Iceland cards, I immediately sent out a supplementary order, and hope to be able to supply these beautiful cards soon.

New issues have been ordered from Lagos, Orange River Colony, Transvaal, Cyprus, Gambia, British India, Seychelles Islands, Malta, Jamaica, St. Vincent, Sierra Leone, Italy and all the Portuguese Colonies.

Respectfully submitted,
ADOLPH LOHMEYER,
Purchasing Agent.

BALTIMORE, March 5, 1903.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

HOPE, ARK., March 9, 1903.

Resignation Received.—No. 24. Fred'k L. Smith, 40 Exchange Place, New York City.

Received.—Mr. Charles de Grave Sells, Cornigliano, Ligure, Italy, one of our corresponding members, has sent me the new Italian card, 10 cent., red brown on cream, with imprint "902."

Dues.—The dues (\$1.00) for 1903 are now payable and members are requested to forward the same to the Secretary.

Election.—I have the honor to report the following result of the election called for in last report:

Total number of votes cast,	327
For President: H. E. Carpenter, Jr.,	31
" Vice-President: J. T. A. Hosbach,	31
" Secretary: W. P. Agee,	31
" Treasurer: John N. Morse,	32

My unparalleled offer of a couple of weeks previous keeps me busy filling orders. Thirty-four sold so far and not one returned. It speaks for itself.

A fine mixture of unused stamps only, all o. g., guaranteed to cat. over \$5.00, for only \$1.00.

A chance for a small dealer or a trading collector.

Just From Japan

fresh from the realm of the Mikado: 35 varieties including 50s and yen values of two issues, for only 40c.

This lot will catalogue \$1.48.

Got 100 sets from a missionary friend or else I could not offer at such a price.

Satisfaction guaranteed or money refunded.

E. G. DODD,

259 So. Hermitage Ave., CHICAGO, ILL.

\$30,000.00 COULDN'T BUY

The collection of original covers owned by Mr. J. F. Seybold. People who have seen this wonderful collection are amazed at its magnitude. It is indeed a remarkable accumulation of rarities.

If you want to see the best things in this collection

READ THE PERFORATOR.

Two of the original covers are illustrated in every issue of that much talked of and popular publication, the Perforator—A new departure in philatelic journalism, a monthly magazine conducted on newspaper policy. Every issue distinctly original and a volume in itself. Plenty of interesting and instructive reading matter.

Are you a regular reader of the Perforator? If not it's either that you don't know that the Perforator exists or you don't know a really first class magazine when you see it.

These are the only reasons why we haven't got 50,000 subscribers. The Perforator costs you 30 cents for twelve consecutive months.

THE PERFORATOR,

106 E. 111th Street, NEW YORK CITY.

Please mention ERA when answering ads.

For Executive Committee:

W. D. Arnold,	30	Wm. Sellschopp,	1
Guy A. Bryant,	29	Fred Doughty,	1
N. H. Withee,	29	W. G. Jerrems,	1
Monson Morris,	1	A. Lohmeyer,	1
M. P. Heavenrich,	1		

For Official Organ: WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA,

Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Constitution, I hereby declare the following officers elected for one year from March, 1903:

President—H. E. Carpenter, Jr.
Vice-President—J. T. A. Hosbach.
Secretary—W. P. Agee.
Treasurer—John N. Morse.
Executive Committee—W. D. Arnold,
Guy A. Bryant, N. H. Withee.
Official Organ—WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA.

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. AGEE, Sec'y.

The New England Philatelic Association.

Organized February, 1895.

Board of Officers:

President, CHARLES H. SMITH, Dedham, Mass.
Vice President, J. FAVILL CAPRON, 22 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass.
Secretary and Treasurer, H. W. LEGG, 26 Hancock St., Boston, Mass.
Sales Department, CHARLES H. STONE, 91 Antrim St., Cambridgeport, Mass.
Information Bureau, MRS. WALLACE DANA SMITH, 20 Wilder St., Portsmouth, N. H.
Counterfeit Detector, WILLIS D. KING, Nashua, N.H.
Attorney, HORACE S. BACON, 107 Stevens St., Lowell, Mass.
Governing Board, CHARLES H. STONE, Chairman, 91 Antrim St., Cambridgeport, Mass., JOHN J. CONE, New Dorchester, Mass., FRANK A. WILSON, 185 Highland Ave., Somerville, Mass.
Official Organ, THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA.

The Weekly Philatelic Era

A PAPER DEVOTED TO STAMP NEWS.

50c PER YEAR.

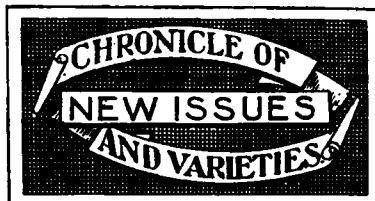
ENTERED AT PORTLAND POST OFFICE AS SECOND CLASS MATTER JAN. 10, 1890.

2c PER COPY.

VOL. XVII. No. 27.

PORTLAND, ME., SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 1903.

WHOLE No. 515.



BY HENRY A. KIDDER.

Friends of the ERA are invited to send to the editor of this department any information regarding new issues or varieties that may prove of interest. Such information will be suitably acknowledged. Address, HENRY A. KIDDER, 17 Addison Street, Arlington, Mass.

Exchanges will please send Mr Kidder a copy of each issue to the foregoing address, and an extra copy of the ERA will be gladly sent whenever desired.

UNITED STATES.—There seems to be general condemnation of the new 2c envelope stamp. The design is regarded as crude and characterless, especially by stamp collectors, and yet many seem to be pleased on the ground that it is a change. Compare this large, awkward, homely stamp with the beautiful new envelope series just being issued by Argentine, for an example contrasting extremes.

We have seen the new 4c used with a postmark dated March 4. Also the 10c with date of March 9 and also March 10. The latter stamp is certainly one of the stars of the series.

The Boston postoffice now has the new 10c stamp on sale.

ARGENTINE AND BRAZIL.—Mr. Harry W. Legg has shown us a curiosity in the form of a double "memorandum postal," or rather a letter card designed to do postal duty in both countries. It is in the form of a letter card with unguimed ends, which when folded makes a letter about the size of a No. 5 envelope. The flap is gummed to hold the whole in place when sealed. On the outside in the usual place appears a 5c stamp of the new design of Argentine, printed in yellow green, while at the top of the envelope as folded appears the words "Memorandum Postal," in large letters. The current 100 reis stamp of Brazil, also printed in green appears on the flap. On the inside is an elaborate design, showing finely engraved portraits of the Presidents of the two republics, that of

Brazil to the left, and Argentine to the right. The arms of the two countries, also are printed near their respective officials. At the top in two lines is printed "Al Gran Pueblo Brasillno—! Salud!"

CAYMAN'S ISLAND.—*Ewen's Weekly* chronicles the 1d King's Head, and says it appeared in January.

Adhesive (Regular):
1d lilac and red.

COLOMBIAN REPUBLIC.—Mr. J. M. Bartels has shown us three new values in the Barranquilla issue. The 1p has a portrait of Gen. Prospero Pingoin in a central oval, with the name of the country above and value below. The 5p and 10p have the national coat of arms and the usual inscriptions.

Adhesives (Regular):
1p orange brown.
5p pink on blue.
10p green.

Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal is informed that the following numbers only of the new issue for Antioquia were printed, and that the stones were then cleaned off, the stamps having been produced by lithography:

1c,	200,000	50c,	50,000
2c,	300,000	1p,	25,000
5c,	100,000	5p,	10,000
10c,	200,000	10p,	10,000
20c,	100,000	10c, (Reg'n)	5,000

ECUADOR.—The *London Philatelist* gives the following revised list of the recent surcharged issues:

Surcharged "C. Benj. R.": 1, 2, 5, 10, 20c.

Surcharged "DE," large 5-16 inches tall: 1, 2, 5, 10c.

Surcharged medium "DE," in violet and purple: 2, 10c.

Surcharged small "DE," 3-16 inches tall: 10c.

Surcharged "S": 1, 2, 5, 10, 20c.

Surcharged "R. I. O. S.": 5c.

Surcharged "Jul. 29, 1902," in three lines: 5c and variety, "1802."

Surcharged "ChimOrA, O Riobamba," in two lines: 1, 2, 5c, overprint in green aniline ink; 5c in purple.

Surcharged "LOJA-FRANCA" in dotted oval: 5c.

Surcharged "DE LEON," in one line: 1c in black; 5c in red; 10c in purple.

EGYPT.—A set of official stamps was placed in circulation Jan. 1, including five values of the current postage set surcharged in black in sans serif block letters, "O. S. G. S."

Adhesives (Official):
3m green and purple and black.
5m black and carmine and black.
1p1 yellow brown and ultramarine and black.
2p1 ultramarine and black.
5p1 green and orange brown and black.

ERITREA.—The current stamps of Italy have been surcharged in black "Colonia Eritrea." The old set will remain available for postage until Mar. 31, 1904.

Adhesives (Regular):
1c brown and black.
2c orange brown and black.
5c blue green and black.
10c claret and black.
20c orange and black.
30c blue and black.
40c brown and black.
50c violet and black.
1i brown and green and black.
5i blue and rose and black.

HONDURAS.—Our attention is called to the fact that in listing the new set in No. 504, the highest value should be one peso and not one dollar.

1903 CATALOGUE

NOW ON SALE.

Our 1903 Catalogue, priced in American currency, is bound in one volume, well printed on good paper, and sold for FIFTY CENTS; post free, SIXTY CENTS.

It contains the latest quotations at which we can supply the stamps, and is made up by and based on our own stock, no attention being paid to other quotations.

Previous editions contained the British Colonials in one part and foreign stamps in another part, and cost \$1.20. This latest edition contains both in one volume and sells at the same price as other catalogues.

BLANK ALBUM NUMBER 31.

This album is a companion to the King's Own Postage Stamp Album, and is specially designed for those collectors who desire a Blank Album, without going to the expense of the movable leaved Albums such as the Oriol or Philatelic.

The Blank Album No. 31 contains 100 pages of heavy white plate paper outlined with a neat border of neutral grey, with a quadrille background inside the border and name space at top of page. Exact size of leaves 7½x9½—available for mounting 6½x8½. Strongly bound in cloth, bevelled boards, countersunk gold lines on cover, gilt edges.

Price \$2.25, or by Mail \$2.50.

STANLEY GIBBONS, INC.,

167 BROADWAY,

NEW YORK CITY.

MORE GOOD THINGS.

1851, 1c, type III..... \$ 3.50
 1851, 5c, o. g..... 12.00
 Louisville Local, Scott's No. 841..... 7.50
 What United States Stamps do you need?
 What United States Revenues do you need?

FRED G. JONES,

2013 Brook St., LOUISVILLE, KY.

CHAPTER XXVIII.

Naturally the number of collectors that I can serve to good advantage has a limit. Before that limit is reached let me urge you to become acquainted with

OSGOOD'S FAMOUS BIG SELECTIONS.

Reference required.
 5 varieties Racine Precancels..... \$0.05
 Precancels on approval.
 Stampman free!

D. W. OSGOOD,

South Fork, Rio Grande Co., Colorado.
 [To be Continued.]

WE HAVE MONEY

to invest in Fine Stamps, Rarities, Collections, Stocks, Job Lots, etc. Nothing too large or too small for us to figure on. What have you to offer in rarities?

We make a speciality of buying unused 1c and 2c current stamps for mercantile use at a discount of from 3% to 5% according to quantities. Higher denominations at a greater discount.

UNITED STAMP COMPANY, Incorporated,
 1149 Marquette Building, CHICAGO, ILL.

WANTED

Unused Postage Stamps from 1c to \$5.00 at discount.

Also want large Stamp Collections.
 Pay Cash by return mail.

NATHAN COBE & CO., Waltham, Mass.

WHEN YOU THINK OF SELLING

WRITE TO

B. L. DREW & CO.,

7 WATER ST., (Room 501), BOSTON, MASS.

The Leading Auction Firm in America.

All the wise Philatelic prophets claim that U. S. stamps will increase in value. I have an immense stock or could not do this.

100 varieties U. S. stamps..... \$0.30
 150 " " "..... .75
 200 " " "..... 1.50
 Postage free. All in good condition.

FOR DEALERS.

10 Packets 100 var. each of U. S..... \$1.45
 \$3.00 Gray, cut, all fine..... .06
 \$5.00 " " "..... .07
 \$10.00 black, " "..... .20
 30c U. S. No. 217, o. g..... .35
 30c " " 190, "..... .55
 Set of Ecuador Jubilee, o. g..... .19

E. C. DODD,

259 So. Hermitage Ave., CHICAGO, ILL.

CUBA

1c on 3c PROVISIONAL

Fine Unused Copies at

10c Each.

Blocks of Four Same Rate.

Postage Extra.

COLUMBIAN STAMP CO., Arlington, Mass.

INDIA.—The following is from the Official Directory issued for the Coronation Durbar at Delhi. The postal facilities at the Durbar Camp were in the hands of Rai Daulot Ram Bahadur, C. I. E., as chief superintendent, assisted by several superintendents and inspectors:

"The Durbar Camp had a postal system of its own, with its own head office and its own fifteen sub-offices, the troops in addition being served separately by eight field postoffices. Letters were collected from over a hundred pillar boxes by messengers mounted on bicycles, and a special Tonga service was organized, to carry mails to and from the railway, and to collect and distribute the letters, etc. Information as to the rates of postage, etc., was to be found in a special edition of the *Indian Postal Guide*, which was on sale at all the Camp postoffices. The *Guide* also contained a specimen of each stamp in current use in India, from ¼ anna to 5 rupees, obliterated with the Durbar Head Office date stamp. The book, the edition of which was limited to 5000 copies, cost 1 rupee, and was sold only at the Durbar Camp offices.

INDO-CHINA.—*L'Echo de la Timbrologie* chronicles a new parcels post stamp for this colony.

Adhesive (Parcels Post):
 10c carmine, surcharged in two lines, "Timbre—Colis-Postaux."

MAURITIUS.—The New England Stamp Co. has shown us the 5c with change of color. The value is in black.

Adhesive (Regular):
 5c dull lilac and black on buff.

PARAGUAY.—A correspondent reports having seen Scott's Nos. 143, 144 and 145 lithographed.

PERSIA.—Mr. Harry W. Legg reports having received all denominations of the MSS stamps, Scott's Nos. 185 to 192, very roughly pin perforated.

PORTUGUESE COLONIES.—In addition to the new sets chronicled in No. 513, postal cards have been issued for most of the colonies, including Angola, Cape Verde, Portuguese Congo, etc.

Post Cards (Regular):
 Various Colonies.
 10c green and dark green, 142x91mm.
 25c carmine and dark carmine, 142x91mm.

ST. VINCENT.—Mr. W. C. Proudfoot reports to *Ewen's Weekly* that the Queen's head remainders were destroyed Jan. 5, the following being the numbers of the different stamps destroyed:

		Value.		
		£.	s.	d.
2½d,	37,668	392	7	6
3d,	36,233	452	19	9
4d,	18,000	300	0	0
5d,	18,364	382	11	8
6d,	10,887	272	3	6
1sh,	3,704	185	4	0
5sh,	2,662	665	0	0
		127,518	£2650	6 5

SALVADOR.—In addition to the surcharge 1c on 3c gray black chronicled in No. 508,

Coins! Coins! Paper Money! Gems! CHEAP!

Edward I or II silver pennies, 1277 A. D. 40c
 Edward VII copper farthing, ½ and 1d new, set..... 25c
 Kruger 6 pence, new, with bust of "Oom Paul"..... 60c
 Guernesey coppers, bright red, 1888, 4 var. for..... 30c
 U. S. Cents 1800, 1803, '10 or '12, good, each..... 15c
 U. S. half cents 1804, '06, '07, '08 or '09, each..... 20c
 25 choice foreign copper & nickel coins
 Confederate \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50 and \$100.00 bills, set..... 22c
 6 var. of beautiful Mexican opals, diff. colors..... 50c
 Woods ½ penny, 1723, good..... 22c
 Price list and a rare coin for 2c stamp.
T. L. ELDER, Sheridan Ave., C, Pittsburgh, Pa.

a correspondent mentions having seen the 2c rose and 5c dull blue of the same issue with the same surcharge.

Adhesives (Provisional):
 1c on 2c rose and black.
 1c on 5c dull blue and black.

The new set announced some time since as in preparation, is reported to have made its appearance, the denominations and colors being as follows:

Adhesives (Regular):
 1c green.
 2c rose.
 3c orange.
 5c blue.
 10c brown.
 12c blue.
 13c red brown.
 24c red.
 25c yellow brown.
 50c yellow.
 100c green.

Correspondence.

922 North Gilmor Street,
 BALTIMORE, MD., March 21st, 1903.
MR. W. W. JEWETT,
 Portland, Me.

Dear Mr. Jewett: Referring to your chronicle of the 2c reply card, King's head, for British Honduras, in one of your recent issues, on authority of *Le Collectionneur de Timbres Poste*, I have received the following information from my Belize correspondent:

"I approached the Postmaster here and showed him the paragraph in the *WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA*, with reference to the 2c carmine, as also the reply card with the King's head. The Postmaster said that the announcement in *Le Collectionneur de Timbres Poste* is correct, (as to the printing) but, so far as this office is concerned, the reply cards with the King's head (though in the vaults of the treasury here) will not be offered for sale until the stock of the old reply cards with the Queen's head is exhausted."

I have no information as to the probable date of the "issue" of this card, but it must not be considered as "issued" until it is available to the public.

Will you kindly give space to this item in your next issue?

Very truly yours,
ADOLPH LOHMEYER.

1903 RETAIL PRICE LIST, No. 14,
Part 6--UNITED STATES STAMPED ENVELOPES
FOR SALE BY
C. F. ROTHFUCHS 38 MUNROE STREET,
ROXBURY, MASS., U. S. A.

Large Margins.—All are envelopes unused, cut square and in the finest possible condition.
Fair Margins.—All are in good condition, with margins as large as on envelopes in most collections, but not large enough to fill the whole space in the latest album.
Cut Round or to Shape was the general custom years ago. At present some collectors prefer to buy cut round envelopes at low prices to cut square or at high prices.
Entire and cut envelopes which I have for sale, and which are not advertised on this list are offered on my 1901 list, at my lowest prices as advertised on 1901 price list.
Revenue Stamp! I will not issue a new price list this season. My present lowest prices are as advertised on my 1901 Price List of U. S. Revenue Stamps.
Please remit by Bills or Money Order and Not by Unused Stamps.

1903 Cat. No.	UNUSED. LARGE MARGINS.	62nd Cat. Bargaun Price.	My Price.	62nd Cat. No.	CUT SQUARE. FAIR MARGINS.	1903 Cat. Price.	My price For Unused.
2324	1801 3c pink.....on blue	\$1.50	..	1301	1853 3c red, 1.....on white	\$1.50	..
1342	1803 3c black.....buff	1.25	..	1302	1853 3c red, 2.....	1.25	..
1366	1810 1c blue.....white	.50	..	1309	1853 10c green, 4.....	8.00	3.00
1372	1810 1c blue.....	3.00	1.40	1310	1853 3c red, 1.....buff	1.50	..
1373	1810 3c black.....	3.00	1.35	1311	1853 3c red, 2.....	.75	..
1375	1810 90c carmine.....	5.00	2.50	1312	1853 3c red, 3.....	2.00	..
1377	1810 1c blue.....	1.50	1.25	1314	1853 3c red, 5.....	.25	..
1391	1810 12c plum.....cream	4.00	1.75	1315	1853 6c green.....	2.50	1.25
1392	1810 15c orange.....	6.00	2.05	1316	1853 6c green.....	3.00	..
1393	1810 24c purple.....	5.00	2.25	1317	1853 10c green, 2.....	6.00	2.00
1394	1810 3c black.....	7.50	3.50	1318	1853 10c green, 4.....	4.00	1.50
1394	1810 90c carmine.....	5.00	2.40	1323	1857 3c red.....	.50	..
1396	1810 1c blue.....orange	.50	.20	1328	1857 1c blue.....	1.00	.35
1397	1810 3c brown.....	.25	.05	1336	1861 1c green.....white	1.00	.45
1399	1814 1c dark blue, die B.....white	2.50	1.00	1337	1861 10c green.....buff	1.00	.45
1400	1814 1c light blue, die B.....	.18	.08	1342	1863 2c black.....	1.25	.50
1407	1814 3c green, die B.....	.10	.04	1347	1864 2c black, 2.....	.50	.20
1408	1814 6c carmine.....	.40	.17	1349	1864 2c black, 2.....orange	2.00	.50
1411	1814 10c brown, die B.....	.30	.14	1350	1864 3c pink.....white	.20	.06
1415	1814 30c bl. ck.....	1.50	.75	1352	1864 3c pink.....buff	.25	.06
1416	1814 90c carmine.....	2.00	1.00	1358	1864 18c rd.....	2.00	.75
1420	1814 5c blue, die B.....	.25	.08	1364	1864 3c brown.....	.75	.30
1421	1814 3c red Centennial.....	.65	.28	1365	1870 6c carmine.....white	.50	.15
1426	1814 3c blue.....	.18	.08	1372	1870 12c plum.....	3.00	..
1429	1814 1c light blue, die B.....amber	.18	.03	1373	1870 15c orange.....	4.00	1.00
1430	1814 3c green, die B.....	.10	.04	1374	1870 24c purple.....	4.00	1.35
1431	1814 10c brown, die B.....	.30	.14	1380	1870 6c carmine.....amber	.50	..
1444	1814 3c black.....	3.50	1.65	1384	1870 12c plum.....	3.50	1.50
1446	1815 3c vermilion, die C.....	.20	.08	1410	1874 5c blue, A.....white	.40	.15
1447	1815 5c blue, die A.....	.40	.20	1431	1874 2c brown, A.....amber	3.00	1.50
1448	1815 5c blue, die B.....	.25	.08	1437	1874 6c carmine.....	.50	.20
1451	1815 5c brown.....	.20	.07	1438	1874 7c vermilion.....	4.00	1.75
1455	1814 3c green, die B.....cream	.25	.10	1439	1874 10c brown, A.....	3.50	1.75
1456	1814 6c carmine.....	1.00	.50	1444	1874 1c brown, B.....	.30	.12
1462	1815 5c blue, die B.....	.20	.07	1447	1874 30c black.....	3.50	1.50
1463	1815 3c vermilion, die C.....	1.50	.30	1471	1874 5c blue, A.....blue	.50	.20
1468	1814 1c light blue, die B.....orange	.10	.03	1474	1874 5c vermilion.....	1.00	.40
1469	1814 2c brown, die B.....	1.50	.35	1475	1874 5c pink, C.....	1.00	.50
1470	1814 3c green, die B.....blue	.15	.07	1478	1875 1c blue, B.....fawn	.50	.10
1473	1815 1c blue, die B.....	.30	.15	1483	1875 6c carmine.....	2.00	.75
1477	1815 5c brown.....	5.03	1.75	1492	1883 3c red.....	.25	.05
1478	1815 1c blue, die B.....fawn	.50	.25	1493	1883 3c red.....blue	.25	.05
1480	1815 3c green, die B.....	.15	.07	1544	1884 3c red.....fawn	.75	.10
1490	1815 Nov. 3c red.....white	.10	.05	177-5	1864 3c blue, 2.....wrapper	.50	.25
1494	1815 3c green, die A.....amber	.15	.08	1718	1864 3c black, 9.....	.45	.20
1497	1815 3c green, die B.....	.15	.06	1719	1875 1c blue.....	.25	.10
1503	1815 June 2c red.....fawn	.15	.08	1813	P. O. 1874 2c black, lemon	.10	.03
1508	1815 June 2c brown.....	.75	.30	1813	P. Service, black.....amber	.50	.10
1509	1815 June 2c brown.....blue	1.00	.30	1822	War 1873 15c dark red, white	4.00	1.75
1513	1815 July 2c brown, die B.....amber	.50	.20	1823	War 1873 15c light red.....	4.00	1.75
1515	1815 July 2c brown, die B.....fawn	1.00	.30	1833	War 1873 3c " amber	10.00	3.75
1525	1815 5c brown.....oriental buff	10.00	3.05	1841	War 1875 6c " white	.50	.20
1526	1815 10c brown.....	.30	.15	1843	War 1875 12c " blue	1.00	.35
1527	1815 30c black.....	5.00	1.95	1846	War 1875 1c " amber	75.00	35.00
1529	1815 4c green, die A.....blue	10.00	4.95	1862	War 1875 3c " manila	.10	.03
1530	1815 10c brown.....	.40	.15	1862	War 1873 1c red.....	.25	.10
1531	1815 30c black.....	5.00	1.95	1865	War 1875 2c red.....	2.00	.95
1532	1815 90c carmine.....	10.00	4.95		Cut Round or to Shape,		
1538	1815 30c black.....manila	5.00	2.50	1303	1853 3c red, 3.....white	25.00	..
1539	1815 90c carmine.....	10.00	4.95	1304	1853 3c red, 4.....	7.50	..
1543	1815 30c black.....amber manila	5.00	1.95	1307	1853 6c green.....	5.00	1.00
1546	1815 90c carmine.....	10.00	3.95	1308	1853 10c green, 2.....	20.00	9.00
1548	1815 4c green, die A.....white	.50	.25	1311	1853 3c red, 1.....buff	.75	..
1550	1815 4c carmine.....	.10	.05	1313	1853 3c red, 4.....	10.00	..
1557	1815 4c carmine.....amber	.10	.05	1315	1853 3c red.....	2.50	.50
1561	1815 4c green, die A.....oriental buff	12.00	4.95	1316	1853 6c green.....	4.00	.75
1563	1815 4c carmine.....	.20	.07	1317	1853 10c green, 2.....	6.00	.50
1564	1815 5c dark blue.....	.15	.07	1318	1853 10c green, 4.....	4.00	.75
1565	1815 30c chocolate.....	1.25	.50	1322	1857 10c green.....white	? 1.50	..
1569	1815 4c carmine.....blue	.15	.07	1316	1857 10c green.....buff	25.00	..
1570	1815 5c dark blue.....	.15	.07	1328	1857 1c blue.....	1.00	.10
1571	1815 30c chocolate.....	1.25	.50	1320	1857 1c (no period).....	5.00	1.00
1576	1815 4c carmine.....manila	.20	.08	1331	1861 6c pink.....white	7.50	1.00
1578	1815 90c purple.....	3.00	1.50	1333	1861 6c pink.....buff	2.00	.25
1582	1815 4c carmine.....amber manila	.20	.08	1336	1861 10c green.....white	1.00	.15
1583	1815 30c chocolate.....	1.50	.50	1337	1861 10c green.....buff	1.00	.15
1587	1815 3c chocolate.....Columbian	.10	.05	1338	1861 1c brown and red.....	5.00	.75
1590	1815 1c dark blue.....white	.10	.03	1342	1863 3c black.....	1.25	.15
1598	1815 3c dark lake (1903 cat.),	5.00	2.00	1346	1864 3c black, 2.....	.50	.10
1700	1815 1c blue.....buff, wrapper	1.50	.75	1347	1864 3c black, 2.....	.50	.10
1708	1815 4c carmine.....	.45	.25	1347	1864 10c red brown.....	3.00	.60
1719	1815 3c vermilion, die C.....	.10	.04	1358	1864 18c red.....	2.00	.25
1724	1815 June 2c brown.....	.50	.20	1359	1864 24c blue.....	2.00	.40
1734	1815 4c brown, die C.....	.50	.20	1360	1864 3c green.....	2.00	.35
1804	Post Office 1873 3c black, lemon	.10	.03	1361	1864 4c rose.....	2.00	.25
1804	Post Office 1874 3c black.....	.05	.02	1362	1864 3c brown.....white	1.00	.20
1810	Postal Service, black.....white	.10	.03	1364	1864 3c brown.....buff	.75	.15
1813	Postal Service, blue.....blue	.10	.03	1365	1864 6c purple.....	.75	.15
1819	War 1873 15c light red.....white	6.00	2.75	1369	1870 6c carmine.....white	.50	.07
1821	War 1873 30c light red.....	5.00	2.50	1385	1870 15c orange.....amber	4.00	.75
1834	War 1873 3c dark red.....cream	5.00	2.00	1403	1874 2c brown, B.....white	5.00	1.00
1836	War 1873 3c light red.....	1.00	.05	1421	1876 3c red.....Centennial	.50	..
1839	War 1875 4c light red.....white	3.50	1.75	1422	1876 3c green.....	.25	..
1841	War 1875 6c light red.....	.50	.25	1423	1876 3c green.....	.25	..
1847	War 1875 4c light red.....amber	.25	.12	1704	1863 2c black.....manila	3.00	.50
1848	War 1875 3c light red.....	.25	.10	1808	P. O. 1878 6c black, white	50.00	..
1849	War 1875 6c light red.....	2.50	1.25	1855	War 1875 6c red.....cream	10.00	1.00
1859	War 1875 2c light red.....orange	.30	.15				

PRICE LIST No. 15
containing an alphabetically arranged list of the
POSTAL CARD AND LETTER CARDS,
issued during the past three years, and list of obsolete
British Colonial Cards, will be ready next week.
It will be mailed free to collectors interested in this
specialty.

ADOLPH LOHMEYER,
922 N. Gilmore Street, Baltimore, Md.

Wm. v. d. Wettern, Jr.,
WHOLESALE DEALER IN
POSTAGE + STAMPS.
411 W. Saratoga St., Baltimore, Md.

New special list just issued, sent free on application
to dealers only.

Chicago Notes.

President Chas. Schlieckert of the Chicago Philatelic Society has been confined to the house for nearly two weeks by an attack of La Grippe, but will soon be out again. F. H. Farrell, Vice-President, ably presided at the last meeting of the C. P. S.

And now the new 2 cent envelope stamps have been seen here. The design is somewhat unique, and very pleasing to the eye.

Dr. F. B. Merrill shows a 2 cent green envelope of 1887, Die B, No. 1549, which shows a double impression. The second impression is partly over the first and directly below it. As a freak it is very interesting.

Mr. E. M. Carpenter, who has been making an extended trip west, has been stopping here for a couple of days prior to his return to Boston. He has the \$35,000 collection of the late E. B. Todd, of Calais, Me., and also the Hawkins' collection. Mr. Carpenter succeeded in disposing of some of his many rarities during his brief stay in Chicago.

F. N. Massoth intends to hold a sale in the early part of April, the exact date of which will be announced later. It will contain some of the largest wholesale lots ever sold at public auction.

CLIFFORD.

Detroit Paragrapbs.

A. Baldwin of Coral this state was a visitor here last week, a delegate to the Republican State Convention. As ever he is just as enthusiastic and says he has added many a gem to his collection this season.

Our postoffice appears to be rather slow in getting new issues. So far we have had only the 1c, 2c, 5c, 8c and 13c, and special delivery, and no telling when the others will come in. Reports from eastern offices show that they are very much ahead of the west.

HERMAN W. BOERS.

Are You Looking For Bargains?

IF SO, LOOK HERE!

*1902 Colombia, 12 var., cat. \$1.55, my price.....	\$0.50
1901 Bulgaria, 15 to 505, 9 varieties.....	.25
*1902 Guatemala, 1, 2, 3, 6, 10, 20, 2 C.....	.18
*1898 Nyassa, 5r to 300r, 13 varieties.....	.70
*1902 Persia, service, 3 varieties.....	.20
1890 Western Australia, 4, 5, 6p.....	.10
*1892 Mozambique Co., 5r to 300r.....	.50
* Unused. Cash with order.	

Stamps on approval at 50% discount.
Parties not known to me please send reference.

THEO. MAINHART, JOHNSTOWN, PA.

DANISH WEST INDIES PROVISIONAL.

Half of 4c. on original cover..... .50
Can furnish upper or lower, right or left halves.
Set of four..... .70


50c ENTRY OF GOODS, part perforated. Catalogue Price 2.00.

MY PRICE..... 20 Cents

All good copies, not cut or punched. Only one to a customer. [16]

F. O. STETSON, Station F, Washington, D. C.

PEELABLE HINGES

NOT ENGLISH		NOT GERMAN
1000 12c.		5000 50c.
POST FREE.		POST FREE.

STRONG PAPER—TASTELESS GUM

W. F. GREGORY, 71 NASSAU ST., NEW YORK.

HAYTI.

A popular country with American collectors. We offer to submit on approval the following new books of Hayti stamps at 25% discount from current catalogue.

Book No. 65. Stamps of Hayti, mostly unused.

Book No. 65a. Containing only blocks of four unused, Hayti 1893-1902.

Book No. 65b. Containing only fine postally cancelled stamps of Hayti 1881-1902.

Besides the above books we have a specialized stock book of Hayti, containing used and unused, shades, singles and blocks, subject to 10%, which will be submitted subject to arrangement to liberal buyers.

SPECIAL OFFERS!

	Catalogue.	Our Price
1898 1c ultramarine.....	\$0.75	\$0.38
1898 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 20c, set of six.....	5.85	3.95
All are fine unused copies, well centered.		

"Mekeel's Stamp Collector"

A weekly stamp paper, sample copy free, also price list giving terms and list of approval books in our Approval Department the greatest in America.

C. H. MEKEEL STAMP & PUBLISHING CO., ST. LOUIS, MO.

Items from the Dub.

Tuesday, March 24th.

Senor A. Zaccarini, of Havana, has called upon our dealers this week. He carried a well selected stock of stamps with him.

Mr. E. M. Carpenter of the New England Stamp Co. has returned from his western and southern trip, and reports the stamp business in these quarters at the top notch. Mr. Carpenter has been absent five weeks.

Mr. Legg of the J. M. Bartels Co. has shown me the 5 peso blue and rose of Baranquilla. The 1 and 5 pesos stamps are already in use.

Mr. J. H. Lyons the auctioneer at C. H. Stone's 10th sale on March 18th established a record. 706 lots were sold in 2 hours and 18 minutes. The writer is not sure whether this record is a world's championship or only for Boston.

Mr. E. F. Sawyer has not yet learned what dealer or collector handles new issues of envelopes and wrappers of Great Britain and Colonies. Let some of the readers of the ERA step forward with the desired information.

The regular monthly meeting of the Boston Philatelic Society was held on March 17th. Several important matters of business were transacted. The third exhibition of the present series was held, being stamps of the 20th century, in blank albums and in printed albums. In the printed album exhibition Mr. Alex. Holland took the first prize and Mr. George F. Loring the second prize. In the blank album exhibition Mr. E. M. Carpenter won the first prize. Six new members were elected. The usual number attended.

In my notes last week two of the prices obtained in the J. M. Bartels Co.'s sale I

A SALE OF IMPORTANCE

to the trade will be the next C. P. S. Auction on April 11th. It will contain several hundred lots of wholesale stamps in large quantities representing the surplus importation of a well known stamp concern. Every dealer ought to have the catalogue and a postal request with full name and address will bring it to you.

The sale will also contain the E. L. Richardson Chicago collection, which will be of interest to all collectors.

10 var. Canadian Revenues (cat. 50c).....	\$0.10
10 " Mexican " (cat. 47c).....	.10

These are large fine looking stamps at attractive low prices.

United Stamp Co., 1149 Marquette Bldg., Chicago.

1903 PRICE-LIST.

Our 1903 Red Cover Catalogue is out—free; but if you send 1c for postage and mention WEEKLY ERA will send Celluloid Perforation Gauge free. The price-list gives our net prices on U. S. Postage, Department, Dues, Telegraphs, Cut Square Envelopes, Confederate, Revenue, packets, sets, supplies, albums, wholesale lots, etc., etc. You can save money by buying from it. The prices are 40 to 60 per cent. discount from Scott's.

J. T. STARR STAMP CO., Coldwater, Mich.

U. S. BARGAINS, FINE.

1869 1c.....	\$0.22	1873 11c.....	\$0.17
" 2c.....	.05	" 30c.....	.17
" 6c.....	.25	1890 90c.....	.25
" 10c.....	.35	50c Columbian.....	.30
" 12c.....	.25	50c Omaha.....	.15
" 15c.....	.70	\$1.00.....	.65

1895 Newspaper set 1c to \$100 on complete, 11 Originals, regular \$8.50; our price \$1.60. (20 sets on hand.)

GREATER N. Y. STAMP & COIN CO., 238 East 58th St., New York City.

RARE FRENCH MOROCCO, 1893, On Entire Covers.

1306, 5c (only 400 issued), \$3.00

1307, 10c (only 500 issued), \$2.50

GUARANTEED GENUINE. [15]

R. M. LANGZETTEL, 92 Crown St., New Haven, Conn.

OUR 12TH SALE

TAKES PLACE ON

THURSDAY, APRIL 23.

It contains a good variety of United States and Foreign Stamps.

Your name on a postal will bring you a Catalogue.

CHAS. H. STONE & CO.,

19 Washington St., BOSTON, MASS.

YOUR DUPLICATES WANTED.

If you have some good stamps catalogued at 4 cents each and up, send on a lot; will use what I can at 1/2 Catalogue. Have over 6000 varieties to pay from. Especially desire foreign medium priced. I sometimes buy job lots of good stamps or collections for cash. Register valuable lots. [15]

L. V. LINDSEY, Greene, N. Y.

wish to correct. The \$100 Revenue, cut, brought \$4.75, and the \$10.00 gray, uncut, was a strip of four and brought \$3.90. The above firm have shown me an essay for the new Cuban 2c stamp. It is a very pleasing and patriotic design, which however may not be accepted. They have also shown me the new U. S. 1c envelope. This stamp is circular, and while we may characterize the new 2c envelope as crude, we could well call the 1c weird.

WM. D. ELDRIDGE.

Almost every dealer sends approval selections at 50% Discount—BUT there are some stamps in our selections of this class that are not to be had as cheap elsewhere.

A COLLECTION OF 5000 VARIETIES of POSTAGE STAMPS, carefully selected from our own stock, \$175.00. Satisfaction Guaranteed.

3000 for \$45.00 ♦ 2000 for \$13.50 ♦ 1000 for \$3.40 ♦ ALL GENUINE POSTAGE STAMPS

550 Varieties mounted in a blank book (cataloguing by Scott's 61st edition Catalogue \$10.00), post free \$1.50. A Bargain for Dealer or Collector!

C. H. MEKEEL STAMP & PUBLISHING CO., ST. LOUIS, MO.

TRADE COLUMN.

Under this head we will print exchange, want and for sale notices, business announcements, 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. Mit'ness charge 10 cents.

One four-line notice free with each subscription, providing copy accompanies the subscription.

THREE Consecutive Insertions of **SAME** ad in this Column for **PRICE OF TWO**.

Sterling's latest: 130 varieties U. S. Postage Adhesives. Post free \$1.00. Classified and arranged by E. B. STERLING, 1580 Penn. Ave., Denver, Col. [19]

Send for my net approval sheets, 5 per cent. discount. PERRY W. FULLER, Mapleville, N. C.

I want unused blocks of four of United States, Nos. 219, 219b, 222b, 2207, 2202, 247, 249, 251, 252, 253, 256, 267. E. H. HALL, Fort Collins, Colorado. [17]

Scott's \$2.50 U. S. Album, 1901, nearly new, also two fine blank albums, leather bound, brand new, to sell or X for unused U. S. postage. ALBERT A. FOX, 6 Washington Ave., Dunkirk, N. Y. [17]

Wanted for cash, U. S. pre-cancelled postage stamps. WALTER L. GATES, Teaticket, Mass. [20]

Fine U. S. and Foreign stamps to exchange for Tags, Coupons and American Cigar Co's bands. ED. M. VOSS, Bloomington, Indiana. [16]

A full set of the late P. P.'s in fine clean condition, well centered; 29 values, \$5.00. Also a few sets not all quite as well centered but in fine condition, \$4.50; many of them full gum. Your money back if not pleased. It is not a question of how cheap, but how good. GEO. H. ANDERS, Norristown, Pa. [16]

Approval sheets 60% discount. Net sheets for advanced collectors at equally low prices. 9000 var. in stock. F. W. PICKARD, 2477 Ingleside, Cincinnati, O. [24]

Plate numbers for sale. Get them while you can. 2c plates 12 for \$1.00, 25 for \$2.00, 55 for \$4.00. All different, my selection. Plates from 1890 to date to sell. GEORGE COCKRELL, Deer Lodge, Montana. [15]

Is your collection for sale? Get your dealer to make a price on it, add 20% to his offer, and send book to me. It's 10 to 1 I buy it. F. W. PICKARD, 2477 Ingleside, Cincinnati, O. [24]

To complete your United States. Fine perfect copies, 1895, \$5.00 green, \$1.25 each; \$2.00 blue, \$1.05 each. Wholesale, both values \$1.00 only, per dozen. Thousands of bargains in old United States, British and Colonial stamps. Fine approval selections at 25 to 50% discount. No common rubbish but only fine copies of desirable stamps sent out. Write stating wants and send reference. I can save you hundreds of dollars. Established 1880. FREDERICK GINN, 123 Strand, London, England. [21]

Is your collection for sale? I will buy it or any odd lots of good stamps. No cheap stuff wanted. Send on approvals with lowest cash offer. Immediate returns guaranteed. HOWARD C. BECK, City Controller's Office, Detroit, Mich. [51]

U. S. Pre-Cancelled postage stamps. I will pay a good price in cash or exchange for any not in my collection. F. L. SMITH, 40 Exchange Pl., N. Y. [24c]

Pre-cancels not in my collection wanted. Best cash or trade price. E. R. ALDRICH, Benson, Minn. [11]

Try an Ad in this Column. It Pays.

NINTH MAIL AUCTION.

Fine Lot United States and Colonies Stamps.

See List in ERA No. 513 or send Post Card for Printed Slip.

COLUMBIAN STAMP CO., Arlington, Mass.

American Philatelic Association.

(INCORPORATED.)

THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA—OFFICIAL JOURNAL.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

ALEXANDER HOLLAND, President,
40 Grace Court, Brooklyn, N. Y.

H. E. DEATS, Secretary,
Flemington, N. J.

Board of Vice-Presidents.

FRANK H. BURT, Chairman,
Room 1046, Tremont Building, Boston, Mass.

E. DOEBLIN, International Secretary,
Box 736, Pittsburg, Pa.

GORDON IRELAND, Secretary,
Holyoke House 21, Cambridge, Mass.

C. L. ANNAN, Treasurer,
Copper Range R. R., Houghton, Mich.

EDWIN F. SAWYER,
102 Washington St., Brighton, Mass.

H. B. PHILLIPS,
1311 Grove St., Berkeley, Cal.

F. W. CONING,
350 George St., New Brunswick, N. J.

RESIDENT VICE-PRESIDENTS.

BOSTON, MASS.—M. H. LOMBARD, Winchester, Mass.
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.—W. E. LOY, 243 Ellsworth St., Berkeley, Cal.
NEW YORK CITY.—W. F. GREGORY, 71 Nassau St.
PITTSBURG, PA.—E. DOEBLIN, Box 736.
CHICAGO, ILL.—A. F. MERRILL, 432 Marquette Building.
MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.—EBEN S. MARTIN, 3344 First Avenue, South.
WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS—ROBERT D. MAYNARD, 36 Oak Grove Ave., Springfield.

APPOINTEE OFFICERS.

E. H. ANDERSON, Librarian,
Carnegie Library, Pittsburg, Pa.

H. E. DEATS, Assistant Librarian,
Flemington, N. J.

H. D. WATSON, Collecting Agent,
64 Cedar St., New York City.

W. F. GREGORY, Auction Purchasing Agent,
71 Nassau St., New York City.

JOHN J. OESCH, Superintendent of Sales Dept.,
34 Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill.

P. M. WOLSIEFFER, Auction Purchasing Agent,
1009 Arwood Bldg., Chicago, Ill.

A. W. BATCHELDER, Auction Purchasing Agent,
21 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass.

REPORT OF SECRETARY

For the Week Ending March 28th.

Changes of Address.

184. COSBY, SPENCER, Capt., U. S. A.,
from Mobile, Ala., to Captain Spencer

Cosby, Corps of Engineers, U. S. Army,
Manila, Philippines.

1523. BEBICKE, ALBERT, from 218 La-
Salle St. to 19 Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Membership Summary.

Total membership March 28th..... 544
H. E. DEATS, Secretary.

The New England Philatelic Association.

Organized February, 1895.

Board of Officers:

President, CHARLES H. SMITH, Dedham, Mass.
Vice President, J. FAVILL CAPRON, 22 Bromfield
St., Boston, Mass.

Secretary and Treasurer, H. W. LEGG, 26 Hancock
St., Boston, Mass.

Sales Department, CHARLES H. STONE, 91 Antrim
St., Cambridgeport, Mass.

Information Bureau, MRS. WALLACE DANA SMITH,
20 Wilder St., Portsmouth, N. H.

Counterfeit Detector, WILLIS D. KING, Nashua, N.H.

Attorney, HORACE S. BACON, 107 Stevens St., Low-
ell, Mass.

Governing Board, CHARLES H. STONE, Chairman,
91 Antrim St., Cambridgeport, Mass., JOHN J. CONE,
New Dorchester, Mass., FRANK A. WILSON, 185 High-
land Ave., Somerville, Mass.

Official Organ, THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA.

NOTICE.

The next meeting of the New England
Philatelic Association will take place Tues-
day evening, April 7th, at 22 Bromfield
St., commencing a 8 o'clock sharp.

The last regular meeting of the Associa-
tion was held at 22 Bromfield St. Tuesday
evening, March 3rd, with Vice-President
Capron in chair and a number of members
present.

Minutes of the last meeting were read
and approved, also report of Treasurer as
follows:

Balance,	\$21.00
Dues,	4.00

\$25.00

To typewriting and addressing cir- culars,	\$1.50
Postage on same,	.80
Postage to date,	.39
Rent to March 1st inc.,	6.00

8.69

Balance,	\$17.21
----------	---------

The resignation of the following mem-
bers were accepted with regrets:

C. F. Wilcox, Ware, Mass.
H. M. Wilder, Lynn, Mass.
B. C. Ryder, Washington, D. C.
W. H. Page, Haverhill, Mass.
J. E. Harvey, Clinton, Mass.
J. E. Holloway, Boston, Mass.
W. D. Eldredge, Boston, Mass.

Messrs. Cone and Capron having kindly
offered the society a silver and bronze
medal for a competitive exhibit to be held
at the May meeting, some discussion was
indulged in by the members present regard-
ing same. It was finally voted that the
exhibit should be for "the best 25 stamps
listed in the Standard Catalogue," and the
Secretary was instructed to send a notice
to all members advising them to that effect.

Mr. Cone offered to show his very fine
collection of pre-cancelled stamps, and Mr.
King a portion of his wonderfully fine col-
lection of U. S. Revenues. Both gentle-
men receiving the unanimous thanks of the
society.

The exhibition of the evening was for the
best 50 U. S. postage and revenue stamps,
the prize being a Hawaiian numeral stamp
offered by the Secretary. Mrs. W. D.
Smith showed an exceptionally fine exhibit
and was awarded first honors by the judges,
Messrs. Capron and Legg. Mr. Waldron
also showed a very fine lot of stamps.

The meeting stood adjourned at 10 p. m.
H. W. LEGG, Secretary.

The Boston Philatelic Society.

M. H. LOMBARD, President, Winchester, Mass.
C. F. ROTHFUCHS, Vice-President, Boston.
C. A. HOWES, Secretary, 55 Kilby St., Boston.
L. L. GREEN, Treasurer, 47 Tremont St., Boston.
J. H. LYONS, Supt. of Auctions, 27 Bromfield
St., Boston.
J. H. LYONS, Supt. of Sales, 27 Bromfield St.,
Boston, Mass.
THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA, Official Journal.

Holton Stamp Co.,

Successors to
E. A. HOLTON.
Established 1861.

60 Devonshire St., BOSTON, MASS.

WHOLESALE PRICE LIST

UNITED STATES AND FOREIGN STAMPS.

We herewith present our second wholesale price list. In this list we have retained the feature of offering a given quantity of stamps for 50c and added a new feature, in pricing the better class of stamps at so many for the catalogue price of the stamp. The smallest order that we will accept is \$1.00, which will give the buyer four different lots, or four lots of any one kind, or more if desired. We have done this thinking some dealers would prefer fewer of the high priced stamps, while any dealer could dispose of 25 cents' worth of the lower priced stamps. We have based our prices on our own stock, and can fill orders on all the kinds offered; however, a few orders will exhaust some of the varieties, and the prompt customer will be sure of having his order filled on all. It would be wise to send a supplementary list, as it saves correspondence and you will be more sure of getting the stamps desired. All stamps are in good saleable condition.

In this list we have given the catalogue numbers and request that you use the catalogue numbers and name of country on all orders. This Price List must not be laid on the shelf as a permanent list of our prices to be ordered from at any time. We are not wholesale dealers, and only offer these low prices to even up our stock. When we have sold a sufficient quantity to do so, this list will be canceled.

Remittances may be made by P. O. Money Order or check on New York. We will receive U. S. postage stamps, one and two cent values at face value to any amount. Other values to and including \$1.00 at 5% discount. Canadian unused stamps all values at 5% discount. All orders over \$1000 will be sent by registered mail at our expense. Dates, numbers and descriptions are from Scott's latest catalogue, which will be sent to anyone post free on receipt of 5c. * Means unused.

Order by catalogue number.

UNITED STATES STAMPS.				UNITED STATES ENVELOPES.				UNITED STATES REVENUES.				ANTIGUA.				ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.				AUSTRIA.									
No.	Date.	Value.	No. for 50c.	No.	Date.	Value.	No. for 50c.	No.	Date.	Value.	No. for 50c.	No.	Date.	Value.	No. for 50c.	No.	Date.	Value.	No. for 50c.	No.	Date.	Value.	No. for 50c.	No.	Date.	Value.	No. for 50c.		
33	1851	3c	40	1240	1894	3c	8	16	1886	5c	30	13	1884-85	1d	10	1	1858-61	5c	10	19	1867	10c	4	1	1867	10c	4		
44	1857-60	1c Type III	40	*1245	1895	1c	20	31	"	5c	30	19	1868-69	5c	20	2	"	10c	5	21	1868-69	5c	20	22	1873	10c	6		
48	"	3c Type II	8	*1246	"	2c	10	28	"	100c	5	3	"	10c	5	3	"	15c	5	28	"	10c	6	26	"	10c	6		
44	"	3c Type II	50	*1247	"	3c	10	35	1894	5c	30	19	1867	10c	4	37	1878	10c	20	36	1877-8	10c	20	37	1878	10c	20		
88	1867	3c 11-13	25	1247	"	3c	25	38	"	10c	20	38	1877-8	10c	20	38	1877-8	10c	20	39	"	10c	20	39	"	10c	20		
93	"	3c 9-13	8	*1248	"	5c	4	43	1882	10c	10	44	"	10c	10	44	"	10c	10	43	1882	10c	10	44	"	10c	10		
94	"	3c 9-13	40	*1249	"	10c	2	44	"	10c	10	52	1884-87	10c	15	52	"	10c	15	53	"	10c	10	53	"	10c	10		
114	1859	3c	40	UNITED STATES ENVELOPES.				6	"	52	1884-87	10c	15	53	"	10c	10	53	"	10c	10	57	1888	10c	25	57	1888	10c	25
136	1870	3c embossed	25	1310	1853	3c on buff, die 1	6	6	"	10c	10	57	1888	10c	25	58	1888-89	10c	35	68	1888-89	10c	35	68	"	10c	35		
147	"	3c no embossing	30	1314	"	5c on buff, die 5	30	7	"	10c	10	69	"	10c	35	69	"	10c	35	69	"	10c	35	70	1890	10c	25		
148	"	6c no embossing	8	*1400	1874	1c on white	15	7	"	10c	10	70	"	10c	25	70	"	10c	25	70	"	10c	25	70	"	10c	25		
159	"	6c	18	*1407	"	3c	6	7	"	10c	10	76a	"	10c	15	76a	"	10c	15	76a	"	10c	15	76a	"	10c	15		
179	1875	5c	18	*1429	"	1c on amber	12	8	"	10c	10	77	"	10c	20	77	"	10c	20	77	"	10c	20	77	"	10c	20		
185	1879	5c	15	*1436	"	3c	6	8	"	10c	10	78	"	10c	20	78	"	10c	20	78	"	10c	20	78	"	10c	20		
187	"	10c y. brown	5	*1470	1874 75	3c on blue	5	9	"	10c	10	79	"	10c	20	79	"	10c	20	79	"	10c	20	79	"	10c	20		
* 206	1882	1c gray blue	20	*1480	1875-79	5c on fawn	5	10	"	10c	10	80	"	10c	20	80	"	10c	20	80	"	10c	20	80	"	10c	20		
* 207	"	1c ultramarine	8	*1486	1883	2c on white	7	11	"	10c	10	81	"	10c	20	81	"	10c	20	81	"	10c	20	81	"	10c	20		
* 209	"	3c	5	*1487	"	1c amber	6	12	"	10c	10	82	"	10c	20	82	"	10c	20	82	"	10c	20	82	"	10c	20		
* 210	1883	2c	8	*1488	"	1c fawn	4	13	"	10c	10	83	"	10c	20	83	"	10c	20	83	"	10c	20	83	"	10c	20		
* 211	"	4c	5	*1489	"	1c white	4	14	"	10c	10	84	"	10c	20	84	"	10c	20	84	"	10c	20	84	"	10c	20		
* 211	"	4c	40	*1491	"	1c white	7	15	"	10c	10	85	"	10c	20	85	"	10c	20	85	"	10c	20	85	"	10c	20		
* 213	1887	3c	6	*1492	"	1c fawn	4	16	"	10c	10	86	"	10c	20	86	"	10c	20	86	"	10c	20	86	"	10c	20		
* 215	1888	4c	5	*1493	"	1c blue	6	17	"	10c	10	87	"	10c	20	87	"	10c	20	87	"	10c	20	87	"	10c	20		
215	"	4c	30	*1498	1884	1c white	6	18	"	10c	10	88	"	10c	20	88	"	10c	20	88	"	10c	20	88	"	10c	20		
216	"	3c	30	*1500	"	1c fawn	3	19	"	10c	10	89	"	10c	20	89	"	10c	20	89	"	10c	20	89	"	10c	20		
* 221	1890	3c	7	*1836	1873	3c on cream	8	20	"	10c	10	90	"	10c	20	90	"	10c	20	90	"	10c	20	90	"	10c	20		
* 222	"	4c	5	*1840	1875	3c on white	5	21	"	10c	10	91	"	10c	20	91	"	10c	20	91	"	10c	20	91	"	10c	20		
224	"	6c	18	*1854	"	3c on cream	12	22	"	10c	10	92	"	10c	20	92	"	10c	20	92	"	10c	20	92	"	10c	20		
225	"	8c	36	*1861	"	3c on fawn	12	23	"	10c	10	93	"	10c	20	93	"	10c	20	93	"	10c	20	93	"	10c	20		
227	"	15c	6	Telegraph Stamps.				12	24	"	10c	10	94	"	10c	20	94	"	10c	20	94	"	10c	20	94	"	10c	20	
228	"	30c	6	1903	1881	10c American Rapid	20	25	"	10c	10	95	"	10c	20	95	"	10c	20	95	"	10c	20	95	"	10c	20		
232	1893	3c	15	1904	"	15c	20	26	"	10c	10	96	"	10c	20	96	"	10c	20	96	"	10c	20	96	"	10c	20		
233	"	4c	40	1905	"	20c	34	27	"	10c	10	97	"	10c	20	97	"	10c	20	97	"	10c	20	97	"	10c	20		
234	"	5c	36	*1944	1885	B. & O., brown (American)	8	28	"	10c	10	98	"	10c	20	98	"	10c	20	98	"	10c	20	98	"	10c	20		
235	"	6c	10	*1945	1886	black (")	5	29	"	10c	10	99	"	10c	20	99	"	10c	20	99	"	10c	20	99	"	10c	20		
236	"	8c	18	1950	"	(Hoen)	11	30	"	10c	10	100	"	10c	20	100	"	10c	20	100	"	10c	20	100	"	10c	20		
237	"	10c	25	*2114	1892	Blue gray Postal Tel. Co.	4	31	"	10c	10	101	"	10c	20	101	"	10c	20	101	"	10c	20	101	"	10c	20		
* 246	1894	1c ultramarine	7	*2119	1894	Gray green	10	32	"	10c	10	102	"	10c	20	102	"	10c	20	102	"	10c	20	102	"	10c	20		
* 248	"	2c pink	9	*2173	1884	Violet West. Union Tel. Co.	8	33	"	10c	10	103	"	10c	20	103	"	10c	20	103	"	10c	20	103	"	10c	20		
* 252	"	2c Triangle III	4	*2184	1895	Brown	8	34	"	10c	10	104	"	10c	20	104	"	10c	20	104	"	10c	20	104	"	10c	20		
* 271	1895	6c	25	*2185	1896	Violet	8	35	"	10c	10	105	"	10c	20	105	"	10c	20	105	"	10c	20	105	"	10c	20		
272	"	8c	60	*2186	1897	Red	8	36	"	10c	10	106	"	10c	20	106	"	10c	20	106	"	10c	20	106	"	10c	20		
296	1901	4c	25	*2187	1898	Green	8	37	"	10c	10	107	"	10c	20	107	"	10c	20	107	"	10c	20	107	"	10c	20		
298	"	8c	15	*2189	1890	Purple	24	38	"	10c	10	108	"	10c	20	108	"	10c	20	108	"	10c	20	108	"	10c	20		
299	"	10c	15	United States Revenues.				24	39	"	10c	10	109	"	10c	20	109	"	10c	20	109	"	10c	20	109	"	10c	20	
United States Departments.				First Issue.				Second Issue.				Third Issue.				Fourth Issue.													
516	Interior	3c	8	No.	Date.	Value.	No. for 50c.	No.	Date.	Value.	No. for 50c.	No.	Date.	Value.	No. for 50c.	No.	Date.	Value.	No. for 50c.	No.	Date.	Value.	No. for 50c.	No.	Date.	Value.	No. for 50c.		
517	"	6c	15	2802	1c Proprietary red, perf.	12	12	6	1850	10c	100	13	1858-59	15c	50	13	1861	10c	100	16	1861	10c	100	16	1861	10c	100		
* 548	Post Office	3c	15	2804	3c Bank Check, blue, perf.	17	17	13	1864	5c	100	26	1864	5c	100	26	1864	5c	100	30	1867	3c							

No.	Date.	Value.	No. for sgc.
65	1894	10c	25
66	"	20c	30
67	"	30c	18
68	"	40c	18
69	"	50c	10
69	1876-87	1/4r	20
BADEN.			
7	1853-57	1/2k	30
8	"	1k	8
9	1864-68	1k	15
23	"	1k	15
23a	"	1k	7
25	"	1k	5
28	"	1k	10
BAHAMAS.			
23	1889	1rd	3
26	1884	1rd	9
27	"	2 1/2d	4
28	"	4d	4
29	"	6d	3
BARBADOS.			
60	1882-85	1/4d	15
61	"	1/2d	10
62	"	1d	30
69	1892	1/4d on 1d	13
70	1892-96	1d	18
71	"	1 1/2d	18
72	"	2d	10
73	"	2 1/2d	4
73	"	3d	50
70	1897	1f	25
70	"	1f	30
82	"	1 1/2f	30
82	"	2 1/2d	20
88	1899	1ad	5
BAVARIA.			
10	1862	1k	75
11	"	1k	30
15	1867	1k	20
16	1869	1k	8
17	1869	1k	6
34	1875	1k	25
47	1876	1 1/2pf	20
48	1879	1 1/2pf	10
48	1888-90	assorted	125
102	1879	1k	10
103	"	1k	8
BECHUANALAND PROTECTORATE.			
1	1898	1/4d	18
2	"	1c	12
BELGIUM.			
6	1851	10c	20
7	"	20c	25
8	"	40c	4
10	1861	10c	40
14	1863	10c	8
19	1866	10c	10
33	1881	10c	50
34	"	25c	15
46	1893	10c	10
47	"	20c	5
48	"	25c	4
53	1894	5c	20
54	"	10c	10
55	"	25c	4
135	1893	5c	20
136	1896-97	5c	25
57	"	10c	12
58	"	10c	12
59	1890	10c	10
102	1893	1c	3
104	1866	1c	3
108	1869-70	1c	35
109	"	2c	15
114	"	5c	50
115	"	10c	35
118	1884-91	1c	75
119	"	1c	125
120	"	2c	125
121	"	5c	125
122	1893	1c	100
123	"	2c	50
124	"	5c	50
125	1895	5c	25
126	"	10c	5
127	"	20c	2
128	"	50c	1
BENIN.			
20	1897	1c	20
22	"	2c	10
BERMUDA.			
1	1865	1c	8
16	1880	1d	3
17	1884	1d	3
18	"	1d	3
19	1884-93	1 1/2d	40
20	"	1d	10
22	"	2 1/2d	4
23	"	3d	3
25	1901	1f on 1sh	36
BOLIVIA.			
3	1867	5c	18
15	1871	5c	8
16	"	10c	3
24	1887	1c	40
25	"	2c	20
26	1893	5c	15
27	"	10c	15
30	1894	1c	40
40	"	1c	60
41	"	5c	35
41a	"	5c	30
42a	"	5c	65

No.	Date.	Value.	No. for sgc.
43	1894	10c	65
44	"	20c	30
45	"	30c	30
62	1899	10c	25
63	"	20c	18
64	"	30c	3
70	1901-02	1c	25
71	"	2c	18
73	"	3c	5
76	"	20c	1
101	1871-93	5c	40
BOSNIA.			
2	1879-94	12	40
3	"	12	40
7	"	10c	50
8	"	15c	50
9	"	20c	20
10	"	25c	15
11	1900	1h	50
12	"	2h	25
BRAZIL.			
14	1845-46	10r	3
16	"	60r	3
23	1850	30r	30
25	"	90r	5
31	"	30r	18
33	"	90r	5
53	1866	10r	19
55	"	10r	20
56	"	500r	4
70	1878-79	50r	7
82	1882	10r	15
85	"	200r	20
91	1881-85	100r	4
99b	1890-93	20r	5
103	"	50r	30
108	"	1000r	8
111	1893	100r	14
119	1894-97	10r	35
113	"	10r	35
115	"	50r	25
119	"	300r	50
120	"	500r	20
136	1899	20r on 10r	20
138	"	50r on 20r	15
159	1900	50r	50
160	"	100r	100
161	"	100r	30
161	1888	10r	3
251	1888	20r	4
252	"	20r	5
253	"	300r	7
260	"	10r	40
261	"	20r	30
262	"	50r	18
264	"	200r	4
264	"	200r	7
269	1897-91	10r	20
269a	"	10r	8
271	"	100r	10
275	"	50r	14
404	1889	100r	14
405	"	200r	3
412	1890	50r	12
414	"	300r	13
418	1895-96	200r	5
BRITISH BECHUANALAND.			
85	1888	1d	3
33	1892-94	1d	9
33	"	1d	12
34	"	2d	5
34	"	2d	0
38	1894	1d	6
BRITISH CENTRAL AFRICA.			
2	1891	1d	3
44	1897	1d	4
BRITISH EAST AFRICA.			
72	1896	1/2a	18
73	"	1a	0
74	"	2a	5
75	"	3 1/2a	4
76	"	3a	3
77	"	4a	2
78	"	5a	2
BRITISH GUIANA.			
50	1868	1c	4
77	1876	10c	6
78	"	24c	4
107	1882	1c	50
108	"	2c	45
118	1880	1c	8
119	"	2c	10
123	"	5c	5
129	"	10c	4
130	1889-91	1c	6
131	"	2c	7
131	"	5c	50
134	"	10c	3
134	"	20c	9
140	"	10c	20
140	"	20c	40
141	"	50c	40
143	1890	1c on 1d	13
143	"	1c on 1d	15
144	"	1c on 2d	13
145	"	1c on 3d	13
146	"	1c on 4d	5
147	1898	1c	12
148	"	2c	9
148	"	5c	20
153	1900	1c	10

No.	Date.	Value.	No. for sgc.
BRITISH HONDURAS.			
27	1888	1c on 1d	15
28	"	2c on 3d	9
33	1891	6c on 10c	3
34	"	6c on 10c	3
38	"	6c on 10c	6
39	"	3c	10
40	"	6c	4
43	1892	1c on 1p	2
49	1899	10c	2
50	"	5c	4
BRUNSWICK.			
11	1863	1/2g	6
20	1865	1g	5
21	"	1g	35
23	"	3g	25
BULGARIA.			
11	1881	100s	3
16	1882	100s	40
23	1885	100s	20
24	"	200s	20
25	1886-88	100s	100
28	1889	100s	40
29	"	200s	40
30	"	300s	100
31	"	500s	100
33	"	150s	100
36	1889	150s	20
38	1892	150s on 300s	10
38	"	150s on 300s	15
40	1895	150s on 300s	40
43	1896	150s	40
44	"	150s	20
45	"	150s	7
46	"	250s	6
57	1901	150s	30
58	"	250s	25
59	"	350s	25
60	"	500s	10
61	"	1000s	10
62	"	1500s	6
63	"	2500s	4
64	"	3000s	3
65	"	5000s	2
155	1886	50s	7
156	"	50s	8
159	"	50s	20
160	1887	100s	10
163	1894	250s	8
165	1895	300s on 500s	3
166	"	300s on 500s	4
167	1896	300s on 500s	18
168	"	100s	10
CANADA.			
4	1852	3c	3
32	1869-72	1c	18
32	"	1c	100
32a	"	1c	10
33	"	2c	7
35	1872-73	6c	80
40	1883-90	1/2c	36
40	"	1/2c	40
42a	"	1/2c	6
43	"	3c	100
44	"	5c	3
48	1893-93	8c	30
51	1897	1c	20
53	"	3c	7
54	"	5c	4
56	"	8c	2
66	"	1/2c	40
67	"	1c	20
68	"	2c	10
70	"	3c	7
71	"	5c	4
72	"	10c	3
73	"	15c	2
82	1898	10c	10
83	"	20c	50
83	"	30c	10
84	1899	20c	50
85	"	30c	10
151	1875-89	2c	10
153	"	5c	7
153	"	10c	40
CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.			
17	1865	1/4c	7
19	"	1sh	4
24	1871	1d	25
25	"	1d	15
28	1870	3d on 4d	13
33	1881	1d	5
35	"	1d	15
42	1885	1d	10
43	"	2d	15
51	1893-96	1d on 2d	13
51	"	1d on 2d	10
53	"	1d	20
54	"	1d	100
57	1898	1/2d	4
57	"	1/2d	50
57	"	1/2d	80
61	1900	1d	100
CAPE VERDE.			
1	1877	1/2r	13
3	"	10r	25
4	"	15r	30
7	"	100r	13
9	"	300r	4
10	1881-83	100r	10
13	"	200r	30
18	"	400r	10
14	"	50r	6

No.	Date.	Value.	No. for asc.
73	1877	25c	15
74	"	50c	13
75	"	50c	8
76	1878	5c	30
79	"	25c	30
79a	"	25c	7
79b	"	25c	6
80	"	50c	15
82	1879	5c	25
84	"	12 1/2c	5
85	"	25c	25
86	"	25c	25
85	"	50c	20
91	1880	25c	25
92	"	50c	25
96	1881	25c	25
97	"	5c	8
100	1882	1c	20
103	"	5c	25
107	1883	5c	15
107	"	10c	5
110	"	10c	5
113	"	10c	5
116	"	10c	5
124	1887-88	2 1/2c	5
125	"	5c	17
127	"	10c	8
129	1888	2 1/2c	8
129a	"	2 1/2c	8
130	"	10c	8
132	1890	1c	10
134	"	2 1/2c	4
137	"	20c	8
138	1891	1c	15
140	"	2 1/2c	10
141	"	5c	50
143	"	10c	8
143	"	10c	8
144	1894	1c	50
146	"	2 1/2c	30
148	1896	1c	50
149	"	2 1/2c	30
150	"	5c	30
151	"	10c	30
158	"	5c	30
161	1898	1c	30
162	"	2c	15
163	"	3c	18
165	"	5c	7
170	"	20c	4
221	1899	1c on 1c	20
223	"	3c on 3c	10
223	"	2 1/2c on 2c	10
224	"	5c on 5c	7
224	"	3c on 3c	9
225	"	5c on 5c	4
226	"	10c on 10c	8
227	"	10c on 10c	6
227	"	1c	28
228	"	2c	11
229	"	5c	7
230	"	10c	9
231	"	10c	9
232	"	10c	9
407	1890	1/2m	40
413	1892	1/2m	50
414	"	1m	40
415	"	2m	30
417	"	4m	15
418	"	8m	10
419	1894	1/2m	50
420	"	1m	50
423	"	4m	15
424	"	8m	14
425	1896	1/2m	50
CURACAO.			
14	1889	5c	25
16	"	2c	25
20	1892-93	12 1/2c	7
CYPRUS.			
2	1880	1d	10
18	1882-84	2 1/2d	18
18a	"	1/2pi	15
20a	"	1pi	7
21a	"	2pi	6
22a	"	3pi	7
31	1896	1/2pi	13
32	"	1pi	7
33	"	2pi	3
DANISH WEST INDIES.			
5	1873-96	1c	4
6b	"	5c	8
10	"	10c	25
10	1901	4c	4
21	"	1c	20
22	"	5c	4
28	1902	8c	3
DENMARK.			
18	1864-65	3s	8
18	1870	4s	100
80	1874	3s 60c	15
80	1874-1900	good assortment	150
DIEGO SUAREZ.			
25	1892	1c	15
26	"	2c	15
27	"	4c	15
DOMINICA.			
17	1883-90	1/2d	10
19	"	1d	4
19	"	1d	7

No.	Date.	Value.	No. for asc.
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.			
32	1879	1/2r	5
33	"	1/2r	5
35	"	1r	4
36	1880	1c	8
36	"	1c	8
37	"	2c	17
38	"	5c	6
39	"	10c	6
40	"	20c	6
41	"	25c	4
43	"	1c	20
47	"	5c	17
48	"	10c	4
88	1885	1c	25
89	"	2c	15
90	"	5c	8
91	"	10c	4
97	1895	5c	15
111	1900	1/2c	75
112	"	1/2c	40
113	"	2c	25
114	"	2c	12
115	"	5c	4
120	1901	1/2c	4
124	"	10c	20
DUTCH INDIES.			
4	1870-74	5c	10
5	"	10c	75
6	"	15c	25
9	"	50c	15
11	1876-86	1c	13
12	"	2c	13
13	"	10 1/2c	18
31	1899-1900	10c on 10c	15
32	"	12c on 12c	15
34	"	20c on 20c	8
35	"	25c on 25c	8
44	"	1/2c on 2c	25
60	1883	20c	20
EASTERN ROUMELIA.			
10	1881	5pa	8
11	"	10pa	10
12	"	20pa	10
ECUADOR.			
11	1872	1p	10
12	1881	1c	50
13	"	2c	50
14	"	5c	50
14	"	10c	50
15	"	10c	50
16	"	20c	50
17	"	50c	5
17	"	50c	15
19	1887	1c	25
20	"	2c	25
21	"	5c	11
22	"	10c	50
23	"	20c	5
24	"	40c	40
25	"	80c	40
26	"	10c	30
27	"	20c	20
28	"	50c	12
29	"	1s	5
30	"	2s	3
34	1892-93	5c on 2s	4
35	"	4c on 50c	6
140	1899	25c	5
145	1901	1c	35
146	"	2c	18
147	"	5c	13
147	"	10c	40
148	"	10c	20
149	"	20c	8
679	1899	2c	5
EGYPT.			
11	1867	20pa	4
16	1872-75	5pa	3
25	"	1pi	25
28	1879	10pa on 2 1/2pi	3
29	1879-82	5pa	25
30	"	10pa	10
31	"	10pa	3
34	"	10pa	50
35	"	1pi	30
36	"	5pi	6
37	1884	20pa on 5pi	5
46	1892-93	3m	20
48	"	10pi	10
108	1884-88	good assortment	150
109	1886	1pi	4
109	"	2pi	4
110	1888	2am	14
115	1890	2m	30
116	"	4m	30
117	"	1pi	50
118	"	2pi	25
609	1892	1m	50
610	"	2m	40
611	"	3m	20
612	"	5m	20
705	1901	2m	20
ERITREA.			
1	1892	5c	16
13	1897	5c	20
14	1896	10c	16

No.	Date.	Value.	No. for asc.
51	1892	1c	30
52	"	2c	25
53	1899	1c	30
54	"	2c	25
FALKLAND ISLANDS.			
7	1886	1d	4
13	1891-1900	1/2d	20
14	"	1d	10
15	"	2d	5
FIJI ISLANDS.			
40	1880-83	1d	10
40	"	1d	5
42	"	2d	10
42	1892	1/2d	20
55	1893-95	1/2d	7
56	"	1d	6
57	"	2d	20
58	1896	1d	10
FINLAND.			
9	1866-67	20d	13
10	"	40d	10
18	1875-81	5d	20
21	"	20d	50
1882-1900	good assortment	25s	4
35	1885	1m	4
35	1901	2d	40
64	"	5d	20
66	"	10d	10
67	"	20d	5
68	"	1m	1
Mourning stamp.			
FRANCE.			
6	1849-50	25c	15
18	1852-60	40c	50
20	"	20c	20
23	1862	5c	50
28	1868-70	1c	20
35	1868-70	80c	30
37	1870	1c	5
53	"	40c	50
64	1876	1c	3
66	"	4c	6
67	"	5c	4
70	"	20c	4
73	"	30c	25
74	"	40c	16
75	"	75c	30
76	"	1fr	30
78	"	5c	15
78	"	5c	100
81	"	85c	50
86	1877-78	1c	40
88	"	2c	40
90a	"	4c	5
95	"	40c	3
97	1879-92	5c	40
100	"	8c	4
102	"	75c	30
1862-1900	good assortment	150	8
202	1859-63	10c	8
207	1871-78	25c	6
207	"	30c	5
219	1881-92	30c	50
226	"	1fr	10
230	"	10c	50
233	1894	30c	6
233	"	30c	50
283	1885-90	2pi on 50c	25
990	1894	5c	15
991	"	10c	10
992	"	15c	7
993	"	25c	4
994	"	20c	5
997	"	30c	4
998	"	40c	3
998	"	50c	2
1001	1900	5c	20
1050	1901	1c	50
1053	"	5c	20
1054	"	10c	10
1121	1900	1c	40
1126	"	2c	30
1127	"	3c	25
1128	"	4c	20
1180	"	1c	40
1300	1891-93	5c	15
1300	"	5c	20
1301	"	10c	30
1302	"	10c	30
1308	1900	85c	30
1327	1896	5c	30
1411	"	10c	10
1427	1897	1/2s on 15c	9
FRENCH COLONIES.			
3	1859-62	10c	7
3	"	10c	17
15	1872	40c	17
15	1877	5c	20
30	1877	2c	4
31	"	5c	30
32	"	20c	5
35	"	5c	10
38	1879	1c	3
47	1881-86	1c	10
49	"	5c	100
53	"	85c	10
54	"	85c	50
101	1884-85	1c	13
102	"	2c	13
102	"	3c	13
104	"	4c	13
108	"	20c	6
115	1894	5c	20
116	"	10c	20

No.	Date.	Value.	No. for asc.	No.	Date.	Value.	No. for asc.	No.	Date.	Value.	No. for asc.
38	1892	French Congo	50	27	1856	.6d	20	11	1878	.5r	12
46	1900	French Congo	25	34	1862 65	.4d	25	12	"	.4r	12
		French Guiana.		36	"	.4d	25	13	"	.4r	6
38	1892	French Guinea.	50	39	1862	.6d	15	15	1879	.5r	5
		French Guinea.		42	"	.1s	4	24	1882	.1oc	10
1	1892	French Guinea.	50	48	1865	.1s	6	25	"	.1oc	11
2	"	French Guinea.	50	49	1867 69	.3d	30	25	"	.1oc	8
3	"	French Guinea.	30	51	"	.6d	20	34	1886	.1oc	14
		GAMBIA.		54	"	.1s	9	43	1887-95	.1c	50
12	1887 89	.5d	20	57	1870	.5d	35	49	1886	.1c on 2c	18
13	"	.5d	25	58	1869	.5d	10	45	1887-95	.1c	50
14	"	.1d	5	59	1870	.5d	10	47	"	.1c	9
14	"	.2d	5	61	1872 74	.3d	4	48	"	.1oc	34
15	"	.2d	6	63	"	.6d	4	50	1894	.1c on 1c	15
15	"	.2d	6	65	"	.1s	5	51	"	.2c on 10c	12
16	"	.3d	3	66	1875	.2 1/2 d	8	52	"	.6c on 150c	6
17	"	.4d	2	67	1876	.2 1/2 d	35	53	"	.1oc on 75c	4
28	1902	.5d	20	78	1880	.5d	50	55	1895	.1c on 5c	20
29	"	.1d	10	79	"	.1d	50	81	1898	.1c on 25c	14
30	"	.2d	5	80	"	.1 1/2 d	25	86	"	.1c	21
31	"	.2 1/2 d	4	82	"	.2d	10	87	"	.2c on 1c	17
		GERMANY (T. & T.).		84	"	.4d	8	88	"	.1c on 10c	21
13	1850	.5s g	13	95	1883	.6d	3	89	"	.2c on 5c	17
25	1862	.2s g	20	98	1883 84	.5d	40	92	"	.2c on 1c	12
28	1866	.5s g	10	99	"	.1 1/2 d	14	93	"	.2c on 25c	5
29	"	.5s g	10	101	"	.2 1/2 d	25	97	1899	.1c on 5c	25
30	"	.5s g	13	102	"	.3d	10	98	1900	.1c on 10c	40
31	"	.5s g	25	103	"	.4d	5	99	"	.1c	40
32	"	.5s g	10	104	"	.5d	6	100	"	.2c	50
44	1852	.3k	7	105	"	.6d	10	102	"	.6c	34
46	"	.9k	13	107	"	.1s	5	103	"	.1oc	25
51	1859	.15k	13	111-116	1887 92	good assortment	150	107	1901	.1c on 25c	25
52	"	.30k	13	117	1887 92	.4 1/2 d	15	118	1902	.1c on 5c	20
53	"	.30k	13	118	"	.5d	50	121	"	.1oc	6
54	1862	.6k	3	122	"	.1s	15	127	1901 02	.5d	20
56	"	.1k	8	128	"	.1d	10	131	"	.2 1/2 d	4
58	"	.6k	20	131	"	.2 1/2 d	4	301	1882 85	.5d	10
59	"	.9k	13	302	"	.5d	12	302	"	.6d	6
60	1866	.1k	30	303	"	.6d	6	330	1888 92	.1 1/2 d	12
61	"	.3k	30	333	"	.6d	12	334	"	.9d	8
62	"	.6k	18	335	"	.1s	4	376	1896	.5d	25
63	"	.9k	11	378	"	.5d	8	1101	1885	.40pa	4
		North German Postal District.		1103	1885 89	.40pa	50	1104	1885 89	.80pa	12
8	1868	.2gr	3								
18	1869	.5gr	20								
24	"	.7s	8								
25	"	pen can.	10gr								
26	"	"	3gr								
38	1870	"	5								
		GERMAN EMPIRE.									
3	1871	.5gr	13								
8	"	.1k	4								
8	"	.1k	4								
12	"	.10gr	13								
13	"	.30gr	12								
19	1872	.2 1/2 gr	10								
27	1874	.2 1/2 gr	12								
29	1875 77	.3pf	6								
35	1900	.10pf	9								
62	"	.1m	2								
63	"	.2m	3								
		1874-1900	good assortment								
501	1884	.20pa on 5pf	3								
502	"	.20pa on 10pf	3								
503	"	.1pi on 20pf	15								
701	1900	.3c on 3pf	20								
702	"	.5c on 5pf	15								
703	"	.1oc on 10pf	15								
707	1901	.3c on 3pf	30								
707	"	.3c on 3pf	40								
708	"	.5c on 5pf	20								
710	"	.5c on 5pf	25								
		GIBRALTAR.									
1	1886	.5d	8								
8	1886 98	.5d	20								
8	"	.5d	40								
9a	"	.1d	10								
9a	"	.1d	15								
16	1889	.1oc on 1d	7								
22	"	.5c	10								
23	"	.1oc	20								
24	"	.1oc	40								
24	"	.25c	4								
25	"	.40c	2								
26	"	.20c	2								
30	1895	.5c	5								
33	1898	.2d	5								
201	"	.5c	80								
202	"	.1oc	10								
203	"	.20c	5								
204	"	.25c	19								
204	"	.25c	15								
205	"	.40c	3								
		GOLD COAST.									
18	1884 91	.5d	20								
12	"	.5d	50								
13	"	.1d	10								
13	"	.1d	50								
14	"	.2d	13								
15	"	.2 1/2 d	4								
16	"	.3d	3								
18	"	.6d	10								
38	1902	.5d	80								
39	"	.1d	10								
40	"	.2d	5								
41	"	.2 1/2 d	4								
		GREAT BRITAIN.									
1	Photo. of V. R.	.1d	3								
2	1840	.1d	50								
4	1841	.1d	6								
6	1847	cut to shape	6								
8	1844	.6d	6								
22	1850	.1d	7								
26	1857	.4d	7								
27	1856	.6d	20	27	1856	.6d	20	27	1856	.6d	20
34	1862 65	.4d	25	34	1862 65	.4d	25	34	1862 65	.4d	25
36	"	.4d	25	36	"	.4d	25	36	"	.4d	25
39	1862	.6d	15	39	1862	.6d	15	39	1862	.6d	15
42	"	.1s	4	42	"	.1s	4	42	"	.1s	4
48	1865	.1s	6	48	1865	.1s	6	48	1865	.1s	6
49	1867 69	.3d	30	49	1867 69	.3d	30	49	1867 69	.3d	30
51	"	.6d	20	51	"	.6d	20	51	"	.6d	20
54	"	.1s	9	54	"	.1s	9	54	"	.1s	9
57	1870	.5d	35	57	1870	.5d	35	57	1870	.5d	35
58	1869	.5d	10	58	1869	.5d	10	58	1869	.5d	10
59	1870	.5d	10	59	1870	.5d	10	59	1870	.5d	10
61	1872 74	.3d	4	61	1872 74	.3d	4	61	1872 74	.3d	4
63	"	.6d	4	63	"	.6d	4	63	"	.6d	4
65	"	.1s	5	65	"	.1s	5	65	"	.1s	5
66	1875	.2 1/2 d	8	66	1875	.2 1/2 d	8	66	1875	.2 1/2 d	8
67	1876	.2 1/2 d	35	67	1876	.2 1/2 d	35	67	1876	.2 1/2 d	35
78	1880	.5d	50	78	1880	.5d	50	78	1880	.5d	50
79	"	.1d	50	79	"	.1d	50	79	"	.1d	50
80	"	.1 1/									

No.	Date.	Value.	No. for asc.	No.	Date.	Value.	No. for asc.	No.	Date.	Value.	No. for asc.				
146	1884	24c	7	82	1868-90	2c	25	60	1882	1c	25				
149	1884	1c	20	83	"	3c	26	61	"	5c	20				
151	"	2c	21	84	"	5c	4	65	1883	1c	25				
152	"	3c	15	NEW SOUTH WALES.								86	"	1c	20
153	"	4c	25	78	"	2d	5	88	"	3c	20				
155	"	6c	20	80	"	2 1/2 d	33	95	1884	1c	9				
158	"	20c	20	92	"	1/2 d on 1d	10	103	"	5c	30				
159	"	25c	20	95	1892	1/2 d	4	109	1886	1c	30				
160	"	50c	20	102	1898-99	1/2 d	22	111	"	5c	30				
166	1885	2c	12	201	1892-04	1/2 d	22	118	1894	1c	25				
167	"	3c	30	316	1880-90	1/2 d	12	130	"	2c	15				
180	1886	10c	6	323	1889-95	1d	30	133	"	10c	25				
181	"	12c	40	324	"	2d	12	135	"	2c	15				
187	1887	10c	25	326	"	6d	12	139	1895-96	1c	8				
205	"	10c	40	340	"	1/2 d	5	141	"	1c	30				
215	1890	20c	25	NEW ZEALAND.								143	"	5c	45
219	"	20c	25	28	1862-63	6d	5	147	"	1 1/2 c	4				
251	1875	10c	12	61	1882	1d	10	149	"	5c	45				
252	"	10c	17	62	"	2d	4	151	1898	2c	25				
253	"	20c	17	65	"	6d	20	154	1899	1c	50				
276	"	10c	12	70	1898	1/2 d	4	155	"	2c	25				
562	1887	olive	25	71	"	1d	10	156	"	5c	45				
601	"	red	25	256	1882	1/2 d	11	203	1874	10c	10				
603	"	orange	30	353	1875	1/2 d	11	222	1883	1c	15				
604	"	green	24	551	1891	1/2 d	25	223	"	5c	9				
606	1894	blue	30	552	"	1d	25	224	"	10c	6				
Assorted Officially Sealed.												228	1897	5c	5
MODENA.												358	1894-95	1c	14
3	1852	15c	4	553	"	2d	25	301	1897	1c	5				
18	1853	9c	11	NICARAGUA.								352	1880	1c	9
MONACO.												352	"	2c	12
1	1885	1c	22	3	1869-71	1c	20	PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.							
2	"	2c	17	5	"	5c	5	46	1878	25m	8				
11	1891-97	1c	35	6	"	10c	10	49	"	25m	4				
12	"	2c	35	7	1878-80	1c	20	55	1880-82	2c	20				
MONTENEGRO.												56	"	3 1/2 c	10
1	1874	2n	15	8	"	2c	12	57	"	2 4-8c	10				
2	"	3n	20	9	"	5c	6	58	"	2 4-8c	9				
3	"	5n	8	12	"	15c	4	60	"	6 2-8c	4				
18	1893	11n	35	17	1882	15c	10	61	"	8c	4				
19	"	7n	7	18	"	20c	10	62	"	10c	4				
MONTserrat.												63	"	12 4-8c	12
5	1884-85	1/2 d	5	19	1882	15c	8	64	"	20c	4				
6	"	1d	3	25	1886	1/2 c	12	65	"	25c	8				
MOZAMBIQUE.												66	1887-89	50m	8
1	1877	5f	15	27	"	12c	10	67	"	1c	20				
3	"	20f	10	36	1887	3c	10	71	1890	3 4-8c	25				
4	"	25f	34	39	"	10c	15	74	"	8c	8				
7	"	100f	34	57	1892-93	1c on 5c	10	74	"	8c	5				
7	"	100f	7	59	1893	1c	25	76	"	12 4-8c	4				
8	"	200f	7	60	"	2c	16	77	1891-92	10c	15				
10	1881-85	10r	22	61	"	3c	12	78	"	25c	4				
12	"	25f	8	63	"	6c	8	82	1892-93	8c	5				
14	"	50f	25	64	"	8c	6	89	"	12 4-8c	6				
MOZAMBIQUE COMPANY.												90	"	15c	5
1	1892	5f	25	79	1897	1c	25	107	1896	15c	4				
2	"	10f	20	80	"	2c	12	108	"	30c	3				
3	"	20f	14	NORWAY.											
51	"	27 1/2 f	25	4	1856-57	4s	50	4	1874-75	25c	5				
MOROCCO—German Offices.												5	"	25c	7
708	1900	5c	50	20	1872-75	6s	4	11	"	25c	8				
709	"	10c	25	29a	1877-78	35 ore	25	16	1877	25c	8				
Gibraltar Offices.												30a	1883-84	12 ore	4
201	1898	5c	25	OBOK.											
202	"	10c	20	102	1894	1c	25	42	1881	1/2 c	14				
MAZAGAN MARAKECH.												103	"	2c	18
1	1893-95	1c	34	104	"	4c	14	45	"	4m	6				
2	"	10c	30	OLDENBURG.								46	"	6m	5
MOGADOR MARAKECH.												48	"	1c	4
3	1895	10c	35	18	1862	1g	5	51	"	5c	8				
NATAL.												52	"	8c	4
51	1874-78	1d	4	57	1882	1g	20	53	"	8c	4				
54	"	1d	7	58	"	4m	25	57	1882	1m	20				
61	1882-84	1/2 d	5	62	"	1c	4	62	"	2c	4				
69	"	1d	3	9	1868	1d	25	64	"	5c	3				
72	1887-89	1d on 3d	4	22	"	6d	9	67	"	5c	3				
80	1895	1/2 d on 1d	20	23	"	1d	5	75	1890	1/2 m	9				
NETHERLAND.												27	"	1m	5
2	1852	10c	18	32	1894	1d	10	81	"	1c	25				
9	1867	15c	4	41	1897	1d on 3d	5	82	"	2c	9				
10	"	20c	6	45	1900	1d	9	83	"	3c	5				
19	1869-70	1/2 c	12	PARAGUAY.								84	"	5c	15
39	1888	1g	8	20	1884	1c	15	85	"	8c	5				
102	1890	10c	8	21	"	2c	15	87	"	20c	6				
111b	1887	5c	11	22	"	5c	6	91	1891-93	1m	25				
112	"	10c	25	32	1892	1c	16	94	"	6m	20				
112a	"	10c	16	36	"	10c	8	95	"	8m	19				
112b	"	10c	11	44	1895	15c on 7c	4	96	"	1c	6				
NEW BRUNSWICK.												98	"	3c	25
7	1860	5c	25	118	1890	1c on 15c	4	99	"	5c	25				
NEW CALLEDONIA.												101	"	5c	25
8	1886	5c on 1fr	5	143	1901	4c	15	102	"	6c	25				
8b	"	5c on 1fr	5	42	1879	5k	6	109	1894	1/2 m	25				
13b	1892	10c on 30c	7	45	1880	5s	6	111	"	2m	26				
40	"	1c	40	52	1881	25s	6	118	"	20c	8				
41	"	2c	40	53	1882	5s	5	124	1896	1c	38				
NEW FOUNDLAND.												62	1884-86	2c	30
41	1880	2c	6	64	"	1k	18	131	"	20c	5				
43	1887	5c	5	74	1889	7s	18	135	1898	1m	25				
44	"	1c	18	90	1890	18	11	150	"	2m	25				
46	"	2c	15	92	1894	8s	25	159	"	2c	15				
48	"	5c	12	106	1898	28	24	171	"	8c	5				
50	1890-95	1/2 c	4	120	1899	38	25	173	"	8c on 9m	15				
51	"	3c	35	124	"	58	20	210	1899	1c	16				
51	"	5c	25	PERU.								211	"	2c	9
57	"	10c	5	9	1860	1d	6	212	"	2c	4				
57	1896	1c	5	18	1862-72	1d	17	213	"	8c	2				
58	"	2c	5	14	"	1d	20	214	"	10c	2				
80	1898-99	1/2 c	40	15	"	1p	6	215	1900	1c	16				
81	"	1c	25	28	1874-79	2c	9	PORTUGAL.							
82	"	2c	10	29	"	5c	50	2	1853	25f	10				
NETHERLAND.												38	"	5f	5
38	"	10c	38	84	"	20c	10	17	1866	5f	5				
39	"	20c	38	89	1880	1c	10	34	1871	5f	25				
40	"	5c	38	91	"	2c	11	35	"	10f	10				
41	"	10c	38	93	"	5c	11	38	"	50f	10				

No.	Date.	Value.	No. for asc.	No.	Date.	Value.	No. for asc.	No.	Date.	Value.	No. for asc.
39a	1871	5or	5	ST. CHRISTOPHER.				SOUTH AUSTRALIA.			
45	1875	3oor	10	8	1882	1/2d	14	16	1860	ad	5
47	1879	1or	9	14	1884	1/2d	4	76	1887-90	1/2d	12
49	1880	15or	14	ST. HELENA.				80	"	1/2d	6
54	1880	5or	11	33	1884-04	1/2d	10	94	"	3/4 on 4d	4
56	1887	3oor	6	48	1902	1/2d	17	108	1895-97	3d	3
67	1890	5r	4	ST. LUCIA.				115	1900	1d	9
68	1892	1or	30	27a	1882-85	1/2d	11	116	"	2d	5
69	"	5r	25	ST. THOMAS AND PRINCE ISLANDS.				117	"	3/4d	4
201	1876	2 1/2r	50	1	1869-77	5r	19 for asc.	242	1876-86	1sh	5
PORTUGUESE INDIES.				4	1881	2or	35	244	1880-91	1d	25
32	1875	15r	5	12	"	2or	20	SPAIN.			
78	1881	5r on 15r	4	12	"	2or	20	6	1851	6c	15
168	1882	50	50	14	"	5or	35	122	1852	6c	10
163	"	4 1/2r	34	ST. VINCENT.				28	1854	4c	19
164	"	6r	34	40	1883-88	1/2d	20	28a	"	bar can.	3r
166	"	24	34	42	"	1/2d	17	37	1855	4c	25
171	1883	6r	4	42	"	1/2d	17	39	"	3r	9
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.				42	"	1/2d	10	41	1866	4c	2
6	1865	3d	5	45	"	2 1/2d on 1d	10	45	1867-59	4c	50
9	1868-70	4d	5	62	1898	1/2d	18	50	1860-61	4c	50
PRUSSIA.				SALVADOR.				53	"	1r	7
4	1850-55	25 g	20	1	1867	1/2r	16	54	"	2r	12
5	1856-58	3a g	15	2	"	1/2r	10	56	1862	4c	25
15	1861-65	4r	7	14	1870	1r	9	57	"	12c	8
16	"	6pf	10	15	"	1r	9	59	"	1F	6
17	"	18 g	11	18	1887	1c	12	60	"	2F	11
18	"	25 g	11	20	1888	1c	14	63	1864	12c	5
20	"	35 g	11	23	1880	1c	20	66	"	2r	7
QUEENSLAND.				25	1888	1c on 3c	12	94	1867	5a	4
68	1868-75	ad	4	26	1890	1P	4	93	"	20c	10
68	1882	ad	10	47	1891	1c	60	95	"	10m	6
69	"	6d	14	48	"	1c	60	101	1868-69	200m	5
70	"	1sh	8	49	"	3c	50	139	1870	1m	25
84	1887-89	1d	12	50	"	5c	22	161	"	1m	12
89	1880	1/2d	19	55	"	5c	22	165	"	25m	5
93	1891-94	3d	12	58	"	1c on 2c	12	168	"	100m	10
94	"	ad	12	59	"	5c on 3c	6	169	"	200m	11
95	"	6d	12	70	1892	1c on 5c	4	170	"	punched, 400m	12
106	1895	5d	9	73	"	1c on acc	12	180	1872	12c	25
114	1899	1/2d	9	74	"	1c on 2 1/2c	10	182	"	40c	5
122	1900	17	17	SAN MARINO.				185	"	punched, 4p	8
REUNION.				1	1877	2c	20	187	1873	1/2c	27
7	1886	10c on 40c	4	6	1890	5c	10	188	"	5c	5
9	"	5c on 30c	4	12	1894	2c	18	197	"	50c	16
17	1891	1c	25	13	1892-94	2c	40	199	"	punched, 4p	16
18	"	2c	16	15	"	1cc	12	201	1874	2c	11
30	"	2c on 20c	10	26	1894	2 1/2c	9	207	"	50c	11
33	"	15c on 20c	7	27	"	5cc	6	209	"	4p	15
35	1891-96	2c on 20c	8	28	"	11	3	215	1876	25c	25
RHODESIA.				SARAWAK.				217	"	50c	50
1	1891	1/2d	15	3	1869-71	3c	12	218	"	punched, 1p	23
2	"	1d	4	4	1875	4c	8	228a	"	not	1p
3	"	ad	4	5	"	6c	4	229	"	punched, 4p	12
4	"	ad	2	18	1889-91	1c on 8c	5	232	1877-78	2c	9
30	1896	1/2d	2	21	"	1c on 3c	22	233	"	5c	11
38	1899	1/2d	18	22	1892	1c on 3c	12	236	"	25c	16
59	"	1d	16	24	1894	1c	10	242	1879	2c	50
60	"	ad	5	25	1894	1c	7	247	"	40c	18
ROMAN STATES.				34	1899	1c on 2c	4	248	"	50c	10
3	1852	1b	12	39	1900	1c	5	249	"	1p	16
4	"	2b	12	40	"	1cc	5	254	1882	75c	14
5	"	3b	6	41	"	1cc	3	262	1890	40c	16
12	"	6b	6	42	"	1cc	3	266	"	4p	9
18	"	8b	20	43	"	1cc	2	311	1894	1/2 on 2a	17
ROUMANIA.				47	1901	1c	18	352	"	1	21
20	1862	30pa	5	SAXONY.				355	1895	1/2	12
23	1865	5pa	9	10	1855	3ng	25	355a	"	1	12
24	"	50pa	10	11	"	2ng	10	357	"	4	12
25	"	20pa	10	15	1863	3pf	30	510	1875	1/2 on 1c	11
29	1866	20pa	10	17	"	1ng	60	1874-90	"	nice mixture, large variety.	100
32	"	12	12	18	"	2ng	40	STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.			
36	1868-70	18b	5	19	"	3ng	30	11	1868-72	4c	6
53	1872	1 1/2b	4	SCHLESWIG HOLSTEIN.				13	"	8c	5
53	"	1 1/2b	25	4	1865	1 1/2s	8	15	"	24c	8
54	"	3b	11	HOLSTEIN.				44	1883	8c	16
55	"	5b	25	22	1866	1 1/2s	5	45	"	20c	20
55	"	15b	12	SERVIA.				45	1884-91	2c	45
57	"	5ob	6	18	1869	1p	5	68	1897-91	1c on 2c	9
59	"	3ob	19	21	"	20p	19	70	1892	1c on 2c	20
66	1879	1 1/2b	19	24	1869	25p	11	71	"	1c on 4c	10
76	1885-89	3b	19	25	"	40p	11	73	"	1c on 8c	25
79	"	25b	22	27	1872-73	50p	11	75	"	1c on 8c	25
95	1890	3b	6	31	1881	80p	37	77	1893	1c	95
120	1894	3b	25	50a	1896	1p	37	80	1894	3c on 2ac	17
201	1881	2b	19	SEYCHELLES.				82	"	8c	5
204	"	3ob	19	1	1890	2c	18	84	"	3c	10
203	1887-90	2b	9	2	"	4c	14	94	1902	3c	10
RUSSIA.				9	1892	3c on 4c	12	97	"	8c	5
14	1872	5k	14	11	"	1c on 16c	3	Federated Malay States.			
15	"	10k	15	16	1893	15c	4	1	1900	1c	25
30	1879	1k	18	24	1900	6c	9	14	1901	1c	22
31	"	2k	18	25	"	15c	3	Johore.			
Livonia.				SIAM.				Negri Sembilan.			
1	1862	2k	6	1	1883	11	5	18	1894	1c	20
22	1891	5c	10	10	1887	3a	6	19	"	2c	13
45	"	25c	4	13	"	12a	12	30	"	1c	25
43	1892	1c on 25c	19	17	1889-91	1a on 2a	14	37	1896-98	1c	23
44	"	2c on 25c	19	22	1893	4a on 24a	7	42	"	6c	6
45	"	4c on 25c	14	25	1894-95	1a on 6a	9	Perak.			
46	"	1c on 5c	20	26	"	1a on 6a	5	42	1892	5c	7
47	"	2c on 5c	20	30	"	10c on 24a	4	Selangor.			
48	"	4c on 5c	14	34	1884	1/2d	17	7	1882	1c	6
49	"	1c on 25c	25	34	"	1/2d	19	11	"	2c	18
50	"	2c on 25c	19	35	"	1/2d	9	24	1892	1c	25
51	"	4c on 25c	15	36	"	1/2d	6	28	1894	3c on 5c	11
67	"	25c	14	37	"	1/2d	5	Selangor.			
				41	"	5d	2	7	1882	1c	6

No.	Date.	Value.	No. for asc.
* 34	1804	Sungei Ujong. 2c	17
* 35	"	" 3c on 5c	10
SUBINAM.			
* 4	1873	.....10c	4
5	"	.....25c	4
* 21	1890	.....5c	25
* 25	1893	.....10c	10
SWEDEN.			
6	1858	.....5 ore	19
9	"	.....12 "	12
10	"	.....24 "	15
12	"	.....60 "	5
23	1872	.....6 "	12
1858-92... nice lot, many varieties			
1871-84... assorted Unpaid and Official..... 50 "			
SWITZERLAND.			
33	1854	.....40r	4
36	1855-58	.....10r	19
37	"	.....15r	15
38	"	.....30r	10
39	"	.....40r	6
* 41	1862-63	.....2c	10
47	"	.....40c	6
59	1867-68	.....50c	25
66	1881	.....40c	30
* 67	"	.....50c	20
* 68	"	.....1fr	19
* 97	1900	.....5c	20
* 98	"	.....10c	10
* 99	"	.....25c	4
202	1878	.....2c	19
2	"	.....3c	15
237	"	.....50c	6
26	"	.....100c	5
209	"	.....500c	18
227	1884	.....100c	15
228	"	.....500c	15
TASMANIA.			
34	1864	.....pen can. 1sh	6
53	1871-76	.....1d	10
54	"	.....2d	4
* 66	1880-91	.....1/2d on 9d	18
* 73	1892-97	.....1/2d on 9d	20
87	1900	.....1d	25
88	"	.....2d	25
* 89	"	.....2 1/2d	4
* 90	"	.....3d	3
* 94	1902	.....1d	9
94	"	.....1d	45
95	"	.....2d	45
128	1882	.....6d	18
215	"	.....1sh	5
TIMOR.			
* 8	1885	.....100r	5
TOBAGO.			
* 192	1885-94	.....1/2d	18
* 20	"	.....1d	9
* 21	"	.....2d	per 5 for 50c.
* 22	"	.....6d	per 5 for 75c.
TONGA.			
* 1	1886-92	.....1d	9 for 25c.
* 2	"	.....2d	12
* 3	"	.....4d	12
5	"	.....1sh	8
10	1892	.....1d	8
* 21	1894	.....1/2d on 1sh	5
* 24	"	.....1/2d on 1d	8
* 38	1897	.....1/2d	18
* 39	"	.....1d	9
* 11	1892	.....2d	5
TRANSVAAL.			
* 95	1883	.....1d	5
* 99	1885	.....1/2d	16
100	"	.....1d	10
104	"	.....6d	9
* 113	1887-92	.....2d	9
* 118	1893	.....1/2d on 2d	6
* 138	1895	.....1/2d on 1sh	10
* 139	"	.....1d on 2 1/2d	6
141	"	.....1d	12
142	1896	.....25c	15
143	"	.....50c	9
148	"	.....1d	4
* 221	1902	.....1d	9
TRINIDAD.			
58	1878	.....6	6
65	1882	.....25	4
* 67	1883-84	.....18	18
* 68	"	.....25	9
69	"	.....25	20
* 74	1896	.....20	10
* 75	"	.....10	4
* 76	"	.....4	25
* 77	"	.....5	8
84	"	.....1sh	5
* 80	1898	.....2d	3
152	1885	.....1d	12
153	"	.....1d	9
TURKS ISLAND.			
41	1882-84	.....1/2d	4
52	1893	.....1/2d	6
* 55	1900	.....1/2d	20
* 56	"	.....1d	9
* 57	"	.....2d	5
* 58	"	.....1sh	8
* 59	"	.....2d	5
* 60	"	.....4d	4
* 61	"	.....5d	per 5 for 50c.
		.....1sh	per 5 for 1.00.

No.	Date.	Value.	No. for asc.
TUNIS.			
* 28	1888-92	.....2c	19
* 9	1888-93	.....1c	35
11	"	.....5c	25
12	"	.....10c	40
13	"	.....15c	20
15	"	.....40c	10
TURKEY.			
112	1865	.....2pi	7
18	1867	.....5pi	10
212	1869	.....10pa	12
22	"	.....1pi	22
231	"	.....2pi	12
28	1871	.....10pa	6
29	"	.....20pa	10
35	1873	.....10pa	12
38	1874	.....10pa	33
39	"	.....20pa	30
442	"	.....1pi	12
49	1876	.....1/2 pi	12
51	"	.....1pi	9
512	"	.....20pa	10
54	"	.....2pi	10
* 59	1881	.....5pa	10
62	1882	.....1pi	12
65	1881	.....2pi	20
69	1884-86	.....1pi	50
71	"	.....2pi	25
73	1886	.....5pa	25
74	"	.....2pi	25
95-96-97-98	1892	.....25 of each	8
411	1867	.....1pi	8
* 412	"	.....1pi	5
* 413	"	.....5p	6
415	1869	.....20pa	14
432	1871	.....1pi	18
433	"	.....5pi	9
604	1865	.....5pa	33
TUSCANY.			
26	1860	.....10c	10
TWO SICILIES.			
3	1858	.....2g	14
32	"	.....2g	11
* 20	1861	.....1/2g	6
* 21	"	.....1g	8
* 21	"	.....1g	7
* 22	"	.....2g	12
* 22	"	.....2g	12
* 23	"	.....5g	8
* 23	"	.....10g	5
* 26	"	.....20g	5
URUGUAY.			
35	1872	.....5c	4
40	1877-80	.....5c	8
41	"	.....10c	20
42	"	.....20c	10
43	"	.....50c	5
* 57	1884	.....1c	4
* 572	"	.....1c	15
* 59	"	.....2c	9
61	"	.....5c	40
* 83	1892	.....1c	7
91	1891	.....1c	18
* 113	1896	.....1c	7
* 116	"	.....1c	18
* 119	1897	.....1c	18
* 120	"	.....2c	9
* 134	1898-99	.....1/2c on 1c	18
* 135	"	.....1/2c on 1c	18
* 140	"	.....5m	18
* 150	1900	.....5c on 1cc	4
VENEZUELA.			
2	1858	.....1/2r	8
3	"	.....1r	4
4	"	.....2r	7
8	1853	.....1/2r	8
* 47	1880	.....5c	16
* 47	"	.....10c	10
* 48	"	.....10c	11
* 48	"	.....10c	5
* 49	"	.....25c	9
* 50	"	.....50c	25
* 54	1883	.....25c	73
* 56	"	.....50c	50
* 57	"	.....50c	50
* 58	"	.....1b	12
* 59	"	.....5c	75
* 60	"	.....10c	75
* 61	"	.....25c	75
* 62	"	.....50c	35
* 68	1882-92	.....10b	11
* 69	"	.....20b	5
* 70	1887	.....25c	10
* 71	"	.....5c	12
* 72	"	.....25c	12
* 76	"	reg. 18mc. 5c	6
* 77	"	5c	6
* 90	1893	.....5c	33
* 92	"	.....5c	33
* 98	"	.....25c	12
* 100	"	.....5c	12
* 102	"	.....5c	18
* 106	"	.....10c	18
* 107	"	.....25c	9
* 108	"	.....50c	20
* 109	"	.....1b	8
* 110	"	.....5c	33
* 118	"	.....5c	15
* 124	1890	.....5c	33
* 125	"	.....10c	30
* 126	"	.....5c	34
* 127	"	.....50c	8

No.	Date.	Value.	No. for asc.
* 130	1900	.....5c	25
* 131	"	.....10c	18
* 133	"	.....50c	7
* 136	"	.....5c	50
* 137	"	.....10c	30
* 138	"	.....25c	10
* 139	"	.....50c	25
* 140	"	.....1b	20
* 152	"	.....50c	8
* 153	"	.....1b	12
* 154	"	.....5c	37
* 156	"	.....25c	10
* 252	1899	.....25c	12
ST. THOMAS AND PRINCE.			
* 15	1869	.....1/2r	10
* 16	"	.....2r	10
VICTORIA.			
* 123	1868-70	.....2d	7
* 130	1875-81	.....1/2d	10
132	"	.....1d	25
135	"	.....2d	25
141	1881-83	.....1d	8
* 149	1886-87	.....3d	7
* 160	"	.....1/2d	10
163	"	.....4d	25
164	"	.....6d	15
165	"	.....6d	15
* 181	1891-95	.....9d	5
* 181	1899-1900	.....1d	9
* 184	1901	.....1/2d	15
* 194	"	.....1d	9
* 195	"	.....1/2d	6
* 196	"	.....2d	5
* 197	"	.....2 1/2d	4
511	1891	.....1/2d	10
VIRGIN ISLANDS.			
* 13	1881-88	.....1/2d	7
* 19	1889	.....1d	6
* 21	1899	.....1/2d	18
* 22	"	.....1d	9
WESTERN AUSTRALIA.			
31	1865-69	.....2d	7
36	"	.....1d	9
37	"	.....2d	18
46	1882	.....2d	5
49	1882-85	.....1/2d	18
51	"	.....1d	10
52	"	.....2d	18
57	1884	.....1/2d on 1d	7
62	1890-93	.....1d	50
63	"	.....2d	50
69	1893	.....1d on 3d	4
74	1899	.....2d	5
WURTEMBERG.			
9	1857	.....3k	15
36	1863	.....3k	25
41	1866	.....1k	15
47	1869-73	.....1k	25
50	"	.....7k	8
51	"	.....9k	7
64	1883	.....2m	6
71	1900	.....30pf	3
ZANZIBAR.			
* 1	1835-96	.....1/2a	4
* 62	1899	.....1/2a	18
* 64	"	.....2a	5
* 65	"	.....2 1/2a	4
* 77	1921	.....1a	9
ZULULAND.			
* 1	1888	.....1/2d	10
* 15	1891	.....1d	9
FOREIGN ENVELOPES.			
Cut Square.			
No.	Date.	Value.	No. for asc.
* 51	1891 Angra	.....25r	12
* 52	"	.....50r	8
* 302	1878 Argentine	.....8c	10
* 310	1890	.....5c on 8c</	

No.	Date.	Value.	No. for spec.
418	1885-87 Ceylon	5c on 4c	6
438	1893-94	5c on 18	18
434	1895	10c on 15c	12
409	1893	10c on 15c	6
411	"	10c	10
401	1879 Chili	5c	10
402	"	10c	5
403	"	15c	3
406	"	10c	5
410	"	10c	5
412	"	10c	4
413	1886 Costa Rica	10c on 15c	12
402	"	10c	12
405	1899 Cuba	2c	4
406	"	2c	4
412	"	1c	12
52	D. West Indies	2c	12
52	"	3c	12
517	Official Dominican Rep., blue	1c	1
518	1892 Ecuador	5c	12
52	1892-94 French Guiana	15c	18
52	1868 Germany (N. G. Conf.)	1gr	10
519	1892 Great Britain	2½d	6
506	1870-90	1d	20
511	1892	½d	25
701	1877	1	1
702	1878-83	2d	1
703	1893	2d	8
704	1893	2d	25
801	1870-77	½d	8
805	1878-92	½d	12
900	1894 Greece	20l	25
902	1894 Grenada	2d	10
151	1875 Guatemala	½r	15
152	"	1r	10
153	"	2r	8
176	"	½r	12
201	1883 Hawaii	1c	10
210	1893	1c	4
211	"	5c	4
212	"	10c	2
214	"	2c	6
38	1875-79 Heligoland	10pf	8
207	1890 Honduras, on blue	20c	20
52	1893 Horta	5ar	6
401	1877 India	9 pies	25
404	1879	9 pies	20
405	1898-99 " (Dhar)	½a	6
41	1892 " (Holkar)	½a	25
51	1890 " (Travancore)	1ch	12
452	1883-94 Liberia	10c	4
453	"	10c	4
454	"	10c	4
209	1878 Mauritius	8c	8
211	1879-91	8c	12
251	1891	8c	5
252	1893	12c	8
52	1892 Mayotte	15c	18
701	1874-82 Mexico	4c	10
702	"	5c	3
703	"	10c	10
704	"	25c	10
705	1882	10c	2
706	"	25c	1
710	"	5c on 10c	2
720	1895	4c	12
730	"	5c	10
731	"	10c	5
732	"	15c	20
702	1880 Newfoundland	5c	8
403	1871-81 N. S. Wales	1d	4
404	"	2d	6
502	1888 Nicaragua	10c	10
503	"	5c on 10c	1
515	1892	5c	25
516	"	10c	15
517	"	20c	5
509	1891 " on yellow	5c	25
510	" on white	5c	25
511	"	10c	20
520	1893	5c	25
525	1894	5c	25
526	"	10c	12
527	"	20c	12
528	"	30c	10
529	"	50c	10
531	1887 Paraguay	3c	15
401	1875 Peru	5c	5
408	1882	10c	2
409	1882	10c	2
426	1896	5c	10
427	1856-61 Prussia	28g	12
428	1863	28g	25
459	1895 Queensland	7½d	25
474	1892-94 Roumania	7½d	25
201	1888 St. Lucia	2d	6
251	1887	½d	15
252	"	1d	12
201	1893 St. Vincent	2d	8
818	1890 Salvador, on blue	5c	25
822	"	10c	20
826	"	11c	20
830	"	20c	15
834	"	22c	15
843	1892	1c	15
844	"	5c	15
845	"	10c	15
846	"	11c	15
847	"	20c	12
848	"	22c	12
102	1892 Senegal	15c	6
101	Seychelles	8c	12
308	Sweden	2 ore	15
303	1867-68 Switzerland	25c	10
360	1875-83	5c	15

No.	Date.	Value.	No. for spec.
*359	1891 Tasmania	1d	10
*101	1892 Tobago	2d	8
*151	1888-93 Tunis	5c	12
*639	1886 Victoria	½d	8
*259	1865 Wurtemberg	3kr	20

THIS LIST

includes stamps of the better grade, and are sold so many for the catalogue price of one stamp. In no case will less than one lot of a kind be sold. * Means unused. Order by catalogue number.

UNITED STATES.

No.	Date.	Value.	No. for spec.	Cat. Price.
28	1847 5c	5c	2	\$ 0.70
31	1851 1c Type II	1c	4	2.50
31	1851 1c Type II	1c	3	.25
33	1851 3c	3c	3	1.50
35	1851 10c	10c	3	.65
36	1851 12c	12c	2	2.00
41	1857-60 1c Type II	1c	3	1.00
42	1857-60 1c Type III	1c	3	.50
43	1857-60 3c Type I	3c	3	.25
50	1857-60 10c	10c	3	2.50
50	1857-60 10c	10c	3	.30
51	1857-60 12c	12c	3	1.00
63b	1861 1c dark blue	1c	3	1.00
68	1861 10c	10c	3	1.75
69	1861 12c	12c	3	2.00
71	1861 30c	30c	3	.50
72	1861 90c	90c	3	3.50
73	1862-66 2c	2c	3	.50
78	1862-66 24c	24c	3	.30
86	1867 1c 11113	1c	3	2.00
87	1867 3c 11113	3c	3	.20
90	1867 12c 11113	12c	3	.50
91	1867 15c 11113	15c	3	1.00
99	1867 1c 9113	1c	3	.75
94	1867 3c 9113	3c	3	1.00
95	1867 5c 9113	5c	3	4.00
97	1867 12c 9113	12c	3	.50
98	1867 15c 9113	15c	3	1.00
100	1867 30c 9113	30c	3	3.50
112	1869 1c	1c	3	1.25
112	1869 1c	1c	3	.65
113	1869 2c	2c	4	1.00
114	1869 3c	3c	3	.75
115	1869 6c	6c	3	.60
116	1869 10c	10c	3	.75
117	1869 12c	12c	3	4.00
117	1869 12c (no frame)	12c	3	.53
118	1869 15c (no frame)	15c	3	3.50
119	1869 15c (framed)	15c	3	1.50
121	1869 30c 1869 re-issue	30c	3	3.00
126	1870 1c 1869 re-issue	1c	3	10.00
133	1870 1c on 6c	1c	4	1.50
134	1870 1c on 6c	1c	4	.50
144	1870 9c embossed	9c	3	6.00
146	1870 3c no embossing	3c	3	1.50
147	1870 3c	3c	3	2.00
151	1870 12c	12c	3	4.00
152	1870 15c	15c	3	.75
153	1870 24c	24c	3	1.50
154	1870 30c	30c	3	.40
156	1873 1c	1c	3	1.00
157	1873 2c	2c	3	1.50
158	1873 3c	3c	3	1.00
160	1873 7c	7c	3	.60
163	1873 15c	15c	3	.50
164	1873 24c	24c	3	4.00
165	1873 30c	30c	3	.50
178	1875 2c	2c	3	1.00
179	1875 3c	3c	3	2.00
183	1879 3c	3c	3	.25
184	1879 3c	3c	3	.40
184	1879 6c	6c	3	1.00
186	1879 6c	6c	3	2.00
189	1879 15c orange	15c	3	.25
189a	1879 15c orange	15c	3	.50
205	1882 5c	5c	3	.25
208	1882 6c rose	6c	3	2.50
209a	1882 10c black brown	10c	3	.25
217	1888 30c	30c	2	.65
217	1888 30c	30c	3	.35
218	1888 90c	90c	2	3.00
219b	1890 4c lake	4c	3	.50
224	1890 6c	6c	per 10, \$0.65	
225	1890 8c	8c	per 10, .90	
228	1890 30c	30c	per 5, 1.65	
229	1890 90c	90c	per 5, 4.50	
230	1890 60c	60c	3	.50
238	1893 15c	15c	3	.30
239	1893 30c	30c	3	.40
242	1893 42c	42c	2	1.75
243	1893 44c	44c	2	3.50
244	1893 44c	44c	2	4.50
245	1893 45c	45c	2	5.50
251	1894 2c Triangle II	2c	3	.25
265	1895 3c Triangle I	3c	3	.30
266	1895 5c Triangle II	5c	3	.25

United States Departments.

* 501	Agriculture, 3c	3c	3	1.00
* 502	" 3c	3c	4	.25
* 503	" 6c	6c	3	.75
* 504	" 10c	10c	3	6.00
* 505	" complete except 12c, fine	12c	3	25.05
* 514	Interior, 1c used or unused	1c	3	45.31
* 516	" 3c	3c	3	.40
* 517	" 6c	6c	3	.50
* 518	" 10c used or unused	10c	3	.50
* 519	" 12c	12c	3	.50
* 519	" 12c	12c	3	.40

No.	Description	Value.	No. for spec.	Cat. Price.
* 590	Interior, 15c	15c	3	.75
* 590	" 25c	25c	3	.50
* 591	" 24c	24c	3	1.00
* 592	" 24c	24c	3	.75
* 592	" 30c	30c	3	1.00
* 593	" 30c	30c	3	.75
* 593	" 60c	60c	3	4.40
* 593	" 60c	60c	3	.50
* 594	Justice, 1c	1c	3	1.50
* 595	" 2c	2c	3	3.00
* 596	" 3c	3c	3	2.00
* 596	" 3c	3c	3	.75
* 597	" 6c	6c	3	2.50
* 597	" 6c	6c	3	1.00
* 598	" 10c	10c	3	3.00
* 599	" 12c	12c	3	3.00
* 599	" 12c	12c	3	2.50
* 530	" 15c	15c	3	6.00
* 534	Navy, 1c	1c	3	1.25
* 535	" 2c	2c	3	1.00
* 535	" 3c	3c	3	.50
* 536	" 3c	3c	3	.50
* 536	" 3c	3c	4	.50
* 537	" 6c	6c	3	4.50
* 538	" 6c	6c	3	10.00
* 538	" 7c	7c	3	2.00
* 539	" 10c	10c	3	1.50
* 540	" 12c	12c	3	1.50
* 540	" 12c	12c	4	1.50
* 541	" 15c used or unused	15c	3	3.00
* 542	" 24c	24c	3	6.50
* 542	" 24c	24c	3	4.00
* 543	" 30c	30c	3	5.00
* 543	" 30c	30c	3	3.00
* 546	Post Office, 1c used or unused	1c	4	.40
* 547	" 2c	2c	4	.25
* 550	" 10c	10c	3	1.25
* 551	" 12c	12c	3	1.00
* 552	" 12c	12c	3	.75
* 552	" 15c	15c	3	1.50
* 553	" 24c	24c	3	1.00
* 554	" 30c used or unused	30c	3	2.00
* 555	" 90c	90c	3	2.50
* 556	State, 1c used or unused	1c	3	2.50
* 557	" 2c	2c	3	5.00
* 557	" 6c	6c	3	.75
* 560	" 7c used or unused	7c	3	3.00
* 561	" 10c shades	10c	3	2.50
* 562	" 12c	12c	3	4.00
* 563	" 15c	15c	3	4.50
* 563	" complete set through 90c	90c	3	54.00
* 571	Treasury, 1c	1c	4	1.25
* 572	" 2c	2c	3	.35
* 575	" 7c	7c	3	2.50
* 575	" 7c	7c	3	1.50
* 576	" 10c	10c	4	.25
* 578	" 15c	15c	4	.25
* 579	" 24c	24c	3	3.00
* 580	" 30c	30c	4	.25
* 581	" 90c	90c		

No.	Date.	Cat. Price.	No. for	Value.
*1061	1894	1c Newspaper	3	.50
*1062	"	4c " "	3	.50
*1063	"	5c " "	3	1.00
*1065	"	10c " "	3	2.00
*1066	"	12c " "	3	2.50
*1067	"	14c " "	3	4.00
*1075	1895	24c " "	3	.25
Complete set 1899, 2a var., as sold by P. O. for \$5.00 each, 3 sets, fine, for				
6.50				
Unpaid Letter Stamps.				
1201	1870	1c yellow brown	3	.25
*1202	"	3c " "	3	.40
*1211	"	5c brown	3	.25
*1213	"	30c brown, used or unused	3	1.00
*1214	"	50c brown	3	1.00
1214	"	50c " "	3	.25
*1217	1880	3c red brown	3	.75
*1218	"	5c " "	3	.50
*1219	"	10c " "	3	.75
*1220	"	30c " "	3	.75
1220	"	30c " "	4	.45
1221	"	50c " "	3	1.50
*1226	1891-93	10c claret	3	.25
1227	"	30c " "	3	.40
1228	"	50c " "	3	1.00
*1241	1894	5c deep claret	3	.30
*1242	"	10c " "	3	.50
*1243	"	30c " "	3	1.00
*1244	"	50c " " per 5, \$1.70	3	1.00
United States Envelopes.				
*1265	1864	6c on buff	3	.75
*1269	1870	6c on white	4	.50
*1272	"	12c " "	3	3.00
*1273	"	15c " "	3	4.00
*1280	"	6c on amber	4	.50
*1284	"	12c " "	3	3.50
*1285	"	15c " "	3	4.00
*1296	"	1c on orange	3	.25
*1297	"	3c " "	6	.25
*1411	1874	10c " " per 5, .70	3	1.50
*1415	"	30c on white	3	.40
*1419	"	5c die A	3	.25
*1421	"	5c die B	3	.25
*1422	1876	3c red	4	.65
*1423	"	3c green	3	.30
*1426	"	5c brown	3	.30
*1440	1874	10c " " per 5, .70	3	1.50
*1451	1875	5c die B	3	.25
*1452	"	5c die C	3	.25
*1463	1875-80	5c die C	3	1.50
*1471	"	5c die A	3	.50
*1474	1880-82	5c on blue, die C	4	1.00
*1478	1875-79	1c on fawn, die B	5	.50
*1501	1884	5c on blue	4	.40
*1504	"	5c on fawn	3	.75
*1508	"	5c on blue	3	.75
*1509	"	5c on blue	4	1.00
*1513	"	5c " " die B	4	.50
*1515	"	5c " " " "	4	1.00
*1526	1886	10c " " per 5, .70	3	1.50
*1530	"	10c " " per 5, .70	3	1.50
*1536	"	4c die B	3	.25
*1537	"	4c die B	3	.25
*1543	"	4c die B	3	.25
*1544	"	10c " " per 5, .70	3	1.50
*1549	1883	3c on white	3	1.25
*1561	"	30c on amber	3	3.50
*1565	"	30c on buff	3	1.25
*1571	"	30c on blue	3	1.25
*1577	"	30c on manilla	3	1.50
*1583	"	30c on manilla	3	1.50
*1591	1895	1c on manilla	3	.25
*1604	1899	5c on amber	3	.25
*1610	"	5c on buff	3	.25
*1613	"	5c on blue	3	.75
*1700	1861	1c on buff	3	1.50
*1702	"	1c on manilla	3	1.00
*1708	1864	5c die 3	3	.65
*1710	1870	5c " "	3	2.00
*1716	1874	5c die B	3	.25
*1723	1884	5c May	3	.25
*1724	"	5c June	3	.25
*1725	1873	3c " "	3	.25
*1847	1875	5c " "	3	.25
Telegraph Stamps.				
*1910	1881	15c Collect	5	.25
*1911	"	30c " "	5	.25
*1916	1893	15c Postal Telegraph Co.	5	.30
*1918	"	Violet br'n	5	.25
*1919	1894	Gray green	4	.50
*1920	1891	Puce br'n, Western Tel. Co.	5	.25
*1921	1892	Vermilion	5	.25
*1922	1893	Blue	5	.25
*1923	1894	Light green	5	.25
*1924	1844	5c American Letter Mail	3	.25

No.	Value.	No. for	Cat. Price.
2857	50c Life Insurance, blue-Imperf.	3	2.50
2858	50c Orig. Process, " "	3	.40
2861	50c Probate of Will, " Perf.	3	.75
2866	\$1.00 Entry of Goods, red-Imperf.	3	.75
2869	\$1.00 Lease, " "	4	2.00
2871	\$1.00 Manifest, " "	3	1.50
2874	\$1.00 Mortgage, " "	3	1.50
2874	\$1.00 Power of Atty, " "	3	2.00
2875	\$1.00 Probate of Will, " Perf.	3	1.25
2878	\$1.60 For. Exchange, green	3	1.00
2879	\$1.90 " " violet	3	1.00
2882	\$2.00 Probate of Will, red	3	1.00
2886	\$3.00 Int. Exchange, blue	3	1.50
2890	\$5.00 Mortgage, red	3	.90
2891	\$5.00 Probate of Will, red	3	.85
2892	\$10.00 Charter Party, green	3	1.00
2895	\$10.00 Probate of Will, " "	3	.85
2897	\$20.00 Conveyance, orange	3	1.15
2903	1c Second Issue	3	.75
2905	3c " "	3	.35
2906	4c " "	3	.60
2908	6c " "	3	2.00
2910	15c " "	3	.35
2913	30c " "	3	.75
2914	40c " "	3	.60
2917	70c " "	3	.65
2920	\$1.50 " "	3	.60
2923	\$2.00 " "	3	.60
2924	\$2.50 " "	3	.35
2925	\$3.00 " "	3	1.25
2926	\$3.50 " "	3	5.00
2927	\$5.00 " "	3	.75
2928	\$10.00 " "	3	1.40
2944	1c Third Issue	3	1.00
2946	4c " "	3	1.00
2948	6c " "	3	1.00
2949	15c " "	3	.50
2950	30c " "	3	.25
2951	40c " "	3	.75
2953	70c " "	3	.60
2955	\$2.00 " "	3	.40
2956	\$2.50 " "	3	.50
2957	\$3.00 " "	3	1.50
2958	\$5.00 " "	3	.75
2961	2c Inverted medallion	3	3.00
2967	2c Blue, roulette	3	.25

The following stamps are perfect except for perforations running through the stamps. Other defects noted.

No.	Value.	No. for	Cat. Price.
2901	1c Playing Cards, red	4	1.25
2913	2c Proprietary, orange	4	3.00
2927	5c Playing Cards, red	4	.75
2929	\$1.00 Mortgage	5	3.00
2973	\$1.00 Passage Ticket	6	6.00
2973	\$1.00 " " punched	8	6.00
2973	\$1.00 " " punched—hole plugged	7	6.00
2976	\$1.30 For. Exchange, orange	4	.75
2978	\$1.60 " " green	4	2.00
2979	\$1.90 " " violet	4	1.00
2886	\$3.50 Int. Exchange, blue	4	1.50
2889	\$5.00 Manifest, red	4	2.50
2896	\$15.00 Mortgage, blue	4	6.00
2897	\$20.00 Conveyance, orange	4	1.15
2900	\$25.00 Mortgage, red	4	4.00
2902	\$50.00 Inter. Revenue, green	3	2.50
2908	6c Second Issue	4	2.00
2919	\$1.30 " "	4	5.00
2921	\$1.60 " "	5	14.00
2922	\$1.90 " "	4	3.00
2929	\$2.00 " "	3	15.00
2930	\$2.50 " "	3	20.00
2931	\$3.00 " "	3	18.00
2960	\$20.00 Third Issue	3	15.00

Confederate States.

No.	Value.	No. for	Cat. Price.
200	1861	5c	4
201	"	10c	4
202	"	15c	4
203	1862	5c	4
204	"	10c	4
205	"	15c	4
206	"	20c	4
207	1863	5c	5
208	"	10c	5
209	"	15c	5
210	"	20c	5
211	1864	5c	5

No.	Country.	Date.	Value.	No. for	Cat. Price.
*58	Argentine Republic	1888	.25c	3	.50
*99	"	1838-66	.25c	3	.25
*255	"	1884-87	.4c	3	.25
*256	"	"	.8c	3	.25
*258	"	"	.25c	3	1.50
*268	"	1884	.20c	3	1.50
*269	"	1885	.25c	3	.75
*5	"	"	.4c	3	.75
*6	Corrientes	1864-80	blue	3	.75
*7	"	"	green	3	.75
*8	"	"	yellow	3	.50
*9	"	"	hilar rose	3	1.00
*7	"	"	"	3	.50
101	Austria	1851	.25k	4	.60
*7	Lombardy Venice	1858	.25c	3	2.00
*9	"	"	.35c	3	.60
*23	Azores	1871-75	.20c	3	.25
*23	"	"	.25c	3	.50
*24	"	"	.20c	3	.40
*24	"	"	.20c	3	.50
*25	"	"	.25c	3	.35
*26	"	"	.50c	4	.60
*27	"	"	.80c	3	1.50
*38	"	1875-80	.20c	3	.50
*39	"	"	.50c	4	1.25
*44	"	1881-82	.50c	3	.60
*44	"	1894	.30c	3	.75
*88	"	1895	.15c	3	1.50
*15	Baden	1851	.9k	3	1.50
*17	"	1852	.6k	3	.35
*18	"	1854-68	.30k	4	4.00
*28a	"	1864-68	.7k	3	.25
*14	"	1864-67	.7k	4	1.00
*15	Barbados	1861	.5d	3	1.00
*24	"	1871	.5d	3	1.25
*37	"	"	.4d	3	2.00
*44	"	1874	.5d	3	4.00
*50	"	1874-78	.5d	3	.25
*53	"	"	.4d	3	.45
*54	"	"	.4d	3	2.00
*63	"	"	.3d	3	.35
*9	Bavaria	1862	.1k	2	.50
*13	"	"	.25k	4	.35
*14	"	"	.18k	4	1.00
*15b	"	1867	.1k	4	.75
*19	"	"	.2k	4	1.25
*25	"	1870-73	.6k	3	.35
*38	"	1876	.3pf	3	.25
*5	Belgium	1835	.1fr	4	1.00
*105	"	1840-70	.2c	3	1.00
*111	"	1866-70	.8c	3	.50
*2	Bermuda	1865	.2d	3	.35
*3	"	"	.15d	3	1.75
*6	"	1873	.3d	3	2.50
*7	"	"	.3d	3	2.00
*8	"	"	.15h	3	.75
*14	"	1875	.1d on 1sh	3	2.50
*14	"	"	.1d on 1sh	3	2.50
*13	"	"	.1d on 3d	3	4.00
*13	"	"	.1d on 3d	3	4.00
*17	"	1884	.1d	3	2.00
*6					

No.	Country.	Date.	Value.	No. for	Cat. Price	No.	Country.	Date.	Value.	No. for	Cat. Price	No.	Country.	Date.	Value.	No. for	Cat. Price	
8	Cape Verde Is.	1877	200r	4	.75	34	Cuba	1868	40c	3	.40	91	Alsace & Lorraine	1870	2c	4	2.00	
3	Ceylon	1857	10c	3	.50	37	"	"	1869	40c	3	.50	89	"	25c	3	.50	
20	"	1861	15d	3	1.00	38	"	1869	40c	3	.50	80	"	25c	4	.75		
34	"	1863	15d	3	1.00	53	"	1871	15c	3	.75	1	German Empire	1871	15gr	4	.35	
39	"	1863	15d	3	1.00	63	"	1875	12 1/2c	3	.50	2	"	7 1/2gr	3	.85		
45	"	1864-67	15d	3	1.25	70	"	1876	12 1/2c	3	.55	25	"	9gr	3	.50		
55	"	"	6d	4	.50	81	"	1878	12 1/2c	3	1.00	32	Gibraltar	1886	10c	3	.30	
58	"	"	4d	4	.75	90	"	1880	12 1/2c	3	1.00	4	"	2 1/2d	3	3.00		
73	"	"	4c	3	1.25	114	"	1883	10c	3	.50	14	"	2 1/2d	3	.50		
105	"	1885	28c on 48c	4	1.10	127a	"	1883-86	10c	3	.40	17	"	25c on 1/2d	3	.45		
112	"	"	1r 12c on 2r 50c	3	1.10	128	"	"	10c	3	.25	18	"	25c on 1/2d	3	.45		
116	"	"	5c on 16c	4	.60	131	"	1885	10c	3	.25	21	"	75c on 1 1/2d	3	.25		
119	"	"	10c on 24c	3	1.25	131	"	"	10c	3	.50	31	"	75c on 1 1/2d	3	.25		
126	"	"	50c on 96c	4	1.25	137	"	1890	10c	3	.40	32	"	10c on 24c	3	1.25		
1	China	1878	1c	3	.60	143	"	1890	10c	3	1.00	35	"	6d	5	5.00		
3	"	"	5c	3	.50	223a	"	1890	2 1/2c on 2c	4	1.00	36	"	1c	5	1.50		
38	"	1897	10c on 9c	3	.75	3	Curaçao	1873	3c	3	1.00	206	"	5c	5	5.00		
39	"	"	10c on 12c	3	.75	3	Cyprus	1880	1/2d	3	.35	4	"	10c	3	1.25		
4	Hankow	1893-94	10c	3	.60	8	"	1881	1/2d	3	.75	17	"	4d	3	.50		
7	"	1894	10c	3	.60	11	"	1881	1/2d	3	.45	19	"	10c	3	2.00		
34	"	1894	10c	3	.60	17	"	1882	30pa	3	.75	43	"	6d	5	.70		
38	Shanghai	1868-78	10c	4	2.50	23	"	1882-84	4pl	3	.35	44	"	10c	5	1.45		
39	"	1873-75	10c on 4c	4	1.25	30	"	1894	9pl	5	1.50	45	"	10c	5	2.90		
44	"	1875-77	10c	3	.35	35	"	"	45pl	5	7.75	46	"	5c	5	7.25		
61	"	1877	10c	3	.35	36	"	"	6pl	5	1.05	4	"	10c	2	4.80		
81	"	"	40ca	3	1.50	5b	Danish West Indies	1873-96	1c	3	.40	8	"	1847	2c	4	.75	
82	"	"	60ca	3	1.50	5c	"	"	1c	3	1.00	27	"	1856	6d	4	.25	
83	"	"	80ca	3	3.00	6	Denmark	"	16a	3	.90	38	"	1865	3d	5	.95	
84	"	"	10ca	3	2.50	15	"	"	16a	4	.25	52	"	1867-69	10d	4	1.00	
85	"	"	10ca	3	2.50	4	Dominica	1874	1d	4	1.00	55	"	"	25c	4	.60	
97	"	1884-86	10ca	3	.30	4	"	1879	1/2d	3	.75	56	"	1867-77	10d	4	1.25	
98	"	"	10ca	3	.25	5	"	"	1d	3	.60	68	"	"	10d	4	.60	
99	"	"	10ca	3	.25	7	"	"	1d	3	.60	69	"	"	10d	4	.50	
100	"	"	10ca	3	.35	13	"	1886	1/2d on 6d	3	.60	71	"	"	10d	4	.75	
104	"	1888	10ca on 40ca	3	.25	15	"	"	1d on 1sh	3	.45	135	"	1901-02	6c	5	.75	
110	"	"	10ca on 80ca	3	.25	16	"	1883-90	1/2d	3	.50	320	"	1883-84	1c	3	1.75	
112	"	1890-91	10ca	3	.40	18	"	"	1d	3	.75	8	Greece	1861-62	1c	3	1.50	
114	"	"	15c	3	1.50	20	"	"	1/2d	3	.65	8	"	"	1c	3	1.50	
116	"	"	10c	3	1.00	21	"	"	1/2d	3	.35	13	"	1863-71	1c	3	.75	
126	"	1891-92	10c	3	1.00	22	"	"	1d	3	.50	15	"	"	1c	3	.40	
127	"	1891-92	10c	3	1.50	41	Dominican Rep.	1866	1r	3	3.00	15c	"	1881	1c	4	1.00	
128	"	"	10c	3	.30	42	"	1880	50c	4	.40	62a	"	1884-88	30l	3	.60	
133	"	"	10c	3	.40	43	"	"	75c	4	.60	124	"	1896	60l	5	.70	
134	"	"	10c	3	.75	44	"	"	1p	3	.75	125	"	"	10l	5	1.25	
135	"	"	10c	3	.75	49	"	"	50c	4	.35	126	"	"	6c	5	2.40	
136	"	"	10c	3	.75	50	"	"	10c	4	.40	161	"	1900	50l on 1dr	3	.50	
137	"	"	10c	3	.75	51	"	"	10c	4	.75	230	"	1873	10c	3	.50	
138	"	"	10c	3	1.00	53	"	"	1p	3	.75	3	Grenada	1860-66	10c	3	1.25	
139	"	"	10c	3	1.00	59	"	1883	25c on 5c	3	.25	3	"	"	10c	3	.90	
140	"	"	10c	3	.35	60	"	"	25c on 5c	3	.25	5	"	"	10c	3	.85	
141	"	"	10c	3	2.00	62	"	"	50c on 10c	3	.50	6	"	"	10c	3	1.25	
142	"	"	10c	3	1.00	76	"	"	25c on 5c	3	.25	21	"	1883	10c	3	1.25	
143	"	"	10c	3	2.00	79	Ecuador	1865	1r	3	.50	31	"	1888-89	1/2d on 1sh	3	1.20	
144	Antioquia	1873	50c	3	.50	619-625	"	1865	set 1c to 10	10	2.50	35	"	1891	10d on 8d	3	.60	
145	"	1883	1p	3	.85	680	"	1899	20c	3	.30	38	"	"	10d on 8d	3	.60	
146	"	"	10c	3	.35	681	"	"	30c	3	.50	41	"	"	10d on 8d	3	.35	
147	"	1885	10c	3	.35	8	Egypt	1867	5pa	4	.70	42	"	1895	3d	5	.38	
148	"	"	1c	3	.45	6	Falkland Islands	1884	4c	per 5	.50	43	"	"	6d	5	.75	
149	"	"	10c	3	.30	6	Fernando Po	1870	5c	3	.50	104	"	1892	1sh	5	1.00	
150	"	"	10c	3	.45	5	"	1882	5c	3	.40	105	"	"	10d on 8d	3	.70	
151	"	"	10c	3	.50	8	"	1884-87	50c on 7c	3	1.25	107	"	"	10d on 8d	3	1.25	
152	"	"	10c	3	.90	11	"	1895-96	1/2c	3	1.00	1	Guadeloupe	1881	20c on 60c	3	.50	
153	"	"	10c	3	1.25	13	"	1899	1/2c	3	.50	1	Guam	1899	10c	3	.30	
154	"	"	10c	3	.75	40a	Fiji Islands	1882-83	6d	3	.85	2	"	"	20c	3	.80	
155	"	"	10c	3	.40	44	"	1880-83	6d	3	.85	5	"	"	20c	3	.50	
156	"	"	10c	3	2.00	45	"	"	1r	3	.50	5	Guatemala	1871	10c	4	.35	
157	"	"	10c	3	.75	7	Finland	1866-67	8d	3	.45	14	"	1878	1p	4	.30	
158	"	"	10c	3	.25	2	France	1849-50	15c	4	2.00	17	"	1881	10c on 1/2r	4	.50	
159	"	"	10c	3	.60	9	"	"	1fr	4	.85	18	"	"	15c on 1/2r	4	.35	
160	"	"	10c	3	1.00	10	"	1852	10c	4	1.75	38	"	1886	75c	4	.30	
161	"	"	10c	3	.50	30	"	1863	10c	3	.30	39	"	"	100c	4	.40	
162	"	"	10c	3	1.50	39	"	1870	10c	3	1.00	40	"	"	15c	4	.50	
163	"	"	10c	3	2.50	39	"	"	10c	4	.85	41	"	"	15c	4	.50	
164	"	"	10c	3	.40	40	"	1870-71	10c	3	.60	2	Hamburg	1859-64	10c	3	.75	
165	"	"	10c	3	.75	70	"	1876	10c	3	1.00	8	"	"	10c	3	2.00	
166	"	"	10c	3	.55	80	"	1877-78	10c	3	.25	14	"	1861-65	10c	3	.50	
167	"	"	10c	3	1.00	94	"	"	35c	3	1.00	16	"	"	10c	3	.80	
168	Panama	1894	10c on 50c	3	.50	99	"	"	25c	3	.50	16	"	"	10c	3	.35	
169	Tollima	1871	10c	3	.50	99	"	"	25c	3	.50							

No.	Country.	Date.	Value.	No. for	Cat. Price	No.	Country.	Date.	Value.	No. for	Cat. Price	No.	Country.	Date.	Value.	No. for	Cat. Price
8	Hayi	1882	2c	3	1.00	6	Luxemburg	1859-63	4c	3	2.00	34	New Foundland	1867-73	6c	3	1.25
8	"	"	2c	3	1.00	14	"	1865-71	2c	3	.85	34	"	1876	6c	3	.85
9	"	"	3c	3	.60	14	"	"	2c	4	.35	35	"	1880	3c	3	.50
16	Hong Kong	1862	4c	3	3.00	16	"	"	4c	3	.60	47	"	1887	3c	4	.50
16	"	1863-77	6c	3	.50	17	"	1865-78	1c	4	.30	49	"	"	3c	4	.25
16	"	"	3c	3	.25	18	"	"	1c	4	.75	37a	New South Wales	1860	3d	3	.50
18	"	"	4c	4	.40	67	"	1892-93	1fr	5	1.20	56	"	1871-78	4d	3	1.25
23	"	1876-80	5c on 18c	4	1.20	3	Macao	1883	1c	4	.40	67	"	1882-88	8d	3	1.00
23	"	"	1c on 12c	4	.75	6	"	"	2c	3	.60	315	"	1880-90	3d	5	.50
26	"	"	1c on 16c	3	3.50	7a	"	"	100r	3	1.00	319	"	"	3d	5	.25
26	"	"	1c on 24c	3	1.20	8	"	"	200r	3	.25	23	New Zealand	1861-63	1d	3	.30
27	"	1880-81	10c	3	.25	9	"	"	300r	3	.30	24a	"	"	1d	3	.35
35	"	1882-84	10c	3	.35	10	"	1885	10r	4	.25	25	"	"	3d	4	.25
40	"	1885	1d on 90c	3	1.00	11	"	"	20r	3	.75	25a	"	"	1d	3	1.00
43	"	1890	2c on 30c, per 5	5	.65	13	"	"	40r	3	.75	44	"	1872	1d	3	.50
44	"	"	50c on 48c, per 5	5	1.60	17	"	1884-85	20 on 50r	4	.60	45	"	"	1d	3	.50
45	"	"	1d on 90c	3	.25	18	"	"	80r on 100r	4	.40	55	"	1873-78	4d	3	.60
53	"	1897	1d on 90c	3	.35	19	"	"	10r on 25r	4	.50	253	"	1882	2sh 6d	4	.50
6	Horta	1892-93	5or	4	.25	20	"	"	5r on 25r	4	.40	254	"	"	3sh	4	.35
7	"	"	75r	4	.25	23	"	"	10r on 50r	4	.25	263	"	"	10sh	4	.25
8	"	"	8r	4	.40	23	"	"	10r on 50r	4	.25	266	"	1885-90	1c	3	.35
4	Hungary	1871	10k	3	.60	11	Madagascar	1891	10c	3	.35	2	Nicaragua	1862	5c	4	1.00
5	"	"	15k	3	1.50	12	"	"	25c	3	.35	4	"	1869-71	2c	5	.25
6	"	"	25k	3	.60	16	Madeira	1868	5r	3	1.50	5	"	"	5c	4	.75
10	India	1855-60	8a	4	.25	18	"	1871-74	5r	4	.25	6	"	"	10c	3	.35
19	"	1855-64	8a	4	.25	3	Malta	1863-64	10r	3	.85	19	"	1882	50c	4	.35
42a	"	1863	8a	3	1.00	24	Martinique	1891	15c on 20c	3	.35	2	Niger Coast	1892	2d	3	.25
207	"	1866	8p	3	1.25	20	"	1859-61	6d	3	1.25	5	"	"	2 1/2d	3	.25
46	"	1868	2ra, per 5	5	1.60	83	"	1891	2c on 38c	3	2.00	8	"	1893	1d	3	.50
61	Bhopal	1895	7a	4	.25	88	"	1893-94	15c	3	.25	19	"	1894	1 1/2d	3	.50
3	Patania	1884	2p	4	.25	5	Meck. Schwerin	1864	4-4s	4	.25	5	North Borneo	1883	3d	3	.30
14	"	1892	2p	4	.25	1	"	4-4s	3	.70	5	"	"	8c	3	.25	
1	Ionian Is.	1859	1/2d	3	1.40	1	Meck. Strelitz	1864	1/2s	3	1.50	6	"	1884	2c	4	.75
2	"	"	1d	3	1.40	4	"	1/2s	3	1.70	66	"	1887	50c	4	.50	
12c	Italy	1856-58	10c	4	.25	5	"	1/2s	3	1.75	67	"	1893	12c	3	.40	
14a	"	"	4cc	4	.50	4	"	1/2s	3	1.75	67	"	"	24c	3	.25	
14a	"	"	4cc	4	.30	25	Mexico	1864	4c	4	3.00	68	"	"	25c	3	.30
15	"	"	80c	4	.30	53	"	1868	12c	4	.25	69	"	"	50c	3	.75
18	"	1863	3l	3	.40	58	"	"	6c	5	.25	11	Norway	1867-68	1r	3	1.00
28a	"	1862	40c	4	.40	62	"	"	50c	5	.25	8	Nova Scotia	1851-53	3d	3	.50
28	"	"	40c	3	.50	93	"	1872	6c	5	.75	8	"	1860-64	1c	3	.60
29	"	"	60c	3	.40	96	"	"	50c	4	1.20	9	"	"	2c	3	.60
30	"	"	1al	3	.75	117	"	1874-83	4c	5	.25	9	"	"	2c	3	.60
41	"	1879	1al	3	.75	131	"	1882	1c	5	.25	12a	"	"	5c	4	.30
151	"	1863	10c	4	.30	132	"	"	2c	5	.25	12a	"	"	10c	3	1.50
152	"	1869-74	10c	3	.25	132a	"	"	2c	5	.25	16	Oldenburg	1859-55	1c	4	2.00
251	"	1884-87	10c	4	.30	168	"	1885	4c	3	.25	16	"	1868	1 1/2c	4	.50
3	Jamaica	1860-63	1d	3	.35	173	"	"	25c	4	1.50	17	"	1862	1 1/2c	4	.48
3	"	"	3d	3	.60	185	"	1887	4c	5	.25	19	"	"	1 1/2c	4	.50
4	"	"	4d	3	.45	188	"	"	20c	4	1.50	20	"	"	1 1/2c	4	.30
9	"	1871	3d	3	.25	189	"	"	25c	4	1.50	20	Orange Riv. Col.	1881, 1/2d on 1sh	3	.80	
19	"	"	1sh	3	.25	288	"	"	4c	5	.25	23	"	1890-91, 1d on 3d	3	.60	
27	"	1890	2 1/2d on 4d	3	.35	288	"	"	20c	4	1.50	40	"	1891-91, 1d on 3d	3	.35	
27	"	"	2 1/2d on 4d	3	.35	289	"	"	20c	4	1.50	1	Paraguay	1870	1r	4	1.00
27	"	"	2 1/2d on 4d	3	.35	289	"	"	20c	4	1.50	3	"	"	2r	3	2.00
3	Japan	1871	100m	3	1.75	289	"	"	20c	4	1.50	18	"	1879	3r	3	1.75
3	"	"	200m	3	1.75	289	"	"	20c	4	1.50	18	"	"	5c	3	.25
3	"	"	500m	3	1.75	289	"	"	20c	4	1.50	18	"	"	10c	3	.50
3	"	"	1000m	3	1.75	289	"	"	20c	4	1.50	18	"	"	3c on 15c	3	.25
12a	"	18	1/2s	3	.60	289	"	"	20c	4	1.50	184	"	"	5c on 15c	3	.35
9	"	1872-73	1/2s	4	.25	289	"	"	20c	4	1.50	184	"	"	10c	3	.25
26	"	"	4s	3	.25	289	"	"	20c	4	1.50	184	"	"	15c	3	.25
37	"	1874	10s	3	1.50	289	"	"	20c	4	1.50	184	"	"	25c	3	.25
38	"	"	20s	3	2.50	289	"	"	20c	4	1.50	184	"	"	50c	3	.25
39	"	"	30s	4	2.00	289	"	"	20c	4	1.50	184	"	"	100c	3	.25
40	"	1875	1/2s	3	.40	289	"	"	20c	4	1.50	184	"	"	150c	3	.25
41	"	"	1r	3	.65	289	"	"	20c	4	1.50	184	"	"	200c	3	.25
42	"	"	1s	3	.35	289	"	"	20c	4	1.50	184	"	"	300c	3	.25
43	"	"	1s	3	1.35	289	"	"	20c	4	1.50	184	"	"	400c	3	.25
44	"	"	1s	3	.35	289	"	"	20c	4	1.50	184	"	"	500c	3	.25
45	"	"	1s	4	1.00	289	"	"	20c	4	1.50	184	"	"	600c	3	.25
46	"	"	1s	3	1.00	289	"	"	20c	4	1.50	184	"	"	700c	3	.25
47	"	"	1s	4	1.50	289	"	"	20c	4	1.50	184	"	"	800c	3	.25
49	"	"	30s	3	2.00	289	"	"	20c	4	1.50	184	"	"	900c	3	.25
50	"	"	45s	4	1.50	289	"	"	20c	4	1.50	184	"	"	1000c	3	.25
52	"	"	1s	3	.25	289	"	"	20c	4	1.50	184	"	"	1100c	3	.25
59	"	1876-77	1s	4	2.50	289	"	"	20c	4	1.50	184	"	"	1200c	3	.25
59	"	1878-79	1s	4	2.50	289	"	"	20c	4	1.50	184	"	"	1300c	3	.25
72	"	1880-82	1s	3	.25	289	"	"	20c	4	1.50	184	"	"	1400c	3	.25
4	Labuan	1880-82	8c on 12c	3	1.00	289	"	"	20c	4	1.50	184	"	"	1500c	3	.25
23	"	1883	10c on 8c	3	.90	289	"	"	20c	4	1.50	184	"	"	1600c	3	.25
20	"																

No.	Country.	Date.	Value.	No. for	Cat. Price	No.	Country.	Date.	Value.	No. for	Cat. Price	No.	Country.	Date.	Value.	No. for	Cat. Price	
862	Philippine Ids.	1881	4-8 on roc	4	.85	17	Russia 1865		.20k	3	.85	16	Sierra Leone 1876-85		.4d	3	.25	
865	"	"	8 on roc	4	1.00	18	"	"	.30k	3	.40	42	"	1896-97	.6d	per 5	.90	
868	"	1889	2 4-8 on roc	3	.50	22	"	1868-79	.3k	3	.45	3a	Somali Coast 1893		.5c	5	.25	
409	"	1891	1-8c	3	.25	8	Levant 1868		.1k	4	.75	5	South Bulgaria 1885		.1pi	3	.40	
410	"	"	1m	3	.25	2	St. Christopher 1870		.1d	3	1.00	17	"		.10pa	3	.25	
411	"	"	.5m	3	.25	4	"	1870-79	.1d	3	1.75	19	"		.10pa	3	.40	
8	Porto Rico 1873		.50c	3	.50	4	"	"	pen can.	1d	.25	12a	South Australia 1859		.6d	3	2.50	
9	"	1876	.25c	4	.60	7	"	"	.6d	3	.35	42	"	1867-73	.1d	3	1.25	
17	"	1877	.50c	3	.30	13	"	1884	.2k	3	.25	46	"		.4d	3	2.00	
28	"	1879	.1p	3	.05	13	"	"	.2k	3	.25	48	"		.6d	3	.75	
30	"	1883	.5c	3	.40	16	"	1884-86	1d on 6d	3	1.00	62	"	1870-75	.2d	4	.25	
32	"	"	.2c	3	.40	28	"	1885	.6d	3	.50	68	"	1876-85	.8d on 9d	3	.60	
33	"	"	.3c	3	1.00	31	"	"	.1sh	2	.60	68a	"		.8d on 9d	3	.60	
34	"	"	.4c	3	.75	5	St. Helena 1863-74		.6d	3	3.00	70	"		.1sh	3	.35	
47	"	1881	.8m	3	.35	6	"	1863	.6d	3	5.00	72	"	1877-83	.1d	3	.35	
49	"	"	.9c	3	.25	13	"	1863	.1sh	3	1.00	109	"	1895-97	.4d	per 5	.50	
50	"	"	.3c	3	.75	16	"	1864	.2d	3	3.50	110	"		.5d	5	.63	
54	"	"	.20c	3	.40	22	"	"	.3d	3	2.00	111	"		.6d	5	.75	
69	"	1882	.80c	2	1.75	22	"	"	.2d	3	2.00	118	"	1901	.1sh	5	1.60	
78	"	1890	.4m	3	1.25	25	"	"	.1d	3	.20	15	Spain 1852		.5r	1	1.00	
108	"	1891-93	.3c	3	.75	27	"	"	.1sh	3	.85	27	"	1853		.5r	1	1.25
132	"	1896	.40c	3	1.00	28	"	"	.1d	3	1.25	38	"	1854		.bar can.	1r	1.00
18	Portugal 1862		.5r	4	.50	28	"	1871	.1d	3	1.25	43	"	1855		.1r	3	.25
13	"	"	.10r	4	.50	29	"	"	.2d	3	3.50	46	"	1857		.1r	4	.30
14	"	"	.25r	4	.60	31	"	"	.1sh	3	1.00	65	"	1864		.1r	4	.50
16	"	"	.100r	4	.90	32	"	"	.1sh	3	3.50	71	"	1865		.1r	4	.75
23	"	1866	.100r	3	.85	32a	"	1881-84		3	.60	72	"	"	.1r	4	.60	
24	"	"	.100r	3	.85	7	St. Lucia 1864		.1d	3	1.25	170	"	1870		.400m	4	.45
32	"	1867-70	.120r	4	.25	7a	"	"	.1d	3	1.25	171	"	"	.100m	4	.40	
35	"	1871	.10r	4	.25	13	"	"	.6d	3	2.50	190	"	1873		.100c	3	.90
41	"	"	.10r	4	.45	34	"	1886	.3d	3	.35	194	"	"	punched, roc	5	1.00	
42	"	"	.20r	4	4.50	1	St. Pierre & Miqu. 1885	.05 on 40c	3	.50	208	"	1874		.1p	4	.15	
44	"	1875	.35r	3	1.00	4	"	"	.05 on 1fr	3	.50	219	"	1875		.1p	4	.65
62	"	1884	.1000r	3	.40	5	"	"	.10 on 40c	3	.35	224	"	1876		.100c	4	.30
36	Portuguese India 1876		.10r	3	.25	6	"	"	.15c on 40c	3	.35	224	"	"	.100c	4	.60	
38	"	"	.20r	4	2.50	6	"	"	.15c on 40c	3	2.00	226	"	"	.100c	3	.60	
57	"	1879	.10r	3	.40	10	"	"	.05 on 40c	3	2.00	229	"	"	.100c	3	.25	
65	"	1880	.10r	3	.40	11	"	"	.05 on 40c	3	.25	230	"	"	.100c	4	.60	
65	"	"	.10r	3	.50	34	"	"	.10c	3	.25	241	"	1878		.100c	3	2.00
79	"	1881	.5r on 10r	3	.25	2	St. Thomas & Pr. Is. 1866-77		.10r	3	.75	247	"	1889		.100c	4	.30
170	"	1883	.44t	4	.25	6	"	"	.100r	4	.40	354	"	1894		.1l	4	.60
4	Prince Edward Is. 1865		.1d	3	1.50	7a	"	"	.200r	3	.50	3	Stalland 1884		.1d	4	.60	
4	"	"	.1d	3	2.50	8	"	"	.300r	3	.25	3	Straits Settlements 1867		.3c	3	1.25	
6	"	"	.2d	4	.50	9	"	"	.1860-81, set 8 var.	4	.25	8	"	"	.8c	4	1.00	
7	"	"	.4d	3	2.00	1	St. Vincent 1861		.1d	3	1.25	8	"	"	.24c	3	1.25	
10	"	"	.9d	3	1.25	5	"	"	.1d	3	1.00	12	"	"	.33c	3	1.00	
11	"	1870	.4k	3	1.50	13	"	1871-80	.1d	3	.35	14	"	1868-72	.6c	4	.25	
13	"	1872	.4k	4	3.00	24	"	1880-81	.5d	3	.50	14	"	"	.12c	4	.75	
14	"	"	.4c	4	2.50	24	"	"	.5d	3	.50	16	"	"	.30c	4	.25	
1	Prussia 1850-55		.4pf	3	2.50	41	"	1883-88	.1d	3	1.75	18	"	"	.06c	3	.75	
14	"	1861-65	.3pf	3	.25	43	"	1893	.4d	2	.25	19	"	1893		.06c	3	5.00
14	"	"	.3pf	3	.30	58	Salvador 1867		.2r	4	.25	22	"	1879-82	.10c on 30c	3	3.50	
21	"	1866	.10s g	4	.75	3	"	1874	.5r	4	1.00	23	"	"	.10c on 30c	3	2.50	
23	"	1867	.1k	3	.45	6	"	"	.1r	4	1.00	34	"	"	.10c on 12c	4	.25	
23	"	"	.1k	3	.50	7	"	"	.1r	4	1.00	35	"	"	.10c on 30c	3	1.50	
24	"	"	.2k	4	1.20	9	"	"	.5r	4	1.00	55	"	1883		.2c on 5c	3	1.00
25	"	"	.3k	3	.25	10	"	"	.1r	3	.60	100	"	1902		.30c, per 5	.95	
26	"	"	.3k	3	.25	10	"	"	.1r	3	.60	3	Sungei Ujong 1869		.8c	3	.60	
26	"	"	.6k	3	.30	11	"	"	.2r	4	.75	31	Surinam 1873		.4c	3	.25	
27	"	"	.9k	3	.30	16	"	1879	.10c	3	.40	34	"	Unpaid, to var.	3	.50		
27	"	"	.9k	3	.25	17	"	"	.10c	3	1.50	24	Switzerland 1855 6a		.9r	3	1.00	
14 10 20	Set of 6 var.		.1d	3	.76	26	"	1889	.10c	3	.50	40	"	1855 6b		.1fr	4	1.00
25	Queensland 1868-75		.1d	3	.35	30	"	"	.10c	3	.50	47	"	1862-63		.40c	4	.70
28a	"	"	.2d	4	.30	35	"	"	.10c	3	.50	48	"	"	.40c	3	.40	
38	"	1869-75	.1d	3	.60	57	"	1891	.1c on 2c	4	.25	49	"	"	.1fr	4	.40	
84	"	1887-89	.1d	3	.10	13	Samoa 1887		.6d	4	.30	11	Tasmania 1856-57		.1d	3	1.00	
8	Reunion 1886		.25c on 40c	3	.30	14	"	"	.1sh	3	.50	12b	"	"	.1d	3	.60	
105	"	1887	.25c on 3c	3	.10	15a	"	"	.2sh 6d	3	.50	13	"	"	.4d	3	.30	
9	Rhodesia 1891		.8d	2	.50	5	San Marino 1877		.10c	3	.50	23	"	1864		.1d	3	1.00
9	"	"	.1sh 6d	3	.25	7	"	"	.40c	3	1.35	32	"	"	.6d	3	.50	
2	Roumania 1859		.5kb	4	.30	2	Sarawak 1875		.20c	4	.25	32a	"	"	.6d	3	.50	
2	"	"	.1b	4	.30	13	"	1855	.50 g	3	.40	48	"	1870-71		.8d	4	.60
3	"	"	.2b	4	.35	20	"	1859	.50 g	3	.60	62	"	1871-76		.1sh	3	.50
6	"	"	.3b	4	.30	20a	"	"	.50 g	4	.60	68	"	1876		.pen can.	8d	.50
7	"	"	.50b	4	.60	21	"	"	.50 g	3	.60	68	"	1889-91		.2k on 9d	3	.60
8	"	"	.8b	4	.60	3	Schleswig Holstein 1865		.5k	4	.90	77	"	1892-97		.2k on 9d	3	.50
12	Roman States 1852		.5kb	5	.60	5	"	"	.1k	3	1.50	92	"	1900		.5d	5	.50
28	"	"	.5kb	5	.25	6	"	"	.1k	3	1.75	92	"	"	.5d	5	.65	
6	"	"	.7b	5	.25	7	"	"	.2k	4	1.75	93	"	"	.6d	5	.75	
11	"	Set 5 var.		5	5.00	8	Schleswig 1864-65		.5k	3	.75	2	Timor 1885		.10r	4	.75	
13	"	"	.50b	4	.93	10	"	"	.5k	3								

The Weekly Philatelic Era

A PAPER DEVOTED TO STAMP NEWS.

50c PER YEAR.

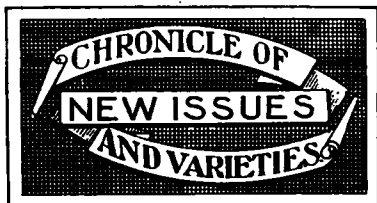
ENTERED AT PORTLAND POST OFFICE AS SECOND CLASS MATTER JAN. 10, 1890.

2c PER COPY.

VOL. XVII. No. 28.

PORTLAND, ME., SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 1903.

WHOLE No. 516.



BY HENRY A. KIDDER.

Friends of the ERA are invited to send to the editor of this department any information regarding new issues or varieties that may prove of interest. Such information will be suitably acknowledged. Address, HENRY A. KIDDER, 17 Addison Street, Arlington, Mass.

Exchanges will please send Mr Kidder a copy of each issue to the foregoing address, and an extra copy of the ERA will be gladly sent whenever desired.

UNITED STATES.—Mr. F. P. Brown has shown us copies of the new 1c envelope green on blue. The stamp is much more satisfactory than the new 2c envelope. The form is round, and if it did not shine by comparison with the 2c would be considered decidedly crude in design. The legend is enclosed in double toothed lines with the teeth turned toward the lettering, which is "United States Postage" around the top and "One Cent" around the bottom. The value appears in a figure "1" at the bottom in a small tablet between the two words. The bust of Franklin appears in the central circle, with name and dates below. The bust and all words and lines are in white on deep green.

Mekeel's Weekly takes up the question suggested in the ERA No. 511 as to the earliest postmarks of the new 2c stamp, but both Mr. Wylie in the *Chronicle* and Mr. Franklin in the *Washington* notes seem to have misunderstood the point made by the ERA. Bedford, Pa., was given as being the earliest postmark seen, the date being Jan. 24. Since the list was published, we have received word that Superior, Neb., and Centerville, N. H., had the stamps on sale at an earlier date; Superior, Neb., as early as Jan. 19. *Mekeel's Weekly* adds Attleboro, Mass., surely, and Newburg, N. Y., possibly, as having had the stamps on sale at an earlier date. However, this does not affect the original statement, which was that Bedford, Pa., Jan. 24, was the earliest postmark yet seen. We shall be very glad to correct the list upon information of actual postmarks seen by our readers.

The new 3c stamp was received in this city Friday morning, March 27, from New York, showing that it must have been on sale in that town a day or two previously. Upon this same batch of mail were new 1c, 2c, 4c, 5c and 10c stamps.

A correspondent sends us a fine unused copy of the 8c Pan American, in a distinct violet shade. He says: "The shade maintains itself exactly as it was when purchased at a Chicago substation in the Monadnock Building in October, 1901. Afterwards I tried to change the common shade in various ways, but never succeeded. I tried to get more of the same shade, but a discriminating search through upwards of 80 sheets failed to disclose any more."

Mr. Albert H. Woltersdorf of Columbus, Wis., writes as follows:—

"In your issue of Mar. 14, 1903, you published a clipping from *Mekeel's News* regarding a perforated two cent Playing Card stamp. Columbus collectors have been aware of the existence of this stamp for some time. I had three in my possession (cancelled 6-8-1902) of which I kept one for my collection and presented the other two to local collectors. I have also a 10c 1894 Webster of a very decided blue green color. This came through the mails about a month ago. It is of such a striking color when compared with the regular 1894 10c dark green that it seems worthy of mention."

ABYSSINIA.—*Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal* reports having seen the 4, 8 and 16g. in Type I, but without the surcharge which these stamps should bear as unpaid letter stamps. The editor is in doubt as to whether they are Parisian errors or Abyssinian novelties.

ANTIGUA.—A correspondent writes to

Ewen's Weekly that the new series for the Island will all have for design a local view, and will not have the head of King Edward. The stamps are now announced to be issued at the beginning of May.

AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH.—The 1d, 2d and 3d postage due stamps have now been issued in the N. S. W. altered plates with the space at the foot filled in.

Adhesives (Postage Due):

1d emerald green.
2d emerald green.
3d emerald green.

ARGENTINE.—Mr. J. M. Bartels shows us a pair of the ½c on 12c black surcharge, the surcharge being omitted from one of the stamps.

BARBADOS.—The *Metropolitan Philatelist* chronicles two new values of the 1892 type.

Adhesives (Regular):
2d grayish black and orange.
2½d 6d purple and green.

BERMUDA.—*Mekeel's Weekly* chronicles a new wrapper of the "dry dock" type.

Wrapper (Regular):
¾d green on manila.

BRITISH SOMALILAND.—A correspondent takes exception to the statement in No. 514. He says: "The list as given in Scott's 62nd is not complete, except as to the official, Nos. 51 to 55. In the postal set there is a 3a orange and 4a slate (Indian Nos. 38 and 44 respectively)."

CAYMEN'S ISLAND.—The *Metropolitan Philatelist* chronicles several values of the new King's Head set. Mr. Legg has shown us the 1d. The color of the new 1d stamp was incorrectly stated in No. 515.

TEN CENTS.

TEN CENTS.

LAST CALL!

We have left 350 copies of our 1902 Catalogue, part 2, containing stamps of foreign countries, consisting of 458 pages, with several thousand illustrations. A large number of collectors have never seen our Catalogue, and to those who are sufficiently interested to send us 10 Cents to cover the cost of wrapping and mailing we will send one of these books.

Orders will be filled as received and in the event of the books becoming exhausted we will return the money or send British Colonials for the amount, whichever you prefer.

1903 CATALOGUE NOW ON SALE.

Our 1903 Catalogue, priced in American currency, is bound in one volume, well printed on good paper, and sold for 50 Cents; postage free, 60 Cents. It contains the latest quotations at which we can supply the stamps and is made up by and based on our own stock, no attention being paid to other quotations. Previous editions contained the British Colonials in one part and foreign stamps in another part, and cost \$1.20. This latest edition contains both in one volume and sells at the same price as other catalogues.

STANLEY GIBBONS, INC.,
167 BROADWAY, NEW YORK CITY.

1903 RETAIL PRICE LIST, No. 14, Part 7--STAMPS OF HAWAII AND PORTO RICO

FOR SALE BY C. F. ROTHFUCHS 38 MUNROE STREET, ROXBURY, MASS., U. S. A.

1st. Are extra fine copies. All unused have original gum. They are the best centered. 2nd. Are in average good condition, but not as fine as my 1st. 3rd. Nearly all unused are in good condition; for instance, of Porto Rico No. 151 I have a full sheet with original gum, the best centered I sell as 1st, the average as 2nd, and the poorest centered as 3rd. All are in good condition, the only difference is in the centering. Used 3rd are more or less damaged or heavily canceled or off centre.

Please remit by Bills or Money Order and Not by Unused Stamps. All stamps are unused unless stated as U or used.

Table with columns for Cat. No., Description, Price, and My Price for. Includes sections for HAWAII, PORTO RICO, and INVERTED SURCHARGE.

PRICE LIST No. 15 containing an alphabetically arranged list of the POSTAL CARD AND LETTER CARDS, issued during the past three years, and list of obsolete British Colonial Cards, will be ready next week. It will be mailed free to collectors interested in this specialty.

ADOLPH LOHMEYER, 922 N. Gilmor Street, Baltimore, Md.

Chicago Notes.

Local collectors were given a fine chance to inspect rarities of every description, during the last week, when B. L. Drew of Boston exhibited the fine array of stamps which constitute his next sale.

At the competitive exhibition of one hundred rare stamps, which was given at the last meeting of the C. P. S., Henry J. Crocker was awarded the gold medal, Alex. Holland the silver one, and H. W. Wolseley received honorable mention. E. M. Carpenter also showed one hundred rarities, which however were not entered for competition.

Brisk floor bidding was a feature at Wolseley's last sale, which took place March 28th. Some stamps were boosted over twice the amount of the called bid. We note a few of the prices.

Table with columns for Cat. No., Description, Sale price, and Pri.e. Includes various stamp entries like U. S., No. 2930, two extra rows of perfs., etc.

THE Weekly Philatelic Era.

W. W. JEWETT, - Editor and Publisher.

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

U. S., Canada or Mexico, 50c. per year.
To other countries in Postal Union, \$1.00 per year.
All subscriptions MUST commence with current number. Back numbers cannot be supplied at subscription rates.

ADVERTISING RATES:

1/2 inch (6 lines), one insertion..... \$0.40
1 inch, one insertion..... .75
5 inches, to be used as desired..... 3.50
to 6.75

YEARLY CONTRACT RATES:

15 inches, 65 cents per inch.....\$16.25
30 " 60 " " " 30.00
60 " 50 " " " 50.00

TERMS: Cash in Advance on Transient Advertising. Above rates for 10 inches and over subject to a discount of 5% if paid for wholly in advance.

PUBLICATION OFFICE,

502 Congress St., Portland, Me.

YOUR SUBSCRIPTION EXPIRES with this issue if a (X) appears in the margin opposite this paragraph. The paper is not abruptly discontinued on the expiration of subscriptions, unless expressly so ordered. We shall highly appreciate an early renewal from you, or an order to have your paper discontinued.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS. In notifying us of any change of address subscribers should be sure to give their *old* as well as *new* address.

Notes and Comment.

The ERA office was favored a few days ago by a brief call from Mr. Frank H. Burt, of Boston. Mr. Burt has been official stenographer at the American Philatelic Association conventions a number of years and has also reported some of them for the ERA.

Changes in address of a couple of our New York City advertisers is noted. The Greater New York Stamp and Coin Co. from 238 East 58th St. to 128 East 23rd St.; and C. B. Merrill from 130 W. 14th St. to 102 E. 90th St.

The big 32 page Wholesale Price List of the Stanley Gibbons, Ltd., for March 1903 has been received.

The Springfield Stamp Club of Springfield, Mass., will hold a public meeting at the Y. M. C. A. building on Friday evening, April 10th, at 7.45 o'clock. An interesting programme has been arranged to conclude with an auction sale of two hundred lots to be sold without reserve. Invi-

Argentine Official, 1901,

Set Complete, 85 Cents.

1c gray, 2c brown, 5c red, 10c green, 30c blue, 50c orange; 6 varieties, unused, perfect, (cat. \$1.26) only 85c.

Turkey "Cniq" Error.

1893-99, 5 on 10p green, black surcharge, pair showing error "Cniq" instead of "Cinq". Cat. Nos. 336 and 336a, only 75 cents.

NEW ENGLAND STAMP CO.,

21-27 Bromfield St., BOSTON, MASS.

tations have been mailed to all available names of collectors of the city and a big assemblage is expected.

At the last moment in making up the pages of the last number it was found necessary to omit quite a number of countries at the end of the mammoth ad of the Holton Stamp Co., and the same will be found on another page of this issue.

COMING AUCTION SALES.

Chicago.—Sale No. 22 of the Chicago Philatelic Society, by F. N. Massoth, Auction Manager, on April 18th at 7.45 p. m., in the Society's club room, Room 6, Merchants' Building, 151 Washington St. Over 630 lots.

Boston.—The 111th sale of B. L. Drew & Co., on Wednesday and Thursday evenings, April 29th and 30th, at 7.30, in Elks' Hall. For the first night there are 699 lots to be sold, every stamp unused. There are 701 lots for the second night, including a great many of postal cards.

Topics About Town.

FROM NEW YORK CITY

A new stamp paper by the name of *The Hinge* is the latest out. It is published by A. P. Mulney & Co., of this city.

The last issue of the *Literary Philatelist*, also published in this city, contained the biography of Mr. M. Tausig.

The next meeting of the Collectors Club, will occur on April 13th.

The next meeting of the National Philatelic Society, will occur on April 20th, and that of the Manhattan Philatelic Society on the following Thursday, (23rd).

At the National Philatelic meet the stamps of Old German States will be entered in competition. First prize, a silver medal and second prize, a bronze medal.

At the meeting of the Collectors Club, the stamps of Russia, Finland and Poland will be exhibited.

Business in this city does not seem quite up to the standard for this time of the year, what the exact cause for this falling off in trade is hard to tell. Auction sales are held quite frequent—perhaps this is the best excuse why transit trade is dull.

W. F. Gregory will hold his 21st auction sale on Tuesday, April 14th, at 8 p. m. The sale contains the stamps of Mr. F. W. Davis of Brooklyn, N. Y. I note a 2c Pan American Invert listed and reserved at \$200.00. This is the only remaining copy Mr. Davis now possesses.

VOLUNTEER.

Are you interested in something that will better the condition of your present collection? Or if you do not have them, get them in perfect condition and you will never have to replace them by better ones.

Danish W. I. "prov." 1/2 of 4c on cover.....	\$0.20
87 Ceylon, 4c lilac rose, o. g.....	.12
89 " 8c orange, o. g.....	.12
145 " 3c on 28c, o. g.....	.08
311 " 5c lilac, o. g.....	.08
312 " 15c olive green, o. g.....	.15
114 " 30c violet brown, used.....	.05
50 Cyprus, 30pa violet, o. g.....	.06
25a " 12pi brown orange, o. g.....	1.75
a8 " 9pi brown and rose, o. g.....	.40
29 " 18pi slate and brown, o. g.....	.75
30 " 40pi violet and blue, o. g.....	1.75
31, 32, 33 " 1/2, 30 and 1pi, o. g.....	.12
34 " 2pi blue, o. g.....	.10
35 " 4pi olive green, o. g.....	.15
36 " 6pi olive gray, o. g.....	.25

Postage extra on orders less than 50c.

D. T. EATON,

MUSCATINE, IOWA.

DANISH WEST INDIES PROVISIONAL.
Half of 4c, on original cover20
Can furnish upper or lower, right or left halves.
Set of four..... .70
50c ENTRY OF GOODS, part perforated. Catalogue Price 2.00.
MY PRICE..... 20 Cents
All good copies, not cut or punched. Only one to a customer. [16
F. O. STETSON, Station F, Washington, D. C.

1898-1901 REVENUES.

1898, 1/2c to \$3.00 (no 80c), uncut... \$0.10
1898, \$10.00 black, cut, 25c; uncut.. .40
1898, \$50.00 brown, uncut..... 1.25
1898, \$30.00 red, cut, \$6.00; uncut.. 10.00
1898, \$100.00 black and brown, cut.. 5.00
1898, \$1000, uncut, fine..... 25.00
1901, \$50.00 gray can be supplied uncut. Price on application.

Postage extra on orders under 50c.

Bargain List No. 15, Just Out.

CHARLES W. CUTTER,

138 HARVARD ST., BROOKLINE, MASS.

60% DISCOUNT.

Order by Catalogue No. and price and deduct 60%. * Unused.

BULGARIA

12, 17, 18, 36, 37, 38, 156, 159, 164.

ROMAN STATES

3, 4, 4a, 5, 5a, 8, 8a, 12.

SIAM

*1, *2, *3, *4, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, *18 *21, 22, 22a, 23a, *26, 36, 38c.

SWITZERLAND

35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 42, 46, 47, 50, 54, *58, *66, *67, *68, 89, 92, 201, 202, 203, 205, 206, 207, 208, 223a, 234a, 225, 226, 227, 228.

Send for our PRICE LIST of stamps at 60% DISCOUNT.

E. F. GAMBS CO.,

P. O. Box 2631, SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

OUR RETAIL LIST.

Last week we had a big Wholesale advertisement, but collectors should not forget that our principal business is the retail stamp business. Our 8000 variety list of used and unused stamps is free to all buyers. Prices low. Everything guaranteed as represented. Get in touch with us and save money.

HOLTON STAMP COMPANY,

Successors to E. A. Holton. Established 1861.

60 Devonshire St., Boston, Mass.

DO YOU HAVE THESE

in your collection? If not, better get them now at lowest possible prices.

	Cat. My price.	
1862, Canada, 50c.....	\$0.25	\$0.18
1867, " Jubilee, 50c.....	.30	.25
" " " \$2.00.....	1.50	.65
" Turkey, error, 5 cniq.....	2.00	.75
*1902, Germany, 3¢, error Df.....	..	.20

*Unused. Cash with order.
Stamps on Approval at 50% Discount.
Parties not known to me please send reference.

THEO. MAINHART, JOHNSTOWN, PA.

C. B. MERRILL, STAMP BROKER,

102 E. 90th St., NEW YORK.

Formerly of 130 W. 14th St.

I can sell your Collection for you and realize the highest possible price. If you have anything good in the stamp line that you wish to turn into cash let me hear from you.

I buy unused U. S. Postage, all denominations, at a discount from face for postal uses.

Stamps on approval at bargain prices to quick buyers who send good reference.

Special Offers for One Week.

50c Lease, Imperf., good margins.....	\$0.40
\$1.00 Lease.....	.65
U. S. unused, o. g., 1857-60, 10c.....	1.00
" " " 1867, 12c emb. 9x13.....	2.00
" " " 1867, 3c emb. 11x13.....	2.00

Sent post paid on receipt of price. Your money back if you want it. Unused 1c and 2c stamps accepted same as cash.

BARGAINS.

COLLECTORS' DUPLICATES.

I have a large number of good stamps suitable for collections of 1000 or under, including many not usually found on approval sheets, at prices from 1-5 to 1/2 catalogue. Correspondence desired with general collectors.

The stamps listed below are in good average condition, if not described otherwise. I have one or more of each. Postage extra on orders under \$1.00. * Unused.

	Cat. Price.
Hawaii, Nos. *30, *31, 32, *33, 34, *35, *36, *37, 39, *42, *43, 40, fine lot cat. over, \$7.00	\$2.75
Hawaii Envelopes, 1883, *2, 2, *4, 5, *10c, cut square, good,	1 85 .75
Transvaal, No. 81, 1/2d. o. g., fine,	3 00 1.50
Trinidad, Nos. 6x and 65, 1/2d, 1d,	.93 .40
St. Vincent, *1d black, o. g., fine,	1.00 .45
Br. Honduras, *1d blue, o. g., fine,	.75 .35
Sierra Leone, *1d rose, CC, o. g., fine,	.85 .40
French Colonies 1859, Eagle Set, complete,	.78 .35
" 1877, *1, 2, 4, *5, 10c green, 2.35	.60
" 1878-9, Nos. 27, 29, 34, 38,	3.18 .90
" 1881, 8 var., including 75c and 6 Unpaid,	1.20 .40
France 1877, lithographed, 4, 5, 10, 20, 30, 40, fair copies,	1.86 .55
Bulgaria, 45 varieties, including Nos. 1, 8, 9, 11, 27 and 9 Unpaid,	3 82 1.35
Dominica, No. 4, 1/2, used, good,	2 00 .60
" Nos. 5, 13, 15, *16, 19, 21, 22,	3 05 1.25

W. E. COBURN,

291 Ferry St., [B. P. S. No. 10] Everett, Mass.

10c OUR NEXT OFFER, 10c

One block of four Officially Sealed Stamps, imperf., U. S., o. g.....	10c
One full sheet of same, 42 stamps imperf.....	\$2.00
One block of four U. S. 1861, 3c fascias at sides on gold beaters' skin, imperf.....	10c
One full sheet of 75 stamps of same.....	\$1.00

These we can furnish in ten colors and shades, making a beautiful addition for any collection of stamps. [16¢]

R. A. TARR CO.,

3125 N. Broad St., PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Items from the Tub.

March 31st.

Mr. A. W. Batchelder attended the annual stockholders' meeting of the American Collectors Co. at Portland, Maine, held on Saturday, March 28th.

Recent visitors to Boston were Mr. H. F. Buckley of Christiana, Norway, and Mr. S. L. Blackstone of Keokuk, Iowa.

Mr. J. M. Bartels has been licensed as an auctioneer, and in future will wield the hammer at the J. M. Bartels Co.'s auctions.

Mr. V. M. Berthold has for many weeks past been engaged in revising and making new drawings of all knives of Bartels' Envelope Catalogue. There will be many new features in the new edition, and for a book of reference it will be a great improvement on all previous editions. The new drawings will be made in actual size of all knives which will make it invaluable for purposes of comparison, as everything will be more accurate than previously published. All numbers will remain the same, but friends of the old edition will scarcely recognize the new. Owing to the enormous work in preparing a catalogue of this kind, it will be months before it will reach the hands of collectors.

Mr. Warren H. Colson the traveling representative of the New England Stamp Co. has left for a trip through Canada, New York state, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Maryland and District of Columbia, covering about five weeks time.

I had the pleasure of looking over the collection of Mr. H. L. Hart of Halifax, N. S., who was stopping at the Parker House last Tuesday and Wednesday. Mr. Hart's collection of British North American stamps is certainly fine. Many strips, blocks and pairs of used and unused stamps repose on the leaves of his album, while his collection of covers is wonderful. This collection has the distinction of being examined by His Royal Highness the Duke of York upon his recent visit to Canada. I may add that Mr. Hart is breaking up this collection and disposing of it at private sale.

The J. M. Bartels Co. have shown me the new Liberia Registration stamps, there being five varieties, one for each of the following places, Grenville, Robertsport, Monrovia, Harper and Buchanan. These stamps are the product of Messrs. Waterlow & Sons of London, and are very pretty being bicolored. I have seen also the 3c inland postage in black and the same in green surcharged O. S. manuscript.

WM. D. ELDRIDGE.

Every Dealer

Should carefully check up each one of the wholesale lots in the next C. P. S. Auction Sale to be held April 18th. It contains many stamps by the 100 and 1000 that are not always obtainable in those quantities.

This sale will also contain the "Richardson Collection" of interest to all collectors.

April 18th, May 9th and 28th will be taken up with Wolsieffer Sales, properties of various owners, announcements to follow. Catalogues of sales mailed free to all auction buyers and if you don't get them they are lost in the mail, or we have not your correct address.

United Stamp Co., 1149 Marquette Bldg., Chicago.

1903 PRICE-LIST.

Our 1903 Red Cover Catalogue is out—free; but if you send 1c for postage and mention WEEKLY ERA send Celluloid Perforation Gauge free. The price-list gives our net prices on U. S. Postage, Department, Dues, Telegraphs, Cut Square Envelopes, Confederate, Revenues, packets, sets, supplies, albums, wholesale lots, etc., etc. You can save money by buying from it. The prices are 40 to 60 per cent. discount from Scott's.

J. T. STARR STAMP CO., Coldwater, Mich.

U. S. DEPARTMENTS, Unused, Fine.

1c Justice.....	Catalog \$1.50	Price \$0.65
9c Interior.....	" 4.00	" 1.40
7c War.....	" 2.00	" .85

War Department 1c to 90c complete, unused, o. g. Catalog \$5.00, price \$1.75.
Send for our large "full of bargains" paper, issued monthly. It will save you money. 48 page Coin Book, prices paid, for 10c.

GREATER N. Y. STAMP & COIN CO.,
128 East 23rd St., New York City.

OUR 12TH SALE

TAKES PLACE ON

THURSDAY, APRIL 23.

It contains a good variety of United States and Foreign Stamps.

Your name on a postal will bring you a Catalogue.

CHAS. H. STONE & CO.,

19 Washington St., BOSTON, MASS.

DO YOU WANT

to obtain bargains in stamps in fine condition, from the commonest to the rarest varieties? If so, send for my price lists, showing rock-bottom prices, both for single stamps and sets, mailed free. If you wish to obtain an approval selection, state what country or countries you are interested in, and you will have what you want by return mail.

L. N. HERBERT, [14¢]
1520 Washington Ave., NEW YORK.

WANTED

Unused Postage Stamps from 1c to \$5.00 at discount.

Also want large Stamp Collections. Pay Cash by return mail.

NATHAN COBE & CO., Waltham, Mass.

PEELABLE HINGES

NOT ENGLISH		NOT GERMAN
1000 12c.		500c.
POST FREE.		POST FREE

STRONG PAPER—TASTELESS GUM
W. F. GREGORY, 71 NASSAU ST., NEW YORK.

NIGER COAST.

*1/2 p on half of 1p, No. 7, mint, fine \$3.75

A very scarce stamp.

Uncovered Pair, showing both types.. \$7.50 [E]

J. M. BARTELS CO., BOSTON, MASS.

SCARCE STAMPS.

*Dominica 1874, mint, superb...	\$5-75
*Siam 1a on 3a, No. 18 (Cat. \$2.50)	1.00
*Guatemala 1897, 75c, mint, rare...	1.75
*Somali Coast 1894, 2fr, P. O. state	.55
Transvaal £5, No. 117, superb used copy	3-40
Niger Coast 5p, C. A., mint, scarce	.25
And many others. Write me.	

Wm. D. Eldredge, Box 1347, Boston, Mass.

SNAPS! CINCHES! BARGAINS!

Colombian Republic, No. 155, o. g.	Per 10	\$0 50
166, " " " " " " " " " "	" 10	45
Antioquia, No. 100, o. g.	" 10	30
" 110, " " " " " " " " " "	" 10	15
" 120, " " " " " " " " " "	" 10	15
" 123, " " " " " " " " " "	" 10	22
" 124, " " " " " " " " " "	" 10	35
Netherlands, No. 87, used.....	" 10	15
" 88, " " " " " " " " " "	" 10	37
" 89, " " " " " " " " " "	" 10	60
" 90, " " " " " " " " " "	" 10	14
Hawaii, No. 43, used.....	" 10	11
" 75, " " " " " " " " " "	" 10	11
Mauritius, No. 87, o. g.	" 10	47
" 92, " " " " " " " " " "	" 10	47
Hungary, No. 31, used.....	" 10	55
59, " " " " " " " " " "	" 10	67

E. C. DODD,

289 So. Hermitage Ave., CHICAGO, ILL.

Wm. v. d. Wettern, Jr.,

WHOLESALE DEALER IN

POSTAGE + STAMPS.

411 W. Saratoga St., Baltimore, Md.

New special list just issued, sent free on application to dealers only.

THE HAZLETON CONSOLIDATED MINING & TUNNEL CO.

offers one of the best propositions in the Clear Creek District. It has the endorsement of a bank president, mining experts, and business men of Georgetown, Colorado. The Clear Creek District ranks high among Colorado's mining camps, the mines there are paying hundreds of thousands in dividends every year. For further particulars of this high-grade proposition, write the Gregg Mining Investment Co. of Denver, Colo., mentioning this advertisement or to BASIL G. BUTLER, 1511 Hanover St., Richmond, Va. The first offering of 500,000 shares is almost subscribed, and the stock is sold on the installment plan if desired. *

The New England Philatelic Association.

Organized February, 1895.

Board of Officers:

President, CHARLES H. SMITH, Dedham, Mass.
 Vice President, J. FAVILL CAPRON, 22 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass.
 Secretary and Treasurer, H. W. LEGG, 26 Hancock St., Boston, Mass.
 Sales Department, CHARLES H. STONE, 91 Antrim St., Cambridgeport, Mass.
 Information Bureau, Mrs. WALLACE DANA SMITH, 20 Wildrid St., Portsmouth, N. H.
 Counterfeit Detector, WILLIS D. KING, Naahua, N.H.
 Attorney, HORACE S. BACON, 107 Stevens St., Lowell, Mass.
 Governing Board, CHARLES H. STONE, Chairman, 91 Antrim St., Cambridgeport, Mass., JOHN J. CONE, New Dorchester, Mass., FRANK A. WILSON, 185 Highland Ave., Somerville, Mass.
 Official Organ, THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA.

The Postal Card Society of America.

Officers for 1902-3.

President, HORACE E. CARPENTER, JR., Care N. B. Bradley & Sons, Bay City, Mich.
 Vice-President, J. T. ALBERT HOSBACH, 1422 North 53rd St., Philadelphia, Pa.
 Secretary, W. P. AGEE, Hope, Ark.
 Treasurer, JOHN N. MORSE, 105 Devonshire St., Boston, Mass.
 Executive Committee, GUY A. BRYANT, Princeton, Ill.; W. D. ARNOLD, The Portland, Broadway St., Paul, Minn.; N. HASKELL WITHEE, 230 S. 9th St., La Crosse, Wis.
 Exchange Superintendent, J. T. A. HOSBACH, 1422 No. 53rd St., Phila., Pa.
 Purchasing Agent, ADOLPH LOHMEYER, 922 N. Gilmer St., Baltimore, Md.
 International Secretary, E. DOEBLIN, P. O. Box 736, Pittsburg, Pa.
 Official Journal, THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA.

CHRONICLE.

(Continued from page 238.)

PARAGUAY.—It appears that the surcharge on official stamp No. 119, was printed at two different times, as Mr. Bartels has shown us a strip of three, the figure "2" being omitted from the centre stamp. Another specimen has the figure above the word "Oficial," the latter being normal while the "2" is inverted.

PORTUGUESE COLONIES.—A correspondent writes to the *Deutsche Briefmarken Zeitung* that according to a decree published Dec. 11, 1902, the following unpaid letter stamps will be issued July 1, 1903:

For Angola, Cape Verde, Guinea, St. Thomas, Congo, Lourenzo Marques, Mozambique and Zambesia: 5, 10, 20, 30, 50, 60, 100, 130, 200, 500 reis.

For Portuguese India: 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9 reis, 1, 2, 5, 10 tangas, 1 rupie.

For Macao: ½, 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 12, 20, 40, 50 avos, 1 pataca.

For Timor: 1, 2, 5, 6, 10, 15, 20, 40, 50 avos, 1 pataca.

Total, 112 stamps.

The following post cards have also been issued in addition to the stamps listed in No. 513:

For Angola, Cape Verde, Congo, Guinea, Lourenzo Marques, St. Thomas, Mozambique and Zambesia: 10, 10x10, 25, 25x25 reis.

For Mozambique, additional: 20, 20x20 reis.

For Portuguese India: 3, 3x3, 5, 5x5, 10, 10x10 reis, 1, 1x1 tanga.

For Macao: 1, 1x1, 1½, 1½x1½, 4, 4x4 avos.

For Timor: 1, 1x1, 2, 2x2, 5, 5x5 avos.

There have also been issued three letter cards for each colony, 25, 50 and 65 reis for the first series, and 3, 5, and 12 avos for Timor; and four letter cards for India, 6 reis, and 1, 2 and 2½ tangas, and four for Macao, 2, 4, 5 and 10 avos.

Notwithstanding statements in the German philatelic press to the effect that a 700 reis stamp, slate lilac on buff, had been issued for the colonies having the same currency as the mother country, it is reported here that no such stamp has been issued except for Inhambaue, the new colony on the east coast of Africa. In this connection we give the following from a correspondent in Lisbon, under date of March 10.

"Contrary to what the papers say there are no 700 reis in these new Colonial issues—except Inhambaue which is a new title and therefore takes in all values."

A correction is necessary in the list given in No. 513 for Portuguese India, according to the *Deutsche Briefmarken Zeitung*. There is, according to this authority, no 3 tangas blue, but instead in 1 real gray, 2 reis orange and 6 reis green.

RUSSIA.—*Der Philatelist* adds the 35k violet and green to the list of stamps issued on vertically laid paper. The set now includes the 1, 2, 5, 7, 10, 14, 20, 35k, to

which must be added the 1 rouble, of which the editor of the *Philatelic Journal of Great Britain* claims to have seen and handled three copies.

St. CHRISTOPHER.—*Ewen's Weekly* quotes a correspondent as writing that a new series of stamps for the colony is to be issued about April 1. They will have a local view, as in the case of Antigua, and will include the following denominations: ½d, 1d, 2d, 2½d, 3d, 6d, 1sh, 2sh 6d and 4sh. These stamps were first reported 15 months ago, and certain dealers in England sent money out to their St. Kitts' agents as far back as November, 1901. The issue has been successively predicted for April, 1902, Coronation Day, September 1, 1902, Jan. 1, 1903, and now about April 1, 1903.

St. LUCIA.—The 3d Queen's Head is obsolete and will soon be replaced by the 3d of the King Edward series, says *Ewen's Weekly*. The 2½d King's Head is also expected to be issued shortly. The 2d "View of the Pitons," is printed in sheets of 60 stamps in twelve rows of five.

SEYCHELLES.—*Ewen's Weekly* says that the 4c postage adhesive, Queen's head, is obsolete. It is evidently not much required for postal use, as the provisionals which are being made to fill the vacancy are surcharged revenue. *Morley's Philatelic Journal* states that the current 8c, 10c and 15c stamps are all known overprinted "REVENUE—4 CENTS." A correspondent of *Ewen's Weekly* says that King's Head stamps have been ordered in England and will be issued shortly. The new values and colors are given below. It will be noticed that the 1 rupee is omitted.

Adhesives (Regular):

- 2c red brown and green.
- 3c blue green.
- 6c rose.
- 12c blue green and gray.
- 15c ultramarine.
- 18c yellow green and carmine.
- 30c green and violet.
- 45c chocolate and carmine.
- 75c violet and orange.
- 17 50c black and carmine.
- 27 50c mauve and green.

SOMALI COAST.—We have been shown the full new set for this colony, by Mr. J. H. Lyons of the New England Stamp Co. The low values have already been chronicled. The values from 10c to 75c are of the same size as the low values but upright. The franc values are large upright stamps, the print measuring 23x36mm. The values from 1 to 5c have already been described. Those of 10c to 75c have a camel and rider while the franc values have a group of native warriors. The second color is that of the central picture.

Adhesives (Regular):

- 1c lilac and orange.
- 2c brown and green.
- 4c blue and maroon.
- 5c green and yellow green.
- 10c claret and orange.
- 15c light brown and light blue.
- 2-2c lilac and green.
- 25c blue.
- 30c brick red and gray.
- 40c orange and blue.
- 50c green and orange red.
- 75c brick red and maroon.
- 1fr orange red and violet.
- 2fr green and dull red.
- 5fr orange and blue.

American Philatelic Association.

(INCORPORATED.)

THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA—OFFICIAL JOURNAL.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

ALEXANDER HOLLAND, President,
40 Grace Court, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Board of Vice-Presidents.
FRANK H. BURT, Chairman,
Room 1046, Tremont Building, Boston, Mass.
GORDON IRELAND, Secretary,
Holyoke House 21, Cambridge, Mass.
EDWIN F. SAWYER,
101 Washington St., Brighton, Mass.

H. E. DEATS, Secretary,
Flemington, N. J.
E. DOEBLIN, International Secretary,
Box 736, Pittsburg, Pa.
C. L. ANNAN, Treasurer,
Copper Range R. R., Houghton, Mich.
H. B. PHILLIPS,
1311 Grove St., Berkeley, Cal.
F. W. CONING,
350 George St., New Brunswick, N. J.

RESIDENT VICE-PRESIDENTS.

BOSTON, MASS.—M. H. LOMBARD, Winchester, Mass.
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.—W. E. LOY, 2431 Ellsworth St., Berkeley, Cal.
NEW YORK CITY.—W. F. GREGORY, 71 Nassau St.
PITTSBURG, PA.—E. DOEBLIN, Box 736.
CHICAGO, ILL.—A. F. MEBELL, 432 Marquette Building.
MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.—EBEN S. MARTIN, 3244 First Avenue, South.
WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS—ROBERT D. MAYNARD, 36 Oak Grove Ave., Springfield.

APPOINTIVE OFFICERS.

E. H. ANDERSON, Librarian,
Carnegie Library, Pittsburg, Pa.
H. D. WATSON, Collecting Agent,
64 Cedar St., New York City.
JOHN J. OESCH, Superintendent of Sales Dept.,
34 Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill.

H. E. DEATS, Assistant Librarian,
Flemington, N. J.
W. F. GREGORY, Auction Purchasing Agent,
71 Nassau St., New York City.
P. M. WOLSIEFFER, Auction Purchasing Agent,
1009 Atwood Bldg., Chicago, Ill.
A. W. BATCHELDER, Auction Purchasing Agent,
21 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass.

REPORT OF SECRETARY

For the Week Ending April 4th.

Applications for Membership.

ANDERSON, J. M., Riverside Station, Minneapolis, Minn.; age 31, Letter Carrier.
BENN, J. W., Medford, Wisconsin; age 27; Railway Mail Clerk.
BIBB, HARRY S., Minneapolis, Minn.; age 23, Purchasing Agent, Bibb Broom Corn Co.
EDSTEN, Adolph, 1012 East 18 St., Minneapolis, Minn.; age 39, Reporter.
GILE, S. A., Minneapolis, Minn.; age 35, Chief Clerk, First National Bank.
All the above are signed by W. L. Downing and J. A. Ringness as references and

approved by Eben S. Martin, Resident Vice President.

New Stockholders.

1802. PIKE, JAMES, Lake Geneva, Wisconsin.
1803. DUFFY, C. B., 914 Spahr Building, Columbus, Ohio.
1804. PARMALEE, F. S., Omaha, Nebraska.
1805. WILKINSON, E. H., 2825 Charles St., Omaha, Nebraska.

Membership Summary.

Membership March 28th	544
New Stockholders	4
Total Membership April 4,	548

H. E. DEATS, Secretary.

Detroit Paragraphs.

Now that the new 2 cent Washington is to be withdrawn from circulation, wonder how many collectors to-day are hoarding up all they can get hold of to wait for a rise!

The *American Boy*, a monthly magazine published here, contains a column of stamp matters every month. I understand this department is run by a lady who keeps well posted on stamp affairs.

I have had the pleasure of looking over part of the collection of J. Kellar. From what I saw I admit he has a fine lot of stamps. Some of his countries are indeed very complete, especially the European, of these he is making a specialty. Recently he has taken up the collecting of entires and what he has are certainly elegant copies.

After about a year of "nothing doing" in the stamp line the fever has again caught Camille Coole. Recently he purchased a splendid collection, adding a great many to his own, which now consists of over 4500 varieties. He is especially strong in Belg-

um and Austrian issues; these countries he has nearly complete and contain many varieties and shades, strips, blocks and pairs, also of any country he can get hold of. He has a 2c carmine, unused, last issue on which the figure 2 on the left side is entirely off. I questioned it being a genuine copy, but close examination fails to show that any alterations have been made, all the paper is perfect in every way just as one would get it from the postoffice.

The other day I was speaking to the stamp clerk at the post office about the demand for the new stamps. He remarked that the call for new issues is big, over a dozen times a day he has people come and call for sets from 1 to 13 cents, but has to disappoint them. You see the papers have been so full of the new stamps that people are anxious to get them for their children and friends that collect. At any rate they have made some new collectors.

In several issues of Philatelic papers I have noticed a warning against O. A. Slaell of this city. I have not as yet been able to locate him, but promise something in the near future that may interest the readers of the ERA.

HERMAN W. BOERS.

TRADE COLUMN.

Under this head we will print exchange, want and for sale notices, business announcements, 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.

One four-line notice free with each subscription, providing copy accompanies the subscription.

THREE Consecutive Insertions of SAME ad in this Column for PRICE OF TWO:

The 3rd Mail Auction. A fine lot of stamps. Your name on a postal card will bring list. R. WILLIAMS, West Roxbury, Mass.

For sale at a bargain. Forty shares common stock Am. Collectors' Co. W. B. BELCHES, Winterport, Me. [18

Send for approval sheets. Best going. Ref. req. Wayne Stamp Co., 140 W. Canfield, Detroit, Mich. [18

Wanted for cash: 1000 and 1002 uncut U.S. Revs., val. over \$2. A. C. KOEFF, 7, 8 Seneca St., Buffalo, N. Y. [18

Cabinet Encyclopedia and other books and articles to exchange for stamps. Send for list. Duplicates taken. C. L. O. LUCKEN, 3351 Calumet Ave., Chicago, Ill. [18

I have 25 volumes of Britannica Encyclopedia with American editions bound in calf, 1895 edition, cost \$80 cash, used but little; want to exchange for best offer in unused United States stamps cat. over \$1. Departments and Columbian preferred. Foreign revenues also wanted. W. W. NORTON, Lime Rock, Ct. [18

I have some duplicate Revenues to exchange at catalogue. Have: 2c Playing Card, 3c Proprietary, 25c Certificate, 50c Inland Exchange, 50c Life Insurance, 50c Lease, 50c Conveyance, 50c Foreign Exchange, part perf.; 50c Probate of Will, part perf.; 50c Foreign Ex., imperf. Want: 20c Foreign Ex., 20c Inland Ex., 25c Warehouse Receipt, 30c Foreign Ex., 40c Inland Ex., 6c Inland Ex., 70c Foreign Ex., 50c Conveyance, \$1 Life Insurance, \$1 Manifest. All perforate except noted. WM. S. GREY, Danvers, Mass.

Japan at 1/4 of Cat. 20 sets 50 sen and 1 yen, cat. value \$8.00, for \$1.00. Others equally cheap. IMPERIAL STAMP CO., 225 Dearborn St., Chicago. [18

Sterling's latest: 130 varieties U. S. Postage Adhesives. Post free \$1.00. Classified and arranged by E. B. STERLING, 1580 Penn. Ave., Denver, Col. [19

I want unused blocks of four of United States, Nos. 219, 219b, 220b, 220c, 220d, 247, 249, 251, 252, 265, 266, 267. E. H. HALL, Fort Collins, Colorado. [19

Scott's \$2.50 U. S. Album, 1901, nearly new, also two fine blank albums, leather bound, brand new, to sell or X for unused U. S. postage. ALBERT A. FOX, 6 6 Washington Ave., Dunkirk, N. Y. [17

Wanted for cash, U. S. pre-cancelled postage stamps. WALTER L. GATES, Teaticket, Mass. [20

Fine U. S. and Foreign stamps to exchange for Tags, Coupons and American Cigar Co.'s bands. ED. M. VOSS, Bloomington, Indiana. [16

A full set of the late P. P.'s in fine clean condition, well centered; 29 values, \$5.00. Also a few sets not all quite as well centered but in fine condition, \$4.50; many of them full gum. Your money back if not pleased. It is not a question of how cheap, but how good. GEO. H. ANDERS, Norristown, Pa. [16

Approval sheets 60¢ discnt. Net sheets for advanced collectors at equally low prices. 9000 var. in stock. F. W. PICKARD, 2427 Ingleside, Cincinnati, O. [24

Is your collection for sale? Get your dealer to make a price on it, add 20% to his offer, and send book to me. It's 10 to 1 I buy it. F. W. PICKARD, 2427 Ingleside, Cincinnati, O. [24

To complete your United States. Fine perfect copies, 180, \$5.00 green, \$1.25 each; \$4.00 blue, \$1.05 each. Wholesale, both values \$1.00 only, per dozen. Thousands of bargains in old United States, British and Colonial stamps. Fine approval selections at 25 to 50% discount. No common rubbish but only fine copies of desirable stamps sent out. Write stating wants and send reference. I can save you hundreds of dollars. Established 1880. FREDERICK GINN, 143 Strand, London, England. [21

Is your collection for sale? I will buy it or any odd lots of good stamps. No cheap stuff wanted. Send on approval with lowest cash offer. Immediate returns guaranteed. HOWARD C. BECK, City Controller's Office, Detroit, Mich. [51

U. S. Pre-Cancelled postage stamps. I will pay a good price in cash or exchange for any not in my collection. F. L. SMITH, 40 Exchange Pl., N. Y. [14c

Pre-cancels not in my collection wanted. Best cash or trade price. E. R. ALDRICH, Benson, Minn. [t

HOLTON STAMP CO.'S WHOLESALE PRICE LIST---Continued.

Notwithstanding that our big ad last week was allowed fourteen pages still that space was found inadequate and at the last moment the below portion of the list had to be omitted. If you failed to see last week's big ad—the largest ever put in any stamp paper—send us for a copy at once. These items include stamps of the better grade, and are sold so many for the catalogue price of one stamp. In no case will less than one lot of a kind be sold. * Means unused. Order by catalogue number.

No.	Country.	Date.	Value.	No. for	Cat. Price	No.	Country.	Date.	Value.	No. for	Cat. Price	No.	Country.	Date.	Value.	No. for	Cat. Price
127	Transvaal Rep.	1894-95	6d	3	.35	63	Uruguay	1884	10c	3	.30	1	Western Australia	1854-57	1d	3	1.75
137	"	1895	1sh	3	1.25	64	"	"	20c	3	.30	20	"	1861	1d	3	2.75
48	Trinidad	1863	1d	3	.35	149	"	1900	20c	per 5	1.25	26	"	1864	1d	3	2.50
48c	"	"	1d	3	.25	153	"	"	10c	"	.65	71	"	"	1d	3	1.00
58	"	"	6d	3	.35	155	"	1901	7c	"	.45	26	"	1895	1/2 don	3d	.70
54	"	1869-72	4d	3	1.00	157	"	"	25c	"	1.60	302	"	1886	1d	3	1.00
61	"	1878	1sh	3	1.75	235	"	1891	1c	3	.30	11	Wurtemberg	1857	1d	3	.35
61	"	1882	1/2 d	3	.60	235	"	"	2c	3	.25	16	"	1858	1/2 d	3	.40
66	"	"	4d	3	.75	235	"	"	5c	3	.25	17	"	"	1d	3	.25
70	"	1883-84	4d	2	.25	2	Venezuela	1858	1/2 c	4	.35	32	"	1861	1/2 d	3	.25
71	"	"	6d	per 5	.75	6	"	1861	1/2 c	4	.35	37	"	1863	1/2 d	3	.35
72	"	"	1sh	3	.90	9	"	1863	1/2 c	4	.35	40	"	"	1d	3	3.00
73	"	1894	5sh	per 5	8.00	10	"	"	1c	4	.35	43	"	1866	1/2 d	3	.25
78	"	1866	5d	3	1.10	12	"	"	1c	3	2.00	44	"	"	1d	3	1.75
79	"	"	6d	per 5	.75	18	"	1875	1/2 c	3	.25	48	"	1869-73	1d	3	.50
1	Turkey	1863	50pa	3	.50	32	"	1879	10c	3	.30	52	"	"	1/4 d	3	.75
4	"	"	2pi	3	.50	44	"	"	10c	4	.50	6a	Zanzibar	1895-96	1/4 d	3	.75
5	"	"	5pi	3	.50	50	"	1880	25c	3	.25	66	"	1899	3a	per 5	.40
7	"	"	1pi	3	.40	50a	"	"	25c	3	.25	67	"	"	4a	"	.50
8	"	1865	10pa	3	.50	51	"	"	50c	3	.25	69	"	"	5a	"	.65
12	"	"	5pi	4	.50	52	"	"	50c	3	.25	70	"	"	7a	"	.95
12	"	"	5pi	4	.25	53	"	"	1b	4	.50	71	"	"	8a	"	1.05
36	"	1873	10pa	4	.25	101	"	1893	1b	3	.25	5	Zululand	1888	1d	3	.25
50	"	1876	1/4 pi	4	.25	102	"	"	3b	3	.50	3	"	"	1d	3	.60
55	"	"	50pa	3	.25	103	"	"	10b	3	.75	7	"	"	1/4 d	3	.90
57	"	"	5pi	3	1.00	104	"	"	10b	3	.50	9	"	"	1/4 d	3	.70
402	"	1863	1pi	3	.50	200-204	"	1868	5 var	per 5	.60	10	"	"	1d	3	3.00
403	"	"	2pi	4	.75	9a	St. Thomas etc.	1864	2r	4	.25	17	"	"	1d	3	.25
404	"	"	5pi	3	1.00	10	"	1869	1/2 r	4	1.75	18	"	1894-96	1d	3	.25
435a	"	1871	5pi	4	.25	11c	"	1869	1/2 r	4	1.75	18	"	"	6d	3	.50
4	Turks Island	1867	1d	3	1.85	1	Victoria	1850	1d	3	1.00						
4	"	1871-79	1d	3	1.85	2	"	"	1d	3	1.00						
5	"	"	1d	3	1.85	25	"	1860	1sh	3	1.75						
37	"	1881	1d	3	1.00	30	"	1861	6d	3	.50						
40	"	"	4d	3	3.00	31	"	1857-61	1d	3	1.75						
44	"	1881-84	1/2 d	3	.75	37	"	"	1d	3	1.85						
44	"	"	1/2 d	3	.75	47a	"	"	1d	3	.85						
45	"	"	1d	3	.50	80	"	1864-66	1sh	3	.50						
46	"	1857	1d	3	.50	110	"	1867-68	1d	3	.35						
46	"	"	1d	3	.50	110a	"	"	1d	3	.25						
50	"	"	1d on 1/2 d	3	.25	113	"	"	3d	3	.35						
5	Tuscany	1851	4c	3	.50	114	"	"	4d	3	.35						
7	"	"	9c	4	.90	118	"	"	8d	3	.85						
14	"	1853	4c	3	.40	122	"	1873	1/2 d	3	1.85						
21	"	"	4c	3	.40	126	"	1868	1sh	3	2.50						
22	"	"	6c	4	.40	127	"	1873	9d	3	1.00						
24	"	1860	1c	4	2.00	138	"	1875-81	1sh	3	.38						
25	"	"	5c	3	1.00	159	"	1886-87	1/4 d	3	.25						
25a	"	"	5c	4	1.75	198	"	1901	3/4	per 5	3.85						
27	"	"	20c	4	.40	199	"	"	4d	"	5.50						
27a-b	"	"	20c	4	.40	200	"	"	6d	"	5.75						
28	"	"	40c	4	.75	201	"	"	9d	"	5.15						
29	"	"	80c	4	3.00	202	"	"	1sh	"	5.15						
4	Two Sicilies	1858	5g	3	.50	203	"	"	1sh	"	5.15						
5a	"	"	10g	3	.75	320	"	1884	1/4 sh	4	.35						
20	"	1861	1/2 g	5	.75	321	"	"	1/2 sh	4	.50						
23	"	"	5/8 g	4	.95	502	"	1890	1d	3	.25						
26	"	"	20g	4	1.50	503	"	"	2d	3	.35						
27	"	"	50g	4	.60	504	"	"	5-1	3	.60						
36	Uruguay	1872	10c	3	.25	506	"	"	6b	3	.60						
37	"	"	15c	3	.50	1a	Virgin Is.	1866	1d	3	1.75						
38	"	"	20c	3	.45	3	"	1867-68	1d	3	1.50						
44a	"	1877-80	1p	3	1.50	4a	"	"	1d	3	2.00						
50	"	1883	5c	3	.35	14	"	1883-88	1d	3	1.25						
55	"	1884	5c	3	.25	16	"	"	1d	3	1.50						

SUPPLEMENTARY LIST.

No.	Country.	Date.	Value.	No. for	Cat. Price
103	1884-89	5c	8 for	\$0.25	
104	"	10c	4 "	1.50	
29a	1869	5c	3 "	5.00	
71	1899	1/4 c	90 "	.25	
72	"	1c	90 "	.25	
74	"	2 1/2 c	90 "	.25	
76	"	5c	90 "	.25	
78	"	10c	90 "	.25	
81	"	20c	16 "	.25	
9	1887	2 1/2	15 "	.25	
10	"	4a	10 "	.25	
17	1900	2 1/4 a	5 "	.96	
64	"	6 1/2 a	5 "	2.60	
48	"	10 pia	10 "	.25	
33	1856	1d	4 "	.25	
42	1860	6d	5 "	.25	
52	1871-98	1d	30 "	.25	
57	"	1d	10 "	.25	
77	1888-89	1d	100 "	.25	
78	"	1d	100 "	.25	

Holton Stamp Co.,

Successors to E. A. HOLTON, 60 Devonshire St., BOSTON, MASS. Established 1861.

The Boston Philatelic Society.

M. H. LOMBARD, President, Winchester, Mass.
C. F. ROTHFUCHS, Vice-President, Boston.
L. A. HOWES, Secretary, 55 Kilby St., Boston.
C. L. GREEN, Treasurer, 47 Tremont St., Boston.
J. E. LYONS, Supt. of Auctions, 27 Bromfield St., Boston.
J. H. LYONS, Supt. of Sales, 27 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass.
THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA, Official Journal.

Fiscal Philatelic Society.

Meeting held on March 5th, 1903. Present Mr. Schwabacher (chair), Messrs. Crofton, Fulcher, Marsh, Morley, Thompson, Thomson, South and Kay.
Mr. Tomas Remoll (Barcelona) was elected a member.
A copy of C. A. Needham's catalogue and album for North American fiscals was received for the library, with thanks. W. Corfield sent notes of two newly found Ceylon fiscals (ONE on 20r, and TEN on

1000r) and A. E. Lawrence several interesting stamps including the new Porto Rico revenues. L. S. Wells' fine collection of St. Vincent was exhibited, and W. Morley showed some unchronicled Lamos fiscals. The revenues of Queensland, St. Christopher, St. Lucia, St. Vincent, Sarawak and Seychelles were then discussed and catalogued.
Next meeting will be held on Thursday, April 2nd, at 6.30 p. m. at 65 Bishopsgate St., Without, London, E. C., when Sierra Leone, South Australia and Straits Settlements will be taken.
Accounts for the first quarter of the Exchange Section have been made up, and show very satisfactory results. In the Continental Section, home members contributed sheets amounting to 4000 francs nett, and the sales amounted to 566 fr. The February home packet has been returned, £20 odd being taken from the total value of £158.
All interested in the study of fiscal stamps should apply for Rules and information to the Hon. Sec. A. B. Kay, 2 Haarlem Mansions, West Kensington, London, W.

\$30,000.00 COULDN'T BUY

The collection of original covers owned by Mr. J. F. Seybold. People who have seen this wonderful collection are amazed at its magnitude. It is indeed a remarkable accumulation of rarities.
If you want to see the best things in this collection

READ THE PERFORATOR.

Two of the original covers are illustrated in every issue of that most talked of and popular publication, the Perforator—A new departure in philatelic journalism, a monthly magazine conducted on newspaper policy. Every issue distinctly original and a volume in itself. Plenty of interesting and instructive reading matter.

Are you a regular reader of the Perforator? If not it's either that you don't know that the Perforator exists or you don't know a really first class magazine when you see it.

These are the only reasons why we haven't got 50,000 subscribers. The Perforator costs you 30 cents for twelve consecutive months.

THE PERFORATOR,

106 E. 111th Street, NEW YORK CITY.

The Weekly Philatelic Era

A PAPER DEVOTED TO STAMP NEWS.

50c PER YEAR.

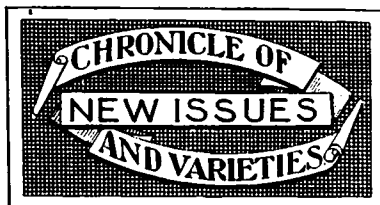
ENTERED AT PORTLAND POST OFFICE AS SECOND CLASS MATTER JAN. 10, 1890.

2c PER COPY.

VOL. XVII. No. 29.

PORTLAND, ME., SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 1903.

WHOLE No. 517.



BY HENRY A. KIDDER.

Friends of the ERA are invited to send to the editor of this department any information regarding new issues or varieties that may prove of interest. Such information will be suitably acknowledged. Address, HENRY A. KIDDER, 17 Addison Street, Arlington, Mass.

Exchanges will please send Mr Kidder a copy of each issue to the foregoing address, and an extra copy of the ERA will be gladly sent whenever desired.

UNITED STATES.—Under date of March 27, 1903, a valued correspondent writes from England, among other things " * * * we think that every one of your new stamps, even the much maligned 2c, easily beats any one of the current English stamps for artistic merit; perhaps you will have read in some of the journals that we are to have an entire new set with a more satisfactory portrait of King Edward; we understand that the new portrait on the Canadian stamps, which have just been engraved by Perkins Bacon & Co. will be the one adopted for our new issue."

It is very much to be regretted that coming as this does under semi-personal cover, that the rule does not permit the disclosure of the name of the correspondent. Suffice it to say that he is doubtless known by name—if not otherwise—by more "stamp" people of all kinds, sorts and sizes than any other throughout the entire world. The source entitles the rumor to the fullest possible credence, and while it is unquestionably a most unhappy change we shall have to make the best of it.

Up to within a comparatively few years "British Colonials" was a Gibraltar for stamp collecting to take an impregnable stand. But since such mole hills as Grenada, St. Vincent, "principalities" like Gold Coast, St. Helena, Cayman Islands and all such have suddenly found they need postal labels, not in response to a legitimate commercial demand but for practically "revenue only," they have fallen to no higher estate than Portugal, French Colonies, etc., etc., if indeed not below.

The mother country having demanded and succeeded in obtaining this change it will be entirely easy for the majority of the long list of 80 or more British Colonial titles, including however the obsolete titles that choke up our catalogues, to discover their effigy of His Majesty is not what it should be.

We read much "mud" thrown at issues—not English, and few of us probably stop to think that of the major portion of England's greatest possessions or affiliations as Canada, India, Australia, Cape Colony have issued less than probably a half hundred King's Heads since that good woman was called to settle her account with Dame Nature.

In passing, though not wholly relevant it does seem too bad that Cape Colony that has so steadfastly neglected or refused to honor her Queen, who was not only a "good Queen" but also a type of domestic womanhood, the like of which has never been known in the supreme regal history of the world, should now so quickly take notice of her son. Possibly the chagrin of knowing that it was a class of people in the Colony responsible in a great degree for the ending of her reign in a cloud of war, owing to her intense opposition to that war may have hurried the Colony in a spirit of contrition to do early honor to the son who was more responsible than any one other or perhaps all other forces combined for the ending of that war on principles of humanity.

It is not hard to trace the hand of the Heir Apparent, as President of the London Philatelic Society, Mr. Bacon whose firm has done the engraving—it seems—and

young Mr. Chamberlain, England's new and energetic Postmaster General in all this, and it is to be hoped that the "Premier Society" or rather the influential members thereof will go one step further and not only prevent, but also let it be known quickly, that this change, if change it is to be, shall involve only the much used issues, the ½d, 1d, 2½d and 6d denominations, and that the Colonial Secretary will not permit changes in colonies directly under his bureau, but will urge against it in the autonomously governed ones.

We have given the above space under United States, though properly speaking only the first paragraph or two related to that country. It seemed a pity, however, to divide so good a letter. Let us all say amen to our correspondent's suggestion as to a limit to be placed upon British Colonial issues.

Mr. H. J. Douglass, Champlain, N. Y., sends us for inspection an unsevered pair of the 1c blue Documentary, 1898 issue, imperforate. Scott lists this stamp imperforate horizontally, but Mr. Douglass' specimens lack the roulette on all four sides. He regards it as the rarest U. S. revenue known.

BULGARIA.—The Postal Administration of this Principality is evidently experimenting with tints of paper for the Inland card, or using up an accumulation of various tints. When the new type (stamp with portrait of Prince Ferdinand) was first issued, in December 1901, the Inland card, as well as the International, was printed on cream colored card board. In July, 1902, about 30,000 were printed on yellow-

The Improved Postage Stamp Album No. 0.

ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH THOUSAND.
THE BEST AND LARGEST SHILLING ALBUM EVER PUBLISHED.

176 large pages. Spaces for 4,700 Stamps.

48 extra pages added in this Edition without extra charge.

This Album is now selling at the rate of over 1,000 copies a month.

The demand for this Album has simply been phenomenal, and it gives universal satisfaction—not a single complaint has been received. The last Edition had nearly 20 extra pages added, and now another 48 pages have been added, and all the Geographical and Historical Notes brought up fully to date. All the newest stamp-issuing countries, such as Ichang, Las Bela, Tientsin, Bundi, Dhar, etc., etc., have been added. At the top of each page there is the name of the country, and a mass of valuable information, including date when Stamps were issued, population, area, reigning sovereign, capital, etc. Spaces of proper sizes are provided for all Stamps, and the book is bound in a superior manner in gilt cloth. The Album contains a pocket to hold duplicate Stamps, and fifty Stamps will be presented free with each Album. There is also an Illustrated Frontispiece of the Rarest Stamps, with prices attached that we pay for each.

Price, bound in handsome gilt cloth, 30c, or post free, 36c.

1903 Catalogue Now on Sale.

Our 1903 Catalogue, priced in American currency, is bound in one volume, well printed on good paper, and sold for FIFTY CENTS; post free, SIXTY CENTS. It contains the latest quotations at which we can supply the stamps and is made up by and based on our own stock, no attention being paid to other quotations.

Previous editions contained the British Colonials in one part and foreign stamps in another part, and cost \$1.20. This latest edition contains both in one volume and sells at the same price as other catalogues.

Old 1902 Catalogue, Part 2, containing U. S., etc., post free, 10c.

STANLEY GIBBONS, Inc.,

167 Broadway, New York.

MORE GOOD THINGS.

1851, 1c, type III..... \$ 3.50
 1851, 5c, o. g. 12.00
 Louisville Local, Scott's No. 84..... 7.50
 What United States Stamps do you need?
 What United States Revenues do you need?

FRED G. JONES,

2013 Brook St., LOUISVILLE, KY.

CHAPTER XXX.

I desire that every collector should know that great pleasure and satisfaction await him when he has taken my urgent advice and sent a reference for one of

OSGOOD'S FAMOUS BIG SELECTIONS.

Hundreds have praised them. Not three in a hundred have been disappointed.

I am the leading dealer in the popular pre-cancelled stamps. If interested write me. Joined the Pre-cancelled Stamp Club yet?
 Stampman free!

D. W. OSGOOD,South Fork, Rio Grande Co., Colorado.
[To be Continued.]

buff, reverse white, and in August about the same quantity on gray, reverse white, both being the stock used for the letter cards of 15 and 5 stotinki. The latest arrival, received April 3, is printed on a semi-transparent blue-gray paper, for it is too thin to be classed as card board, reports Mr. Lohmeyer.

The International card of 10 stot. has remained unchanged.

While writing up Bulgaria it will be in place to mention that the reply cards of 5 and 10 stot., catalogued in Senf's 1902-3 catalogue under 1901, have, so far, not been issued.

Postal Card (Regular):

55 green on blue-gray, 90x140mm.

FRANCE.—Mr. Lohmeyer reports being indebted to Mr. Foulon for the first copy of the 30 centimes letter card Paris Pneumatic Service, printed in carmine on pale blue, which supersedes the recent issue, in use about two months, printed in black.

Letter Card (Pneumatic):

30 centimes, carmine on pale blue, 80x137, perf. III, B.

Mr. John N. Morse of Boston, Treasurer of the Postal Card Society of America, also sends us substantially the same information. According to Mr. Morse the card is folded at top, has six lines of instructions on back, and has a triangular space ruled off in upper left corner for sender's name, etc. All print is the same color as stamp.

Mr. Morse also reports a pneumatic envelope for the same service, same denomination and color with similar print and ruling.

Letter Card (Pneumatic):

30c carmine on pale blue, 80x137mm., perf. III, B.

Envelope (Pneumatic):

30c carmine on pale blue 3 11-16x4 15-16 in.

HONDURAS.—Mr. Harry W. Legg has shown us the 2p, 5p and 10p, 1891, in two colors with the center inverted.

LABUAN.—We have seen a pair of the 4c yellow brown and blue, Scott's No. 94, imperforate vertically. Mr. Bartels has this and also a pair of 1c lilac and black, No. 72, imperforate vertically.

ORANGE RIVER COLONY.—According to *Mekeel's Weekly* the new 1d stamp was issued Feb. 3.

Mr. Lohmeyer reports among late arrivals from this new British colony a dozen copies of the new King's head 1 penny cards, all his correspondent could obtain on February 10; these new cards having just been issued, in limited quantities only, in honor of Chamberlin's visit to Bloemfontein. The type is the same as all new colonials chronicled recently.

Postal Card (Regular):

1d carmine on cream, 89x139mm.

NEW ZEALAND.—Mr. Lohmeyer has received a very elaborate one penny letter card from this British possession. The face of the card, printed from a wood block, represents, on the left side, extending in a narrow strip over the bottom of the card, a coast scene, with a tall fern-palm in the foreground. In the upper center of the design is a tablet, 75mm. long, with the inscription "NEW ZEALAND LETTER CARD", surmounted by the royal arms, while the stamp, with portrait of the King, appears in the upper right corner. The whole design is surrounded by an ornamental frame. Below the design are the usual instructions for additional postage, if used for transmission abroad, and for opening the letter card. The reverse shows a half-tone reproduction of various New Zealand views, grouped together in one design, surrounded by a frame, to correspond with the face of the card.

Letter Card (Regular):

1d violet-brown on greenish, 93x144mm., perf. IV, B.

NICARAGUA.—Mr. J. M. Bartels has a pair, imperforate vertically, of Scott's No. 20, 1c yellow brown, 1890.

SALVADOR.—Mr. Bartels has also shown us a pair of No. 47, 1c vermilion, 1891, vertically imperforate.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.—Referring to his recent chronicle (see ERA No. 513) of a letter card printed in red brown on pearl gray, Mr. Lohmeyer reports having since received from Mr. Foulon the identical card, printed in blue. This is probably a more recent issue than the red brown, which was issued last October, at which time his Australian correspondent made no mention of it, nor of a contemplated change of color.

Letter Card (Regular):

2d blue on pearl gray, 93x135mm., perf. IV, T.

TRADE COLUMN.

Under this head we will print exchange, want and for sale notices, business announcements, 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. Min. issue charge to cents.

One four-line notice free with each subscription, providing copy accompanies the subscription.

THREE Consecutive Insertions of SAME ad in this Column for PRICE OF TWO.

A fine block of twelve and one of six 15c U. S., No. 159, o. g., cat. \$5 each, \$28 and \$14. Many other bargains. A. H. YOUNG, Box 1395, New Haven, Ct. [19]

Wanted: Several good stamp collections for cash. Send on approval with lowest cash offer. LEO KAHN, 1106 So. East St., Indianapolis, Ind.

To close at cost I offer a few fine sets P. P.'s, at \$4.25. J. E. Lee sets 40c, Emerson, 20c, and L. & K., 45c. Others as cheap. F. B. KIRBY, New Bedford, Mass. [19]

I want to buy unused blocks of 4, U. S. stamps, Nos. 220b, 20c, 220d, 242, 243, 244, 245, 262, 263, 275, 276, 277, 288. All the stamps I buy must be perfect in every way. Write me what you have and the price. WALTER C. ODIORNE, Huntingdon, Pa. [19]

*Hawaii 18c (Scott, \$1.25), 35c; 10 for \$2.50. *Johnore, Nos. 27 & 28, (Scott, 95c), pair 35c; 10 sets \$2.00. Tasmania 190c, 1d & 2d, (cat. 3c & 6c), even ass'd, 75c per 100. Argentine 1901, 1 c, 10 for 2c; 100 for \$1.50. CARL YOUNG, 112 N. 5th St., Philadelphia, Pa. [22]

With ex. relations with all parties having any Match & Medicine stamps, old issues. Will ex. U. S. Postage, Dept. & Envs. and Revs. for same. Will buy job lots for cash if cheap. O. B. HARRINGTON, Granby, Conn.

Fine used U. S. 50c Omaha, 16c; 50c Columbian, 25c; \$1.00 black, 1895, 20c. Columbian, Omaha and Buffalo sets, 1 to 10, all fine, for 27c; 22 var. Doc. Revs. 1/2 to \$5, 24c. Postage 2c. F. B. KIRBY, New Bedford, Mass. [19]

I sell unused United States stamps; write me for what you need. I have post marks of towns in Pennsylvania and other states which I shall be glad to send to any collector free, if he sends postage. W. C. ODIORNE, Huntingdon, Pa. [19]

For sale at a bargain. Forty shares common stock Am. Collectors' Co. W. B. BELCHES, Winterport, Me. [18]

Send for approval sheets. Best agong, Ref. req. Wayne Stamp Co, 140 W. Canfield, Detroit, Mich. [18]

Wanted for cash: 1000 and 1005 uncut U.S. Revs., val. over \$2. A. C. KOEPP, 7-8 Seneca St., Buffalo, N. Y. [18]

Cabinet Encyclopaedia and other books and articles to exchange for stamps. Send for list. Duplicates taken. C. L. O. LUCKEN, 3351 Calumet Ave., Chicago, Ill. [18]

I have 25 volumes of Britannica Encyclopaedia with American editions bound in calf, 1895 edition, cost \$80 cash, used but little; want to exchange for best offer in unused United States stamps cat. over \$1. Department and Columbian preferred. Foreign revenues also wanted. W. W. NORTON, Lime Rock, Ct. [18]

Japan at 1/2 of Cat. 20 sets 50 sen and 1 yen, cat. value \$8.00, for \$1.00. Others equally cheap. IMPERIAL STAMP CO., 225 Dearborn St., Chicago. [18]

Sterling's latest: 130 varieties U. S. Postage Adhesives. Post free \$1.00. Classified and arranged by E. B. STERLING, 1580 Penn. Ave., Denver, Col. [19]

I want unused blocks of four of United States, Nos. 219, 219b, 220b, 220c, 247, 249, 251, 252, 265, 266, 267. E. H. HALL, Fort Collins, Colorado. [17]

Scott's \$5.50 U. S. Album, 1901, nearly new, also two fine blank albums, leather bound, brand new, to sell or X for unused U. S. postage. ALBERT A. FOX, 626 Washington Ave., Dunkirk, N. Y. [17]

Wanted for cash, U. S. pre-cancelled postage stamps. WALTER L. GATES, Teaticket, Mass. [20]

Approval sheets 60¢ disc't. Net sheets for advanced collectors at equally low prices. 9000 var. in stock. F. W. PICKARD, 2427 Ingleside, Cincinnati, O. [24]

Is your collection for sale? Get your dealer to make a price on it, add 20% to his offer and send book to me. It's 10 to 1 I buy it. F. W. PICKARD, 2427 Ingleside, Cincinnati, O. [24]

To complete your United States. Fine perfect copies, 1895, \$5.00 green, \$1.12 each; \$2.00 blue, \$1.05 each. Wholesale, both values \$11.00 only, per dozen.

Thousands of bargains in old United States, British and Colonial stamps. Fine approval selections at 25 to 50% discount. No common rubbish but only fine copies of desirable stamps sent out. Write stating wants and send reference. I can save you hundreds of dollars. Established 1880. FREDERICK GINN, 143 Strand, London, England. [21]

Is your collection for sale? I will buy it or any odd lots of good stamps. No cheap stuff wanted. Send on approval with lowest cash offer. Immediate returns guaranteed. HOWARD C. BECK, City Controller's Office, Detroit, Mich. [21]

U. S. Pre-Cancelled postage stamps. I will pay a good price in cash or exchange for any not in my collection. F. L. SMITH, 40 Exchange Pl., N. Y. [24]

Pre-cancels not in my collection wanted. Best cash or trade price. E. R. ALDRICH, Benson, Minn. [17]

Try an Ad in this Column. It Pays.

Cat. All are unused and Cat. My
No. have original gum. Price. Price.
55 Niger Coast 1898, rosh purple. \$8 00 \$4 25
Colombian Republic.
? 1903 1 peso, orange. ?
? 1903 5 pesos, red lilac. ?
? 1903 10 pesos, green. ?
My price for the 3 stamps is 75 cents.
They have slight imperfections, such as creased
where partly folded, or margins not extra large, but
75c is a very low price.

I have a few
**IN EXTRA FINE CONDITION,
THE 3 FOR \$1.50.**

I also have a few more fine unused sets of
CHUNGKING, CHINA.

Regular Issue.	Postage Due.
1895 2c pink.	1895 2c pink.
1895 4c ultramarine.	1895 4c ultramarine.
1895 8c orange.	1895 8c orange.
1895 16c purple.	1895 16c purple.
1895 24c emerald green.	1895 24c emerald green.
1903 catalogue for above 10 stamps. \$2.83	
My price for extra fine copies. 1.50	

Please remit by Bills or Money Order.

C. F. ROTHFUCHS,
38 Munroe St., ROXBURY, MASS.

"WARM BABIES."
Colombian Republic, fresh from the Equator. Priced
under the equatorial 50% discount line, however. Take
'em while they're hot.

No. 11, o. g., \$0 23	No. 155, o. g., \$0.09
10, pen canc., .50	166, " .50
33, " .42	Antioqui, No. 96, o. g., .05
38, " .65	" 100, " .09
39, " .10	" 110, " .03
40, post mkd., .33	" 127, " .03
42, pen can. c., .10	" 123, " .04
45, " .12	" 124, " .07
46, " .05	Bolivar, No. 3, .22
47, " .10	" 8, .45
48, " .22	" 9, .22
49, " .13	" 11, .04
50, post marked, .30	" 39, .09
52, pen can. c., .95	" 40, .11
64, " .50	" 49, .06
65, " .32	" 58, .11
79, post marked, .34	Panama, No. 9, .11

Postage extra on orders under 3c. Satisfaction
guaranteed.

E. C. Dodd, 259 So. Hermitage Ave., Chicago.

Washington Notes.

Third Assistant Postmaster General Mad-
den's legal contest to determine his claim
to the right to exclude certain classes of
publications from second-class mailing
privileges, and requiring them to pay third-
class rates, will come before the United
States supreme court shortly. That court
today granted a writ of certiorari to bring
before it the particular case involving the
rights of railway guides and lists to second-
class rates, which was recently decided
against the postoffice department by one
of the Washington courts. One of the
strongest lawyers in the east will be en-
gaged to present the department's side of
the case to the court, an act of the last ses-
sion having appropriated \$25,000 to pay
for such legal talent.

Orders have been issued at the postoffice
department authorizing the use of coin
controlled machines as special mail delivery
boxes. The machine is an ingenious one.
When a person desires to send a letter by
special delivery he drops a dime into the
slot, a door opens, the letter is put in and
the door closed. The letter is automatical-
ly stamped and falls into the box below.
The possibility of putting in more than one
letter with one dime is eliminated by the
fact that the letters are numbered only
when the door closes, and each time the
door is opened a dime must be dropped
into the slot. Collections will be made
from boxes every half hour.

Chicago Notes.

W. H. Bauer, an old time member of the
Chicago Philatelic Society, is now in San
Francisco, where he is connected with a
wholesale grocery house.

Dr. F. B. Merrill recently showed a fine
block of four 10c Providence, which he
procured from a friend in the east. The
Dr. makes a specialty of old Australians,
having formed the nucleus of a large col-
lection, while traveling in the antipodes
some years ago.

E. L. Warner, the wholesaler, who is
still making Chicago his home, made a fly-
ing trip out of the city last week, returning
with a stock of stamps purchased from a
retiring dealer.

Our local dealers declare that the demand
for U. S. stamps, especially the early issues,
is something abnormal. The 1869 issue
seems to be the favorite with the 1857-60
a close second.

Quite a number of notables in the stamp
world have been here within a brief period.
Messrs. Colson, Willardt, Bartels, Drew
and Carpenter, have appeared and departed
within the last month or two. E. L. War-
ner of Grand Rapids still lingers. Next?
CLIFFORD.

From Buffalo.

The organization of the Buffalo Stamp
Club is meeting with little success; and in
view of this the promoter will probably lay
the scheme over till next fall. We have
had two stamp societies in Buffalo, but I
see no reason why the third should not be
successful.

Raynor Hubbell & Co. talk of getting
out a new album—probably one of the 25c
grade.

Does any one know exactly how many
of the so-called Aguinaldo stamps were
issued? Well, there were 90,000 printed,
but a very great part of them were destroyed
before they got into circulation. This is
not counting the revenue or newspaper
stamps.

"It isn't philately," but in connection
with the last paragraph it might be men-
tioned that, if the Philippines had ever
gained independence Aguinaldo would
have transformed that republic of his
mighty speedily into a kingdom, with
"Aggie" (as he is known among the sol-
dier boys) as dictator. Quite a nice role.
J. A. D. PARK.

PRICE LIST No. 15

containing an alphabetically arranged list of the
POSTAL CARD AND LETTER CARDS,
issued during the past three years, and list of obsolete
British Colonial Cards will be ready next week.
It will be mailed free to collectors interested in this
specialty.

ADOLPH LOHMEYER,
922 N. Gilmer Street, Baltimore, Md.

**COINS! CURIOS! PAPER MONEY!
CHEAP!**

- Genuine Confederate Newspaper (war-
time)..... 18c
- Genuine Chinese Chop Sticks, pair.. 10c
- Chinese Mahogany Seal or Deck of
Cards..... 8c
- 50 Choice Foreign Coins, copper,
nickel and bronze..... 60c
- 6 var. Beautiful Mexican Opals, (cut) 50c
- Boer 6 pence, with bust of Kruger,
scarce, fine..... 60c
- 25 Varieties of Coins and Paper
Money..... 52c
- Big List and a rare coin for 2c stamp.

T. L. ELDER, Sheridan Ave. P, Pittsburg, Pa.

WE HAVE MONEY

to invest in Fine Stamps, Rarities, Collections, Stocks,
Job Lots, etc. Nothing too large or too small for us
to figure on. What have you to offer in rarities?
We make a specialty of buying unused 1c. and 2c
current stamps for mercantile use at a discount of from
3% to 5% according to quantities. Higher denomina-
tions at a greater discount. [if

UNITED STAMP COMPANY, Incorporated,
1149 Marquette Building, CHICAGO, ILL.

Springfield Stamp Cranks.

Remarkable interest is shown in stamps
this spring, in our inland city. Our Club
had a public auction on last Friday night,
at which our auctioneer disposed of 226
lots. The boys had a magnificent time and
enjoyed the whole evening: paid 20 cents
for mixed lots catalogued 21 cents and 10
cents for good stamp catalogued at \$4.00.
On the whole they had their first lesson in
the auction room.

Will Stone told in a short talk how
necessary the catalogues and the weeklies
are to any collector, telling how John Provost
and himself noticed in a French paper
devoted mostly to advertisements the small
number issued of a certain stamp, how they
bought all they could at \$1.25 each and saw
them go up to \$2.50 in ten days. After
giving away samples of the ERA to the 125
collectors present, Mr. Provost proceeded
to use his new auctioneer's license which
the City Marshal seemed a little reluctant
to give, thinking we ought to employ some
one in the business. C.

The Postal Card Society of America.

Officers for 1902-3.
President, HORACE E. CARPENTER, JR., Care N. B.
Bradley & Sons, Bay City, Mich.
Vice-President, J. T. ALBERT HOSBACH, 1422 North
53rd St., Philadelphia, Pa.
Secretary, W. P. ACKER, Hope, Ark.
Treasurer, JOHN N. MORSE, 105 Devonshire St.,
Boston, Mass.
Executive Committee, GUY A. BRYANT, Princeton,
Ill.; W. D. ARNOLD, The Portland, Broadway, St. Paul,
Minn.; N. HASKELL WITMER, 930 S. 9th St., La
Crosse, Wis.
Exchange Superintendent, J. T. A. HOSBACH, 1422
No. 53rd St., Phila., Pa.
Purchasing Agent, ADOLPH LOHMEYER, 922 N. Gil-
mer St., Baltimore, Md.
International Secretary, E. DOBBLIN, P. O. Box 736,
Pittsburg, Pa.
Official Journal, THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA.

Hawaiians.

1853, 13c red, No. 6, unused.....	\$9.00
1882, 15c red brown, new, o. g.....	1.40
1883, 12c red lilac, new, o. g.....	1.40
1883, 25c dark violet, new, o. g.....	2.10
1883, 50c red, new, o. g.....	5.50
1883, \$1.00 red, new, o. g.....	7.50
1893, 12c lilac, red surch., new, o. g.	3.00
1893, 12c lilac, bl'k surch., new, o. g.	12.00
1894, Set, new, o. g.....	.72

All of above are in perfect condition, having full o. g. except the 13c, and are bright colors and evenly centered. I have all Hawaiians from 1864 to 1894.

Bargain List No. 15 is Out.

CHARLES W. CUTTER,
138 HARVARD ST., BROOKLINE, MASS.

DO YOU WANT

to obtain bargains in stamps in fine condition, from the commonest to the scarcest varieties? If so, send for my price lists, showing rock-bottom prices, both for single stamps and sets, mailed free. If you wish to obtain an approval selection, state what country or countries you are interested in, and you will have what you want by return mail.

L. N. HERBERT, [119]
1520 Washington Ave., NEW YORK.

1900-02 DOC. REV.

Free! \$1 red; \$1, \$2 gray; \$1, \$2 green and black; \$1, \$3 1898. **Free!**

ALL NICE CUT COPIES.

All you have to do is to make a purchase of at least twenty-five cents from my 1903 price list and your choice of the two premiums offered. It will be sent with your order.

ANOTHER OFFER!

FREE! Philippine Islands. **FREE!**

1890, 2c claret, 2 4-8c blue; 1892, 2c violet, 2 4-8c olive, 10c claret; 1894, 2c brown; 1896, 2c blue. All unused. Catalogue value is 99c.

Only One Premium to a Customer.

A postal will bring the list.

W. C. PHILLIPS,
GLASTONBURY, CONNECTICUT.

PEELABLE HINGES

NOT ENGLISH 1000 12c. POST FREE.		NOT GERMAN 5000 50c. POST FREE.
---	---	--

STRONG PAPER—TASTELESS GUM
W. F. GREGORY, 71 NASSAU ST., NEW YORK.

WANTED

Unused Postage Stamps from 1c to \$5.00 at discount.
Also want large Stamp Collections.
Pay Cash by return mail.

NATHAN COBE & CO., Waltham, Mass.

CUBA

1c on 3c PROVISIONAL

FINE UNUSED COPIES AT

10C EACH.

BLOCKS OF FOUR SAME RATE.

Postage Extra.

COLUMBIAN STAMP CO., Arlington, Mass.

Persia.

Apropos of a paragraph, under this heading, appearing in *Ewen's Weekly Stamp News*, of imprint 7th March, 1903, page 454, reading:

"Mr. J. B. Robert kindly sends us the following warning:—'Please warn your readers against the great many series of (1 chahi—50 krans) provisionals local prints of March 1902. All these stamps are undoubtedly frauds, even OFFICIALLY (?) ordered. All the letters and figures are of the same type, also the stamps must have been printed in the same printing rooms as the originals. The underground [burele] seems also the same. The paper is much different—thin, nearly blue-white (instead of thick, yellow white and strong), surfaced and of poor quality; the paper has never been gummed, the letters "CHAH, KRAN," are written [printed] in minuscules, [lower case type except the initiatory letters C and K]. In September nearly all the postoffices were in possession of the provisional with capitals, and the new issue had arrived, also no new printings were necessary and no letters received here have been franked with the minuscules, I call fraud. All the stamps are obliterated with a post mark, giving no one of the names of any town of some importance in Persia. I saw many series, obliterated all on one edge, but I couldn't find two copies together making a name [complete]. I found only 'BOUN,' into other types, as the usual, and the circle has a diameter of 31mm., and the greatest [original?] I know is 27½mm. long. The stamps are offered by a great many German firms, but come from Persia, also those firms have bought those series [and are offering them] in all-good faith. The stamps are not so-called reprints. Mr. J. B. Roberts, of the *Ned. Tijdschr.*, having no time to write to all Editors, begs Editors, of all other philatelic papers to reproduce this warning, in the interest of all collectors and dealers."

A correspondent writes:

"It seems unfortunate that our stamp press can or will not publish information of this sort promptly and thus save collectors from purchasing such trash. Dealers in many cases are not to be censured for offering this class of rubbish for in their scrambling chase for the collectors' dollars, they lay in a line of this stuff without question if offered by 'some one or any one of well known respectability, &c.'"

This statement refers apparently to Scott's 62nd Nos. 198 to 207 inclusive, and should also include Nos. 193 to 197 inclusive, both being offered by American dealers, the first in an obliterated and the second in a state of virginity.

So far as 193 to 197 are involved the "reprint" cannot be distinguished from the original by the differences in the setting of the denominational label, chahis and krans, for I have No. 196 in both settings and both undoubted originale. In any event, (the difference having been called to my attention by a fellow collector) I have sister stamps of this denomination 5ch (No. 196) used, not obliterated, which I personally detached from federal mail reaching the departments at Washington.

I have however no other or further values of either set found with the two printings as amongst the known official or original

OUR SALES ARE 'POPULAR

because we get up catalogues that can be understood by everybody and because we treat buyer and seller fairly. The explicitness of the catalogues of our

Wolsieffer Auction Sales

is so well known by the regular auction buyer that our only excuse for repeating it is to interest new buyers. All catalogues are free. Please send your full address if interested. We have a number of good sales coming.

United Stamp Co., 1149 Marquette Bldg., Chicago.

N. B.—Don't forget the C. P. S. Sale on the 18th; it contains the Richardson Collection and some splendid Wholesale stock. Get in your bids early.

1903 PRICE-LIST.

Our 1903 Red Cover Catalogue is out—free. The price-list gives our net prices on U. S. Postage, Department, Dues, Telegraphs, Cut Square Envelopes, Confederate, Revenue, packets, sets, supplies, albums, wholesale lots, etc., etc. You can save money by buying from it. The prices are 40 to 60 per cent. discount from Scott's.

J. T. STARR STAMP CO., Coldwater, Mich.

U. S. DEPARTMENTS, Unused, Fine.

1c Justice	Catalog \$r 50	Price \$0.65
9c Interior	" 4.00	" 1.40
7c War	" 2.00	" .85

War Department 1c to 90c complete, unused, o. g. Catalog \$5.03, price \$1.75.
Send for our large "full of bargains" paper, issued monthly. It will save you money. 48 page Coin Book, prices paid, for 10c.

GREATER N. Y. STAMP & COIN CO.,
128 East 23rd St., New York City.

CASH PAID

for unused U. S. Postage, all denominations, for postal uses.

Stamp Collections Bought.

Approval selections of U. S. and Foreign at big discounts to quick buyers who send good reference.

C. B. MERRILL,

102 East 90th St., - - NEW YORK.

STAMP COLLECTION FOR SALE.

Not having sufficient time to devote to a general collection, I have decided to place my foreign stamps on sale. My collection numbers over seven thousand. Approval selections sent against first-class references. Will sell entire collection of foreign at a bargain. Mounted in pair of Scott's 1899 No. 4, \$6 albums. Address

W. A. CAER,
6 Sycamore Street, Rochester, N. Y.

DO YOU HAVE THESE

in your collection? If not, better get them now at lowest possible prices.

1892, Canada, 50c.....	\$0.25	\$0.12
1897, " Jubilee, 50c.....	.30	.15
" " " \$2.00.....	1.50	.65
" Turkey, error, 5c.....	2.00	.75
*1902, Germany, 3pf, error Df.....	..	.20

*Unused. Cash with order.
Stamps on Approval at 50% Discount.
Parties not known to me please send reference.

THEO. MAINHART, JOHNSTOWN, PA.

WHEN YOU THINK OF SELLING

WRITE TO

B. L. DREW & CO.,

7 WATER ST., (Room 501), BOSTON, MASS.

The Leading Auction Firm in America.

15 DIFFERENT STAMPS

free on application for our 50% Approval Sheets.

H. R. DECKER STAMP CO.,

FAIRBURY, ILL. [17*

issue. If it existed in the one denomination, as it does, it would seem other denominations may have shared likewise, but research, through a limited number of copies however, does not disclose any others.

Mr. Roberts' description of the official(?) reprints is sufficiently plain and exhaustive to easily distinguish as between the two, especially with any one known original of either issue for a guide.

It was hoped by chroniclers, collectors and dealers alike, that the said-to-have-been successful visit of the Shah to London in the matter of an "Imperial Persian Loan," together with his display of several millions of pounds sterling in precious gems at a diplomatic function while the negotiatory period was on, would result, with the appearing (now appeared) of the new set, in the stopping of the endless stream of surcharges.

Such however is not, unhappily, the case as, for reasons, doubtless best known, but not publicly divulged, to the Imperial Persian Treasury, the new types are coming along with added decorations and also some of the old types (A18 to A22) too. The latter perhaps being used as a guide to the newer as to how to reach the dross of philatelic harbors.

It is to be sincerely hoped that the first Congress held in the 20th Century by the Universal Postal Union will immortalize itself by adopting such rules and regulations as to new issues, surcharges and other devious methods of increasing postal revenues, as will result in a return to the older and better days of stamp collecting when stamps were issued in fact as well as ostensibly for only postal purposes.

Such action may result a bit harshly in the case of the innumerable British (so called) Colonies in the West Indies, Africa and elsewhere, whose only respectability to stamp collectors is established by the slender thread under which they clothe themselves as British Colonies, to say nothing of the French, German and Portuguese, which the English stamp paper is always surfeit with criticism, it being however in truth simply a matter with the Johnny Bulls of "hollering stop thief" that the gaze may become elsewhere fastened and save such very consequential places as Virgin Islands (4908), Natal (63821), Gambia (13456), Gold Coast (200), Sierra Leone (493), British Central Africa (450), Seychelles (634), Falkland (193), Tonga (239), Fiji (2459), Cook Islands (97) from any aspersions as to over or unnecessary issues. The figures in parentheses are said to be the Anglo Saxon population of each respectively, any remaining population being "natives or worse." Taken from a well known English (London publication) authority now of some 35 years standing, the information is assumed to be authentic. Unhappily Niue and Penrhyn are not mentioned as being a part of this earth.

FREE LANCE.

Stray Notes on Sheets of Stamps.

R. R. THIELE.

In a former note I referred to the first issue of Ecuador. I have a slight correction to make on the note in question and also some information to add. The $\frac{1}{2}$ real, as there stated, was printed in sheets of 84, 7 rows of 12, but the 1 real was not in sheets of 45, but in sheets of twice the size: 90, in 10 rows of 9. Both these values had a red line printed around the margin of the sheet. This is not without importance as serving to distinguish original sheets from those of certain reprints. The 1 real yellow on quadrille paper was reprinted in 1890 on very thick paper in small sheets of 8, 2 rows of 4. In the same year the $\frac{1}{2}$ real and 1 real on wove paper were also reprinted in small sheets of 9, 3 rows of 3. As stated in Scott's these reprints differ somewhat in size from the originals. But not enough with this reprinting, both values were once more reprinted in 1893, this time in large sheets of 100, 10 rows of 10. These sheets have no red line around the margin and if they should have one, fraudulently added, the larger size of the sheets marks them for what they are. You will observe that these sheets of reprints called for more *cliches* than the originals; it is surmised that the reprints were made from entirely new electrotypes expressly made for the purpose (of course from the original die). The original *cliches* were stereotypes taken through *papier-mache* moulds from the woodcut original dies. The 4 reals of this series, which was originally printed in sheets of 104, was also reprinted in 1890 at the same time as the other values and in sheets of 9, 3 rows of 3.

I have already described the sheet arrangement of the stamps issued by the British South Africa Company. I revert to these here in order to describe the sheets of some higher values than those ordinarily given in the catalogues. They are of £50, £100 and £200 values. These were printed by Perkins, Bacon & Co. in 1896 or 1897 from plates of 20, 4 rows of 5. Only twenty sheets were printed of each value, equal to 400 stamps each. I may be excused for listing these here because, like the other issues of this company, they bear no indication of their purpose, whether postal or fiscal, and thus belong under either category. Of course, these high values could not possibly serve any postal purpose and hence are not included in the catalogues. It is said that Waterlow & Sons, who later printed stamps for this company, also made a printing from these same plates. If the gentle reader, therefore, feels like investing \$20,000 in an unused sheet of £200 stamps, he may perhaps be able to buy one; you will understand, of course, that my own sheet is not for sale.

You will, I am sure, make no objection if I take you on a flying trip across the Atlantic from Africa and land on Trinidad—not the outlying Trinidad of James Harden-Hickey fame, but the British Colony at the mouth of the Orinoco. The first set of this island was a Perkins, Bacon & Co. product; the line-engraved stamps furnished by this firm were printed in sheets of 110, in 11 horizontal rows of 10 each. I do not see the applicability of this size of sheet to sterling currency; all values give odd sums for the sheet. The same is true of the locally lithographed stamps. Of these there were several issues; according to Mr. Bacon one in 1852, one in 1856 and one in 1858. But all were printed from the same lithographic stone, engraved by a French artist named Charles Petit then residing in the island. These lithographs were printed in sheets of 54, 6 rows of 9 each, which, of course, also had nothing to do with the currency, but was probably due to the size of the stone. The later issues of De la Rue design are in the usual arrangement of this firm and are probably always issued in panes of 60. This includes also the "lovely" commemorative label of 1898, which comes in sheets of 60. But as to the high values of the 1896 design, I cannot at this writing say whether they are in this size of sheets also.

For no other reason than its proximity in the catalogue I beg to draw your attention to the stamps of Tuscany, (or rather Toscana, to give it its proper name), the lovely old-time duchy of Upper Italy. Its stamps are, to my mind, among the most beautiful ones of our albums; there is a solidity and seriousness about them that appeals to one in these days of flashy typographic productions. The stamps of the first design (bearing a picture of the Marzocco, the Florentine lion) were made at Florence, the plates were produced at the type foundry of Messrs. Alessandri, but I do not know what artist engraved them. The stamps were printed in sheets of 240, 16 horizontal rows of 15. As you are aware, the sheet of paper contained twelve large watermarked crowns; you will thus see how small a part of the watermark strikes each stamp. The number of stamps on these sheets corresponds in some slight degree to the currency, which was rather a complicated affair. The table as given in Scott's is not quite correct as it makes no distinction between the Lira Toscana and the Lira Italiana, the latter being higher in value. The Lira Toscana was divided into 20 soldi or into 12 crazie; besides there was current a coin named the paolo, divided into 8 crazie or 3 quattrini. In 1860 the Lira Italiana, divided into 100 centesimi, was introduced. This will show you that the usual arrangement of these stamps in the catalogues is not altogether correct. In numerical value they should be arranged in this manner.

1 soldo
1 crazia
2 soldi
2 crazie
1 quattrino
4 crazie
6 crazie (equals 10 soldi)
9 crazie (equals 15 soldi)
60 crazie (equals 5 lire)

The face values of the sheets would be as follows:

Sheet of 1 soldo equal 12 lire.
" 1 crazia " 20 "
" 2 soldi " 24 "
" 2 crazie " 40 "
" 1 quattrino equal 56 2/3 lire.
" 4 crazie equal 80 lire.
" 6 crazie " 120 "
" 9 crazie " 180 "
" 60 crazie " 1200 "

For the 1860 issue the frame of the old die was used and a new center with the arms of Sardinia added—this new issue being made pending annexation to Sardinia. I am not sure whether the sheets of this were of the same size as those of the previous issues; it is not improbable, as the old watermarked paper was used up for the new issue. Of course it would not have fitted decimal currency, but this was probably not of great importance.

Parma, the neighboring duchy, has had various-sized sheets. Its first issue, the one of 1852, was designed and engraved by Donnino, Bentelli and printed by Rossi Ubaldi at Parma. It came in sheets of 80 stamps, arranged in 4 panels of 20 each, each pane containing 5 rows of 4. This has no particular relation to the *lire* currency then in use in Parma; still the sheets come out fairly evenly, as follows:

Sheet of 5 centesimi equal 4 lire.
" 10 " " 8 "
" 15 " " 12 "
" 25 " " 20 "
" 40 " " 32 "

The second—or rather third—issue, that of 1857-59, was copied from the first Austrian issue; it was designed by Donnino Bentelli (he was keeper of the mint, by the way, and engraver for the same), but engraved by Paolo Formenti and also printed by Rosso Ubaldi. This issue came in sheets of 72 stamps, arranged in 9 horizontal rows of 8. There are two die varieties of the 40c, by the way, one with large O and the other with thin O; of the first there were 52 in the sheet, of the second 20. These sheets, of course, had odd face values; I have no idea why an odd number like 72 was selected.

The provisional issue of 1859 was printed from the altered plates of the 1853-57 newspaper tax stamps, but I cannot at this writing state how the sheets printed from these plates were arranged.—*The Adhesive*.

Wm. v. d. Wettern, Jr.,
WHOLESALE DEALER IN

POSTAGE & STAMPS.
411 W. Saratoga St., Baltimore, Md.

New special list just issued, sent free on application to dealers only.

American Philatelic Association.

(INCORPORATED.)

THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA—OFFICIAL JOURNAL.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

ALEXANDER HOLLAND, President,
40 Grace Court, Brooklyn, N. Y.

H. E. DEATS, Secretary,

Flemington, N. J.
E. DOEBLIN, International Secretary,
Box 736, Pittsburg, Pa.

Board of Vice-Presidents.

FRANK H. BURT, Chairman,
Room 1046, Tremont Building, Boston, Mass.

C. L. ANNAN, Treasurer,
Copper Range R. R., Houghton, Mich.

GORDON IRELAND, Secretary,
Holyoke House 21, Cambridge, Mass.

H. B. PHILLIPS,
1311 Grove St., Berkeley, Cal.

EDWIN F. SAWYER,
101 Washington St., Brighton, Mass.

F. W. CONING,
350 George St., New Brunswick, N. J.

RESIDENT VICE-PRESIDENTS.

BOSTON, MASS.—M. H. LOWBARD, Winchester, Mass.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.—W. E. LOV, 2421 Ellsworth St., Berkeley, Cal.

NEW YORK CITY.—W. F. GREGORY, 77 Nassau St.

PITTSBURG, PA.—E. DOEBLIN, Box 736,

CHICAGO, ILL.—A. F. MERRELL, 438 Marquette Building.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.—ERN S. MARTIN, 3244 First Avenue, South.

WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS—ROBERT D. MAYNARD, 36 Oak Grove Ave., Springfield.

APPOINTIVE OFFICERS.

E. H. ANDERSON, Librarian,
Carnegie Library, Pittsburg, Pa.

H. E. DEATS, Assistant Librarian,
Flemington, N. J.

H. D. WATSON, Collecting Agent,
64 Cedar St., New York City.

W. F. GREGORY, Auction Purchasing Agent,
77 Nassau St., New York City.

JOHN J. OESCH, Superintendent of Sales Dept.,
34 Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill.

P. M. WOLSIEFFER, Auction Purchasing Agent,
1009 Atwood Bldg., Chicago, Ill.

A. W. BATCHELDER, Auction Purchasing Agent,
21 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass.



REPORT OF SECRETARY

For the Week Ending April 11th.

Application for Re-instatement.

676. PAXSON, R. H., Butte, Montana.

Change of Address.

1523. DEBICKE, ALBERT, from 218 La Salle St. to 19 Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Membership Summary.

Total Membership April 11, 548

H. E. DEATS, Secretary.

A Newspaper Clipping.

ONE CENT POSTAGE

GOES OUT WHEN FREE DELIVERY
COMES IN.

WINDSOR, ONT.—Free postal delivery, one of the questions with which the board of trade will wrestle at the sixth annual meeting which will be held on Monday, is not altogether in good odor with Windsor business men, and it does not seem improbable that the scheme will be turned down. The city council at the last regular meeting passed a resolution petitioning the post-office department at Ottawa to establish the free delivery system. A hint was incidentally given to the board of trade to help boom the project. Many members, however, are opposed to the idea.

J. E. D'Avignon, a former President of the board and a prominent business man, intimated that personally he was not in favor of the scheme. "One of the penalties of a service of that kind," said he, "is the abolishing of the one-cent drop letter rate. To a business man this means considerable. The advantages of the improved service to us are not sufficient to compensate for the increased expenses. Private citizens, of course, must be given consider-

ation and if they desire it there is nothing to do but to let them have it. Members of the board of trade, however, who are engaged in some business enterprise or other, I am led to believe, can see no particular advantages for themselves, and I hardly think they will endorse it. There is one advantage which might be taken into account, the adoption of the free delivery would mean that Windsor would be raised to the plane of larger cities. This would mean considerable towards advertising it, so that, if the scheme is not boomed by the board, it at least will not be opposed very strongly."

The New England Philatelic Association.

Organized February, 1895.

Board of Officers:

President, CHARLES H. SMITH, Dedham, Mass.

Vice President, J. FAVILL CAPRON, 22 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass.

Secretary and Treasurer, H. W. LEGG, 26 Hancock St., Boston, Mass.

Sales Department, CHARLES H. STONE, 91 Antrim St., Cambridgeport, Mass.

Information Bureau, MRS. WALLACE DANA SMITH, 20 Wibur St., Portsmouth, N. H.

Counterfeit Detector, WILLIS D. KING, Nashua, N. H.

Attorney, HORACE S. BACON, 107 Stevens St., Lowell, Mass.

Governing Board, CHARLES H. STONE, Chairman, 91 Antrim St., Cambridgeport, Mass., JOHN J. CONE, New Dorchester, Mass., FRANK A. WILSON, 185 Highland Ave., Somerville, Mass.

Official Organ, THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA.

Topics About Town.

FROM NEW YORK CITY.

The 59th auction sale of Geo. R. Tuttle will occur on Saturday afternoon, April 25th, at 116 Nassau street. There are over 931 lots listed of a general line of stuff.

The 18th auction sale of J. M. Bartels Co. will occur on the evening of April 21st in Boston. The stamps will be on exhibition in this city at the office of J. C. Morganthau & Co., 87 Nassau street, April 11th to 15th. Over 638 lots compose the sale.

Chas. H. Stone & Co. will hold their next auction sale on Thursday evening, April 23rd. The stamps will be on exhibition to local collectors on Friday and Saturday, April 17 and 18, at the office of the Nassau Stamp Co., 237 Broadway, during the day; and in the evenings at the Collectors Club.

Philatelic and Photographic East is the latest in semi-stamp literature. Washington, D. C., is the birthplace.

Manhattan Stamp Co. is the "next" stamp concern to locate in Nassau street.

There are rumors of two dealers wishing to sell their stocks and retire from the active dealers' ranks. We know for a fact of one concern, but can't vouch for the other.

The new hinge known as the "Yankee" is a first class article at a comparatively low figure. It appears to take with the stamp fraternity. W. F. Gregory, the well known Nassau street dealer, is the manufacturer.

VOLUNTEER.

\$30,000.00 COULDN'T BUY

The collection of original covers owned by Mr. J. F. Seybold. People who have seen this wonderful collection are amazed at its magnitude. It is indeed a remarkable accumulation of rarities.

If you want to see the best things in this collection

READ THE PERFORATOR.

Two of the original covers are illustrated in every issue of that much talked of and popular publication, the *Perforator*—A new departure in philatelic journalism, a monthly magazine conducted on newspaper policy. Every issue distinctly original and a volume in itself. Plenty of interesting and instructive reading matter.

Are you a regular reader of the *Perforator*? If not it's either that you don't know that the *Perforator* exists or you don't know a really first class magazine when you see it.

These are the only reasons why we haven't got 50,000 subscribers. The *Perforator* costs you 30 cents for twelve consecutive months.

THE PERFORATOR,

106 E. 111th Street, NEW YORK CITY.

Danish West Indies Provisional.

HALF OF 4c USED AS 2c, ON ORIGINAL COVER.

PRICE 10 CENTS.

POSTAGE EXTRA.

FOREIGN POSTAL CARDS. We are breaking up a fine collection of foreign Postal Cards, which we will sell at half catalogue. What do you need?

NEW ENGLAND STAMP CO.,

21-27 BROMFIELD STREET,

BOSTON, MASS.

Detroit Paragraphs.

With the present stock of some 19,000,000 stamps of the new 2c and reports that they are still printing, there should be no immediate alarm as to the scarcity of the issue, but nevertheless there is many a collector who meanwhile is putting aside his little pile with hopes of future revenue.

From the *Philadelphia Record* is quoted the following: "Money sometimes goes farthest when it is invested in postage stamps." Wonder if this writer isn't a stamp collector.

A citizen at Walloon Lake this state called on the local postoffice and bought thirteen 2-cent stamps for a cent and a quarter. The postmaster claims he didn't lose anything.

There are a number of collectors here who tried to outdo others in getting all the new issues by sending to Washington: there was a disappointed lot when they received no more than what could have been had here during the time of issue.

Howard C. Beck had a goodly supply of the St. Thomas, Danish West India 4c brown and blue cut diagonally and used as 2 cents, they were postmarked "St. Thomas 2-13-1903." Many of the locals took advantage of the opportunity and bought one. With each one came the P. O. notice calling attention to the reason of the issue.

As yet the new 2c envelope has not been put on sale here, but many of the larger firms have them, getting them from Washington. I recently came across one and was much surprised at it. It reminds one a great deal of these imitation stamps printed on envelopes used for advertising purposes. You have seen them laying on your doorstep. I have spoken to a dozen collectors, and all say it's a poor thing, and it was an accepted design of a competitive affair! The government no doubt could have done better as it is no improvement over the old. Well there is one consolation, some have seen the 1c value and say it is far ahead of the 2c. We all hope so.

B. L. Drew of B. L. Drew & Co. of Boston was here last week with a good assortment of stamps.

In the *Free Press* of 30 ult. there appeared a cartoon on the alleged P. O. frauds. It showed Uncle Sam kneeling on a large box inscribed "Alleged Postoffice Frauds" while President Roosevelt is in the act of prying same open with a bar inscribed "Investigation," Uncle Sam saying "Pry the lid right off, Teddy, quick." It caused a good deal of laughter.

One of our leading Phils. showed me a set complete of the new U. S. issue; he had all values from 1c to \$5.00 "specimens," they are certainly an elegant set.

HERMAN W. BOERS.

The Boston Philatelic Society.

M. H. LOMBARD, President, Winchester, Mass.
C. F. ROTHFUCHS, Vice-President, Boston.
C. A. HOWES, Secretary, 55 Kilby St., Boston.
L. L. GREEN, Treasurer, 47 Tremont St., Boston.
J. H. LYONS, Supt. of Auctions, 27 Bromfield St., Boston.
J. H. LYONS, Supt. of Sales, 27 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass.
THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA, Official Journal.

BOSTON, April 14, 1903.

The one hundred and twenty-fifth regular meeting of the Society will be held in Elks' Hall, 24 Hayward Place, Boston, on Tuesday evening, April 21st, at 8 o'clock sharp.

Order of Business.

1. Reading of Minutes of Last Meeting.
2. Reports of Committees.
3. Communications.
4. Election of Candidates.
5. Unfinished Business.
6. New Business.
7. Informal Auction Sale.

Entertainment.

The fourth exhibition in the present series is scheduled for this meeting. It embraces British North America, and includes both adhesives, envelopes and wrappers, so that plenty of scope is given for competitors. Remember that this is open only to those who have not taken a prize in the previous series of exhibitions.

N. B.—Intending exhibitors may send their collections to or leave them with Mr. J. H. Lyons of the Exhibition Committee at 27 Bromfield St., Boston.

C. A. HOWES, Secretary.

The Weekly Philatelic Era

A PAPER DEVOTED TO STAMP NEWS.

50c PER YEAR.

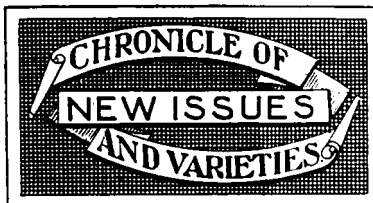
ENTERED AT PORTLAND POST OFFICE AS SECOND CLASS MATTER JAN. 10, 1890.

2c PER COPY.

VOL. XVII. No. 30.

PORTLAND, ME., SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 1903.

WHOLE No. 518.



BY HENRY A. KIDDER.

Friends of the ERA are invited to send to the editor of this department any information regarding new issues or varieties that may prove of interest. Such information will be suitably acknowledged. Address, HENRY A. KIDDER, 17 Addison Street, Arlington, Mass.

Exchanges will please send Mr Kidder a copy of each issue to the foregoing address, and an extra copy of the ERA will be gladly sent whenever desired.

UNITED STATES.—Washington advices report the whole series of 1902 completed and ready to be issued. The question of a change of color for some of the denominations may well be raised. The similarity between the 8c and 13c, and 4c and 10c has already been mentioned. The \$1 is printed in a grayish black very much resembling the 8c and 13c, without the touch of purple. The 5c and \$2 are practically the same shade of blue, while the \$5 is a green, quite similar to the 1c with the addition of a touch of blue.

The New York Times continues its attacks upon the new series, its latest effusion being in regard to the 1c. While we do not agree with the statements, we reproduce the criticism, not only as of interest to philatelists, but also to show how grossly unfair, personal feeling may make an otherwise reliable journal: "When the new issue of the 2c stamp made its appearance it became necessary in the discharge of a duty to the public to speak of it in the language of mild satire. The new one cent stamp of the reform series has now made its appearance and gentle irony fails to do it justice. Mr. Dooley is still the model, this time posing as Franklin, who is caricatured with a chin which reminds one of the stocking which the patriotic young woman who had not learned how to 'toe-off' knit for some soldier who might need it. The foot got longer and longer, until it was about two yards in length. Franklin's chin bears the same relation to the rest of his features. As a portrait it is absurd, though it might answer very well as

a caricature. It is supported on either side by two nude male figures, probably 'Writhing on amaranthine asphodel'—carytids which support nothing unless it be the absurdity of the design. In miniature they suggest 'worms for bait.' Is there no pension fund from which the designer for the postoffice department may be guaranteed a comfortable support on the condition that he will design no more stamps? If not, would it not be an act of patriotism to create one by popular subscription? We wish him well, but even more strongly we wish that he might find some other and more fitting occupation than adding to the gayety of nations in this particular way. We value our historical heroes, and it pains us to have them made game of in this fashion. The Franklin stamp is 'the limit.'"

In a letter to the *American Journal of Philately* Mr. Geo. L. Toppan says: "What an abortion the new 2c envelope is. It looks more like a cheap imitation of a baggage check than anything I know of, and I cannot see how the Department, after producing such artistic designs as compose the new series of adhesives, could ever have approved such a libel upon art and good taste as this monstrosity."

The *Journal* also illustrates the new envelope watermark, which it says "is about as ungracelul as the stamp."

AFGHANISTAN.—The London *Daily Telegraph* of March 21, says: "The stock of postage stamps in Afghanistan having been exhausted, the Amir proposes to introduce a new issue which will be prepared on the lines of the stamps used in Europe. In default of the stamps a postal seal is now

being placed on letters." The new set was to appear March 30, the first day of the Mohammedan year, according to the *Philatelic Journal of India*.

AUSTRIAN POSTOFFICES IN CRETE.—The 5h and 10h of Austria are illustrated by *Der Philatelist*, surcharged "Centimes" in black in small, plain block (gothic) letter, running across the stamp just below the lower spaces containing the figures of value. Plain black rules are used to obliterate the word "Heller" at top and bottom.

Adhesives (Regular):
5 centimes on 5h blue green.
1cc on 10h rose.

Since writing the above we have been shown these stamps by Mr. J. H. Lyons of the New England Stamp Co. Both have the diagonal yellow bars across the face.

BELGIUM.—Until the end of 1902, the Belgian telegraph stamps could be used for the franking of express (special delivery) letters, hence many of these stamps are found with postal obliterations. Since the first of January, 1903, this has been forbidden, and ordinary postage stamps have to be used. If any such letters are now found in the letter boxes, franked with telegraph stamps, they are forwarded without the obliteration of the stamps and the amount due collected of the addressee.

BRITISH GUIANA.—Mr. H. O'Neil has shown us what may be called a variety of the 8c lilac and blue, Scott's No. 142. The paper appears to be a distinct buff shade, though the strong dark brown gum may be responsible for the change. At any rate the color appears deeper and richer than in the usual specimens seen.

The Improved Postage Stamp Album No. 0.

ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH THOUSAND.
THE BEST AND LARGEST SHILLING ALBUM EVER PUBLISHED.

176 large pages. Spaces for 4,700 Stamps.
48 extra pages added in this Edition without extra charge.
This Album is now selling at the rate of over 1,000 copies a month.
The demand for this Album has simply been phenomenal, and it gives universal satisfaction—no single complaint has been received. The last Edition had nearly 20 extra pages added, and now another 48 pages have been added, and all the Geographical and Historical Notes brought up fully to date. All the newest stamp-issuing countries, such as Ichang, Las Bela, Tientsin, Bundi, Dhar, etc., etc., have been added. At the top of each page there is the name of the country, and a mass of valuable information, including date when Stamps were issued, population, area, reigning sovereign, capital, etc. Spaces of proper sizes are provided for all Stamps, and the book is bound in a superior manner in gilt cloth. The Album contains a pocket to hold duplicate Stamps, and fifty Stamps will be presented free with each Album. There is also an illustrated Frontispiece of the Rarest Stamps, with prices attached that we pay for each.

Price, bound in handsome gilt cloth, 30c, or post free, 36c.

1903 Catalogue Now on Sale.

Our 1903 Catalogue, priced in American currency, is bound in one volume, well printed on good paper, and sold for FIFTY CENTS; post free, SIXTY CENTS. It contains the latest quotations at which we can supply the stamps and is made up by and based on our own stock, no attention being paid to other quotations.

Previous editions contained the British Colonials in one part and foreign stamps in another part, and cost \$1.20. This latest edition contains both in one volume and sells at the same price as other catalogues.

Old 1902 Catalogue, Part 2, containing U. S., etc., post free, 10c.

STANLEY GIBBONS, Inc.,

167 Broadway, New York.

MORE GOOD THINGS.

1851, 1c, type III..... \$ 3.50
1851, 5c, o. g..... 12.00
Louisville Local, Scott's No. 841..... 7.50
What United States Stamps do you need?
What United States Revenues do you need?

FRED G. JONES,

2013 Brook St., LOUISVILLE, KY.

CHAPTER XXXI.

TWO CLIENTS

have between them over \$1000 at net prices of good stamps in my **BIG BOOKS**. As these books are only a small portion of the number in circulation you can imagine that

Osgood's Famous Big Selections

afford opportunity to buy at right prices almost any of the medium, and not a few of the rare, stamps. References.

There is a very interesting field, almost untilled, in Precancelled stamps. Look it over and see. I can start you. Joined the Precancelled Stamp Club yet?

Stampman free!

D. W. OSGOOD,

South Fork, Rio Grande Co., Colorado.
[To be Continued.]

COLLECTORS OF ...

British North Americans!

Send for my price list of the special collection I am breaking up. It will interest you. Here are a few quotations:

Canada, 18d, a beauty.....	\$340.00
" 3d, wove thick or thin p.....	.18
" 3d, used.....	1.80
" 3d, perf.....	2.00
" 12 1/2 c, block of 25, o. g., 1868.....	15.00
" 8c Registered, unused.....	1.35
Nova Scotia, 1d.....	6.00
" 3d.....	.90
" 6d, dark green.....	9.00
" 1sh, 3 copies..... from 65.00 to 85.00	
" 5c, 1 sd.....	.15
" 5c, unused.....	2.50
" 8 1/2 c, used.....	3.00
" 10c.....	.80
" 12 1/2 c, used or unused.....	.60
New Brunswick, 3d, used.....	2.00
" 6d.....	10.00
" 1sh.....	80.00
Newfoundland, 1d, 1857, unused.....	1.10
" 3d, block of 8, unused.....	10.00
" 6 1/2 d, scarlet.....	50.00
" 4d, 6d, 8d and 1sh lake, in entire sheet; also the 5d and 3d.....	
" 1 on 3c, Type I.....	.35
" 1 on 3c, Type II.....	1.25

Have shades, pairs, blocks and on original envelopes. The list gives the whole collection.

H. L. HART,

71 Gottingen St., HALIFAX, N. S.

15 DIFFERENT STAMPS

free on application for our 50% Approval Sheets.

H. R. DECKER STAMP CO.,

FAIRBURY, ILL. [12]

NORTH BORNEO

SURCHARGED

BRITISH PROTECTORATE.

1C TO 24C. 10 VARIETIES.

CANCELLED.

35c PER SET:

POSTAGE EXTRA.

COLUMBIAN STAMP CO.,
ARLINGTON, MASS.

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.—Two new stamps have been issued in the King's Head set, and like the earlier denominations, each has a distinctive character and attractiveness of its own.

Adhesives (Regular):

4d sage green.
5sh orange brown.

COREA.—*Ewen's Weekly* chronicles three provisionals for this country. They are surcharged on the 1895-99 issue. The surcharge consists of the Chinese sign for "cheun" with one, two or three horizontal bars above.

Adhesives (Provisionals):

1 cheun on 25 poun lake.
2 cheun on 25 poun lake.
3 cheun on 50 poun violet.

FRANCE.—Mr. F. P. Brown has shown us several copies of the new 15c stamp with "the Sower." The design has been already described in the ERA. The color is a grayish or sage green, not unpleasant to the eye.

Adhesive (Regular):

15c gray green.

HONG KONG.—*Der Philatelist* chronicles two post cards of the new King's Head type.

Post Cards (Regular):

1c dark brown on white, 140x78mm.
2c green on white, 140x78mm.

ITALY.—Mr. Lohmeyer reports being indebted to Dr. Diena of Rome for the first copy of the new 5 centesimi letter card, bearing the stamp of the 1901 type, A34 of the 1903 catalogue, no other change having been made.

Letter Card (Regular):

5 centesimi, green on gray, 80x143mm., perf. 1, B.

MALTA.—Mr. E. de Z. Kelley has shown us the 2d stamp type of the 1/2d described last week. The new stamps are reported by *Ewen's Weekly* to have been issued at
(Continued on next page.)

TRADE COLUMN.

Under this head we will print exchange, want and for sale notices, business announcements, 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.

One four-line notice free with each subscription, providing copy accompanies the subscription.

THREE Consecutive Insertions of SAME ad in this Column for PRICE OF TWO.

Exchange: All persons sending me \$1 cat. value of old Match and Medicine stamps in good condition, will receive \$2 cat. value in U. S. Postage, Dept., Envs. and Revs., by return mail; no stamps taken or given that cat. less than 5c each. O. B. Harrington, Granby, Conn. [20]

HENRY P. DAY, stamp dealer, Box 762, Peoria, Illinois. Price lists postage free. [20]

Printed cancellations on U. S. 1898 Proprietaries. Selections sent on approval. Reference required. L. P. MARSHALL, West Chester, Pa.

Dominican Republic, Scott's No. 128, canc. or uncanc., only 3c each; \$1 Charter Party, 15c. Nicaragua 1 and 2c, uncanc., only 2c. Postage 2c extra. C. L. BABCOCK, JR., 367 First St., Brooklyn, N. Y. [20]

Beautiful Foreign Revenues—1,000 varieties at from 1c to 5c each. Write for selections. Full line of Foreign Revenue Catalogues in stock. G. W. PEPPER, 220 East 57th St., New York City. [25]

Precancelled 1c 1887, Burlington Vt up; 3c green, Chicago Ill inverted; best offer in cash takes them. F. R. KIMBALL, Waltham, Mass.

For Sale—Back numbers of ERA, from Vol. 5, unbound. Also complete unbound volumes of other old and scarce stamp papers. Send for list. H. C. YOUNG, 74 Plenty St., Providence, R. I.

Cuba, issue 1898-9, 5 centavos, complete sheet of 100 unused, o. g. Guaranteed genuine, only 12 cents, post free. MANHATTAN STAMP CO., 150 Nassau St., N. Y. City. [19]

A fine stock of 5500 stamps in fine condition, worth \$40 net, for only \$27. It contains 1150 good U. S., among them being many such as 90c '88, 24c '70, 90c '79, 5c '47, etc. Also 3000 good Foreign for Approval Sheets, 18.00 in packets, and 100 Continentals. Cat. value over \$90. W. W. SKINNER, Box 562, Mansfield, Mass.

Fine U. S. and Foreign stamps to exchange for Tags, Coupons and American Cigar Co.'s bands. ED. M. VOSS, Bloomington, Indiana. [20]

A fine block of twelve and one of six 15c U. S., No. 152, o. g., cat. \$5 each, \$28 and \$14. Many other bargains. A. H. YOUNG, Box 1325, New Haven, Ct. [19]

To close at cost I offer a few fine sets P. P.'s at \$4.25. J. E. Lee sets 40c, Emerson, 20c, and L. & K., 45c. Others as cheap. F. B. KIRBY, New Bedford, Mass. [19]

I want to buy unused blocks of 4, U. S. stamps, Nos. 220b, 220c, 220d, 242, 243, 244, 245, 262, 263, 275, 276, 277, 278. All the stamps I buy must be perfect in every way. Write me what you have and the price. WALTER C. ODIORNE, Huntingdon, Pa. [19]

*Hawaii 18c (Scott, \$1.25), 35c; 10 for \$2.50. *Johore, Nos. 27 & 28, (Scott, 95c), pair 35c; 10 sets \$2.00. Tasmania 190c, 1d & 2d, (cat. 3c & 6c), even 2ss'd, 75c per 100. Argentine 1901, 1 c, 10 for acc; 1c0 for \$1.50. CARL YOUNG, 112 N. 5th St., Philadelphia, Pa. [22]

Fine used U. S. 50c Omaha, 16c; 50c Columbian, 25c; \$1.00 black, 1895, 20c. Columbian, Omaha and Buffalo sets, 1 to 1c, all fine, for 27c; 22 var. Doc. Revs., 1/2 to \$5, 24c. Postage 2c. F. B. KIRBY, New Bedford, Mass. [19]

Approval sheets 60s disk. Net sheets for advanced collectors at equally low prices. 9000 var. in stock. F. W. PICKARD, 2427 Ingleside, Cincinnati, O. [24]

I sell unused United States stamps; write me for what you need. I have post marks of towns in Pennsylvania and other states which I shall be glad to send to any collector free, if he sends postage. W. C. ODIORNE, Huntingdon, Pa. [19]

For sale at a bargain. Forty shares common stock Am. Collectors' Co. W. B. BELCHES, Winterport, Me. [18]

Send for approval sheets. Best aging. Ref. req. Wayne Stamp Co., 140 W. Canfield, Detroit, Mich. [18]

Wanted for cash: 1000 and 1002 uncut U.S. Revs., val. over \$2. A. C. KOEPP, 798 Seneca St., Buffalo, N. Y. [18]

Cabinet Encyclopedia and other books and articles to exchange for stamps. Send for list. Duplicates taken. C. L. O. LUCKEN, 3351 Calumet Ave., Chicago, Ill. [18]

I have 25 volumes of Britannica Encyclopaedia with American editions bound in calf, 1895 edition, cost \$80 cash, used but little; want to exchange for best offer in unused United States stamps cat. over \$1. Departments and Columbian preferred. Foreign revenues also wanted. W. W. NORTON, Lime Rock, Ct. [18]

Japan at 1/2 of Cat. 20 sets 50 sen and 1 yen, cat. value \$8.00, for \$1.00. Others equally cheap. IMPERIAL STAMP CO., 225 Dearborn St., Chicago. [18]

Sterling's latest: 130 varieties U. S. Postage Adhesives. Post free \$1.00. Classified and arranged by E. B. STERLING, 1580 Penn. Ave., Denver, Col. [19]

Wanted for cash, U. S. Pre-cancelled postage stamps. WALTER L. GATES, Teaticket, Mass. [20]

Is your collection for sale? Get your dealer to make a price on it, add 20% to his offer, and send book to me. It's 10 to 1 I buy it. F. W. PICKARD, 2427 Ingleside, Cincinnati, O. [24]

To complete your United States. Fine perfect copies, 1895, \$5.00 green, \$1.12 each; \$2.00 blue, \$1.05 each. Wholesale, both values \$11.00 only, per dozen. Thousands of bargains in old United States, British and Colonial stamps. Fine approval selections at 25 to 50% discount. No common rubbish but only fine copies of desirable stamps sent out. Write stating wants and send reference. I can save you hundreds of dollars. Established 1880. FREDERICK GINN, 143 Strand, London, England. [21]

Is your collection for sale? I will buy it or any odd lots of good stamps. No cheap stuff wanted. Send on approval with lowest cash offer. Immediate returns guaranteed. HOWARD C. BECK, City Controller's Office, Detroit, Mich. [21]

U. S. Pre-Cancelled postage stamps. I will pay a good price in cash or exchange for any not in my collection. F. L. SMITH, 40 Exchange Pl., N. Y. [24c]

Pre-cancels not in my collection wanted. Best cash or trade price. E. R. ALDRICH, Benson, Minn. [11]

PART 8 OF 1903 RETAIL PRICE LIST, No. 14, STAMPS OF PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, GUAM, AND SPAIN

FOR SALE BY C. F. ROTHFUCHS, 38 MUNROE STREET, ROXBURY, MASS., U. S. A.

1st. Are extra fine copies. All unused have original gum. They are the best centered in stock. Used are the pick of my stock as to cancellation, color and centering. 2nd. Are average copies. Some of the unused have the gum washed off, others have o. g. but are not as well centered as my 1st. Used are averaged copies, not as fine as my 1st. 3rd. Nearly all unused are in good condition, but not as fine as my 2nd. Some have original gum but are off centre; others are well centered but have slight imperfections. Not all used stamps are damaged, some are too much off centre or too heavily canceled for my 2nd. All stamps are unused unless stated as U or used. Please remit by Bills or Money Order and Not by Unused Stamps.

Table with columns: Cat. No., PHILIPPINE, Price, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Cat. No., U. S. Unpaid, Price, 1st, 2nd, 3rd. Lists various stamps from the Philippines, Guam, and Spain with their respective prices.

PRICE LIST No. 15 containing an alphabetically arranged list of the POSTAL CARD AND LETTER CARDS,

issued during the past three years, and list of obsolete British Colonial Cards, is now ready. It will be mailed free to collectors interested in this specialty. ADOLPH LOHMEYER, 922 N. Gilmore Street, Baltimore, Md.

SNAPS IN COINS! BILLS! ETC. Philippine dollar, fine, \$1.45. Porto Rican dollar, fine, \$1.35. Isabella 1/2 dol., 1893, new, 75c. Columbian 1/2 dol., 1892, new, 75c. Lafayette dollar, 1900, new, \$2.25. \$300 Confederate money, 25c. U. S. \$3 gold piece, 1879, rare, bright new, \$4.65. Calif. Gold \$4 dollar, 1876, fine, \$2.10. U. S. cents, 1801, '02, '03, '04, '05, '06, '07, '08, '09, '10, '11, '12, '13, '14, each 1c. U. S. dollar, 1799, fine, scarce, \$2.65. 1 Price List and Rare Coin for 2c stamp, 30,000 coins in stock. L. L. Elder, Sheridan Ave. P., Pittsburg, Pa.

WE HAVE MONEY

to invest in Fine Stamps, Rarities, Collections, Stocks, Job Lots, etc. Nothing too large or too small for us to figure on. What have you to offer in rarities? We make a specialty of buying unused 1c and 2c current stamps for mercantile use at a discount of from 5% to 5% according to quantities. Higher denominations at a greater discount. UNITED STAMP COMPANY, Incorporated, 1149 Marquette Building, CHICAGO, ILL.

REAL BARGAINS! Selling Out Stock! Ninety-six varieties Old Revenues Imperf. and Perf. Stamps catalogued at 10c and under, 75% discount. Send your want list with references. [Oct 22] Oscar Bernstrom, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

Valetta on the evening of March 12. Each stamp is printed from two plates, the "head" plate and the "duty" plate, the latter consisting of the whole design except the oval containing the portrait of King Edward. The plates print 240 stamps, the sheets being divided by the usual gutters into four panes, each having 10 rows of 6 stamps. The 2d sheet is issued entire, but those of 1/2d are cut up into panes before issue. Adhesive (Regular): 2d gray and violet. The Philatelic Record says that owing to the agitation made regarding the abuses connected with the issue of the late surcharged 1d on 2 1/2d (red tick, etc.) the former postmaster at Valetta has been retired on half pay. The stamps with the famous red tick were in abuse about a month, when they were withdrawn as a result of an official inquiry into the abuses. The postmaster had no authority for issuing the defaced stamps.

PARAGUAY.—Various foreign exchanges chronicle four new provisionals, for this country. It is reported that of the three previously listed the following quantities were printed: 1c on 14c, 60,000; 5c on 8c, 75,000; 5c on 28c, 70,000.

Adhesives (Regular): 1c on 14c slate blue (1900); 5c on 10c carmine (lithographed); 5c on 6c yellow (1892); 5c on 8c blue (1892). Mr. J. H. Lyons of the New England Stamp Co. has shown us two new stamps for Paraguay. They are of medium size, with a lion as the central figure, with the arms of the country arranged in a circular frame back of the standing figure. A band around this frame bears the inscription, "Republica del Paraguay." The letters "U. P. U" are printed at the extreme top while at the bottom the figures of value appear at either side with the word "Centavo" or "Centavos" between, and "1903" just below. The design is the same for both values. All inscriptions are in white except the figures of value. Adhesives (Regular): 1c gray brown, 2c blue.

GEMS! United States Revenues.

1899 issue \$500.00 carmine and black very slightly cut..... \$38.50
 1899 \$1000.00 green and black, very slightly cut..... 22.50
 1899 \$1000.00 green and black, Pair, very slightly cut..... 44.75
 1899 \$1000.00 green and black, strip of four or entire sheet, very slightly cut, a gem of the first water..... 89.50
 1899 \$50.00 gray. Very slightly cut. A gem 17.50

We will send any of above on approval to Prospective purchasers. Also any other stamps from our large stock. Send a list of wants. Or name a few countries that will interest you, and we will do the rest. We have a large stamp, catalogue No. 12, for 1903, which we send free. Why not write for one today?
C. E. HUSSMAN STAMP CO., ST. LOUIS, MO.

C. B. MERRILL, STAMP BROKER,

102 E. 90th Street, NEW YORK.

Entire Collections bought and sold on commission. There is no better way to dispose of your collection if you want to realize as much as possible for it.

PEELABLE HINGES

NOT ENGLISH		NOT GERMAN
1000 12c.		5000 50c.
POST FREE		POST FREE

STRONG PAPER—TASTELESS GUM
W. F. GREGORY, 71 NASSAU ST., NEW YORK.

\$2550.31.

Our second wholesale price list containing over 14 pages appeared in the ERA for March 28, 1903, and April 4, 1903. We price 4693 different lots and one lot of each would cost \$2550.31. If you are a dealer buy one lot of each and you will have a fine stock, or buy for investment. Our prices are low. We have a few copies of our price list on hand which we will send to buyers who have lost or mislaid their original copy.

HOLTON STAMP COMPANY,

Successors to E. A. Holton. Established 1861.
 60 Devonshire St., Boston, Mass.

Stamps One Cent Each.

Did You See Our List in ERA No. 512?

A postal card with your name will bring you a copy by return mail.

A TRIAL ORDER IS BETTER.

COLUMBIAN STAMP CO.,
 ARLINGTON, MASS.

Chicago Notes.

A vertical pair of Guatemala No. 115, imperf. between, was recently purchased by a collector from a dealer here, who did not notice the oddity, as they were sold for the ordinary stamp.

One of our local dealers is somewhat of a politician. C. W. Arndt, of Arndt & Co., did active party work in the recent mayoralty campaign in this city.

A recent "find" of civil war revenues of the second and third issues, which catalogued over \$500.00, was made by a young local collector. The stamps were attached to commercial papers belonging to his father, which had lain undisturbed in the garret for years.

The advance sheets of Wolsieffer's 36th sale of May 9th are just out. The sale comprises the rare and valuable collection of Dr. Casey A. Wood, who will specialize in the future. A few of the great rarities are noted.

U. S. No. 1326; Athens, Ga., 5c, No. 2, on original cover; Charleston 5c, No. 23; Nashville 5c, No. 99; Argentine 10c, No. 9, on cover; Brazil 300r, No. 12; Brazil 600r, No. 20; British Guiana 1c, No. 6; Buenos Ayres No. 3; Canada 6d, No. 13; Ceylon No. 24; Fiji Islands 6d, No. 30; Times Express; Nevis 1s, No. 8, unused; New Brunswick 1sh, No. 3; Newfoundland No. 2; Newfoundland No. 7; Peru 1r, No. 1; Basle No. 1, and many other rarities. Every stamp in the sale was issued prior to 1870.

CLIFFORD.

The Postal Card Society of America

Officers for 1902-3.

President, HORACE E. CARPENTER, JR., Care N. B. Bradley & Sons, Bay City, Mich.
 Vice-President, J. T. ALBERT HOSBACH, 1422 North 53rd St., Philadelphia, Pa.
 Secretary, W. F. AGEE, Hope, Ark.
 Treasurer, JOHN N. MORSE, 103 Devonshire St., Boston, Mass.
 Executive Committee, GUY A. BRYANT, Princeton, Ill.; W. D. ARNOLD, The Portland, Broadway, St. Paul, Minn.; N. HASKELL WITHER, 230 S. 9th St., La Crosse, Wis.
 Exchange Superintendent, J. T. A. HOSBACH, 1422 No. 53rd St., Phila., Pa.
 Purchasing Agent, ADOLPH LOHMEYER, 922 N. Gilmer St., Baltimore, Md.
 International Secretary, E. DOEBLIN, P. O. Box 736, Pittsburg, Pa.
 Official Journal, THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA.

UNCATALOGUED VARIETIES

and unpriced stamps will be a feature of the

Wolsieffer Sale No. 35

to be held Thursday, April 30th. It will also contain a number of U. S. and foreign Proofs, a splendid lot of U. S. and Cut Square envelopes, etc.

Wolsieffer Sale No. 36

will consist of the Casey A. Wood collection, only one stamp to the lot, and none after 1870. In this respect the sale will be unique, nothing of the kind having been attempted before.

United Stamp Co., 1149 Marquette Bldg., Chicago.

1903 PRICE-LIST.

Our 1903 Red Cover Catalogue is out—free. The price-list gives our net prices on U. S. Postage, Department, Dues, Telegraphs, Cut Square Envelopes, Confederate, Revenues, packets, sets, supplies, albums, wholesale lots, etc., etc. You can save money by buying from it. The prices are 40 to 50 per cent. discount from Scott's.

J. T. STARR STAMP CO., Coldwater, Mich.

U. S. DEPARTMENTS, Unused, Fine.

1c Justice	Catalog \$1.50	Price \$0.65
90c Interior.....	" 4.00	" 1.40
7c War.....	" 2.00	" .85

War Department 1c to 90c: complete, unused, o. g. Catalog \$5.00, price \$1.75.
 Send for our large "full of bargains" paper, issued monthly. It will save you money. 48 page Coin Book, prices paid, for 10c.
GREATER N. Y. STAMP & COIN CO.,
 128 East 23rd St., New York City.

SEND FOR PACKET No. 10.

Contains 100 varieties of Postage Stamps from South and Central America. Catalogued at over \$2.00.

PRICE \$1.00.

Special List Free. Faultless Hinges 10 cents per 1000.

A. C. HAWKINS, 119
 6258 STEWART AVE., CHICAGO, ILL.

DEALERS' MIXTURES.

100 Finely Assorted Foreign Stamps including N. Borneo, 17, 18, 24; Nyassa Giraffe, Guatemala (3 to 20c, 6 var., unused, new issues), Salvador, Paraguay, Nicaragua, etc. Each packet catalogs at \$5.00 or more.

PRICE \$1.00 [18°]
CARL YOUNG, 112 N. 5th St., Phila., Pa.

OUR THIRTEENTH SALE

Takes place on

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6TH.

It contains such rarities as
 A pair of Barbadoes unused 1d on 5 shilling, showing varieties.
 12c British Guiana.
 10 shilling Trinidad.
 Imposter's pairs of U. S.
 3c 1868, 9x13 unused, o. g.
 5c Garfield, 1868.
 And a beautiful lot of rare, scarce and hard to get stamps.
 Your name on a postal will bring you a catalogue.

CHAS. H. STONE & CO.,
 19 Washington St., BOSTON, MASS.

OUR NEXT AUCTION SALE

to be held in May will consist mainly of the magnificent UNITED STATES collection of W. L. Drury, Esq., of Washington, D. C. This collection is very complete and is in exceptionally fine condition. It contains 5c, 1851; 5c brick red, 1856; 5c mustard, 2c scarlet, high value States etc., all MINT and VERY FINE. Also a good lot of U. S. REVENUES AND MATCH AND MEDICINE. Among the latter may be mentioned Alexander's Match, blue, Brown & Durling, black, and the very rare CATERSON BROTZ & CO. playing card stamp, of which but three copies are known to exist. Catalogues are about ready for distribution, and if your name is not already on our mailing list you may receive one on request.

J. M. BARTELS CO.,
 BOSTON, MASS.

Mekeel's Stamp Collector

PUBLISHED WEEKLY.

FULL of information and news valuable to stamp collectors. Once a month large magazine editions are issued. Over one thousand pages guaranteed during the year.

Subscription \$1.00 per year. (On trial for three months, 25 cents.) No stamp man can afford to be without it. Volume sixteen commenced January 1, 1903.

C. H. Mekeel Stamp and Publishing Co.
 St. Louis, Mo.

"20th CENTURY."

All unused, mint. Listed in same order as spaces in album.

Argentina, 3c.....	\$0.03	Greece 1902, (5).....	\$1.10
12c.....	.08	Unpaid, 1 to 50 (10).....	.50
15c.....	.10	1 to 50 (4).....	2.20
30c.....	.22	Grenada, 1/2 to 1sh, (6).....	.80
5c blue, Rosario.....	.05	1sh.....	.66
Official, set of 6.....	.80	5sh.....	1.62
Bahamas, 1d staircase.....	.03	10sh.....	3.25
3d.....	.15	Guadeloupe, 5 yellow green.....	.02
5sh.....	.60	Guatemala, (1st six spaces).....	.23
10sh.....	1.00	20 and 25.....	.22
King, 1d to 1sh (5).....	.75	1 to 2 peso, set (10).....	1.65
1/2 sh.....	1.60	Hayti, set without 50 and 10, (13).....	1.03
1/2.....	6.10	50 rose.....	.60
1/2.....	.02	1 gold.....	1.30
Bechuanaland Protectorate, 1/2.....	.09	Hong Kong, 12c blue.....	.20
Belgium, 30c block figure.....	.09	King, have 1, 8, 10; others ex-	
40c.....	.18	pected April 5th.....	
Set 10c to 3fr (14).....	3.30	Iceland, 1902-3 set ordered.....	.09
Bermuda, 1 (arthing, gray)	.02	India, King, 3 stamps.....	.09
1d dock yard.....	.03	Gwailor, 3.....	.16
Bolivia 1902, 1, 2, 5, 20.....	.30	Chambra, 5 spaces.....	4.....
Others as soon as issued.....		Italy 1901, set to 5, (11).....	2.30
Bosnia, 40 heller, orange.....	.12	Crete and Tripoli, (2).....	.16
20h rose.....	.66	Jamaica, 1d.....	.03
25h blue.....	.07	Labuan, 10 and 16.....	.25
British Central Africa, 1d.....	.03	Crown set to 50c.....	1.00
4d.....	.12	\$1.00.....	.70
6d.....	.18	Leeward, 3 surcharges.....	.50
British Guiana, 3c.....	.03	Set to 1sh.....	.80
48c.....	.09	25h 6d.....	.83
10c.....	.16	5sh.....	1.60
British Honduras, 10c Queen.....	.16	Liberia, 75c on \$1.00.....	1.12
5c.....	.12	1902 Registered, (5).....	.75
5c King.....	.18	30 and 30 O. S.....	.10
British New Guinea, full set (7).....	.85	Lourenzo, 15, 25, 75, Provisorio.....	.22
British Somaliland, expected shortly.....		Malta, "One Penny".....	.04
Bulgaria, 5 and 10 surcharged.....	.09	King, 1/2, 2d, [others ordered].....	.08
5 and 15c (2).....	.12	Mauritius, 50c.....	.40
(head type) 1 to 50.....	.42	25, 4, 6, 15.....	.40
1 lire.....	.30	8c, 12; 5c.....	.22
2 ".....	.85	5c, new color.....	.04
3 " (carmine rose).....	.62	Monaco, 5, 10, 15, 25.....	.18
Unpaid (arms) set of 4.....	.30	Montenegro, 1 to 50c, (6).....	.30
Canada, 20c.....	.25	Natal, set to 1sh, (7).....	.85
7c yellow.....	.09	1sh.....	.66
Cape of Good Hope, 3d.....	.09	2sh.....	.85
King, 1/2 and 1d.....	.05	5sh.....	1.62
1sh.....	.35	10sh.....	3.30
5sh and others ordered, expected soon.....		1d.....	.06
Cayman, 2 1/2, 6d, 1sh (3).....	.60	1/2 and others ordered.....	
1/2 and 1d (both King).....	.05	Netherlands, 3c and 1/2.....	.05
Chili 1902, 1, 2, 5, 30, 50.....	.60	Newfoundland, 4c.....	.06
7c.....	.07	New Zealand, new variety every week.....	
Colombian stamps for 7 spaces.....	.25	Nicaragua 1901, set 15 stamps.....	2.55
Insured Letter.....	.25	With varieties (26).....	5.25
1 peso and 10c.....	.25	1902, 5, 5, 10.....	.22
Antioquia, 1c to 50c (without error), 10.....	.60	1903, 1, 2, 5c.....	.09
Reg. 10c.....	.06	North Borneo, 10 and 16.....	.25
" Receipt.....	.04	North Nigeria, 1/2 to 1sh.....	.85
Too Late.....	.07	2sh 6d.....	.85
Congo, 1 franc, red.....	.30	10sh.....	3.30
Cook Island "Crown" (no gum).....	3.50	Norway, 60 blue.....	.20
1/2, 1, 2 1/2 d.....	.16	Niue, 1/2, 1, 2 1/2.....	.25
Costa Rica, 1 to 50c (5).....	.38	Nyasaa, full set (13).....	1.40
50c.....	.40	Obock, surcharges expected May 1st.....	.67
Crete, 20, 25, 50 blue.....	.30	Orange River, 4 spaces.....	.03
50c violet.....	.25	1903, 1d red.....	.10
1 dr.....	.30	Paraguay 1902, (9 spaces).....	.45
Cuba, 1 on 3c, surcharge.....	.10	Penthyon, 1/2, 1, 2 1/2.....	.25
Curacao, 12c.....	.18	Perat 1902, "Froisnoire" (5).....	.55
Cyprus, 1/2 (others ordered).....	.12	1sh to 5sh, used (11).....	3.75
Dahomey, 1 to 50 (5).....	.30	Official.....	.37
Danish West Indies, 2 and 8c, small.....	.10	Peru, 1 to 20c (5).....	.20
2c, large.....	.20	Philippine, 4, 6, 8c.....	.20
8c, large.....	.15	\$1.00.....	1.40
Unpaid set.....		Special.....	.16
Denmark, 1, 15, 24.....	.10	Unpaid, 3c.....	.07
Dominican Republic 1902, set 1 to 50c only.....	1.00	30c.....	.50
Official, set of 4.....	.60	Reunion, set of 4.....	.42
Unpaid, set of 4, used.....	.35	Rhodesia, 1sh.....	1.55
Dutch Indies 1/2 to 5 (6).....	.12	7sh 6d.....	2.40
1/2 to 2 1/2.....	.08	1/2.....	6.15
Ecuador, 1 to 20c.....	.35	1/2 blue.....	.08
Egypt, Soudan, 2 to 20.....	.25	Roumania, send list of wants.....	
Fernando Poo 1902, full set.....	3.35	St. Helena, 1/2, 1d.....	.05
Finland, 2, 5, 10, 20.....	.15	St. Lucia, 1/2, 1d.....	.05
1 mark.....	.30	2d.....	.06
Fiji, 1/2 to 1sh, (10).....	1.05	St. Vincent, set to 1sh.....	.80
France, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30.....	.30	2sh.....	.66
1/2, 1/2 orange.....	.20	1.62.....	
Gambia, full set to 2sh.....	1.35	Servia, 3 and 5d ordered, expected May 20th.....	.60
Germany, 2 to 80, set of 10.....	.35	Seychelles 1901, set of 10.....	.25
1 mark.....	.70	3 on 16c (only).....	.25
2 ".....	1.00	1902, 30, 30, 45, 45c.....	1.20
3 ".....	1.05	Somal Coast, surcharges expected April 20th.....	.09
5 ".....	1.65	South Australia, long, 3d.....	.12
Gold Coast, 2 surcharged.....	.38	4d.....	.12
ad Queen.....	1.00	8d.....	.24
1/2 to 1sh.....	.80	9d.....	.27
1sh.....	.66	10d.....	.30
1sh.....	1.62	1s and 5 and 10sh shortly.....	
10sh.....	3.25	South Nigeria, 1/2 to 1sh.....	1.50
20sh.....	6.35	1sh 6d.....	1.30
Great Britain, 2 1/2c per penny, any values.....	1.50	2sh.....	2.20
1/2.....	3.00	10sh.....	4.85
1/2.....	6.00	Spain 1902, 15c.....	.05
Levant, 40 paras, blue.....	.08	Straits, 2c to \$1.00.....	1.65
80 paras.....	.15	\$5.00.....	1.40
1/2.....	.50	Malay, 2c to 50c.....	3.50
4pi (on 10d).....	.50	Switzerland, 1 franc, rose.....	.75
Greece, 1 to 50 (10).....	.20		.30
1, 2, 3, 5dr (4).....	2.20		

Annual Meeting of Section on Philately of Brooklyn Institute.

The Annual Meeting of the Section on Philately was held on Friday evening, April 10th, 1903, at the Art Building, 174 Montague St.

President Hyatt in his Annual Report to the members, stated that the Section was in a very prosperous condition, that a number of foreign Governments had contributed sets of stamps for the Collection being formed for the Museum of the Institute, and that the General Collection of the late Theodore W. C. Happel as well as his Special Collection of Russian Locals had been presented through a friend to the Section for exhibition purposes. This is the first individual collection to be presented for the Institute Museum, and will encourage the members of the Section to greater efforts in their work. It is hoped that this contribution will be an incentive to other large collectors to donate their collections to the Institute when an occasion presents itself. Cases are now being constructed so that the stamps being collected by the Section on Philately may be mounted and exhibited to the public at the Museum on Eastern Parkway.

A number of Philatelic works were added to the library of the Section during the year, including books from the Postmaster General of the United States.

The Executive Committee and officers of the Section elected for the ensuing year are as follows: Executive Committee: J. M. Andreini, John D. Carberry, Thaddeus P. Hyatt, David Minaldi, A. Krassa, George W. Ring, H. E. Robinson, Eugene Boucher, Wm H. Sussdorf, H. A. Talbot. Officers: Dr. Thaddeus P. Hyatt, President; H. E. Robinson, Vice-President; J. D. Carberry, Treasurer and Secretary; George W. Ring, Curator; David Minaldi, Librarian.

Tasmania, 1d, ad.....	\$0.09
Transvaal, new colors expected shortly; prices on others change from day to day.....	
Trinidad, 1/2, 1d.....	.05
5sh.....	1.62
1sh on yellow.....	.20
Uganda, 2 stamps.....	.35
Uruguay, 2, 7, 25, 50c.....	1.25
1 peso.....	1.40
Unpaid, used set.....	.75
Official, 1 to 50c.....	2.90
Victoria, (no postage, send list).....	
Postage set to 2sh.....	1.25
5sh.....	1.65
1/2.....	6.40
2 1/2.....	22.60
Western Australia, 2 1/2 d.....	.08
5sh (Victoria type).....	.70
5sh.....	1.70
2sh 6d, 10sh and 1/2, expected in May.....	
Zanzibar, 1 and 4 1/2.....	.18

I have all the new issues as soon as I can get them. Am not always first on everything, nor do I always have enough to go around on first order. But send me your orders and I'll guarantee to give you better and prompter service than any other one dealer. Any single stamps will be sold from sets at proportionate prices. Check off this list with what you want and send it. Or if you want everything check off what you have and I'll send everything else I have or can get. Everything "on approval"! I only ask you to return promptly the stamps not wanted.

FRANK P. BROWN, 339 Washington St., BOSTON, MASS.

American Philatelic Association.

(INCORPORATED.)

THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA—OFFICIAL JOURNAL.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

ALEXANDER HOLLAND, President,
40 Grace Court, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Board of Vice-Presidents.
FRANK H. BURT, Chairman,
Room 1046, Tremont Building, Boston, Mass.
GORDON IRELAND, Secretary,
Holyoke House 21, Cambridge, Mass.
EDWIN F. SAWYER,
101 Washington St., Brighton, Mass.

H. E. DEATS, Secretary,
Flemington, N. J.
E. DOEBLIN, International Secretary,
Box 736, Pittsburg, Pa.
C. L. ANNAN, Treasurer,
Copper Range R. R., Houghton, Mich.
H. B. PHILLIPS,
1311 Grove St., Berkeley, Cal.
F. W. CONING,
350 George St., New Brunswick, N. J.

RESIDENT VICE-PRESIDENTS.

BOSTON, MASS.—M. H. LOMBARD, Winchester, Mass.
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.—W. E. LOV, 2421 Ellsworth St., Berkeley, Cal.
NEW YORK CITY.—W. F. GREGORY, 71 Nassau St.
PITTSBURG, PA.—E. DOEBLIN, Box 736.
CHICAGO, ILL.—A. F. MERELL, 432 Marquette Building.
MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.—ESEN S. MARTIN, 3344 First Avenue, South.
WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS—ROBERT D. MAYNARD, 36 Oak Grove Ave., Springfield.

APPOINTEE OFFICERS.

E. H. ANDERSON, Librarian,
Carnegie Library, Pittsburg, Pa.
H. D. WATSON, Collecting Agent,
64 Cedar St., New York City.
JOHN J. OESCH, Superintendent of Sales Dept.,
34 Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill.

H. E. DEATS, Assistant Librarian,
Flemington, N. J.
W. F. GREGORY, Auction Purchasing Agent,
71 Nassau St., New York City.
P. M. WOLSEFFER, Auction Purchasing Agent,
1009 Atwood Bldg., Chicago, Ill.
A. W. BATCHELDER, Auction Purchasing Agent,
21 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass.

REPORT OF SECRETARY

For the Week Ending April 18th.

Applications for Membership.

FARRELL, F. H., 184 Racine Ave., Chicago, Ill.; age, 35; Timekeeper, Illinois Steel Co. References: C. E. Severn, P. M. Wolsieffer; Resident Vice-President, A. F. Merell.
MUDGE, H. N., 6643 Normal Ave., Chicago, Ill.; age, 50; Advertising Manager. References: C. E. Severn, P. M. Wolsieffer; Resident Vice-President, A. F. Merell.
WEINBERGER, ALEX., Idaho Springs, Colorado; age, 21; Clerk. References: John J. Oesch, R. Robinson.

Membership Summary.

Total Membership April 18th..... 548
H. E. DEATS, Secretary.

CHICAGO BRANCH, No. 1.

Chicago Branch No. 1 of the A. P. A. met on the evening of April 9th. Those present were: Messrs. Lefever, Jefferies, M. D., Staab, Leonard, Michael, Lively, Boehm, Massoth, Moisant, Severn, Robinson, A. F. Merell, F. B. Merrill, Mudge,

The 3 D's—Dodd, Davis and Delehanty. The difference: Davis and Del. hold out for more coin. I don't, and sell at these prices, in preference to holding stock.

	Cat. price.	My price.
U. S., 20c 1869, o. g.....	\$4.00	\$1.65
" " 2c 1870-1, ".....	1.50	.42
" " 5c 1875, ".....	2.00	.55
Newfoundland, No. 3, o. g.....	2.00	.85
" " 5, ".....	1.50	.70
" " 10, ".....	1.25	.60
" " 18, ".....	.85	.40
" " 20, ".....	.60	.25
" " Pair of above.....	1.20	.50
" " No. 23, o. g.....	1.25	.60
" " 27, ".....	.60	.27
" " 28, ".....	1.00	.45
" " 29, ".....	.70	.28
" " 24, ".....	.60	.28
" " 34, ".....	.25	.11
" " 40, ".....	.06	.03
" " 48, ".....	.18	.08
" " 49, ".....	.30	.14
" " 51, ".....	.15	.06

Satisfaction guaranteed.
E. C. Dodd, 259 So. Hermitage Ave., Chicago.

Von Schaezler, Wolsieffer, Oesch and Gurley. Mrs. Robinson and T. G. Crosby were present as visitors.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted, the Treasurer's report showing a balance on hand of \$5.25.

It was decided to nominate a Chicago ticket for the coming election.

A ticket was formed headed by A. Holland of New York for President and H. E. Deats of Flemington as Secretary. J. J. Oesch will be recommended as Sales Supt. and *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News* as Official Journal.

F. J. Lefever exhibited his general collection which was much admired, and C. E. Severn promised to show his collection of U. S. locals at the next meeting.

The open exchange, conducted by Leonard Michael, was productive of a good amount of business.

The meeting then adjourned until May 7.
R. ROBINSON, Secretary.

The Collectors Club, 351 FOURTH AVE., NEW YORK.

The 92nd meeting of the Board of Governors was held at the club-house on Monday evening, April 13, 1903.

Present: Messrs. Andreini, Dewing, Luff, Rich, Scott and Perrin.

The meeting was called to order by the President at 8.15 p. m.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

A number of communications were read by the Secretary and acted upon.

The report of the judges on the exhibition of the stamps of Russia, Finland and Poland was approved.

The Treasurer's report, showing a cash balance in bank of \$417.94 exclusive of reserve fund, was approved as read.

The report of the House Committee was read and received.

The judges on the special exhibition of 100 Australian stamps reported as follows: *The Board of Governors, Collectors Club.*

Gentlemen:—Your committee appointed to examine 100 Australian stamps in competition for prizes offered by Messrs. Stanley Gibbons, Ltd., beg to report that three collections were entered for competition, but that just previous to your committee's examination of the collections one was withdrawn. Of the two collections examined, the one marked "W. H. H.," the property of Mr. W. H. Hendrickson, has been found by us to be the most valuable and we have therefore awarded to that collection the first prize.

The second prize we have awarded to the collection of Mr. John N. Luff.

There being no third collection in competition, we cannot, of course, make any award for third prize.

We are, yours truly,
J. M. ANDREINI,
Jos. S. Rich.

The above report was accepted. Moved, seconded and carried that the President appoint a committee, of which he shall be President, to devise rules for the governing of future competitive exhibitions.

The committee appointed is as follows: Messrs J. M. Andreini, John N. Luff, Albert Perrin, Jos. S. Rich, John W. Scott.

Adjourned at 9.45 p. m.
ALBERT PERRIN, Secretary.



A POSTAL CARD

Will bring you a copy of our

WORLD-WIDE SPECIAL!

ARE YOU
A
SUBSCRIBER?

IF NOT

Send 50 Cents for A Year's
Subscription.

Mekeel-Redfield-Severn Co.,

198 Greene St., NEW YORK.

Our Exchange Proposition.

We have watched with interest the increasing demand for U. S. stamps in fine condition. The stock in dealers' hands is extremely small and will not be sufficient to meet the demand at present prices. Many collectors overlook U. S. envelopes. These can be obtained in fine condition at the present time cheaper than they will ever be again. The rock bottom has been reached on prices for U. S. envelopes, and from now on there will be a steady increase.

There are two reasons why U. S. envelopes are not popular at the present time:

First.—The great influence brought to bear by many large dealers to prevent the popularity of envelopes.

Second.—Difficulty of telling the different dies, as the U. S. Government does not allow illustrations of U. S. stamps and envelopes. Our answer to these two objections is as follows:

First.—Do NOT let any dealer influence you against U. S. envelopes. Their reasons for so doing are purely selfish and commercial ones, for 99 times out of 100 you will find that they have no stock of U. S. envelopes and cannot buy more in order to complete their stock at a price which will yield them as large a profit as the purchase of stamps. In addition to this, other dealers are entirely ignorant of the commonest varieties of U. S. envelopes and don't care to bother to study them up.

Second.—To overcome the objection of distinguishing the different dies of U. S. envelopes, we agree to examine, free of charge, except return postage, any envelope or lot of envelopes and place Scott's cat. number on the back of each envelope; this offer is extended to our regular customers and to those who take advantage of our exchange proposition contained in this advertisement. We have been making these examinations free for many of our customers and shall continue to do so as long as the offer is not abused.

A STARTER.

To give all collectors a start and at the same time to give you a chance to dispose of your duplicates, we make the following most liberal offer:

We offer the following U. S. envelopes in exchange for good U. S. and foreign stamps. (No trash.) Send us all your duplicates and we will accept as many as possible at the rate of catalogue for catalogue and make an offer on the balance, if you state that you wish us to do so—you to take your pay in U. S. envelopes from the following list at catalogue value. In this list of envelopes you will find many cheap ones and also many of the rarest envelopes.

All Unused.				No. Album No. Value. Catalogue.				No. Album No. Value. Catalogue.							
*1349	(53)	3c black, die 2, on orange.....	\$2.00	*1492	(207)	2c red on fawn (Nov.).....	\$2.25	*1723	(216)	2c brown (May).....	\$0.25	*1724	(225)	2c brown (June).....	.50
*1350	(56)	3c pink on white.....	.20	*1493	(208)	2c red on blue ".....	.25	*1727	(235)	2c red (Kellogg, July, '84).....	25.00	*1836	War, 3c	light red on cream (Reay).....	.10
*1352	(60)	3c pink on buff.....	.20	*1500	(214)	2c brown on fawn (May).....	.25	*1860	War, 3c	light red on cream.....	.10	*1861	War, 3c	light red on blue.....	.10
*1356	(75)	6c carmine on white (Reay).....	.50	*1501	(215)	2c brown on blue ".....	.40	*1864	War, 3c	light red on fawn.....	.10				
*1372	(78)	12c plum on white ".....	3.00	*1504	(219)	2c red on fawn (June).....	.75								
*1373	(79)	15c orange on white ".....	4.00	*1508	(223)	2: brown on fawn ".....	.75								
*1380	(86)	6c carmine on amber ".....	.50	*1509	(224)	2c brown on blue ".....	1.00								
*1384	(90)	12: plum on amber ".....	3.50	*1513	(237)	2c brown, die B, on amber.....	.50								
*1385	(91)	15c orange on amber ".....	4.00	*1515	(237A)	2c brown, die B, on fawn.....	1.00								
*1397	(102)	2c brown on orange ".....	.25	*1524	(240)	4c green on oriental buff.....	10.00								
*1400	(108)	1c lt. bl., die B (Plimpton).....	.08	*1527	(243)	3c black on oriental buff.....	5.00								
*1415	(128)	3c blk. on white (Plimpton).....	1.50	*1528	(244)	9cc carmine on oriental buff.....	10.00								
*1421	(132)	3c red (Centennial).....	.60	*1529	(246)	4c green on blue.....	10.00								
*1429	(133)	1c lt. bl. on am. (Plimpton).....	.08	*1531	(248)	3cc black on blue.....	5.00								
*1444	(151)	3cc blk. on am. (Plimpton).....	3.50	*1532	(249)	9cc carmine on blue.....	10.00								
*1448	(143)	3c blk. on die B.....	.25	*1536	(251A)	4c green, die B.....	.25								
*1463	(152)	2c vermilion, die C.....	1.50	*1538	(253)	3cc black on manila.....	5.00								
*1468	(182)	1c light blue, die B.....	.10	*1543	(257A)	4c green on B.....	.25								
*1474	(168)	3c vermilion, die C.....	1.00	*1545	(259)	3cc black on am. man.....	5.00								
*1477	(169)	3c brown on blue.....	5.00	*1577	(291)	3cc chocolate on man.....	1.50								
*1478	(173)	1c blue on fawn.....	.50	*1579	(297)	3cc chocolate on am. man.....	1.50								
*1486	(201)	2c red on white (October).....	.10	*1590	(304)	1c dark blue on white.....	.10								
*1487	(202)	2: red on amber ".....	.15	*1592	(306)	1c dark blue on manila.....	.25								
*1489	(203)	3c red on blue ".....	.25	*1708	(53)	2c black, die 2, on manila.....	.65								
*1490	(205)	3c red on white (Nov.).....	.10	*1716	(189)	2c brown, die B.....	2.00								
				*1722	(209)	2c red (November).....	.15								

All Used.

1301	(1)	3c red, die 1, white.....	.20
1305	(3)	3c red, die 5, white.....	.05
1310	(2)	3c red, die 1, buff.....	.15
1311	(6)	3c red, die 2, buff.....	.75
1312	(10)	3c red, die 3, buff.....	2.00
1314	(4)	3c red, die 5, buff.....	.05
1317	(16)	10c green, die 2.....	2.00
1318	(18)	10c green, die 4.....	2.00
1321	(23)	3c red on buff.....	.15
1323	(31)	3c pink on white.....	.15
1330	(34)	3c pink on buff.....	.10
1334	(36)	3c pink on blue.....	1.50
1350	(56)	3c pink on white.....	.05
1352	(62)	3c pink on buff.....	.05
1421	(193)	3c red (Centennial).....	.50

Total catalogue value, unused.....\$130.87
Total catalogue value, used..... 9.70

NOTICE.—The first column of figures refer to numbers in Scott's 1903 Catalogue, which we will send for 38c, post free. The second column of figures refer to the spaces in the International Postage Stamp Album.

Postage Extra on exchanges less than \$2.00 and registration extra on exchanges under \$20.00.

*Means that entire envelopes can be supplied if extra postage is paid for. Otherwise all envelopes will be supplied cut square, large margins. Numbers will be put on the back of each envelope when requested.

By making the above liberal offers we expect to start hundreds of people to collecting envelopes. As we give you liberal treatment, we believe you will give us a fair share of your trade in completing your collections. For your aiding and giving you a start we hope to gain many new customers.

We reserve the right to withdraw this offer at any time. Collectors should take advantage of it at once. Look up your duplicates and send them to us to-day. Either mount them in books or send in envelopes or in approval cards, but in all cases please be sure to have catalogue value on or under each stamp and also state total amount sent. In the same letter give list of envelopes you desire, so that all trades can be arranged promptly and without too much correspondence. We shall attend to all trades as promptly as possible. Satisfaction guaranteed. WRITE TO-DAY.

Holton Stamp Co.,

Successors to
E. A. HOLTON.
Established 1861. **60 Devonshire St., BOSTON, MASS.**

Wm. v. d. Wettern, Jr.,
WHOLESALE DEALER IN
* **POSTAGE + STAMPS.** *
411 W. Saratoga St., Baltimore, Md.

New special list just issued, sent free on application to dealers only.

Cuba, 1 on 3; 15c each, postage extra.
Cuba, 1877, 10c green, well centered; \$1.85 each, postage free.
Cuba, 1881, 2c lake; 40c each postage extra.
Fine copies of all three for \$2.25, postage free.

Bogert & Durbin Co.,
722 Chestnut St., PHILADELPHIA, PA.

A new price list is in preparation and will be sent post free as soon as issued to anyone applying for it.

The Boston Philatelic Society.

M. H. LOMBARD, President, Winchester, Mass.
C. F. ROTHFUCHS, Vice-President, Boston.
C. A. HOWES, Secretary, 55 Kilby St., Boston.
L. L. GREEN, Treasurer, 47 Tremont St., Boston.
J. H. LYONS, Supt. of Auctions, 27 Bromfield St., Boston.
J. H. LYONS, Supt. of Sales, 27 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass.

THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA, Official Journal.
The New England Philatelic Association.
Organized February, 1895.

Board of Officers:
President, CHARLES H. SMITH, Dedham, Mass.
Vice President, J. FAVILL CAPRON, 22 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass.
Secretary and Treasurer, H. W. LEGG, 26 Hancock St., Boston, Mass.
Sales Department, CHARLES H. STONE, 91 Antrim St., Cambridgeport, Mass.
Information Bureau, MRS. WALLACE DANA SMITH, 20 Wibold St., Portsmouth, N. H.
Counterfeit Detector, WILLIS D. KING, Nashua, N. H.
Attorney, HORACE S. BACON, 107 Stevens St., Lowell, Mass.
Governing Board, CHARLES H. STONE, Chairman, 91 Antrim St., Cambridgeport, Mass., JOHN J. CONZ, New Dorchester, Mass., FRANK A. WILSON, 185 Highland Ave., Somerville, Mass.
Official Organ, THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA.

WANTED

Unused Postage Stamps from 1c to \$5.00 at discount.
Also want large Stamp Collections.
Pay Cash by return mail.
NATHAN COBE & CO., Waltham, Mass.

CUBA

1c on 3c PROVISIONAL

FINE UNUSED COPIES AT
10c EACH.
BLOCKS OF FOUR SAME RATE.
Postage Extra.
COLUMBIAN STAMP CO., Arlington, Mass.

The Weekly Philatelic Era

A PAPER DEVOTED TO STAMP NEWS.

50C PER YEAR.

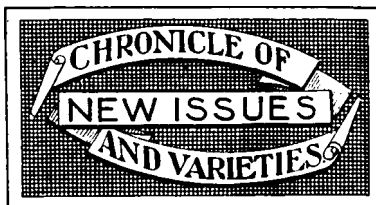
ENTERED AT PORTLAND POST OFFICE AS SECOND CLASS MATTER JAN. 10, 1890.

2C PER COPY.

VOL. XVII. No. 31.

PORTLAND, ME., SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 1903.

WHOLE No. 519.



BY HENRY A. KIDDER.

Friends of the ERA are invited to send to the editor of this department any information regarding new issues or varieties that may prove of interest. Such information will be suitably acknowledged. Address, HENRY A. KIDDER, 17 Addison Street, Arlington, Mass.

Exchanges will please send Mr Kidder a copy of each issue to the foregoing address, and an extra copy of the ERA will be gladly sent whenever desired.

UNITED STATES.—Mr. Harry W. Legg, of the J. M. Bartels Co., shows us a copy of the new 50c stamp. The color is a brownish orange, the portrait being the same as on the 5c, 1851, though somewhat smaller. The specimen in Mr. Legg's possession shows a decided greenish tint to the face of the paper, though this is probably due to careless cleaning of the plate. The stamp has not yet been placed on sale.

AITUTAKI.—The ½d, 1d, 2½d, 3d, 6d and 1sh New Zealand stamps are to be overprinted for use in this Island, similar to those for Niue and Penrhyn. Three new values, the 3d, 6d and 1sh have been overprinted for the latter islands.

AUSTRIAN LEVANT.—Mr. H. W. Legg has two curiosities in the 1890 issue for the Austrian Offices in the Levant. The first is the 1p on 10k, with the upper 10s missing and only "1 Plast" in the lower part. The second has no part of the block form at all.

AUSTRALIA.—The *Australian Journal of Philately* says that the 9d stamps which were reported as being in preparation by New South Wales, Queensland, Tasmania and West Australia have not yet seen the light of day. The difficulty as to the new designs has apparently not yet been overcome. The probabilities are that the same type will be used for all the states above mentioned.

The same journal says: "Our attention has been drawn to some late printings of the penny values of the Tasmanian and

West Australian stamps which have recently emanated from the Melbourne Government Printing Office. These show a lamentable falling away indeed. The 1d Tasmania has appeared in varying shades, from a flesh color to a deep carmine, the design on the latter being almost unrecognizable. The 1d West Australia looks threadbare. There was no necessity whatever to have to resort to the process by which these stamps are produced—technically known as zinc-etching. The inferiority of the recent impressions is so marked that further comment is needless."

BERMUDA.—The *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly* announces the impending issue of a farthing stamp of the "Dockyard" type, but illustrates a stamp with a value of ¼d (?).

COLOMBIA.—The J. M. Bartels Co. has shown us the 2c of the 1902 Antioquia in purple instead of blue. Also the 50c of the Barranquilla issue in four colors, brown, orange, red and green. The 1p of the same issue also comes in light and dark brown and carmine.

FERNANDO POO.—The *Mitteldutsche Philatelisten Zeitung* chronicles a new set for the colony with the date changed to 1903.

Adhesives (Regular):

5c green.
10c blue.
15c carmine.
50c brown lilac.
75c lilac.
1p rose.
2p olive.
5p orange.

FIJI.—An exchange says that the new King's head stamps are printed in fugitive

ink. Has anyone tried to soak a used copy?

GOLD COAST.—*Ewen's Weekly* reports having seen several values of the ordinary postage stamps of the Queen's head series, printed in new colors, and surcharged in black "Judicial" in block capitals.

Adhesives (Official):

1d gray and vermilion.
3d gray and yellow.
6d gray and green.
1sh lilac and green on yellow.

GREAT BRITAIN.—The *London Philatelist* gives the particulars of the new official stamps, consisting of the regular King's head stamps overprinted "Admiralty Official" in two lines in black. They were to have been issued on April 1. This is the first occasion where a 3d stamp has been surcharged for official use.

Adhesives (Official):

½d green.
2d scarlet.
1½d purple and green.
2d green and scarlet.
2½d ultramarine.
3d brown on yellow.

Envelope (Registration):

3d brown.

Post Card (Regular):

½d green.

HONG KONG.—*Die Post* gives a different list of stationery from that printed last week.

Post Cards (Regular):

1c green on cream, 139x89mm.
1x1c green on cream, 139x89mm.
4c carmine on cream, 139x89mm.
4x4c carmine on cream, 139x89mm.

Envelope (Regular):

2c green on ivory white, 140x78mm.

Envelope (Registration):

10: violet on white, 134x83mm.

Wrappers (Regular):

3c green on yellowish, 125x300mm.
4c carmine on yellowish, 125x300mm.

The Improved Postage Stamp Album No. 0.

ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH THOUSAND.
THE BEST AND LARGEST SHILLING ALBUM EVER PUBLISHED.

176 large pages. Spaces for 4,700 Stamps.

48 extra pages added in this Edition without extra charge.

This Album is now selling at the rate of over 1,000 copies a month.

The demand for this Album has simply been phenomenal, and it gives universal satisfaction—not a single complaint has been received. The last Edition had nearly 20 extra pages added, and now another 48 pages have been added, and all the Geographical and Historical Notes brought up fully to date. All the newest stamp-issuing countries, such as Ichang, Las Bela, Tientsin, Bundi, Dhar, etc., etc., have been added. At the top of each page there is the name of the country, and a mass of valuable information, including date when Stamps were issued, population, area, reigning sovereign, capital, etc. Spaces of proper sizes are provided for all Stamps, and the book is bound in a superior manner in gilt cloth. The Album contains a pocket to hold duplicate Stamps, and fifty Stamps will be presented free with each Album. There is also an Illustrated Frontispiece of the Rarest Stamps, with prices attached that we pay for each.

Price, bound in handsome gilt cloth, 50c. or post free, 36c.

1903 Catalogue Now on Sale.

Our 1903 Catalogue, priced in American currency, is bound in one volume, well printed on good paper, and sold for FIFTY CENTS; post free, SIXTY CENTS. It contains the latest quotations at which we can supply the stamps and is made up by and based on our own stock, no attention being paid to other quotations.

Previous editions contained the British Colonials in one part and foreign stamps in another part, and cost \$1.20. This latest edition contains both in one volume and sells at the same price as other catalogues.

Old 1902 Catalogue, Part 2, containing U. S., etc., post free, 10c.

STANLEY GIBBONS, Inc.,

167 Broadway, New York.

MORE GOOD THINGS.

1851, 1c, type III..... \$ 3.50
 1851, 5c, G. G..... 12.00
 Louisville Local, Scott's No. 841..... 7.50
 What United States Stamps do you need?
 What United States Revenues do you need?

FRED G. JONES,

2013 Brook St., LOUISVILLE, KY.

CHAPTER XXXII.

Dear reader if you have followed the argument to this point you will see that if you have not been moved to try

Osgood's Famous Big Selections

my efforts have been a failure to that extent. Now if I could lay a **BIG BOOK** before you failure would be changed to success. Reference.

The Precancelled Stamp Club is doing good work for a very popular branch of collecting. I am the leading dealer in this line. If interested write me.

Stampman free!

D. W. OSGOOD,South Fork, Rio Grande Co., Colorado.
(To be Continued.)**YOUR
B. N. A.**

order can be filled at once. If your wants are not in the following list send for my cash list of special collection.

New Brunswick, 3d.....	\$2.60
" " 6d.....	10.00
" " 1sh, good.....	80.00
Nova Scotia, 3d.....	.90
" " 6d, dark green.....	9.00
" " 1sh.....	65.00
" " 1c.....	.40
" " 2c.....	.30
" " 5c.....	.15
" " 8½c, unused.....	.00
" " 10c.....	.80
" " 12½c.....	.90
*Canada, ½c Jubilee.....	.15

H. L. HART, 71 Gottingen St., Halifax, N. S.**Stamps One Cent Each.**

Did You See Our List in ERA
No. 512?

A postal card with your name will bring you a copy by return mail.

A TRIAL ORDER IS BETTER.**COLUMBIAN STAMP CO.,**
ARLINGTON, MASS.**WHEN YOU THINK OF SELLING**

WRITE TO

B. L. DREW & CO.,

7 WATER ST., (Room 501), BOSTON, MASS.

[1907]

The Leading Auction Firm in America.

**WANTED
U. S. PROOFS, ESSAYS,
Specimen Surcharges, &c.**

Especially die proofs of all kinds, adhesives only. Also shades of all of above, various printings, &c. Send on approval at lowest price.

J. M. BARTELS CO.,

230 Washington St., BOSTON, MASS.

MALTA.—*Ewen's Weekly* reports that the 3d was issued March 26. Our attention has been called to an error in chronicling the new issue in No. 516. For the sake of precision we repeat the list, the second color in each case being that of the oval containing the portrait.

Adhesives (Regular):

½d green.
 1d black and scarlet.
 2d gray and purple.
 3d purple and gray.
 1sh gray and dark violet.

NEW SOUTH WALES.—The *Australian Journal of Philately* illustrates the new 2sh 6d stamp with picture of the lyre bird. The design was engraved on wood, from which electrotypes were made for printing. The only inscriptions on the stamp are "New South Wales Postage," around the top of the oval, and figures of value (2sh 6d) in small circles in each of the lower corners. The balance of the stamp is filled in with ornamental work, the whole effect being pleasing.

Adhesive (Regular):

2sh 6d dark green.

PARAGUAY.—The *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly* adds two values to the new set chronicled last week. The design is the same for all values.

Adhesives (Regular):

5c blue.
 30c ultramarine.

The 10c, 20c and 60c values are also reported issued, but we lack definite information as to color.

PERSIA.—Messrs. Th. Champion & Co. send to *Ewen's Weekly* an indignant denial of the article reproduced in No. 517, in regard to the fraudulent character of certain stamps printed from type set forms. With the letter is sent a specimen of 12 chahis on the entire envelope postmarked "Teheran—Depart" and evidently franked the letter to Paris. *Ewen's* says: "Beyond giving equal publicity to both sides of the question, we cannot enter into the discussion and must leave readers to judge for themselves."

SIERRA LEONE.—The new 1d wrapper with King's head stamp is illustrated by *Ewen's Weekly*.

Wrapper (Regular):

1d carmine.

RUSSIA.—According to the *Russian Gazette* the number of Russian stamps printed in 1902 were as follows: 1k, 46,000,000; 2k, 52,000,000; 3k, 39,000,000; 4k, 7,500,000; 5k, 17,500,000; 7k, 196,000,000; 10k, 18,000,000; 14k, 13,000,000; 20k, 4,500,000; 35k, 500,000.

TRANSVAAL.—*Mekeel's Weekly* says that the 1sh and 2sh King's Head stamps have been issued in new colors. The change was made necessary by the similarity between the old colors and those of two of the lower values.

Adhesives (Regular):

1sh red brown and black.
 2sh yellow and black.

**CURIOS! COINS! PAPER MONEY!
CHEAP!**

5 Civil War tokens, 1861-65.....	16c
10 Union War Envelopes, 1861-65, diff.....	30c
50 Choice Foreign Coins, in 3 metals	60c
U. S. Cents 1821, '23 and '57, scarce, each.....	22c
French Dollar, 1835, fine.....	\$1.10
Confederate Newspaper, war edition	18c
3 Jackson Cents, 1837-41, scarce...	20c
3 Rare Confederate War Envelopes	40c
Beautiful bank bill, green, heavy paper.....	8c
Cuba 1869, 50c and \$1 notes, pretty, both.....	15c
20 old bills over 35 years old.....	35c
30,000 Coins in stock. Send your want list. Big lists and rare coin for a stamp.	

T. L. ELDER, P. E., Station A, Pittsburg, Pa.**DO YOU WANT**

to obtain bargains in stamps in fine condition, from the commonest to the scarcest varieties? If so, send for my price lists, showing rock-bottom prices, both for single stamps and sets, mailed free. If you wish to obtain an approval selection, state what country or countries you are interested in, and you will have what you want by return mail.

L. N. HERBERT, [19°
1520 Washington Ave., NEW YORK.

SALVADOR.—*Der Philatelist* illustrates a stamp which we have not yet seen chronicled elsewhere. The design is homely and awkwardly arranged, the central figure being a vessel "sailing on a summer sea," in an upright rectangle with round top. Around the upper curve appears "Republica del Salvador" in thin white letters on a colored tablet. "Correos" is printed in the center at the extreme top, with U. P. U. just below at each side. The figures of value are placed at the side just below the centre, each circle extending beyond the stamp design. The figures are large and clear, in white on a colored ground with white border. "Centavos" is printed in white on a straight tablet across the stamp just under the central picture and the figures of value.

Adhesive (Regular):

3c olive green.

SERVIA.—In No. 491 are chronicled the 25p and 50p of the current type, Scott's A7, in ultramarine and brown respectively, on the authority of the *Nederlandsche Tijdschrift voor Postzegelkunde*. The *American Journal of Philately* now reports having seen them in different colors.

Adhesives (Regular):

5p gray violet.
 50p bistre.

SWEDEN.—The *American Journal of Philately* says that a 5 kroner stamp is to be issued shortly. It will be nearly the shape of the official stamps and will show a picture of the new Central postoffice in Stockholm. On the back will be printed "Osaljhart"—unsaleable. This is to avoid its being used by the public in place of money, thereby resembling the Wurtemberg 2 mark stamp with its "Unverkauflieh." Because of difficulty in distinguishing between the present 20 and 50 ore by artificial light, the color of the latter is to be changed to greyish brown.

**PART 9 OF 1903 RETAIL PRICE LIST, No. 14,
STAMPS OF CUBA FOR SALE BY
C. F. ROTHFUCHS, 38 MUNROE STREET,
ROXBURY, MASS., U. S. A.**

1st. Are extra fine copies. Unused are the best centered, and all have original gum on back. Used are the pick of my stock, as to cancellation, color and centering.
2nd. Unused are in good condition, many are well centered and bright color, but have no gum on back, others have original gum but are not as well centered as my 1st. Used are average copies, but not as fine as my 1st.
3rd. Nearly all of the unused are in good condition, but not as fine as my 2nd. Not all used are damaged; some are too much off centre or too heavily canceled for my 2nd.
All Stamps are Unused unless stated as U or used.
Please remit by Bills or Money Order and Not by Unused Stamps.

62nd Cat.		1903 Cat.			My Price for			Cat.		CUBA.			Cat.			My Price for				
No.		Price.	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	No.		Price.	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	No.		Price.	1st.	2nd.	3rd.
1	1855	1/2 p blue green, U.	\$.04	\$.04	\$.02	\$.02	\$.02	\$.02	88	1880	5c green, used	\$.50	\$.50	\$.25	100	1880	5c green, used	\$.50	\$.50	\$.25
2	"	1/2 p green, used	.15	.15	.07	.03	.03	.03	90	"	12 1/2c lilac gray	.10	.10	.05	100	"	12 1/2c lilac gray	.10	.10	.05
3	"	1/2 p carmine, used	.75	.75	.25	.20	.20	.20	90	"	19 1/2c used	.30	.30	.15	100	"	19 1/2c used	.30	.30	.15
4	"	1/2 p pen cancel	.06	.06	.04	.03	.03	.03	91	"	25c gray blue	.03	.03	.02	100	"	25c gray blue	.03	.03	.02
5	1856	1/2 p greenish blue, U.	.08	.08	.04	.02	.02	.02	92	"	50c brown	.03	.03	.02	100	"	50c brown	.03	.03	.02
10	"	1/2 p green, used	.75	.75	.35	.20	.20	.20	93	"	50c yellow brown	.30	.30	.15	100	"	50c yellow brown	.30	.30	.15
11	"	1/2 p orange red, U.	.75	.75	.40	.25	.25	.25	94	1881	1c green, used	.04	.04	.03	100	"	1c green, used	.04	.04	.03
12	"	1/2 p pen cancel	.05	.05	.03	.02	.02	.02	94	"	1c green, used	.15	.15	.08	100	"	1c green, used	.15	.15	.08
13	1857	1/2 p blue	.05	.05	.03	.02	.02	.02	95	"	2c lake	1.00	1.00	.75	100	"	2c lake	1.00	1.00	.75
14	"	1/2 p re-engraved, U.	.15	.15	.07	.03	.03	.03	96	"	2 1/2c olive bistre	.10	.10	.07	100	"	2 1/2c olive bistre	.10	.10	.07
15	"	1/2 p gray green	.08	.08	.04	.03	.03	.03	97	"	5c gray blue	.03	.03	.02	100	"	5c gray blue	.03	.03	.02
16	"	1/2 p green, used	.20	.20	.10	.03	.03	.03	98	"	10c red brown	.03	.03	.02	100	"	10c red brown	.03	.03	.02
17	"	1/2 p dull rose	.10	.10	.06	.04	.04	.04	98	"	10c used	.08	.08	.04	100	"	10c used	.08	.08	.04
18	"	1/2 p used	.25	.25	.12	.11	.11	.11	99	"	20c brown	.20	.20	.10	100	"	20c brown	.20	.20	.10
19	"	1/2 p black	.15	.15	.10	.10	.10	.10	100	1882	1c green	.05	.05	.03	100	"	1c green	.05	.05	.03
20	1861	1/2 p black on buff	1.00	.75	.50	.50	.50	.50	101	"	2c lake	.08	.08	.05	100	"	2c lake	.08	.08	.05
21	"	1/2 p green, used	.04	.04	.03	.03	.03	.03	102	"	2 1/2c dark brown	.10	.10	.07	100	"	2 1/2c dark brown	.10	.10	.07
22	"	1/2 p on lilac rose	1.00	.75	.50	.50	.50	.50	103	"	5c gray blue	.08	.08	.04	100	"	5c gray blue	.08	.08	.04
23	"	1/2 p used	.40	.40	.20	.10	.10	.10	104	"	10c olive bistre	.06	.06	.05	100	"	10c olive bistre	.06	.06	.05
24	"	1/2 p blue on salmon	.05	.05	.03	.03	.03	.03	105	1883	5c type a	.05	.05	.04	100	"	5c type a	.05	.05	.04
25	"	1/2 p used	.10	.10	.05	.03	.03	.03	107	"	10c type a	.15	.15	.10	100	"	10c type a	.15	.15	.10
26	"	1/2 p vermilion, U.	.75	.75	.50	.50	.50	.50	108	"	20c type a	.50	.50	.30	100	"	20c type a	.50	.50	.30
27	21a	1/2 p vermilion on rose	1.50	1.10	.50	.50	.50	.50	109	"	5c type b	.05	.05	.04	100	"	5c type b	.05	.05	.04
28	"	1/2 p black on buff	.75	.75	.40	.25	.25	.25	110	"	10c type b	.15	.15	.10	100	"	10c type b	.15	.15	.10
29	"	5c lilac	1.00	1.00	.65	.50	.50	.50	111	"	10c type c	.15	.15	.10	100	"	10c type c	.15	.15	.10
30	"	10c blue	.23	.23	.08	.04	.04	.04	112	"	10c type d	.15	.15	.10	100	"	10c type d	.15	.15	.10
31	"	10c green, used	.08	.08	.04	.02	.02	.02	113	"	20c type c	.50	.50	.30	100	"	20c type c	.50	.50	.30
32	"	20c green	.08	.08	.04	.02	.02	.02	114	"	5c type d	.05	.05	.03	100	"	5c type d	.05	.05	.03
33	"	40c rose	.50	.50	.25	.25	.25	.25	115	"	No period after "g"	1.00	1.00	.75	100	"	No period after "g"	1.00	1.00	.75
34	"	40c rose, used	5.00	5.00	.25	.25	.25	.25	116	"	10c type d	.15	.15	.10	100	"	10c type d	.15	.15	.10
35	26	5c lilac	.40	.40	.25	.15	.15	.15	117	"	20c type d	.35	.35	.20	100	"	20c type d	.35	.35	.20
36	"	10c blue	.25	.25	.15	.10	.10	.10	118	"	10c type e	.25	.25	.15	100	"	10c type e	.25	.25	.15
37	"	10c blue, used	.08	.08	.05	.03	.03	.03	119	1883	1c green, used	.06	.06	.05	100	"	1c green, used	.06	.06	.05
38	"	20c green	.50	.50	.35	.25	.25	.25	120	"	2 1/2c olive bistre	.06	.06	.05	100	"	2 1/2c olive bistre	.06	.06	.05
39	"	40c rose	.25	.25	.15	.10	.10	.10	121	"	2 1/2c red lilac	.15	.15	.10	100	"	2 1/2c red lilac	.15	.15	.10
40	1868	5c dull violet	.20	.20	.15	.10	.10	.10	122	"	5c gray blue, U.	.04	.04	.03	100	"	5c gray blue, U.	.04	.04	.03
41	"	10c blue, used	.06	.06	.03	.02	.02	.02	123	"	5c gray blue, U.	.05	.05	.04	100	"	5c gray blue, U.	.05	.05	.04
42	"	20c green	.25	.25	.15	.10	.10	.10	124	"	10c brown, used	.10	.10	.05	100	"	10c brown, used	.10	.10	.05
43	"	20c green, used	.35	.35	.20	.12	.12	.12	125	"	10c pale brown U.	.25	.25	.12	100	"	10c pale brown U.	.25	.25	.12
44	"	40c rose	.25	.25	.15	.10	.10	.10	126	"	20c olive bistre	.25	.25	.15	100	"	20c olive bistre	.25	.25	.15
45	31	5c dull violet	.20	.20	.15	.10	.10	.10	127	"	2 1/2c pale brown	.10	.10	.07	100	"	2 1/2c pale brown	.10	.10	.07
46	"	10c blue, used	.06	.06	.03	.02	.02	.02	128	"	5c blue, used	.10	.10	.05	100	"	5c blue, used	.10	.10	.05
47	"	20c green	.50	.50	.30	.20	.20	.20	129	"	10c lil c gray	.25	.25	.15	100	"	10c lil c gray	.25	.25	.15
48	48	5c blue, used	3.50	3.40	.20	.18	.18	.18	130	1890	1c gray brown, U.	.08	.08	.05	100	"	1c gray brown, U.	.08	.08	.05
49	"	10c green	.18	.18	.04	.04	.04	.04	131	"	2 1/2c emerald green	.20	.20	.15	100	"	2 1/2c emerald green	.20	.20	.15
50	"	20c brown	.16	.16	.04	.04	.04	.04	132	"	5c olive gray, U.	.08	.08	.05	100	"	5c olive gray, U.	.08	.08	.05
51	"	40c rose	1.50	1.25	.75	.75	.75	.75	133	"	10c brown violet, U.	.20	.20	.15	100	"	10c brown violet, U.	.20	.20	.15
52	1871	12c red lilac	.25	.25	.15	.10	.10	.10	134	"	20c dark violet	.10	.10	.07	100	"	20c dark violet	.10	.10	.07
53	"	25c ultramarine	.03	.03	.02	.02	.02	.02	135	"	20c used	.40	.40	.30	100	"	20c used	.40	.40	.30
54	"	50c gray green	.06	.06	.04	.03	.03	.03	137	"	10c olive gray, U.	.05	.05	.03	100	"	10c olive gray, U.	.05	.05	.03
55	"	50c dark green	.15	.15	.10	.10	.10	.10	138	1891	3 1/2c salmon, U.	.08	.08	.04	100	"	3 1/2c salmon, U.	.08	.08	.04
56	"	1p pale brown	.75	.75	.50	.35	.35	.35	140	"	3c emerald green	.08	.08	.05	100	"	3c emerald green	.08	.08	.05
57	"	1p used	.50	.50	.30	.20	.20	.20	141	"	10c claret	.10	.10	.05	100	"	10c claret	.10	.10	.05
58	1873	1 1/2c dark green	.30	.25	.20	.15	.15	.15	142	"	10c claret, used	.10	.10	.04	100	"	10c claret, used	.10	.10	.04
59	"	2 1/2c gray	.05	.05	.03	.03	.03	.03	143	"	20c ultramarine	1.50	1.25	.90	100	"	20c ultramarine	1.50	1.25	.90
60	"	50c brown	.08	.08	.05	.05	.05	.05	144	"	20c ultramarine, U.	1.00	1.00	.50	100	"	20c ultramarine, U.	1.00	1.00	.50
61	"	50c brown, used	.15	.15	.10	.05	.05	.05	145	1894	1c violet blue	.02	.02	.02	100	"	1c violet blue	.02	.02	.02
62	"	1p red brown	3.00	3.00	1.00	.80	.80	.80	146	"	3c rose, used	.08	.08	.05	100	"	3c rose, used	.08	.08	.05
63	"	1p used	2.00	1.50	1.00	.50	.50	.50	147	"	2 1/2c lilac	.03	.03	.02	100	"	2 1/2c lilac	.03	.03	.02
64	1874	1 1/2c brown	.25	.25	.20	.15	.15	.15	148	"	3c red brown	.12	.12	.08	100	"	3c red brown	.12	.12	.08
65	"	2 1/2c ultramarine	.03	.03	.02	.02	.02	.02	149	1896	3c dark violet	.03	.03	.02	100	"	3c dark violet	.03	.03	.02
66	"	2 1/2c deep ultra	.20	.20	.15	.10	.10	.10	150	"	3c claret	.03	.03	.02	100	"	3c claret	.03	.03	.02
67	50a	2 1/2c used	.30	.30	.15	.10	.10	.10	151	"	2 1/2c rose	.03	.03	.02	100	"	2 1/2c rose	.03	.03	.02
68	"	50c purple	.10	.10	.07	.05	.05	.05	152											

GOOD U. S.

-AT-

BARGAIN PRICES.

I will send any of the following stamps on approval to responsible parties, with the understanding that same are to be returned or remitted for within three days after receipt. Parties unknown to me will please send cash with order.

1847, 10c black, fine.....	\$2.00
1851, 5c brown, imperf.....	4.00
1851, 2c black, strip of three, very scarce thus.....	6.00
1857, 5c red brown, type I, superb.....	3.50
" 10c green, unused, o. g.....	1.25
" 12c black, " ".....	1.25
" 30c orange, fine.....	3.00
1861, 7c buff, fine.....	3.50
" 30c orange, unused, o. g.....	2.25
" 90c blue, unused, o. g., superb.....	8.00
186a, 5c red brown, fine, No. 75.....	1.75
24c lilac, unused, o. g.....	2.00
1868, 2c grill, " mint.....	.65
" 5c grill, fine.....	2.00
" 24c " unused, fine.....	7.50
" 30c " used.....	1.40
" 90c " ".....	6.00
1875, 1c blue, re-issue, fine, rare.....	4.00
1869, 24c green and purple.....	2.40
" 24c " unused, fine.....	6.25
" 30c blue and carmine.....	1.50
1875, re-issue of 1869, 1c buff, fine.....	2.25
" " " 2c brown, fine.....	3.00
" " " 24c unused, o. g.....	6.50
" " " 30c ".....	10.50
1890, 7c vermilion, unused, centered.....	2.75
1879, 90c carmine, " o. g., fine.....	3.75
1844, \$1.00 black, fine.....	.50
" \$2.00 blue, ".....	1.50
" \$5.00 green, ".....	2.00

Departments.

Agriculture, 1c unused, o. g., fine.....	1.75
" 10c " " ".....	3.00
" 15c " " ".....	1.75
" 24c " " ".....	2.50
" 30c " " ".....	2.50
Interior, complete, unused, o. g. set, 1-90c.....	4.00
Justice, 2c unused, o. g., fine.....	1.50
" 10c " " ".....	1.50
" 15c " " ".....	1.50
" 25c " " ".....	1.50
" 30c fine.....	8.50
" 30c " " ".....	10.00
" 30c unused, o. g., fine.....	11.00
P. O. Dept., complete, unused o. g., set, 1-90c.....	4.50
State, 1c unused, o. g., fine.....	1.25
" 1c " " ".....	2.50
" 7c " " ".....	1.50
" 10c " " ".....	1.50
" 12c " " ".....	2.00
" 15c " " ".....	2.25
" 24c " " ".....	4.25
" 30c " " ".....	3.50
" \$2.00 " " ".....	11.50
Navy Dept., 7c unused, o. g., fine.....	7.50
" 10c " " ".....	1.25
" 15c " " ".....	1.50
" 24c " " ".....	3.25
" 30c " " ".....	2.50
" 90c " " ".....	8.00
Treasury, complete, unused o. g., set except 24c " unused, o. g., fine.....	4.00
War Dept., complete, unused o. g., set.....	4.00
Dues.	
1894, complete, unused o. g., set.....	1.50
1895 " " " ".....	1.20
Scarce Revenues.	
First issue, \$200, red and green, perf.....	9.00
1898, \$1000, green and black, cut, fine.....	12.50

L. N. HERBERT,

1520 Washington Avenue, NEW YORK.

PEELABLE HINGES

NOT ENGLISH		NOT GERMAN
1000 12c.		5000 50c.
POST FREE.		POST FREE
STRONG PAPER—TASTELESS GUM		
W. F. GREGORY, 71 NASSAU ST., NEW YORK.		

the last in his store. Throwing down his \$1.50 the collector, with trembling fingers, removed the wrapper. The stamp was conspicuous by its absence. The collector would squander the price of another bottle to know if the stamp was placed on the wrapper and removed, or if it was never attached at all.

Only a fair sized crowd was present at the 22nd sale of the C. P. S. The floor bidding was somewhat dull, the local collectors getting but a small percentage of lots. A few of the prices are noted below:

3c Playing Cards,	Cat. Sale price.	price.
\$15.00 Mortgage,	\$6.00	\$1.90
\$20.00 Conveyance,	6.00	2.10
\$30.00 red, cut,	1.15	.65
Providence 5c,	—	5-70
1857 90c, o. g.,	5.00	1.75
1857 90c, o. g.,	20.00	8.25
2c black, reprint, No. 103,	12.50	4.20
10c black, No. 187, o. g.,	5.00	2.50
Executive, set of 5 "Specimens",	—	3-25
30c State,	7.00	3.00
Columbia, S. C., No. 26, cut square,	15.00	3-25
Semi-official Carrier U.S. Mail, No. 854,	10.00	4-65
10c 1847,	4.00	2-10
Canada, 5c Register,	2.50	1-20
Hawaii, 50c, No. 48, o. g.,	8.00	4-75
\$1.00, No. 49, o. g.,	13.50	7-55
Jamaica, No. 14, o. g.,	1.25	.95
Romagna, complete,	5.35	3.00
St. Vincent, No. 50,	3.50	1-75
Trinidad, No. 73, o. g.,	3.00	1-50
Barbados, 5 shilling, No. 43,	12.00	8-75
Brazil, 700 reis, No. 77,	2.50	1-50
Ceylon, No. 31,	6.00	3-15
Finland, No. 2,	1.75	.80
Great Britain, Mulready letter sheet, No. 402,	2.00	2.00
New Brunswick, No. 2,	20.00	8-20
N. S. Wales, No. 13,	5.00	2-75
Natal, 5 shillings, No. 57,	1.00	.75
New Zealand, No. 83,	6.00	2.00

The wholesale lots, with but few exceptions, brought pretty good prices.

In the number before last it was noted that Dr. Merrill exhibited a block of four 10c Providence. This was an error, as it should have read a block of 5c.

CLIFFORD.

A UNIQUE AUCTION SALE

will be that known as

The Wolsieffer Sale No. 36

consisting of the Dr. Casey A. Wood Collection. There are only 647 lots consisting of about 647 stamps, and all issued before the year 1875. It will be exhibited in Boston at Frank Brown's, 339 Washington St., April 28th and 29th.

In New York City at J. C. Morgenthau & Co.'s, 87 Nassau St., May 1st and 2nd.

Catalogues may be found at either place, or supplied direct on request. Wolsieffer's Sale No. 37, consisting of the balance of the Wood Collection and the Spaulding Collection will be held May 23rd.

United Stamp Co., 1149 Marquette Bldg., Chicago.

1903 PRICE-LIST.

Our 1903 Red Cover Catalogue is out—free. The price-list gives our net prices on U. S. Postage, Department, Dues, Telegraphs, Cut Square Envelopes, Confederate, Revenues, packets, sets, supplies, albums, wholesale lots, etc., etc. You can save money by buying from us. The prices are 40 to 60 per cent. discount from Scott's.

J. T. STARR STAMP CO., Coldwater, Mich.

U. S. 1869 RE-ISSUE.

A Most Beautiful and Perfect Unused Set at \$75.00.

Every value perforated on all sides, with full original gum, evenly centered, never hinged and bright colors.

My Approval Books are filled with desirable stamps at right prices. References.

I Buy Single Stamps and Job Lots.

WENDELIN WEBER,

869 E. Eagle St., BUFFALO, N. Y.

Topics About Town.

FROM NEW YORK CITY.

The contents of Wolsieffer's 36th Auction Sale will be on view in this city on May 1st and 2nd, at the office of J. C. Morgenthau & Co., 87 Nassau street. This is an unique sale as it consists of but 647 stamps, one stamp to the lot and no stamp after the year 1870.

To catch up with Father Time, the *Perforator* intends to combine the April and May numbers.

There is quite a scarcity of news items, in fact, there is not much doing outside of the trade of selling. It appears that correspondents of other cities complain of the same tendency.

J. F. Seybold writes that he will shortly take a flying trip to town to see how things are. He seldom has time at his command to take these little stampic trips, so his stay will naturally be of short duration.

I heard the other day someone say that a forger was recently apprehended in Brussels, and in his possessions was found five hundred forged copies of the two franc Belgium stamps. The plates, dies and other necessities for the manufacture of the fraudulent stamps were discovered in his apartments. Collectors and dealers are warned against purchasing such stamps, until their genuineness is guaranteed.

VOLUNTEER.

Mekeel's Stamp Collector

PUBLISHED WEEKLY.

FULL of information and news valuable to stamp collectors. Once a month large magazine editions are issued. Over one thousand pages guaranteed during the year.

Subscription \$1.00 per year. (On trial for three months, 25 cents.) No stamp man can afford to be without it. Volume sixteen commenced January 1, 1903.

C. H. Mekeel Stamp and Publishing Co.
St. Louis, Mo.

OLD PAPER MONEY

Confederate \$100, \$50, \$20, \$10, \$5 for 25c. "Shir-
plasters", 10 var., 25c. State Bills, 10 var., 25c. Broke-
n Bank Bills, 10 var., 30c. 35 var. Paper Money, 90c.
Cuban Bill, 5c, 1866, uncirc., 6c. \$1 Bank of New
Brunswick, uncirc., 6c. Foreign Bill over 100-150 years
old, 12c each; 2 var., 25c. 1 fine Mont. Arrowhead
and Spear, 20c. 1 fine polished Celt, 45c. 1 fine U.S.
Env., entire, cat. 50c unused, for 9c. Bills on approval.
All answering ad and enclosing 5c will receive \$20 C. S.
A. Bill. Try some. Satisfaction guaranteed. A. C.
McDonald, 502 S. Mont. St., Butte, Mont.

U. S. BARGAINS.

1871, 2c cat.	15c \$0.05	1873, 7c cat.	60c \$0.25
" 5c "	10c .03	" 12c "	40c .18
" 7c "	6c .05	" 15c "	50c .20
" 10c "	15c .05	" 30c "	200 .20
" 12c "	40c .18	" 90c "	2.00 .80
" 15c "	75c .35	1876, 5c Taylor	.07
" 24c "	1.50 .70	1879, 5c	.04
" 30c "	40c .17	" 3c "	.05
" 90c "	1.25 .50	" 90c "	.45

GREATER N. Y. STAMP & COIN CO.,
128 East 23rd St., New York City.

OUR THIRTEENTH SALE

Takes place on

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6TH.

It contains such rarities as
A pair of Barbadoes unused 1d on 5 shill-
ing, showing varieties.
12c British Guiana.
10 shilling Trinidad.
Imperforate pairs of U. S.
3c 1868, 8x13 unused, o. g.
5c Garfield, 1888.
And a beautiful lot of rare, scarce and
hard to get stamps.

Your name on a postal will bring you a
catalogue.

CHAS. H. STONE & CO.,

19 Washington St., BOSTON, MASS.

WANTED

Unused Postage Stamps from 1c to \$5.00 at
discount.

Also want large Stamp Collections.
Pay Cash by return mail.

NATHAN COBE & CO., Waltham, Mass.

NORTH BORNEO

SURCHARGED

BRITISH PROTECTORATE.

1C TO 24C. 10 VARIETIES.

CANCELLED.

35c PER SET.

POSTAGE EXTRA.

COLUMBIAN STAMP CO.,

ARLINGTON, MASS.

The Boston Philatelic Society.

M. H. LOMBARD, President, Winchester, Mass.
C. F. ROTHFUCHS, Vice-President, Boston.
C. A. HOWES, Secretary, 55 Kilby St., Boston.
L. L. GREEN, Treasurer, 47 Tremont St., Boston
J. H. LYONS, Supt. of Auctions, 27 Bromfield
St., Boston.
J. H. LYONS, Supt. of Sales, 27 Bromfield St.,
Boston, Mass.

THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA, Official Journal.

The New England Philatelic Association.

Organized February, 1893.

Board of Officers:

President, CHARLES H. SMITH, Dedham, Mass.
Vice President, J. FAVILL CAPRON, 22 Bromfield
St., Boston, Mass.
Secretary and Treasurer, H. W. LEGG, 26 Hancock
St., Boston, Mass.
Sales Department, CHARLES H. STONE, 91 Antrim
St., Cambridgeport, Mass.
Information Bureau, MRS. WALLACE DANA SMITH,
20 Wilder St., Portsmouth, N. H.
Counterfeit Detector, WILLIS D. KING, Nashua, N.H.
Attorney, HORACE S. BACON, 107 Stevens St., Low-
ell, Mass.
Governing Board, CHARLES H. STONE, Chairman,
91 Antrim St., Cambridgeport, Mass., JOHN J. CONE,
New Dorchester, Mass., FRANK A. WILSON, 185 High-
land Ave., Somerville, Mass.
Official Organ, THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA.

Detroit Paragrapbs.

John D. Kay and family have left for an
extended trip abroad. Incidentally no doubt
he will take in the stamp markets, as I
understand he has taken along some
stamps for this purpose.

Gen. Arthur Bresler has left for a trip
to Honduras, where he will spend several
months.

Friends as well as correspondents of A.
D. Nelson, of Boise, Idaho, no doubt will
be surprised to hear of his loss. Recently
someone stole his fine collection which
contained about 6,500 varieties; the col-
lecting of years. So disheartened does he
feel that he thinks he will never start over
again to collect, being too old now to com-
mence again and would never be able to
get such a collection as he had. About
the only thing he is collecting now is
entires, of these he has about 500 varieties.

As yet our office here is minus 3, 4, 6,
10 and 15c issues. The clerk says that the
only thing he can lay it to is that we
must have had a immense supply of old
stamps on hand, and not before these are
exhausted can we expect new issues.

Gus Jones, of Chicago, was here this
week. Gus says his boys have added
many stamps to their collection during the
last few months.

HERMAN W. BOERS.

TRADE COLUMN.

Under this head we will print exchange, want and
for sale notices, business announcements, etc.,
etc., at the uniform low rate of five (5) cents per line
right words average a line. All notices will be set in
bold 6-point type and no display allowed. No im-
charge 10 cents.

One four-line notice free with each subscription,
providing copy accompanies the subscription.

**THREE Consecutive Insertions of SAME
ad in this Column for PRICE OF TWO.**

I will allow you 3/4 cat. for your duplicates if in good
condition in exchange for mine at cat.; duplicates
taken. I make a specialty of exchanging. Write me.
W. C. LAWRENCE, Greenville, N. H.

Very Cheap. \$1 Passage Ticket, 72c; \$1 Mortgage,
42c, the two for \$1.02; 500 Revs., over 75 var., \$1.25
KING, 141 East 19th St., New York City. [21]

2 00 die cut stamp hinges 15c, postpaid. GEORGE
H. HOPE, 87 Ring St., Providence, R. I. [26]

100 varieties stamps, catalogue \$2 and over by Scott's
1903, for only 55c. O. A. QUESNEL, Great Falls,
Montana, Box 555 [22]

A big bargain, \$1 green, \$3 brown, \$5 orange, \$10
black, 1895 uncit revenues only 50 cents. ARN-
HEIM'S, 908 Liberty St., Pittsburg, Penn. [21]

2 cap var. 2c 1890, cat. 8c, 5c postpaid. Approvals
50c. U. S. and Foreign. Send reference. PIASA
STAMP CO., P. O. Box 206, Upper Alton, Ill. [21]

Send for our unexcelled approval sheets. H. R.
DECKER STAMP CO., Fairbury Ill. [21]

25 stamps, cataloguing \$1.00 for 19c. GEORGE H.
HOPE, 87 Ring St., Providence, R. I. [25]

Foreign and U. S. good duplicates, catalogued at 5
cents each and up, wanted at 3/4 catalogue in exchange
for fine stamps to increase your collection; have a fine
line of splendid stamps to offer, especially in U. S. Re-
venues perforated and imperforate. No damaged
stamps given or taken; have over 400 varieties Match
and Medicine on hand. Write or send a lot of your
best duplicates for exchange. [21]

L. V. LINDSEY,

Greene, New York.

Omaha and Pan-Am. 5c Plate Nos., and Entire En-
velopes wanted for cash. S. B. FISH, Butler, Ill. [21]

Bushels of old magazines, philatelic literature, and
oil well sands, to exchange for stamps. Box 354, [10]
Oll City, Pa.

Wanted—1898 proprietary stamps with printed cancella-
tions. H. W. LONGSTAFF, Mt. Clemens, Mich. [21]

107 var. foreign postage stamps, 500 hinges and 10
blank approval sheets for 12c, post free. Finest ap-
proval sheets at 50c disc. C. H. ROSENFELD, 430
Marshall Ave., Chicago, Ill. [21]

U. S. 1898 Revenues, \$1.00, \$3.00, \$5.00, \$10.00, for
30c; fine cut copies. Cut copies of the \$1.00 green at
20c per 100, all soaked. The new U. S. stamps: 3c, 4c
and 5c, 1 ct. each; 8c, 4 cts.; 13c, 6 cts.; Special Deliv-
ery, 2 cts. W. PETERS, 795 President St., Brooklyn,
N. Y. [21c]

Exchange: All persons sending me \$1 cat. value of
old Match and Medicine stamps in good condition, will
receive \$2 cat. value in U. S. Postage, Dept., Envs. and
Revs., by return mail; no stamps taken or given that cat.
less than 5c each. O. B. Harrington, Granby, Conn. [20]

HENRY P. DAY, stamp dealer, Box 762, Peoria,
Illinois. Price lists postage free. [20]

Dominican Republic, Scott's No. 148, canc. or un-
canc., only 3c each; \$5 Charter Party, 15c. Nicaragua
1 and 2c, uncanc., only 2c. Postage 2c extra. C. L.
BABCOCK, JR., 567 First St., Brooklyn, N. Y. [20]

Beautiful Foreign Revenues—1,000 varieties at from
1c to 5c each. Write for selections. Full line of For-
eign Revenue Catalogues in stock. G. W. PEPPER,
220 East 57th St., New York City. [25]

Cuba, issue 1898-9, 5 centavos, complete sheet of 100
unused, o. g. Guaranteed genuine, only 12 cents, post
free. MANHATTAN STAMP CO., 150 Nassau St.,
N. Y. City. [20]

Fine U. S. and Foreign stamps to exchange for
Tags, Coupons and American Cigar Co.'s bands. ED.
M. VOSS, Bloomington, Indiana. [20]

A fine block of twelve and one of six 15c U. S., No.
159, o. g., cat. \$5 each, \$28 and \$24. Many other bar-
gains. A. H. YOUNG, Box 1325, New Haven, Ct. [19]

To close at cost I offer a few fine sets P. P.'s, at \$4.25.
J. E. Lee sets 40c, Emerson, 20c, and L. & K., 45c.
Others as cheap. F. B. KIRBY, New Bedford, Mass. [19]

I want to buy unused blocks of 4, U. S. stamps, Nos.
220b, 220c, 220d, 243, 244, 245, 262, 263, 275, 276, 277,
278. All the stamps I buy must be perfect in every way.
Write me what you have and the price. WALTER
C. ODIORNE, Huntingdon, Pa. [19]

*Hawaii 18c (Scott, \$1.25), 35c; 10 for \$2.50. *Jo-
hore, Nos. 27 & 28, (Scott, 95c), pair 35c; 10 sets \$3.00.
Tasmania 190c, 1d & 2d, (cat. 3c & 6c), even ass'd, 75c
per 100 Argentine 1902, 1 c, 10 for 2c; 100 for \$1.50.
CARL YOUNG, 112 N. 5th St., Philadelphia, Pa. [22]

Fine used U. S. 50c Omaha, 16c; 50c Columbian, 25c;
\$1.00 black, 1895, 20c. Columbian, Omaha and Buffalo
sets, 1 to 10, all fine, for 27c; 22 var. Doc. Revs., 1/2 to \$5.
24c. Postage 2c. F. B. KIRBY, New Bedford, Mass. [19]

Approval sheets 60c disc. Net sheets for advanced
collectors at equally low prices. 9000 var. in stock.
F. W. PICKARD, 2427 Ingleside, Cincinnati, O. [24]

I sell unused United States stamps; write me for what
you need. I have post marks of towns in Pennsylvania
and other states which I shall be glad to send to any
collector free, if he sends postage. W. C. ODIORNE,
Huntingdon, Pa. [19]

Sterling's latest: 130 varieties U. S. Postage Adhe-
sives. Post free \$1.00. Classified and arranged by E.
B. STERLING, 1580 Penn. Ave., Denver, Col. [19]

Wanted for cash, U. S. pre-cancelled postage stamps.
WALTER L. GATES, Teaticket, Mass. [20]

Is your collection for sale? Get your dealer to
make a price on it, add 20% to his offer, and send book
to me. It's 10 to 1 I buy it. F. W. PICKARD, 2427
Ingleside, Cincinnati, O. [24]

To complete your United States. Fine perfect copies,
1895, \$5.00 green, \$1.12 each; \$7.00 blue, \$1.05 each.
Wholesale, both values \$11.00 only, per dozen.

Thousands of bargains in old United States, British
and Colonial stamps. Fine approved selections at 25
to 50% discount. No common rubbish but only fine
copies of desirable stamps sent out. Write stating
wants and send reference. I can save you hundreds of
dollars. Established 1880. FREDERICK GINN, 143
Strand, London, England. [21]

Is your collection for sale? I will buy it or any odd
lots of good stamps. No cheap stuff wanted. Send
on approval with lowest cash offer. Immediate re-
turns guaranteed. HOWARD C. BECK, City Con-
troller's Office, Detroit, Mich. [21]

U. S. Pre-Cancelled postage stamps. I will pay a
good price in cash or exchange for any not in my col-
lection. F. L. SMITH, 40 Exchange Pl., N. Y. [24c]

Pre-cancels not in my collection wanted. Best cash
or trade price. E. R. ALDRICH, Benson, Minn. [1f]

American Philatelic Association.

(INCORPORATED.)

THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA—OFFICIAL JOURNAL.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

ALEXANDER HOLLAND, President,
40 Grace Court, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Board of Vice-Presidents.
FRANK H. BURT, Chairman,
Room 1046, Tremont Building, Boston, Mass.
GORDON IRELAND, Secretary,
Holyoke House 21, Cambridge, Mass.
EDWIN F. SAWYER,
101 Washington St., Brighton, Mass.

H. E. DEATS, Secretary,
Flemington, N. J.
E. DOEBLIN, International Secretary,
Box 736, Pittsburg, Pa.
C. L. ANNAN, Treasurer,
Copper Range R. R., Houghton, Mich.
H. B. PHILLIPS,
1311 Grove St., Berkeley, Cal.
F. W. CONING,
350 George St., New Brunswick, N. J.

RESIDENT VICE-PRESIDENTS.

BOSTON, MASS.—M. H. LOMBARD, Winchester, Mass.
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.—W. E. LOV, 2431 Ellsworth St., Berkeley, Cal.
NEW YORK CITY.—W. F. GREGORY, 71 Nassau St.
PITTSBURG, PA.—E. DOEBLIN, Box 736.
CHICAGO, ILL.—A. F. MERRELL, 432 Marquette Building.
MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.—EREN S. MARTIN, 3344 First Avenue, South.
WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS—ROBERT D. MAYNARD, 36 Oak Grove Ave., Springfield.

APPOINTEE OFFICERS.

E. H. ANDERSON, Librarian,
Carnegie Library, Pittsburg, Pa.
H. D. WATSON, Collecting Agent,
64 Cedar St., New York City.
JOHN J. OESCH, Superintendent of Sales Dept.,
34 Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill.

H. E. DEATS, Assistant Librarian,
Flemington, N. J.
W. F. GREGORY, Auction Purchasing Agent,
71 Nassau St., New York City.
P. M. WOLSIEFFER, Auction Purchasing Agent,
1009 Atwood Bldg., Chicago, Ill.
A. W. BATCHELDER, Auction Purchasing Agent,
21 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass.

WE HAVE MONEY

To Buy Collections, Rarities and Stocks.

We buy unused 1c and 2c stamps for mercantile use at a discount from 3 to 5 per cent. according to quantities. Higher denominations at a greater discount. [11°]

UNITED STAMP COMPANY, Incorporated,
1149 Marquette Bldg., CHICAGO, ILL.

PURCHASING DEPARTMENT.

Eighth Annual Report.

Membership on April 1st, 1902,	30
Lost by death, W. Alexander Smith, Jr.,	1
Withdrawn from participation,	7
	— 8
Present membership,	22
<i>Financial Statement.</i>	
Amount standing to the credit of members on April 1st, 1902, as per last report, (see ERA, Vol. XVI, page 235),	\$71.65
Deposited during the year,	266.12
	—
	\$337.77

Distributed to all participants during the year 153 new cards,	\$205.87
And to 15 members (all who desired them) 76 new French Colonial cards,	52.80
Total, 229 new cards, at an aggregate cost, including delivery, of	\$258.67
Cash returned to members closing accounts,	5.76
	— 264.43

Leaving to the credit of members,	\$73.34
Less, cards received, but not yet distributed,	\$9.24
Cards sent out to foreign countries for new issues not yet received,	28.86
	— 38.10

Leaving amount actually in my hands, \$35.24
Respectfully submitted,
ADOLPH LOHMEYER,
Purchasing Agent.
BALTIMORE, April 1st, 1903.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

HOPE, ARK., April 1, 1903.
Death.—With sorrow we announce to our fellow members the death of No. 57. W. Alex. Smith, Jr., New York City, who departed this life on Dec. 17th, 1902, at Saranac Lake, N. Y. May he rest in peace.
Since my last report I have received renewals Nos. 28, 43, 58, 62 and same have been duly forwarded to the Treasurer.

We are now entering upon the thirteenth year of our existence as a society. Every member should feel proud of the fact that he is a member of this, the only society of its kind in the world. Are you a member of the Exchange and Purchasing Departments? If not you should be. You are missing a snap by not doing so. The Purchasing Department makes a fine showing of 229 new cards substituted during the year at a nominal cost. Just try to pick these cards up by individual effort and you will readily see the value of this Department.

Let every member celebrate the year by putting forth an earnest individual effort to increase our membership. Call the attention of your friends to the society and its benefits. Induce them to join us. Make the welfare of the society a personal matter, and a prosperous year is assured.
Fraternally,
W. F. AGE, Sec'y.

REPORT OF SECRETARY

For the Week Ending April 25th.

New Stockholder.

1806. WIENER, H., 122 Sutter St., San Francisco, Cal.

Membership Summary.

Membership April 18th	548
New Stockholder	1
Total Membership April 25th	549

H. E. DEATS, Secretary.

The Postal Card Society of America.

Officers for 1902-3.

President, HORACE E. CARPENTER, JR., Care N. B. Bradley & Sons, Bay City, Mich.
Vice-President, J. T. ALBERT HOSBACH, 1422 North 53rd St., Philadelphia, Pa.
Secretary, W. P. AGE, Hope, Ark.
Treasurer, JOHN N. MORSE, 105 Devonshire St., Boston, Mass.
Executive Committee, GUY A. BRYANT, Princeton, Ill.; W. D. ARNOLD, The Portland, Broadway, St. Paul, Minn.; N. HASKELL WITMER, 230 S. 9th St., La Crosse, Wis.
Exchange Superintendent, J. T. A. HOSBACH, 1422 No. 53rd St., Phila., Pa.
Purchasing Agent, ADOLPH LOHMEYER, 922 N. Gilmer St., Baltimore, Md.
International Secretary, E. DOEBLIN, P. O. Box 736, Pittsburg, Pa.
Official Journal, THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA.

BAY CITY, MICH., March 18, 1903.

To my Fellow Members:

The past year, while not as active as might have been for our society, still in coming to an end it finds most of us still together. Our Exchange Department has suffered from the lack of care and interest as shown by several members, but could easily be made to flourish if all members would make up their minds to make it boom. Our officers have, one and all, shown a push and vigor that it would be well for us all to imitate. Let us, therefore, all pull together this coming year and our society must forge ahead. Thanking the society for the confidence shown in myself in once more electing me to the presidency, I remain

Faithfully yours,
H. E. CARPENTER, JR.

TREASURER'S REPORT

For Months of February and March, 1903.

HOUGHTON, MICH., Apr. 20, 1903.

General Fund.

Receipts.

On hand Feb. 1, '03,	\$186.53
Dues received Mar. 23, '03,	1.20
	— \$187.73

Disbursements.

Jan. 26, Anthony Kilgore, miscel. printing, (No. 93)	\$30.50
Feb. 6, Charles H. Fox, miscel. binding, (No. 94)	3.75
Feb. 4, C. L. Annan, Treasurer's expenses July 24, 02, to Feb. 1, '03, (No. 95)	5.24
	— 39.49

Stock Fund, April 1, 1903,	\$148.24
Insurance Fund, April 1, 1903,	\$1790.00
	863.35
	— \$2801.59

Respectfully submitted,
C. L. ANNAN, Treasurer.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

BOSTON, MASS., April 1st, 1903.

Bal. on hand Jan. 14, '03,	\$116.03
Rec'd from J. H. T. Hosbach, Exchange Supt.,	\$1.19
Rec'd from W. P. Agee, Sec'y,	5.00
	— 6.19

No payments.
Balance on hand, \$122.22
J. N. MORSE, Treasurer.

TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT.

Bal. on hand, April 1, '02,	\$135.68
Rec'd from dues,	\$19.00
" " Exch. Supt.,	1.19
	— 20.19
	\$155.87
Paid T. H. Gafford, Sec'y,	\$1.05
Paid W. P. Agee, Sec'y to Oct. '02,	6.00
Paid J. N. Morse, Treasurer, March 1900 to Jan. '03,	2.45
Paid ERA one year to No. 516,	24.15
	— 33.65

Balance on hand, \$122.22
J. N. MORSE, Treasurer.
BOSTON, April 1, '03.

Springfield Notes.

Several new blank albums are being ruled and filled up this spring by collectors who were "just started" a year ago.

The Public Auction is likely to be repeated next September as there have been many requests for another one.

There were four ladies present at the auction last Friday, in the Y. M. C. A. building. Mrs. Curtis and Mrs. Provost looking out for bargains in St. Helena, Mrs. Champagne, who secured lot 274, a postal printed in blue at top and same thing in black on lower corner, all on one side, printer's waste, but it brought her 50c; and Mrs. Curtis, who was after pre-cancelled, and she got some—after raising her husband's bid in her anxious desire to possess the lot.

We are to meet next Friday on Thorndike Ave. and hear a talk by Mr. Robert Monroe, the report of several committees including that on the names, addresses, age and standing of the 300 or more collectors in this vicinity.

Work goes steadily on with the indexing of several of the leading American philatelic publications. Those who go to Clayton will hear a report worth reading, and, by the way, the Springfield members of the A. P. A. are hoping to hear more about the excursion spoken of by one of the visitors from Boston at our banquet some time ago.

Does any one know a stamp collector in Holyoke, Mass.? There are no names sent in on the list we have circulated. It seems as if a city of that size should be represented. A. P. A. members will remember the car ride to Mt. Tom. It passed through Holyoke, a city of 45,000 and no stamp cranks.

There has been a rush for books on stamps at the City Library since Mr. Stone's talk on the same at the public meeting and about everything is out. One little fellow lugged home John Luff on U. S., and was mightily well pleased.

Mr. C. C. Lewis, of Northampton, a regular attendant and member of our Club, has just recovered from his illness and is catching up with the new pre-cancels. I don't mean by that, that he is far behind either.

A French stamp cataloguing at \$4.00 and wanted by him, was taken off the A. P. A. books in the last circuit for 20c, by J. W. Provost. The stamp was in splendid condition. There are many bargains in these books. C.

United States Envelope Exchange.

(SYNOPSIS OF LAST CHAPTER.)

Last week we took one half page to explain our liberal offer of fine U. S. envelopes for your duplicates of U. S. and foreign stamps, we to take as many as possible at the rate of catalogue for catalogue. We explained that the influence brought to hear by many dealers and the difficulty of distinguishing the varieties and dies has discouraged many collectors. We offered to examine and number free of charge except return postage, all envelopes you are unable to place in your albums. The influence against collecting envelopes is because most dealers have none to sell. Look up our advertisement. It is worth reading. Send to us for a copy if you have lost your paper. Ponder and then read below.

CHAPTER II.

We want every collector to understand our position exactly to save useless correspondence and disappointment.

1. Our exchange proposition is U. S. envelopes for U. S. and foreign stamps. All our other offers are for cash only. Envelopes need our aid now (they won't later) while stamps don't. We help the fellow who is down.

2. We are not a dumping ground. Don't send us a lot of trash and then get mad because we don't exchange with you on the basis of even catalogue for our rare and desirable envelopes. It is *not* necessary for your duplicates to be something unique or something we haven't in stock. Send us all your duplicates, except the common "cent" stamps. Treat us fairly and you will be more than pleased with the treatment you receive from us.

3. Above all things don't delay. "Procrastination is the thief of time." Don't be one of those people who waits until an offer is withdrawn and then begs to be "let in." You will look back at this liberal proposition in six months and wonder why you did not act quicker!

4. "Imitation is the sincerest flattery." We expect to be imitated but don't overlook the original and most fair proposition ever made. We don't do it for charity. We know you will give us a share of your trade in the future and that is the reason for giving you a chance to start. Should you not have any duplicates and prefer to buy for cash you may have our price list for the asking.

5. We are always glad to extend favors to our dealer friends. While this offer is intended for collectors, yet we will extend it to those dealers who are in sympathy with this movement.

The list of unused envelopes to exchange is as follows:

*1349,	1350,	1352,	1360,	1372,	1373,	1380,	1384,	1385,	1397,	*1402,	*1415,
*1421,	*1429,	*1444,	*1448,	*1463,	*1468,	*1474,	*1477,	*1478,	*1486,	*1487,	*1489,
*1490,	*1492,	*1493,	*1500,	*1501,	*1504,	*1508,	*1509,	*1513,	*1515,	*1524,	*1527,
*1528,	*1590,	*1531,	*1532,	*1536,	*1538,	*1543,	*1545,	*1577,	*1585,	*1590,	*1592,
*1708,	*1716,	*1722,	*1723,	*1724,	*1727,	*1836,	*1854,	*1860,	*1861,		

The following are used: 1301, 1305, 1320, 1321, 1322, 1314, 1317, 1318, 1323, 1330, 1332, 1334, 1350, 1352, 1421.

Total catalogue value unused envelopes \$130.81. Used, \$9.70.

Numbers from Scott's 1903 catalogue. * means entire envelopes can be supplied if extra postage is paid for. Mount stamps sent to us in book or send in envelopes or approval cards, but in all cases please be sure to put catalogue value on or under each stamp; also state total and the envelopes desired in exchange.

(Next week we will give you a few reasons why you should complete your envelope collections without delay.)

HOLTON STAMP COMPANY,

Successors to E. A. Holton.

Established 1861.

60 DEVONSHIRE ST., BOSTON, MASS.

Wm. v. d. Wettern, Jr.,

WHOLESALE DEALER IN

POSTAGE + STAMPS.

411 W. Saratoga St., Baltimore, Md.

New special list just issued, sent free on application to dealers only.

The May Perforator

will be a Special Anniversary number. A postal will bring a sample copy.

We caution collectors to send in their requests as early as possible, or better yet, send 30c for a year's subscription and be sure of getting a copy each month for one year.

The low subscription price of 30c may advance, without notice, to 50c, so collectors can act at their own option.

THE PERFORATOR,

106 E. 111th Street, NEW YORK CITY.

BASEBALL!!!

The season having opened, I have decided to become a magnate. I present the following teams and challenge any club-owner in the country in regard to prices and condition.

Full Gums.	Light Cancellations.
S.S., U. S. 6c, 1869, \$1.75	R.F., N. Scotia No. 4, \$3.75
L.F., New'd No. 20, .27	C.F., New'd No. 13, 7-35
C.F., N. S. Wales, 40, 1.60	L.F., Russia No. 83, 2.20
R.F., U. S. No. 68, .75	1st B., Uruguay No. 10, .80
3rd B., U. S. No. 146, .50	S.S., Uruguay No. 16, .40
1st B., U. S. 12c, 1869, 1.50	2nd B., Hayti No. 6, 1.60
C. U., S. 2c, No. 160, 1.85	3rd B., Hayti No. 6, .42
2nd B., U. S. 2c, 1869, .35	C., Congo No. 19, .35
P., New'dland No. 3, .90	P., 7c Treasury, .60
Umpire, U. S. No. 185, 0. g., 35c.	Mascot, Labuan Monkey, 3c.

The right and left fielders are well centered, as well as the rest. I can make low prices because I get most of my stamps for nothing. Next week I'll tell you how.

Satisfaction guaranteed or money refunded.
E. C. Dodd, 259 So. Hermitage Ave., Chicago

10th MAIL AUCTION.

LIST OF STAMPS NOW BEING MADE UP.

Lots solicited from overburdened holders or those who wish to dispose of duplicates. Wholesale or retail, gilt-edged or damaged. Something can be done with all.

Correspondence invited.

COLUMBIAN STAMP CO.,
ARLINGTON, MASS.

The Weekly Philatelic Era

A PAPER DEVOTED TO STAMP NEWS.

50c PER YEAR.

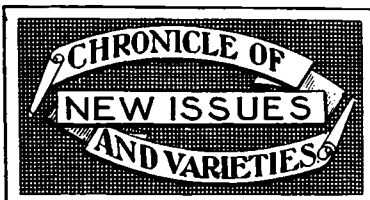
ENTERED AT PORTLAND POST OFFICE AS SECOND CLASS MATTER JAN. 10, 1890.

2c PER COPY.

VOL. XVII. No. 32.

PORTLAND, ME., SATURDAY, MAY 2, 1903.

WHOLE No. 520.



BY HENRY A. KIDDER.

Friends of the ERA are invited to send to the editor of this department any information regarding new issues or varieties that may prove of interest. Such information will be suitably acknowledged. Address, HENRY A. KIDDER, 17 Addison Street, Arlington, Mass.

Exchanges will please send Mr Kidder a copy of each issue to the foregoing address, and an extra copy of the ERA will be gladly sent whenever desired.

UNITED STATES.—Mr. Nicholas Adler, of Louisville, writes us that he has a used copy of the new 2c stamped envelope, white, No. 5, with the old watermark, "P. O. D. '99."

The new envelopes now appear in two distinct colors. The more common are in the vermilion or light red, first seen, while later copies are seen in a full rich carmine. It is said that the later printings are in carmine, which makes a great improvement in the appearance of the stamp. Definite information as to whether it is to be the permanent color of the envelope stamp is lacking.

Reports from Washington indicate that it will be several months before the new 2c postage stamp will be ready. It is said the artists or engravers are at work on the new design, but the work is not yet enough advanced to be shown.

The new 1c envelopes without return request were placed on sale at the Boston office, April 29th.

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.—In addition to the ½d, 1d, 4d, 1sh and 5sh of the King's Head set, we now chronicle the 6d.

Adhesive (Regular):
6d violet.

COLOMBIA.—We find we have omitted to chronicle the new 5c stamp with picture of the cruiser Cartagena. The stamp is a narrow oblong and roughly printed, evidently by lithography, on thin, white wove paper, and imperforate.

Adhesive (Regular):
5c dark blue.

CUBA.—*Le Collectionneur de Timbres-Post* says that the Government of Cuba is thinking of having a new set of stamps to commemorate the proclamation of the Republic. A prize of 100 pesos is offered for the best designs submitted. The issue to comprise values of 1c, 2c, 5c, 8c, 10c, 20, 25c and possibly also postage due stamps of 1c, 2c, 5c and 10c.

FRANCE.—In regard to the new 15c stamp chronicled in No. 518, an English newspaper says:

"The first of the new series of postage stamps was issued yesterday (April 2) from the offices at the Luxembourg and the Palais Bourbon. It is a stamp of 15 centimes and on it is reproduced the effigy of the woman sower of Rotz, and engraved by M. Monchon. The same figure will ornament the other stamps from 5 to 30 centimes. The stamps of 10 to 30 centimes will be put into circulation during the present month, and the series will be completed towards the end of May. The color of the stamp issued yesterday has been modified. It is green bronze. The colors of the 10 and 25 centimes are fixed by international convention, and are therefore unchanged."

MAURITIUS.—*Ewen's Weekly* reports the 4c arms printed in new colors, only "specimen" copies having been seen thus far.

Adhesive (Regular):
4c gray green and purple.

NIUE.—*Ewen's Weekly* has received the new 3d, 6d and 1sh overprinted on New Zealand stamp as noted last week. The inscriptions read as follows (in two lines):

3d NIUE.—Tolu e Pene.
6d NIUE.—Ono e Penc.
1sh NIUE.—Tahae Sileni.

These stamps have been received by the New England Stamp Co.

ORANGE RIVER COLONY.—The *Metro-politan Philatelist* reports having seen "specimen" copies of a new stamp in the King's Head series.

Adhesive (Regular):
4d greenish bistre, head in scarlet.

PARAGUAY.—We give a complete revised list up to date of the new lithographed set, the first values of which were chronicled in No. 518.

Adhesives (Regular):
1c gray.
5c bluish green.
5c dull blue.
10c orange brown.
20c rose pink.
30c dull blue.
60c violet.

A revised list of the numbers printed of the recently issued provisionals is also given below, arranged according to date of issue:

Value.	Quantity.
20c on 24c,	?
5c on 8c,	75,000
5c on 28c,	70,000
1c on 14c,	70,000 (or 60,000)
5c on 80c,	60,000
5c on 60c,	60,000
1c on 1p,	100,000

PENRHYN ISLAND.—*Ewen's Weekly* also reports having seen the 3d, 6d, and 1sh of this island surcharged on New Zealand stamps, as noted last week. The overprint differs slightly from Niue, but both dialect very closely resemble that of Tonga.

3d PENRHYN—ISLAND.—Taru Pene.
6d PENRHYN—ISLAND.—Ono Penc.
1sh PENRHYN—ISLAND.—Tahi Silingi.

The New England Stamp Co. has shown us these stamps.

SERVIA.—The 15p and 20p of the new set have now been issued, the whole set now including the 5, 10, 15, 20, 25 and 50 paras and 1, 3 and 5 dinars. The values not given in Scott's are chronicled below, the 1d having been previously mentioned:

Adhesives (Regular):
15p violet.
20p orange.
1d light brown.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—*Ewen's Weekly* chronicles a new stamp in the large "postage" series.

Adhesive (Regular):
£1 blue.

SOUTHERN NIGERIA.—Mr. J. H. Lyons, of the New England Stamp Company, has shown us the 1d and 2d of the King's Head set. *Ewen's News* says they were put on sale about March 13th. The old plates for the frame, called the "duty plate," are said to be used for printing the new stamps, except in the case of the £1 stamps, for which a new plate was prepared.

VENEZUELA.—We translate the following from a late number of *La Cote Reelle*: "One of our contemporaries, without doubt badly informed, disputes the authenticity of the provisional stamps of Carupano. Those of our clients who honor frequently our store by their visits, have seen two envelopes which were addressed to us directly from Carupano, and which came safely to us without other tax. Today we received from our correspondent a new provisional series which is still more ru-

MORE GOOD THINGS.

1851, 1c, type III..... \$ 3.50
 1851, 5c, D. G..... 19.00
 Louisville Local, Scott's No. 841..... 7.50
 What United States Stamps do you need?
 What United States Revenues do you need?

FRED G. JONES,
 2013 Brook St., LOUISVILLE, KY.

CHAPTER XXXIII.

It will interest approval buyers to know that I have several customers who have been regular buyers from

Osgood's Famous Big Selections

for over four years. If these Big Books were not good buyers would not be attracted, and if they were not improved year after year buyers would not be held. References.

50 varieties precancels only..... \$1.00
 Precancels on approval. Precancels bought. Write me if interested.

Stampman free!

D. W. OSGOOD,
 South Fork, Rio Grande Co., Colorado.
 [To be Continued.]

PHILATELIC MSS. WANTED.

We pay highest cash prices for good Philatelic MSS. Correspondents wanted in Chicago, Boston, New York, San Francisco and Philadelphia to furnish local fortnightly notes. Address The Fortnightly Collector, The J. L. Morrison Co., Publishers, Smethport, Pa. 167

WANTED

Unused Postage Stamps from 1c to \$5.00 at discount.
 Also want large Stamp Collections.
 Pay Cash by return mail.

NATHAN COBE & CO., Waltham, Mass.

NORTH BORNEO

SURCHARGED

BRITISH PROTECTORATE.

1C TO 24C. 10 VARIETIES.

CANCELLED.

35c PER SET.

POSTAGE EXTRA.

COLUMBIAN STAMP CO.,
 ARLINGTON, MASS.

dimentary than the first. It is composed of seven values, obtained by means of a rubber stamp, and of which the value alone is changed."

The illustration given with the above shows "correos,"—"Vale B. O, 05" in two lines of large type, each line having ornaments at each end, longer of course in the case of the upper line. The values and colors are as follows:

Adhesives (Provisional):

0.05c red on yellow.
 0.10c green on yellow.
 0.25c green on orange.
 0.50c violet on carmine.
 1b violet upon gray blue.
 2b red on green.
 5b violet on blue.

ZANZIBAR (French).—Four new stamps have been issued all surcharged in black upon the "Droits de l'Homme" stamps.

Adhesives (Regular):

1a on 10c, rose.
 1½a on 15c, pink.
 2a on 20c, brown violet.
 2½a on 25c, blue.

These are in addition to the 1½a, 4a, 5a, 10a, 20a and 50a chronicled in No. 498, and evidently refers to the list given without particulars in No. 514.

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:

The Scott Stamp & Coin Co., Ltd., in March, 1903, issue of the *American Journal of Philately* in explaining why they have omitted from their standard catalogue the U. S envelope 1899 issue, 2c dark lake, die B on white, which is No. 1598 in their 1901 catalogue, state as follows:

"Two or three years ago we purchased several of these envelopes and accidentally left them for a few days where they were exposed to light, though not to direct rays of the sun. To our surprise the color changed to light red. Our conclusions was that a color which was so easily bleached might have been as easily darkened by other atmospheric conditions."

We admit that their standard catalogue has a powerful influence with many collectors, and, therefore, we will give a few facts which they do not publish about these envelopes.

In July, 1899, the Regatta Committee of the Corinthian Yacht Club ordered the printing of "Regatta Committee, Corinthian Yacht Club, Marblehead" in the upper left hand corner of 2c envelopes current issue, white paper, size 13.

One of these envelopes was received by Mr. R. F. Burns, a member of the Boston Philatelic Society. The red brown color attracted Mr. Burns' attention. Naturally the first thing done was to find out more about this envelope.

The investigation revealed the following facts. The envelopes were bought at the Boston Post Office. A portion of one box contained the red brown, and the balance of the box contained the bright carmine regular color. The color of all the red brown envelopes is the exact shade and does not vary from dark to light.

October 26th Mr. Burns sent one of these red brown envelopes to the Post Office Department asking the cause of the red brown color.

The following official letter explains all:

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT,
 OFFICE OF THE
 THIRD ASSISTANT POSTMASTER GENERAL,
 Stamp Division.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 6, 1899.

MR. R. F. BURNS,
 32 Union St., Boston.

Sir: In reply to your inquiry of the 26th ult., I have to inform you that the stamped envelope with the 2-cent stamp with false color embossed upon it, submitted by you, was so printed by an oversight, the green ink which had been used in the receptacles for that purpose on the machines not having been entirely removed from the receptacle before the carmine was placed in it for printing the 2-cent stamps. The sample envelope is returned here-

with. It is believed that not more than a hundred such envelopes were printed.

Yours respectfully,
 EDWIN C. MADDEN,
 Third Assistant Postmaster General.

We also have experimented with these envelopes by applying peroxide of hydrogen which bleached the dark lake to orange red, and not to carmine or the regular color. Last week we took two of these envelopes and marked both: one we put back in the box from which it was taken, the other we put three feet from the window on top of our desk, the color on envelope towards the window. Today (April 24th), it being eight days that it was exposed to light (not to the rays of the sun), we examined both envelopes, and to our surprise the light did not change the dark lake to light red, in fact, the exposed envelope is only faded a very little, but it is still the dark lake. The surprising part is that the Scott Stamp & Coin Co.'s envelopes came from the same lot, and that the color on their envelopes was changed to light red in a few days, and that our envelopes stood the test of light for eight days without turning light red.

To sum up the whole argument, we will state that in our humble opinion, the 2c dark claret envelope is an error in color beyond a question of doubt in my mind; caused by the green ink being mixed with the carmine, as stated by the postoffice department, and that our experimenting has convinced us that the application of peroxide of hydrogen will bleach the dark claret to orange red, but not to carmine or to the regular color, which I have seen in different shades, also that the envelopes by being exposed to light (not to the direct rays of the sun) for eight days will not change from dark claret to light red.

Unless the Scott Stamp & Coin Co., Ltd., can produce the exact color of the dark claret from the carmine envelopes, or unless they can change the dark claret to the exact color of the carmine, we will consider that their opinion about the 2c dark claret is erroneous. If the Scott Stamp & Coin Co. would omit all stamps and envelopes which they now list and which would change in color by being exposed to light they would reduce the size of their next catalogue, and it would be a big saving in their next year's catalogue printer's bill.

As some of these envelopes have been sold through the advertisements which have appeared in the WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA, we hope that you will publish this communication.

C. F. ROTHFUCHS.

A PLEA FOR AN IDENTIFICATION BUTTON FOR STAMP COLLECTORS.

At the present time when Stamp Collecting is at its height, and thousands are interested in our hobby, yet no one knows who collects. In every day of life we meet with new ones, and right amongst our midst there are some that one least expects.

**U. S. STAMPED ENVELOPES.
CUT SQUARE. LARGE MARGINS.**

In the finest possible Condition.
AT THE LOWEST PRICES.

Cat. No.		UNUSED.		Cat. Price.		My Price.	
1342	1863	2c	black on buff	\$1.25	\$0.60		
1377	1870	1c	blue on amber	1.50	.45		
1396	1870	1c	blue on orange	.50	.20		
1307	1870	2c	brown on orange	.25	.05		
1411	1874	10c	brown on white	.30	1.00		
1416	1874	9c	carmine on white	2.00	1.00		
1420	1874	5c	blue on white	.25	.08		
1421	1876	3c	red on white	.60	.20		
1440	1874	10c	brown on amber	.30	.14		
1451	1882	5c	brown on amber	.20	.07		
1463	1880	2c	vermilion on cream	1.50	.30		
1469	1874	2c	brown on orange	1.50	.35		
1477	1882	5c	brown on blue	5.00	1.55		
1478	1875	1c	blue on fawn	.50	.15		
1504	1884	2c	red on fawn	.75	.20		
1509	1884	2c	brown on blue	1.00	.30		
1513	1884	2c	brown on amber	.50	.20		
1515	1884	2c	brown on fawn	1.00	.30		
1525	1886	5c	brown on buff	10.00	3.55		
1526	1886	1c	black on buff	.30	.15		
1527	1816	30c	black on buff	5.00	1.75		
1530	1886	10c	brown on blue	4.00	.15		
1531	1886	30c	black on blue	5.00	1.75		
1545	1886	30c	on amber manila	5.00	1.75		
1546	1886	90c	on amber manila	10.00	3.95		
1561	1887	2c	green on o. buff.	12.00	4.95		
1708	1864	2c	black, die a.	.65	.25		
1719	1874	2c	vermilion	.10	.04		
1724	1884	2c	brown	.50	.20		
1834	1873	War	3c dark red	5.00	2.00		

Postage extra on orders under \$1.00.
Please remit by Bill or Money Order. I want to Buy for Spot Cash the following U. S. Envelopes unused, entire or cut. Nos. 1320, 1351, 1353, 1425, 1432, 1450, 1452, 1453, 1481, 1483 and 1844.

C. F. ROTHFUCHS 38 Munroe St., ROXBURY, MASS.

Have you sent in your order from our wholesale list which appeared in this paper on March 28th and April 4th? Don't delay but send today.

HOLTON STAMP CO., BOSTON, MASS.

WE HAVE MONEY

To Buy Collections, Rarities and Stocks.

We buy unused 1c and 2c stamps for mercantile use at a discount from 3 to 5 per cent. according to quantities. Higher denominations at a greater discount. (11)

UNITED STAMP COMPANY, Incorporated,
1149 Marquette Bldg., CHICAGO, ILL.

Stamp collecting today is not what it was years ago when it was considered a mere child's pastime. It has passed these stages and has developed into more of a scientific and educational study. It has caught the banker, the lawyer, the doctor, the business man and the school boy as well; and all that do collect are enthusiastic and ever ready to talk stamps or give a few experiences during the philatelic career.

Where philately once has a hold it is hard to get away from it. As the old saying goes, "once a collector, always a collector," and how many of us have found this out ourselves. You have been there, I have been there. At times collecting may get tiresome, but let some new issue come out that pleases the eye and you will soon see that album out again and collecting started afresh. But there is one thing lacking amongst the collectors and that is a button of identification—a button that can be worn without attracting much attention and yet can be recognized as a stamp collector's emblem. Such a button would make new friends and might lead to closer relationship with collectors heretofore unknown. This would mean exchanging of stamps with others for mutual benefit, thus increasing our collections at a song. Why should not the collector have an emblem? Take for instance the lodges,

societies, pleasure clubs and even schools, they all have something to show what members belong to it. And here is philately with its thousands and thousands of collectors, and not any means of knowing each other. A button worn by all universally would be the proper thing. It could be gotten up and sold at a low price. Let some of the larger stamp companies give one away with, say, a fifty-cent purchase, and philatelic papers with a year's subscription; it would make new collectors as well as readers. A suitable design could be made up with a head or some design original and unique that would attract the eye. Let us hear from all that are interested and let us boom philately. Plant the acorn now and the philatelic oak will soon grow.

Yours respectfully,
HERMAN W. BOERS.
322 Erskine St., Detroit, Mich.

Detroit Paragraphs.

Collectors who make a sort of a hobby collecting oddities can make up something that's quite unique by taking the present U. S. 2c. and the old one, cutting them diagonally in two and pasting each issue together. So closely can these be put together, that at first glance it would deceive many. I have seen several of them.

Speaking of oddities, here is one that is not "so worse." Take the one cent green, cut out the oval, then take and cut out the oval of the 2c, paste the 1c in place of the one removed and see what a nice effect it has. Talk about your Pan-Americans in two colors, this beats it by far. Try it and see the effect.

Owing to the lack of time that he would like to devote to collecting, Wm. Gregg has sold his collection to a local concern and will quit philately for good, so he says. But I doubt very much as to whether it will be for good, he has had this feeling before.

A newspaper report from Chicago, dated April 8, says: "The union label on money is the latest proposition. Once the government adopts a law placing the union label on money, members of organized labor are expected to refuse to accept money which does not bear the union insignia. L. P. Straube, secretary of the Allied Printing Trades council, stands sponsor for the latest idea."

With such an idea before us, perhaps we may look forward for a little further excitement. We may see the stamps and envelopes and postal cards all bearing the union label.

HERMAN W. BOERS.

PRICE LIST No. 15
containing an alphabetically arranged list of the **POSTAL CARD AND LETTER CARDS,** issued during the past three years, and list of absolute **British Colonial Cards,** is now ready. It will be mailed free to collectors interested in this specialty.

ADOLPH LOHMEYER,
922 N. Gilmor Street, Baltimore, Md.

U. S. BARGAINS.		1873, 7c cata.		6cc \$0.25	
1871,	1c cata.	15c	\$0.05	1873,	7c cata.
"	6c	"	10c	"	12c
"	7c	"	10c	"	15c
"	10c	"	15c	"	30c
"	12c	"	40c	"	50c
"	15c	"	75c	"	1.00
"	24c	"	1.50	1875,	5c Taylor
"	30c	"	40c	"	1879, 15c
"	90c	"	1.25	"	90c

GREATER N. Y. STAMP & COIN CO.,
128 East 23rd St., New York City.

AT FIRST COST!

I want to clear the following and will send the three lines at face value, postage extra

*Newfoundland, Royal set 1/2, 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5c. o. g.	\$0.16
*Canada, 2c map, 2 on 3c, 1/2c M. L., 3c Jubilee, o. g.	.08
*Can also send 7c, 20c and 10c Special Delivery	.37
Quotations from price list:	
British Columbia 5c imperf, shows part of next stamp at west, close on E.	65.00
*British Columbia, 2 1/2d perf, 1861.	2.50
" " 5c 1865, o. g.	3.00
" " 10c " used.	2.50
" " 3d 1866, "	.65
" " 3d " unused	.35
" " 2c 1868.	.65
" " 5c, perf. 14, 1868.	3.90
" " 25c, " 14, "	1.00
" " 5c, " 12 1/2, o. g., fine	12.00

Send order and get list.
H. L. HART, 71 Gottingen St., Halifax, N. S.

CUBA

1c on 3c PROVISIONAL

FINE UNUSED COPIES AT

10c EACH.

BLOCKS OF FOUR SAME RATE.

Postage Extra.

COLUMBIAN STAMP CO., Arlington, Mass.

Wm. v. d. Wettern, Jr.,

WHOLESALE DEALER IN

*** POSTAGE & STAMPS. ***

411 W. Saratoga St., Baltimore, Md.

New special list just issued, sent free on application to dealers only.

Topics About Town.

FROM NEW YORK CITY.

Geo. R. Tuttle will hold his 60th auction sale on Saturday afternoon, May 9th, at 116 Nassau street. 1018 lots comprise the sale.

E. L. Shove of Unionville has removed to Rutherford, N. J.

The next exhibition held by the Collectors Club will occur on the evening of May 11th. The stamps of Egypt and Soudan will be on view.

VOLUNTEER.

FREE! 1903 PRICE LIST.

Our Retail 56 page 1903 Price List of U. S. and Foreign Single Stamps, Sets, Packets, Albums, etc. is mailed

FREE FOR THE ASKING.

Our 50% Approval Sheets sent to you upon receipt of reference.

WHOLESALE OFFERINGS.

CUBA 1857, ar p rose P. C., Cat. 5c each. 50c per 100.
 NEWFOUNDLAND, (Jubilee) unused, 1c green, Cat. 8c. \$3.00 per 100.
 Not less than 100 of a kind sold. [17]

PERRIN & CO.,

106 East 23rd St., NEW YORK, N. Y.

Good Stamps! Low Prices!

- *1900 Austria, Unpaid Letter stamps, 1h to 1sh, imp. \$0.30
 - 1901 Bulgaria, 2s to 50c.25
 - *1899 Antioquia, 5c, 10c, 20c, 50c.45
 - *1902 Antioquia, 1c to 5p. 1.50
 - *1902 Cuba, 1c on 3c, surch.25
 - 1903 Danish West Indies, 1/4 of 4c stamp used as 2c stamp on original cover.75
 - *1901 Dominican Rep., 1c to 50c. 1.00
- *Unused. Cash with order.

THEO. MAINHART, JOHNSTOWN, PA.

REAL BARGAINS! Selling Out Stock!
 Ninety-six varieties Old Revenues Imperf. and Perf. Stamps catalogued at 10c and under, 75% discount. over 10c, 55% [1022]
 Send your want list with references. [1022]
 Oscar Bernstrom, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

Are you thinking of Selling your stamps at Auctions?

• If so write us.

Now is the time to make dates for next season.

CHAS. H. STONE & CO.,

19 Washington St., BOSTON, MASS.

ABYSSINIA.

Postage 1894, 7 varieties, unused, 35c per Set.

Unpaid 1896, 7 varieties, unused, 35c per Set.

Both Sets, 65c.

Postage Extra.

COLUMBIAN STAMP CO.,
 ARLINGTON, MASS.

Chicago Notes.

The new 10c special delivery stamp has made its appearance here. The deep ultramarine color and unique design renders it somewhat striking.

The Ashland Stamp Co. has removed to newer and more commodious quarters. Their office is now located at 3507 Oak Park Ave., Berwyn, one of our suburbs.

"Eddie" Dodd is the recipient of much good natured chaff on account of his odd methods of advertising. He can endure it, however, as it is prolific of results.

One of our local dealers had occasion to register some letters at one of the branch post offices here, and was much surprised when the clerk at the window handed him back one of the packages, saying, "These stamps on this letter are cancelled." The stamps in question were U. S. 2c carmine, surcharged "Philippines," and the clerk had evidently never seen them before. The dealer had part of an unused sheet of them in his pocket, and when he produced them and explained their character, succeeded in satisfying the doubts of the P. O. employe.

Dave Tausig, of the Imperial Stamp Co., recently informed me that he had purchased several sacks of stamps from a janitor of one of our big office buildings, which were so bulky and heavy that they had to be conveyed to his office by wagon.

Frank Massoth has taken a much needed vacation. He is taking an extensive trip through some of the southern states, and will probably return about the middle of May.

CLIFFORD.

The FORTNIGHTLY COLLECTOR

contains something of interest to every Philatelist. Splendid articles and entertaining stamp gossip. At the low price it is offered no collector can afford to be without it.

ONLY 10c A YEAR.

Send ten cents today for a whole year's subscription. If not perfectly satisfied your money refunded without question. Address

THE FORTNIGHTLY COLLECTOR,
 The J. L. Morrison Co., Publishers,
 Smethport, Pa. [17]

New Issues

have been to the front now for several years but what of

Old Issues?

Has it ever occurred to you that a glorious opportunity has been wasted each time you had a chance to pick up an old issue (particularly of an obsolete country) at a fair price and you neglected to do so? New issues will always be obtainable but can you say the same of Old Issues?

The Casey A. Wood Collection to be sold May 9th contains only Old Issues, nothing after 1870. 647 Lots one stamp only to a lot. It will pay you to look it over carefully. The catalogue has been mailed to all auction buyers on our list.

United Stamp Co., 1149 Marquette Bldg., Chicago.

1903 PRICE-LIST.

Our 1903 Red Cover Catalogue is out—free. The price-list gives our net prices on U. S. Postage, Department, Dues, Telegraphs, Cut Square Envelopes, Confederate, Revenues, packets, sets, supplies, albums, wholesale lots, etc., etc. You can save money by buying from it. The prices are 40 to 60 per cent. discount from Scott's.

J. T. STARR STAMP CO., Coldwater, Mich.

DO YOU WANT

to obtain bargains in stamps in fine condition, from the commonest to the scarcest varieties? If so, send for my price lists, showing rock-bottom prices, both for single stamps and sets, mailed free. If you wish to obtain an approval selection, state what country or countries you are interested in, and you will have what you want by return mail.

L. N. HERBERT, [17]
 1520 Washington Ave., NEW YORK.

BILLS! CURIOS! CHEAP!

\$100 Bill of Augusta, Ga., (only) 8c. \$50 C. S. A. 10c. \$50 Bank of New Brunswick, \$1; \$100 Bank of N. B., 50c. \$6, \$7, \$8, \$9 Bank of Patterson, N. J., 50c. \$50 C. S. A. Money, 28c. 10 var. C. S. A. Bills, 25c. 10 var. Broken Bank Bills, 30c; 30 var. Old Paper Money, \$1. 1 fine Arrowhead and Spear (Mont.) 15c. 1 fine Scraper, 10c. 1 fine Knife, 15c. 1 fine Celt, 40c. Satisfaction guaranteed. Postage extra. \$10 C. S. A. free. Write! A. C. McDonald, 502 S. Mont. St., Butte, Mont.

Items from the Dub.

April 29th.

J. M. Bartels Co. held their 18th sale on Tuesday evening, April 21st. Some prices may be interesting:

	Cat.	Bid.
1890, 2c lake, hor. imperf. pair, mint,	—	\$3.50
1894, \$1.00, unwmkd, used,	\$1.25	.90
1895, \$5.00, used,	1.75	1.55
Greece 40 on 21, yel. bistre (No. 131 perf. officially), mint, imperf. variety,	30.00	13.25
Hawaii 1874, 2c, sheet of 50, mint,	37.50	19.00
Orange River Colony, 1902, 4p on 6p, mint, pair showing variety Nos. 57a and 57b,	—	1.60
Persia 1899, 5s, No. 189, used,	—	3.00
Porto Rico 1873, 1p, unused,	12.00	8.00
Trinidad 1896, 10sh, mint,	18.00	15.10
Uruguay 1897, Paz set, com.,	—	1.40
Venezuela 1893, 25c, No. 99, mint,	S. G. 5.00	3.30

B. L. Drew & Co.'s 110th sale held in New York was well attended, and among them were three Boston dealers, Messrs. Batchelder, Bartels and Brown. About \$8700 was realized.

WM. D. ELDRIDGE.

Mekeel's Stamp Collector

PUBLISHED WEEKLY.

FULL of information and news valuable to stamp collectors. Once a month large magazine editions are issued. Over one thousand pages guaranteed during the year.

Subscription \$1.00 per year. (On trial for three months, 25 cents.) No stamp man can afford to be without it. Volume sixteen commenced January 1, 1903.

C. H. Mekeel Stamp and Publishing Co.
 St. Louis, Mo.

Sixty Per. Cent Discount.

Good U. S. and Foreign on approval.

C. B. MERRILL.

108 E. 90th St., New York.

Cuba, 1 on 3; 15c each, postage extra.**Cuba, 1877, 10c green, well centered; \$1.85 each, postage free.****Cuba, 1881, 2c lake; 40c each postage extra.****Fine copies of all three for \$2.25, postage free.****Bogert & Durbin Co.,**

722 Chestnut St., PHILADELPHIA, PA.

A new price list is in preparation and will be sent post free as soon as issued to anyone applying for it.

Common Sense in the Collecting of Entires.

By S. A. D. Cox,

(Ex.-Sec.-Treas. U. S. Env. Ex.)

I saw a criticism of collectors of entires, not long ago; it was an editorial utterance on the page set aside for that purpose (in a philatelic journal of some prominence; not the ERA, however), and being a collector of entires, I felt that some defense ought to be made. The writer in question designated collectors of entires as "stationery collectors." This, of course, because such collectors insist on having the entire envelope, instead of a cut-square specimen.

Now, a collector of entire envelopes is no more a stationery collector than a collector of perforated adhesive stamps is a "perforation" collector—not a bit. The perforated stamp is not complete without the perforations; neither is an envelope stamp complete without the envelope. In fact, the perforated adhesive stamp is nearer a complete and satisfactory whole, with the perforations trimmed off, than an envelope stamp is when cut out of the envelope, for the adhesive stamp may still be placed on an envelope, after being trimmed, and will be passed by Uncle Sam, and recognized as good for postage, while with an envelope stamp that has been cut out of the envelope, it is different; it is at once absolutely devoid of real value, and will not be accepted for postage, if pasted on an envelope, nor will the postoffice department redeem it. (Of course stamped envelope stamps do occasionally pay postage, when stuck on ordinary envelopes, but it is because the postal clerks are careless, for it is contrary to rules to pass them.)

Now I ask any fair minded collector, where is the sense, or business judgment, if you will, in cutting out the envelope stamps and destroying their intrinsic, or real monetary value? You might as well throw just so much money in the fire. Take a collection of two thousand varieties of envelope stamps, for instance. There will be a great many one and two-cent stamped envelopes, of course, but there

will also be a large number of five, ten, thirty and higher value stamped envelopes, as well, and this will bring the average value, per envelope, to say five cents each. Of course I am speaking of unused specimens, now, and in a collection of two thousand varieties, where they are cut square, there are the two thousand specimens, which should have a value (real) of one hundred dollars, robbed of this value utterly; the only value they have left is their collection value, as objects of interest. That, of course, is all well enough, so far as it goes, but why not leave the entire envelopes uncut, and retain the one hundred dollars of actual value? Then if you wished to cease collecting, you would have at least one hundred dollars of real value, and if you could not find a buyer at a fair price, you could use the envelopes for postage.

The ruling of the post-office department in regard to stamped envelopes proves that no stamped envelope stamp is a complete and satisfactory whole, unless it remains on the entire envelope; and that places it on a like basis with the perforated stamp, which is not satisfactory, if

TRADE COLUMN.

Under this head we will print exchange, want and for sale notices, business announcements, 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.

One four-line notice free with each subscription, providing copy accompanies the subscription.

THREE Consecutive Insertions of SAME ad in this Column for PRICE OF TWO.

Bargains: 30c State, \$2.25; 3c Justice, unused, 75c; 10c Justice, \$1; 9c P.O., unused, \$1; 12c P.O., unused, 40c; 1c Pl. Cards, fine, \$1.25; 5c Pl. Cards, 25c. W. G. KIRCHENBOWER, 6744 Simen Ave., Pittsburg, Pa.

I have a collection of about 225 cut square U. S. envelope stamps, catalogued \$65; will trade for books, camera, a lens, or other photo apparatus. ERASTUS CORNELL, Marshalltown, Iowa, Box 99

A chance to buy wisely. Costa Rica, 5 var. only 8c; set Nyassaland, 10c; Constantinople, 3 var. 5c; 36d Transvaal, 3c; Salvador, 4 var. 8c; International Album, contains 4000 spaces, only 25c; hinges 8c per 1000. T. H. MORTON, Box 235, Forestville, Conn.

Pre-cancelled postage stamps wanted for cash. Will give others in exchange if possible. DANIEL J. KAIB, St. Bede College, Peru, Illinois. (Pre-cancelled Stamp Club, No. 20) [21]

Send me your duplicates, will allow you % cat. and give you stamps you can use in your collection, always have on hand from 5000 to 7000 var. to select from. W. G. KIRCHENBOWER, 6744 Simen Ave., Pittsburg, Pa.

Hawaii 1869, 5c, No. 29a, o. g., \$1.75.
Hawaii 1886, 12c lilac, No. 49, o. g., 9c.
U. S., 3c Navy, 5c.
New South Wales, 6p, No. 105, 10c.
Fine stamps at 60% discount.
Have you seen my Exchange plan?
W. C. ESTE*, Omaha, Nebr.

We Want to Buy: Philippines, Nos. 6, 53, 69, 128b, 261, 263, 264, 368, 369 and 412. Porto Rico, Nos. 69a and 89. Danish West Indies, Nos. 4a and 4b in pairs, or blocks of four. We will pay spot cash or exchange for any of above stamps. R. A. TARR CO., 3125 N. Broad St., Philadelphia, Pa. [25]

Very Cheap. \$1 Passage Ticket, 75c; \$1 Mortgage, 42c, the two for \$1.00; 500 Revs., over 75 var., \$1.25 KING, 141 East 19th St., New York City. [21]

200 die cut stamp hinges 15c, postpaid. GEORGE H. HOPE, 87 Ring St., Providence, R. I. [26]

Pre-cancells not in my collection wanted. Best cash or trade price. E. R. ALDRICH, Benson, Minn. [17]

100 varieties stamp, catalogue \$2 and over by Scott's 1903, for only 25c. O. A. QUESNEL, Great Falls, Montana, Box 555. [21]

2 cap var. 2c 1890, cat. 8c, 5c postpaid. Approvals 50c, U. S. and Foreign. Send reference. PIASA STAMP CO., P. O. Box 206, Upper Alton, Ill. [21]

Send for our unexcelled approval sheets. H. R. DECKER STAMP CO., Fairbury Ill. [21]

25 stamps, cataloguing \$1.00 for 10c. GEORGE H. HOPE, 87 Ring St., Providence, R. I. [25]

Foreign and U. S. good duplicates, catalogued at 5 cents each and up, wanted at 3/4 catalogue in exchange for fine stamps to increase your collection; have a fine line of splendid stamps to offer, especially in U. S. Revenues perforated and imperforate. No damaged stamps given or taken; have over 400 varieties Match and Medicine on hand. Write or send a lot of your best duplicates for exchange. [21]

L. V. LINDSEY,
Greene, New York.

Omaha and Pan-Am. 2c Plant Nos., and Entire Envelopes wanted for cash. S. B. FISH, Butler, Ill. [21]

Bushels of old magazines, philatelic literature, and oil well sands, to exchange for stamps. Box 354, Oil City, Pa. [20]

Wanted—1898 proprietary stamps with printed cancellations. H. W. LONGSTAFF, Mt. Clemens, Mich. [21]

107 var. foreign postage stamps, 500 hinges and 10 blank approval sheets for 12c, post free. Finest approval sheets at 50% disc. C. H. ROSENFELD, 430 Marshfield Ave., Chicago, Ill. [21]

U. S. 1898 Revenues, \$1.00, \$3.00, \$5.00, \$10.00, for 30c; fine cut copies. Cut copies of the \$1.00 green at 20c per 100, all soaked. The new U. S. stamps: 3c, 4c and 5c, 1 ct. each; 8c, 4 cts.; 13c, 6 cts.; Special Delivery, 2 cts. W. PETERS, 795 President St., Brooklyn, N. Y. [21c]

Exchange: All persons sending me \$1 cat. value of old Match and Medicine stamps in good condition, will receive \$2 cat. value in U. S. Postage, Dept., Envs. and Revs., by return mail; no stamps taken or given that cost less than 5c each. O. B. Harrington, Granby, Conn. [20]

HENRY P. DAY, stamp dealer, Box 762, Peoria, Illinois. Price lists postage free. [20]

Dominican Republic, Scott's No. 128, canc. or uncancel., only 3c each; \$5 Charter Party, 15c. Nicaragua 1 and 2c, uncancel., only 2c. Postage 3c extra. C. L. BABCOCK, JR., 567 First St., Brooklyn, N. Y. [20]

Beautiful Foreign Revenues—1,000 varieties at from 1c to 5c each. Write for selections. Full line of Foreign Revenue Catalogues in stock. G. W. PEPPER, 220 East 57th St., New York City. [25]

Cuba, issue 1868-9, 5 centavos, complete sheet of 100 unused, o. g. Guaranteed genuine, only 12 cents, post free. MANHATTAN STAMP CO., 150 Nassau St., N. Y. City. [20]

Fine U. S. and Foreign stamps to exchange for Tags, Coupons and American Cigar Co.'s bands. ED. M. VOSS, Bloomington, Indiana. [20]

*Hawaii 18c (Scott, \$1.25), 35c; 10 for \$2 50. *Johore, Nos. 27 & 28, (Scott, 95c), pair 35c; 10 to sets \$2.00. Tasmania 1907, 1d & 2d, (cat. 3c & 6c), even ass'd, 75c per 100. Argentine 1901, 1 c, 10 for 2c; 120 for \$1.50. CARL YOUNG, 112 N. 5th St., Philadelphia, Pa. [22]

Approval sheets 60% disc. Net sheets for advanced collectors at equally low prices. 2000 var. in stock. F. W. PICKARD, 2427 Ingleside, Cincinnati, O. [24]

Wanted for cash, U. S. Pre-cancelled postage stamps. WALTER L. GATES, Teaticket, Mass. [20]

Is your collection for sale? Get your dealer to make a price on it, add 20% to his offer, and send book to me. It's 10 to 1 I buy it. F. W. PICKARD, 2427 Ingleside, Cincinnati, O. [24]

To complete your United States. Fine perfect copies, 1895, \$5.00 green, \$1.12 each; \$2.00 blue, \$1.05 each. Wholesale, both values \$1.00 only, per dozen. Thousands of bargains in old United States, British and Colonial stamps. Fine approval selections at 25 to 50% discount. No common rubbish but only fine copies of desirable stamps sent out. Write stating wants and send reference. I can save you hundreds of dollars. Established 1880. FREDERICK GINN, 143 Strand, London, England. [21]

Is your collection for sale? I will buy it or any odd lots of good stamps. No cheap stuff wanted. Send on approval with lowest cash offer. Immediate returns guaranteed. HOWARD C. BECK, City Controller's Office, Detroit, Mich. [21]

U. S. Pre-Cancelled postage stamps. I will pay a good price in cash or exchange for any not in my collection. F. L. SMITH, 40 Exchange Pl., N. Y. [24c]

Try an Ad in this Column. It Pays.

trimmed. As for myself, a cut square envelope stamp is not at all satisfactory; it is not all there; part of it is missing, just as would be the case were the perforations cut from an adhesive perforated stamp. I want the rest of it; it isn't complete without the rest, and consequently is not satisfactory. And as for taking care of entires, it is the easiest way to have them; for a large stock-book, with a series of slits across the page, solves the whole problem. A great many dealers sell such books, at from three to five dollars each; and it is a matter of only an instant's time to slip the envelope in place, where to hinge it entails much more time and labor.

And now, as to the charge of being "stationery collectors": The only persons this can be truly said of are the entire envelope collectors who insist on having all the different size envelopes, and the different knives. The common sense way to collect entires is to collect any certain die on each of the different colors of paper; also, with as many varieties of watermarks as may be—for watermarks are of as much importance in entire envelopes as in adhesive stamps. And the varieties of paper should be collected—as wove and laid, etc. But one size (any size that suits the collector) of each envelope is all that one should collect—and then he will be in a position to successfully refute the charge of being a "stationery collector."

Newspaper Clippings.

WOMEN WHO CARRY THE MAIL.

MANY OF THEM DOING GOOD WORK IN RURAL FREE DELIVERY.

Within the last few months the women of the country districts of the United States have found a new occupation in the government service, says the Baltimore *American*. Some hundreds of them all over the country have been appointed rural letter carriers, and the reports to the department show that the women have done wonderfully well in their new occupation.

Indeed, only a few days ago Supt. Machen, of the free delivery division of the postoffice department, received reports that a number of his female rural carriers braved the severe blizzards in the west, and, while acting as substitute for the men carriers, made the daily deliveries in the deep snow and sleet of the blizzard in a most remarkable and satisfactory manner.

There are at present no less than 37 female rural letter carriers, that is, 37 women who have stood the civil service examinations and passed so well that they excelled the male candidates and have been appointed regular rural carriers, not substitutes.

Under the rules for the appointment of rural carriers the regular carrier after his appointment has the right to name a substitute, who is to do his work when the carrier is sick or incapacitated for work.

American Philatelic Association.

(INCORPORATED.)

THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA—OFFICIAL JOURNAL.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

ALEXANDER HOLLAND, President,
40 Grace Court, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Board of Vice-Presidents.

FRANK H. BURT, Chairman,
Room 1046, Tremont Building, Boston, Mass.

GORDON IRELAND, Secretary,
Holyoke House 21, Cambridge, Mass.

EDWIN F. SAWYER,
101 Washington St., Brighton, Mass.

H. E. DEATS, Secretary,

Flemington, N. J.
E. DOEBLIN, International Secretary,
Box 736, Pittsburg, Pa.

C. L. ANNAN, Treasurer,
Copper Range R. R., Houghton, Mich.

H. B. PHILLIPS,
1311 Grove St., Berkeley, Cal.

F. W. CONING,
350 George St., New Brunswick, N. J.

RESIDENT VICE-PRESIDENTS.

BOSTON, MASS.—M. H. LOMBARD, Winchester, Mass.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.—W. E. LOY, 2432 Ellsworth St., Berkeley, Cal.

NEW YORK CITY.—W. F. GREGORY, 77 Nassau St.

PITTSBURG, PA.—E. DOEBLIN, Box 736.

CHICAGO, ILL.—A. F. MRELL, 432 Marquette Building.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.—EERN S. MARTIN, 3244 First Avenue, South.

WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS—ROBERT D. MAYNARD, 36 Oak Grove Ave., Springfield.

APPOINTIVE OFFICERS.

E. H. ANDERSON, Librarian,
Carnegie Library, Pittsburg, Pa.

H. D. WATSON, Collecting Agent,
64 Cedar St., New York City.

JOHN J. OESCH, Superintendent of Sales Dept.,
34 Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill.

H. E. DEATS, Assistant Librarian,
Flemington, N. J.

W. F. GREGORY, Auction Purchasing Agent,
77 Nassau St., New York City.

P. M. WOLSIEFFER, Auction Purchasing Agent,
1009 Atwood Bldg., Chicago, Ill.

A. W. BATCHELDER, Auction Purchasing Agent,
21 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass.



REPORT OF SECRETARY

For the Week Ending May 2, 1903.

Change of Address.

1355. TAUSIG, MARCUS S., from 9 E.
108 St. to 20 E. 111 St., New York, N. Y.

Membership Summary.

Total Membership May 2d..... 549

H. E. DEATS, Secretary.

Generally the carrier appoints some member of his family, as he has to supply his horse and wagon for the service, and of late the carriers have been naming their wives, sisters or daughters, and sometimes their mothers, as their substitutes. The department has found that these substitutes have performed good work, and that their sex has not interfered with the rural delivery, so when a woman is named now as a substitute she is accepted.

The department officials say that women make very good rural carriers, and they do not lose time gossiping when delivering the mail, as one would suppose, and that the innate love of gadding about and visiting their friends to see what is going on makes the female like the work and forget the druggery and hardships incident to a daily drive of 20 or more miles in all sorts of weather.

The Postal Card Society of America.

Officers for 1902-3.

President, HORACE E. CARPENTER, JR., Care N. B. Bradley & Sons, Bay City, Mich.

Vice-President, J. T. ALBERT HOBSACH, 1422 North 33rd St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Secretary, W. F. AGER, Hope, Ark.

Treasurer, JOHN N. MORSE, 103 Devonshire St., Boston, Mass.

Executive Committee, GUY A. BRYANT, Princeton, Ill.; W. D. ARNOLD, The Portland, Broadway, St. Paul, Minn.; N. HASKELL WITMER, 370 S. 9th St., La Crosse, Wis.

Exchange Superintendent, J. T. A. HOBSACH, 1422 No. 33rd St., Phila., Pa.

Purchasing Agent, ADOLPH LONMEYER, 928 N. Gilmore St., Baltimore, Md.

International Secretary, E. DOEBLIN, P. O. Box 736, Pittsburg, Pa.

Official Journal, THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA.

The *American Journal of Philately* publishes the following letter from Mr. J. C. Morgenthau in the April number:

April 3, 1903.

J. C. Morgenthau & Co.,
87 Nassau St., New York.

Sirs:—The Department has received your letter of April 1, asking whether United States postage stamps surcharged "Cuba" are good for postage in this country.

In reply you are informed that paragraph 8 of Postmaster General's order No. 1283, of November 18, 1902, is as follows:

"That United States postage stamps shall be valid for the payment of postage in the island possessions, and the overprinted postage stamps of the island possessions shall be accepted in payment for postage wherever United States postage stamps are valid."

Note 1 of paragraph 2 of the same order is as follows:

"In this Order, Hawaii and Porto Rico are included in the term 'United States;' and Guam, Tutuila, and the Philippine Archipelago are included in the term 'island possessions.'"

From the foregoing it will be observed that United States stamps overprinted "Cuba" are not good for postage in this country; nor were they made valid for postage in the United States in any previous order of the Postmaster General fixing the status of overprinted stamps.

Very respectfully,
EDWIN C. MADDEN,
Third Assistant Postmaster General.

The Boston Philatelic Society.

M. H. LOMBARD, President, Winchester, Mass.
 C. F. ROTHFUCHS, Vice-President, Boston.
 C. A. HOWES, Secretary, 55 Kilby St., Boston.
 L. L. GREEN, Treasurer, 47 Tremont St., Boston.
 J. H. LYONS, Supt. of Auctions, 27 Bromfield St., Boston.
 J. H. LYONS, Supt. of Sales, 27 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass.
 THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA, Official Journal.

The April Meeting.

The 125th regular meeting was held in Elks' Hall on Tuesday evening, April 21st, at 8 o'clock. President Lombard occupied the chair and 24 members and friends were present.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A letter was read from Mr. Adolph H. Weber, of San Francisco, offering a silver "challenge cup" to the Society to be competed for annually in an exhibition of un-catalogued varieties. The competition is to be open to all and the winner's name and the date are to be engraved on the cup for each exhibition, the cup remaining in the successful competitor's hand until the next winner is announced. The cup is a very handsome one and was accepted with a vote of thanks to the donor and turned over to the Exhibition Committee.

The following application was posted: MR. CHAS. F. LOVERING, JR., Boston; proposed by J. M. Bartels.

The name of Mr. Vincent H. La Forme was withdrawn and the following was elected a member:

No. 375. Mr. F. L. Stoltz, San Francisco, Cal.

The President said the matter of the stolen Sales Dept. books had been satisfactorily settled and that a balance of \$4.04 was due Mr. Drake, which amount was appropriated.

The renewal of contract for the ERA as official organ was brought up and referred to the Governing Board. The result was the selection of the ERA to represent us another year.

Considerable discussion over Library matters took place and was finally laid over until the next meeting.

Mr. Carpenter presented the following amendment to Art. II, Sec. 2, of the Statutes for consideration at the next meeting:—

"The names of all candidates for admission must be accompanied by the admission fee of one dollar (\$1.00). Their names shall appear in the notice for the next meeting, and if approved by a majority of the Governing Board shall be balloted for at that meeting, when five adverse votes shall exclude."

An informal auction was held, a list of the lots having been mailed to all those within three days by mail from this city.

Unfortunately no exhibit was presented for this evening's competition, which was British North America, this being the first time in two years and a half that the exhibition failed to materialize. To "save the day," however, Mr. E. F. Sawyer of the Exhibition Committee brought in his collection of these stamps. He had a most attractive array, both used and unused, and the fine condition of the specimens evoked much comment, particularly the superb shillings of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

The meeting adjourned at 10.30 p. m.

C. A. HOWES, Secretary.

Guatemala Jubilee Newspaper Wrapper Stamps, (cat. value 30c) sent for only a cents to any collector who has never written to us before, no others. Only one lot to each. NEW ENGLAND STAMP CO., 21-27 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass. [7]

Fill Your Spaces in U. S. Envelopes.

Last week we promised to give you a few reasons why you should fill your spaces for U. S. envelopes. They are as follows:

1. They make a far prettier collection than stamps.
2. They give a wide field for study.
3. A fine collection can be obtained in perfect condition such as to suit the most fastidious, without much outlay.
4. The prices are low at present while the stock in existence is extremely small and prices must advance even if only a few collectors should start in to complete their U. S. collection by filling in their envelope spaces.

NOTE.—Our advice is to collect cut square or if you must collect entire envelopes limit your purchases to one entire envelope of each die or variety. If you follow this advice and fill in your spaces promptly at prevailing low prices you will certainly make a good investment as well as have the fun and study of making your collection.

We do not believe in collecting the various sizes of envelopes, watermarks and knives and paying fancy prices for them, and we make the offer to sell any or all sizes we have in stock on the basis of Scott's catalogue. Our stock is carefully arranged by Scott's catalogue only.

Did you see large advertisement concerning our "Exchange Proposition" in this paper two weeks ago? It is worth your careful consideration. Thoughtful philatelists are taking prompt advantage of our offer and you should take advantage of it now before it is too late.

HOLTON STAMP COMPANY,

Successors to E. A. HOLTON.

Established in 1861.

60 DEVONSHIRE ST., BOSTON, MASS.

The New England Philatelic Association.

Organized February, 1895.

Board of Officers:

President, CHARLES H. SMITH, Dedham, Mass.
 Vice President, J. FAVILE CAPRON, 22 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass.
 Secretary and Treasurer, H. W. LEGG, 26 Hancock St., Boston, Mass.
 Sales Department, CHARLES H. STONE, 91 Antrim St., Cambridgeport, Mass.
 Information Bureau, MRS. WALLACE DANA SMITH, 20 Wibold St., Portsmouth, N. H.
 Counterfeit Detector, WILLIS D. KING, Nashua, N.H.
 Attorney, HORACE S. BACON, 107 Stevens St., Lowell, Mass.
 Governing Board, CHARLES H. STONE, Chairman, 91 Antrim St., Cambridgeport, Mass., JOHN J. CONE, New Dorchester, Mass., FRANK A. WILSON, 185 Highland Ave., Somerville, Mass.
 Official Organ, THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA.

The next meeting of the New England Philatelic Association will take place at 22 Bromfield St., Tuesday evening, May 5th, at 8 o'clock, sharp.

At this meeting the exhibition will be held for the "best 25 stamps listed in the Standard Catalogue," the prizes being the silver and bronze medals offered by Messrs. Cone and Capron. All members and friends are invited to be present as the exhibit is sure to be an entertaining one.

Competitors may send their exhibits to Mr. J. F. Capron at 22 Bromfield St., before noon of the date of meeting.

The last meeting of the association was held Tuesday evening, April 7th, at 22 Bromfield St., Vice-President Capron in the chair and the usual number of members present. Minutes of the March meeting were read and approved, also report of Treasurer showing balance of \$17.20 in treasury.

Mr. Warren C. Weeks received a vote of thanks from the association for his kind offer to write all the type-written letters, notices, etc., requested by the society. The routine business was quickly disposed of and the meeting stood adjourned at 9.30 p. m.

Owing to illness, Mr. Cone was unable to be present and show his collection of pre-cancelled stamps, and on account of a misunderstanding Mr. King did not bring a volume of his revenue collection with him for inspection.

The members present were, therefore, obliged to find some other diversion than "stamps" for entertainment and none were disappointed, thanks to the member who comes from another state each month to attend our meetings.

H. W. LEGG, Sec'y.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

The following members are in arrears for dues and their attention is called to Art. VIII, Sec. 2, of the Constitution: Nos. 15, 20, 29, 49, 59, 70, 79, 80, 97, 104, 106, 118, 130, 132.

Stamps One Cent Each.

Did You See Our List in ERA No. 512?

A postal card with your name will bring you a copy by return mail.

A TRIAL ORDER IS BETTER.

COLUMBIAN STAMP CO., ARLINGTON, MASS.

KITCHEN MECHANICS.

Whenever we get a new hired girl, I have her write her friends in the "old country" for stamps.

She holds her job, I hold the stamps. As the "coppers" in my neighborhood travel in "pairs," the girls get married early and often. As the new girl is always a different nationality from the others, I can offer a great variety of stamps at lower prices than I could if I bought them.

The first girl we had was a "Svenska," so I quote a few snags from Norway and Sweden.

Sweden.	Sweden.
1854, 48 blue... \$0.08	1858, 5 one, green... \$0.02
1856-7, 28 yellow... .80	" 24 " orange... .02
" 38 lilac... .09	" 30 " brown... .02
" 38 lake... .05	" 50 " rose... .07
1863-6, 28 yellow... .30	1865-6, 17 one, red v't... .30
" 38 lilac... .85	" 20 " ver... .02
" 248 brown... .12	1872, 1 rex daler... .06
1867-8, 28 black... .04	1890, 10 one on 12... .02
" 88 rose... .06	" 10 on 24, 0. g... .06
1877-8, 1kr g'y&g'n... .03	" Off 10 one on 12... .04
" 1kr 50 ore... .10	" " 10 " 24... .06
" 2kr rose&br'n... .08	Unpaid Letter, 1kr... .05

Satisfaction guaranteed. Postage extra.
 E. C. Dodd, 259 So. Hermitage Ave., Chicago

The May Perforator

will be a Special Anniversary number. A postal will bring a sample copy.

We caution collectors to send in their requests as early as possible, or better yet, send 30c for a year's subscription and be sure of getting a copy each month for one year.

The low subscription price of 30c may advance, without notice, to 50c, so collectors can act at their own option.

THE PERFORATOR,

106 E. 111th Street, NEW YORK CITY.

Please mention ERA when answering ads.

The Weekly Philatelic Era

A PAPER DEVOTED TO STAMP NEWS.

50c PER YEAR.

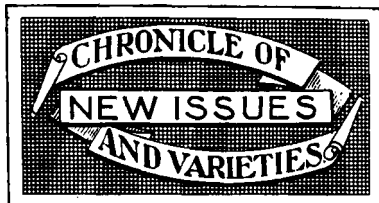
ENTERED AT PORTLAND POST OFFICE AS SECOND CLASS MATTER JAN. 10, 1890.

2c PER COPY.

VOL. XVII. No. 33.

PORTLAND, ME., SATURDAY, MAY 9, 1903.

WHOLE No. 521.



BY HENRY A. KIDDER.

Friends of the ERA are invited to send to the editor of this department any information regarding new issues or varieties that may prove of interest. Such information will be suitably acknowledged. Address, HENRY A. KIDDER, 17 Addison Street, Arlington, Mass.

Exchanges will please send Mr. Kidder a copy of each issue to the foregoing address, and an extra copy of the ERA will be gladly sent whenever desired.

UNITED STATES.—Mr. J. M. Bartels has shown us the 15c, \$1, \$2 and \$5 of the new series, completing the set. They have been minutely described before both as to color and design. The \$1 black is a very handsome stamp, the color bringing out fully the beauties of the design. The higher values are not yet on sale anywhere.

Mr. Bartels, who has just returned from Washington, brought back some interesting items of news relating to stamps. In regard to the early dates of issuing the new 2c stamps, the Bureau officials report that they were first issued January 20th, and that 7,000,000 were issued the first day to many post offices.

Mr. Bartels has a curiosity in the way of a set of die proofs, or rather engraver's proofs, in wax, of the new series of envelopes. They are very handsome, and it is little wonder that the Bureau officials approved the designs if they were all that was seen. The 1c and 2c are already familiar. The 4c has a portrait of Grant and resembles the 2c except that the shape is square with round corners. The 5c is horizontal oval, and judging from the proof will be the handsomest stamp of the set. These envelopes were engraved by Henry Mitchell of Boston, who has engraved all the government envelope stamps, beginning with the Plimpton issue of 1874. By the way the unsatisfactory execution of the Plimpton issue, as compared with the previous Reay issue, is said to have been due to haste in preparation, sufficient time not being given to the engraver to produce

the best work. It is to be hoped that some similar valid excuse may be found for the production of the new 2c envelope.

BARBADOS.—A new value has been issued in the 1892 type, on paper watermarked "crown and C. A."

Adhesive (Regular):
ash 6d lilac, value in green.

BERMUDA.—Ewen's Weekly illustrates the new registration envelope. It has a circular frame with a scalloped border, and is printed in blue. The inscription is "Bermuda, Registration—Two Pence."

CANADA.—Mr. E. J. Nankivell writes in *The Connoisseur*: "I have recently been shown by the engravers a proof of the much talked of proposed new Canadian King's Head series of postage stamps. The general design is very much the same as the current series—severely simple. The oval band containing 'Canada Postage and the words of value is retained. The figures of value also appear, as before, in the lower corners, but in slightly more elaborate settings. The portrait, which is the real item of import in the design, is a very pleasant presentation of the King, with shoulders draped in coronation robes. The view of the face is very much the same as that of the late Queen on the current Canadians. The portrait is effective and true, and at once recognizable. It is clearly engraved in simple line. There is a studious avoidance of elaboration. Something more ornate might perhaps be more generally acceptable, but for simplicity and faithfulness of portraiture the King's head cannot fail to give general satisfaction. Messrs. Perkins, Bacon & Co., London, have engraved the die, but they are not to be the printers, for the Canadian government has a contract with the American Bank Note Co. of New York. That company designed the double portrait Jubilee issue for Canada, and to secure the printing of the stamps agreed to erect and equip a stamp printing factory in Canada, and they have ever since 1897 been the specially appointed printers of Canadian stamps"

CEYLON.—Specimen copies of the following new values in the King's Head set have been circulated according to *Der Philatelist*

Adhesives (Regular):
3c green.
12c olive green and carmine.
15c blue.
25c buff.
3c dark lilac and green.

DUTCH INDIES.—Mr. Lohmeyer is indebted to Mr. Foulon for the first copy of the new 5c card. The inscriptions remain the same as on the issue of 1887, while the new coat of arms, as it appears on the 1901 issue of the mother country, has been substituted for the old. The stamp is of the oblong type, with figure of value in the centre, Scott's A6.

Postal Card (Regular):
5c red on pale rose, 89x139mm.

GLOBEY, ANNOBEN Y CORISCO.—No this is not a line of printer's "pi" but the name of a new Spanish colony. *L'Echo de la Timbrologie* says: "There are three islands situated in the Gulf of Guinea, south of Fernando Poo and west of French Congo. The first has 300 inhabitants, the second 700, and the last 2,000 They belong to Spain and we believed until now that the stamps of Spanish Guinea were alone employed there. We were, it seems, in error, for it is now announced that a set in the same type, with the inscription 'Elobey, Annoben y Corisco, 1903.' is about to appear. There are to be 18 values, ranging from ½c to 20 pesetas! But where, then, will the stamps of Spanish Guinea be employed? Including the series for this colony and Fernando Poo, Spain's colonial empire is likely to be responsible for 54 new varieties every year. If things go on at this rate, the Empire will soon have as many stamps as inhabitants."

FRANCE.—The 25c of the new series, with effigy of Roty's "Sower," is expected by the end of May and the 10c in June.

GERMANY.—The new set of cards, with shortened and re-spaced address lines is now completed by the addition of the following to former chronicles

Postal Cards (Regular):
2pf slate-blue on pale blue, 90x140mm.
2x2pf slate blue on pale blue, T 3, 90x140mm.
5pf green on cream, 93x140mm.
10x10pf carmine on cream, T 3, 90x140mm.
10pf carmine on pale blue, perf III, B, 90x140mm.

INDIA.—*Der Philatelist* reports "specimen" copies of three new values in the King's Head series. Also, the same stamps have been issued surcharged "On H. M. S." in black. Earlier values of this series were chronicled, the ½a, ¼a and 1a postage in No. 487 and the ½a official in No. 504 and 1a official in No. 503.

Adhesives (Regular):
2½a blue.
4a olive green.
8a violet.

MORE GOOD THINGS.

1851, 1c, type III..... \$ 3.50
 1851, 5c, O. G..... 12.00
 Louisville Local, Scott's No. 84..... 7.50
 What United States Stamps do you need?
 What United States Revenues do you need?

FRED G. JONES,

2013 Brook St., LOUISVILLE, KY.

CHAPTER XXXIV.

Since I originated the idea of

Osgood's Famous Big Selections

I have made up over 80 Big Books, embracing an immense variety of stamps. Continual effort is made to improve the details of the system and my ambition is to make it the most popular method of adding to a collection. Of course the more business I have up to a certain point the better I can make my Big Books. See the point? Reference.
 25 varieties Precancels 1, 2, 3c, only..... 25c
 Precancels bought and sold.
 Stampman free!

D. W. OSGOOD,

South Fork, Rio Grande Co., Colorado.
 [To be Continued.]

The FORTNIGHTLY COLLECTOR

contains something of interest to every Philatelist. Splendid articles and entertaining stamp gossip. At the low price it is offered no collector can afford to be without it.

ONLY 10c A YEAR.

Send ten cents today for a whole year's subscription. If not perfectly satisfied your money refunded without question. Address

THE FORTNIGHTLY COLLECTOR,

The J. L. Morrison Co., Publishers,

29] Smethport, Pa.

Adhesives (Official):

- 2 1/2 a blue and black.
- 4 a olive green and black.
- 8 a violet and black.

MALTA.—Mr. Lohmeyer has at last received direct from the General Post Office at Valletta the 1 penny King type cards, chronicled as having been issued, in the official organ of the Dresden Society, last August. The 1/2d Queen type, single and double, are still on sale there.

Postal Card (Regular):

1d carmine on cream, 89x140mm.

ORANGE RIVER COLONY.—In addition to the 1d chronicled in No. 512, *Der Philatelist* reports having seen "specimen" copies of the set up to 1sh. The colors of the body of the stamp are similar to those of Cape Colony.

Adhesives (Regular):

- 1/2d green.
- 2d brown.
- 2 1/2d blue.
- 3d lilac.
- 4d olive green, head in red.
- 6d lilac, head in red.
- 1sh brown yellow, head in red.

SALVADOR.—*Mechel's Weekly* chronicles several values of the series, surcharged, "Franqueo Oficial" in diagonal lines across the center of each stamp, in small sans serif capital letters.

Adhesives (Official):

- 1c green.
- 2c rose.
- 5c blue.
- 24c scarlet.

TASMANIA.—Mr. Lohmeyer has received from this colony a very crude, local print, 1 penny card. It is the same old type which has been in use since 1883, printed in a dull red on a grayish-buff manila tag board. It looks like a "cheap" card, but, like some of the local productions of 1884, may come very high in the near future.

Postal Card (Regular):

1d dull red on grayish buff, 73x110mm.

Chicago Notes.

Mr. Warren H. Colson, the traveling representative of the New England Stamp Co., was here last week with the usual array of fine stamps that he carries.

An elegant copy of Guatemala No. 23a, inverted bird, was shown by Mr. Z. G. Stebbins, who recently purchased it from a collector here.

Mr. J. P. Yegge, DeWitt, Ia., was in town for a few days, and was in attendance at Wolsieffer's auction.

P. M. Wolsieffer's 35th sale, which was held Thursday evening, April 30th, did not bring out the usual large Saturday night crowd, and in consequence the floor bidding was not quite as spirited as usual, with the exception of a few cases where the local bidders "went their limit."

Some of the prices realized are given below:

	Cat. price.	Sale price.
U. S., No 1884, unused,	\$35.00	\$ 8.30
No. 2961, inverted,	3.00	1.70
" 67, 5c buff,	7.00	3.50
" 95, no gum,	15.00	6.50
" 132, " "	35.00	9.60
" 139, used,	10.00	3.75
" 155, o. g.,	15.00	6.10
" 206b, o. g.,	10.00	4.10
" 207b, o. g.,	10.00	4.50
" 5c, No. 223, hor. imp. pair, o. g.,	?	4.60
" 1c Baltimore, No. 803, used,	3.50	2.00
" Periodical, 9c, No. 1010, used,	10.00	4.00
" 12c Justice, o. g.,	3.00	1.55
" 1c State, o. g.,	2.50	1.30
" 30c " "	7.00	3.65
" 90c " "	12.00	6.30
Barbados, No. 6, o. g.,	3.50	2.00
" " 30,	4.00	2.00
Bermuda, No. 13, o. g.,	4.00	2.00
Brazil, 100r, No. 109a, inverted head,	7.00	4.00
Bremen, 1866, 3g,	3.00	1.70
Cape of Good Hope, No. 1, no gum,	17.50	6.50
Antioquia, 2 1/2c, No. 1, reprint,	—	4.50
Confed. State, No. 208, Ten cents, o. g.,	7.00	3.05
Cuba, 20c, No. 114a, used,	—	3.50
Germany, No. 505, o. g.,	2.50	1.30
Honduras, No. 3, o. g.,	7.00	3.50
No. 5, o. g.,	—	4.15
" 29, o. g., invert. sur.,	—	5.10
Japan, No. 50,	2.25	1.10
Jamaica, No. 15, o. g.,	5.00	4.25
No. 16 o. g.,	3.50	2.50
Macau, No. 88, o. g.,	—	3.00
French Morocco, No. 1306-7 on original cover,	9.00	5.20
N. S. Wales, 5s, No. 320, o. g.,	—	7.65

2 Guatemala Jubilee Newspaper Wrapper Stamps, (cat. value 30c) sent for only 2 cents to any collector who has never written to us before, no others. Only one lot to each. **NEW ENGLAND STAMP CO.,** 21-27 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass. [t]

CUBA

1c on 3c PROVISIONAL

FINE UNUSED COPIES AT

10c EACH.

BLOCKS OF FOUR SAME RATE.

Postage Extra.

COLUMBIAN STAMP CO., Arlington, Mass.

North Borneo, No. 34,	5.00	2.60
Nova Scotia, No. 4, cut close,	40.00	10.30
Orange Free State, 1/2, No. 40, block of 4; o. g., top pair, no bar, and bottom pair bar is at top,	—	7.50
St. Helena, No. 30, o. g.,	3.00	1.65
Salvador, 20c, No. 17, pink, error of color,	—	5.60
Servia, 2p, No. 3b, error, green on rose,	75.00	25.10
Sta. Settlements, No. 32,	?	5.50
Sweden, 3s, No. 1, no gum, (tear),	35.00	11.60
Virgin Islands, 1s, No. 7b, double line,	21.00	9.25
Wurtemberg, No. 46,	9.00	4.00

CLIFFORD.

Items from the Dub.

Tuesday, May 5th.

Mr. P. Hawksley, of London, passed through our city this week, having with him a fine stock of stamps which he offered for sale to the dealers.

Last evening the New England Philatelic Association held its monthly meeting at 22 Bromfield street. The attendance was larger than usual, possibly on account of the competition for the medals. These medals were offered by Messrs. Cone and Capron for the best twenty-five stamps listed in the Standard Catalogue. Mr. T. L. Stoddard, of West Newton, took the silver medal, and Mr. Willis D. King, of Nashua, N. H., took the bronze medal.

Not often seen, a block of eighteen \$20.00 Conveyance, but J. M. Bartels & Co. have such a block on exhibition in their show case.

News seems to be scarce at present, and one reason may be that the dealers are too busy to talk, some even having to burn midnight oil in order to keep business well in hand.

WM. D. ELDRIDGE.

PART 10 OF 1903 RETAIL PRICE LIST, No. 14, STAMPS OF

Transvaal, Orange River Colony, South Australia and New Zealand

C. F. ROTHFUCHS, 38 MUNROE STREET, ROXBURY, MASS., U. S. A.

1st. Are extra fine copies. All unused 1st have the original gum on back. Used are the lightest canceled copies. Used are the pick of my stock as to color and centering.
2nd. Are in average good condition, many are as good as those which are generally sold as fine, but are not as fine as my 1st.
3rd. Some of the 3rd are in good condition, others are off centre or heavily canceled. Some are more or less damaged. Under the heading of 3rd I give as good as I can for the very low price.
All Stamps are Unused unless stated as U or used.
Please remit by Bills or Money Order and Not by Unused Stamps.

Cat. No.	1903 Cat. Price.	My Price for 1st.	2nd.	3rd.
11	1870	1d black.....	\$5.00	\$2.00
41	1877	6d blue on rose, U.	20.00	15.00
50	1878	1d red on or, U.	1.75	1.50
51	"	3d lilac on buff, U.	1.75	1.50
62	"	3d lilac on buff, U.	3.50	3.00
63	"	3d lil on green, U.	5.00	1.00
70	1879	3d lilac on green, U.	7.50	6.25
75	1878	1d red brown, U.	70	35
76	"	3d claret, used.....	70	65
78	"	6d slate, used.....	60	40
81	1881	3d vermilion.....	3.00	2.50
82	1879	1d on 6d, used.....	15.00	5.00
85	"	1d on 6d, used.....	9.50	7.50
94	1882	1d on 4d, used.....	70	50
95	"	1d on 4d, used.....	70	45
95	1883	1d black, used.....	18	12
96	"	3d red, used.....	35	30
99	1885	1/4d gray, used.....	02	02
100	"	1d rose, used.....	02	02
102	"	3d violet, used.....	25	18
103	"	4d bronze green, U.	08	05
104	"	6d blue, used.....	08	05
105	"	1sh green, used.....	08	05
106a	"	1/4d on 3d red.....	65	50
107a	"	1/4d on 1sh green.....	2.50	1.50
108	"	1/4d on 6d slate.....	6.00	5.00
109	"	1/4d on 6d slate.....	70	50
110	"	1/4d on 3d violet.....	35	30
111	"	block of four with one stamp No. 110b	25.00	
113	1892	2d olive bistre, U.	04	03
114	"	2sh 6d yellow, U.	60	40
115	"	1sh steel blue, U.	1.25	.75
118	1893	1/4d on 2d olive bistre	12	10
118a	"	1/4d on 2d olive bistre	30	25
127	1894	1d rose.....	25	15
127	"	6d blue, used.....	70	50
130	1895	1d with pole.....	10	8
132	"	3d violet.....	1.00	.75
137	1895	10sh red brown, U.	1.25	1.00
138	"	1/4d on 1sh green.....	08	05
139	"	1d on 3/4d purple.....	12	07
139	"	Square (M) after "d" U.	1.50	
141	"	1d dull rose.....	06	03
142	1896	1/4d green.....	05	03
148	"	6d violet and green, U.	20	10
178	1900	1/4d green, V. R. I.	04	03
179	"	1d rose, V. R. I.	05	04
180	"	2d brown, V. R. I.	08	07
181	"	2 1/2d ull., V. R. I.	10	08
182	"	3d violet, V. R. I.	15	10
183	"	4d olive, V. R. I.	18	14
184	"	6d violet, V. R. I.	25	18
185	"	1sh bistre, V. R. I.	45	38
186	"	1/4d on 6d, V. R. I.	1.10	.95
186	"	1/4d on 6d, V. R. I.	1.10	.95

ORANGE RIVER COLONY.

1	1868	1d brown, used.....	04	03
2a	"	6d rose, used.....	10	05
3	"	1sh orange, used.....	25	18
4	1877	4d on 6d rose, U.	10.00	7.50
5	"	4d on 6d rose, U.	10.00	7.50
6	"	4d on 6d rose, U.	3.50	3.50
7	"	4d on 6d rose, U.	3.00	2.00
9	1878	4d ultramarine, U.	18	15
10	"	5sh green.....	4.00	3.75
13	1881	1d on 5sh green.....	5.00	3.75
16	"	1/4d on 5sh green.....	60	50
22	1885	1/4d red brown.....	03	02
23	"	2d violet, used.....	05	03
24	"	3d ultramarine, U.	20	15
27	1890	1d on 3d ultra, U.	18	15
28	1892	3/4d on 3d ultra, U.	35	30
32	1892	3/4d on 3d ultra, U.	50	40
31	1896	1/4d violet.....	08	06
38	"	1/4d on 3d ultra.....	25	18
40	"	1/4d on 3d ultra.....	2.00	1.10
40	"	1/4d on 3d ultra.....	08	05
40d	"	1/4d, without bar.....	3.00	2.50
40?	"	1/4d, bar over "Vrig".....	5.00	
40?	"	1/4d, bar above "Vrig".....	1.00	
41	"	1/4d orange.....	06	06
42	"	1sh brown.....	3.50	3.00
42	"	1sh brown, used.....	60	50
43	"	1/4d on 3d ultra.....	60	50
44	1900	1/4d orange, V. R. I.	04	03
45	"	1d violet, V. R. I.	06	04
46	"	2d violet, V. R. I.	10	08
48	"	3d ultra, V. R. I.	15	10
51	"	6d ultra, V. R. I.	25	18
53	"	1sh brown, V. R. I.	60	45
55	"	1/4d green, V. R. I.	2.25	1.75
55	"	1/4d blue, O. R. C.	03	02
56	1902	1d carmine, O. R. C.	10	08
57	"	4d on 6d, V. R. I.	25	15
58	"	4d on 6d, V. R. I.	25	15
58b	"	4d on 6d, V. R. I.	3.75	
60a	"	1sh on 5sh, V. R. I.	50	35
60a	"	1sh on 5sh, thick V.	1.75	

Cat. No.	1903 Cat. Price.	My Price for 1st.	2nd.	3rd.	
10	1859	1d green, used.....	\$1.75	\$1.50	
12	"	6d blue, used.....	.85	.75	
17	1860	2d orange red, U.	.25	.15	
19	"	6d blue, used.....	.35	.25	
20	"	6d ultramarine, U.	.85	.75	
25	"	1sh red brown, U.	.75	.50	
41	1867	1d green, used.....	1.25	.65	
42	"	4d dull violet, U.	2.00	1.75	
48	"	6d dark blue, U.	.75	.50	
54	"	1sh red brown, U.	2.00	1.00	
68	1876	8d on 9d, used.....	.60	.60	
69	"	9d rose lilac.....	.60	.60	
70	"	1sh red brown, U.	.35	.25	
71	"	1sh carmine, U.	.25	.15	
76	1880	1/4d brown, used.....	.05	.05	
78	1888	3d olive green.....	.38	.25	
79	"	4d violet, used.....	.06	.06	
80	"	6d blue, used.....	.15	.15	
92	"	15c "Specimen".....	3.00		
93	"	20c "Specimen".....	4.00		
82, 83, 84, 86, 87, 88, 89 and 90	"	1c, 2c, 3c, 4c, 5c, 6c, 7c, 8c, 9c, 10c, 11c, 12c, 13c, 14c, 15c, 16c, 17c, 18c, 19c, 20c, 21c, 22c, 23c, 24c, 25c, 26c, 27c, 28c, 29c, 30c, 31c, 32c, 33c, 34c, 35c, 36c, 37c, 38c, 39c, 40c, 41c, 42c, 43c, 44c, 45c, 46c, 47c, 48c, 49c, 50c, 51c, 52c, 53c, 54c, 55c, 56c, 57c, 58c, 59c, 60c, 61c, 62c, 63c, 64c, 65c, 66c, 67c, 68c, 69c, 70c, 71c, 72c, 73c, 74c, 75c, 76c, 77c, 78c, 79c, 80c, 81c, 82c, 83c, 84c, 85c, 86c, 87c, 88c, 89c, 90c, 91c, 92c, 93c, 94c, 95c, 96c, 97c, 98c, 99c, 100c	"		
94	1891	2 1/4d on 4d green.....	.12	.08	
101	1893	6d blue, perf. 15.....	5.00	2.95	
111	1895	6d blue, used.....	.03	.02	
239	1876	6d U Official.....	.12	.10	
242	"	1sh red brown, U.	.18	.10	
243	"	1sh carmine, U.	1.25	.75	
246	1880	2d orange, used.....	.03	.02	
251	"	2 1/4d on 4d, used.....	2.50		
262	1891	2 1/4d on 4d, used.....	.60	.40	
267	1891	1d green, used.....	.06	.04	

The above news stamps catalogue price for unused \$39.25. My price for all originals with Revenue cancellations, all in good condition \$13.50.

NEW ZEALAND.

10	1859	1d blue, used.....	1.25	.75
11	"	6d brown, used.....	1.00	.50
18	1862	1d vermilion, U.	2.00	1.25
19	"	6d blue, used.....	1.00	.50
20	"	3d lilac, used.....	2.50	1.25
21	"	6d brown, used.....	1.00	.50
23	1865	1d vermilion, U.	35	17
24	"	2d blue, used.....	25	12
25	"	3d lilac, used.....	30	20
28	"	6d brown, used.....	15	10
29	"	1sh green, used.....	1.00	.50
33	"	1sh green, used.....	2.50	.50
44	1872	1d brown, used.....	.50	.25
45	"	2d orange, used.....	.60	.30
45a	"	2d vermilion, U.	.60	.30
53	1873	6d blue, used.....	.45	.25
54	"	3d brown, used.....	1.50	.75
55	"	6d blue, used.....	1.50	.50
56	"	1sh green, used.....	1.00	.50
57	"	1sh rose, used.....	2.25	1.00
58	"	1sh gray, used.....	3.75	3.50
66	1882	8d blue, used.....	.18	.10
68	1891	2 1/4d ultra, used.....	.05	.03
69	"	5d olive gray, U.	.10	.05
70	1898	1/4d lilac gray.....	.04	.03
77	"	1d brown and blue.....	.06	.03
77	"	1d red brown.....	.75	.65
77a	"	3d violet brown.....	3.50	3.25

Revenue Stamps Used for Postage.

201	1882	6sh 8d, U, imp.....	25.00	
208	"	1d perforated, U.	1.50	
210	"	2d green and red, U.	2.50	
210	"	4d green & black, U.	1.25	1.00
214	"	6d blue & blue, U.	5.00	
215	"	8d blue & black, U.	1.50	.75
217	"	1sh violet & green, U.	1.50	1.00
225	"	1sh rose & blue, U.	10.00	
227	"	1sh violet & green, U.	7.50	5.00
229	"	6sh rose & blue, U.	5.00	2.50
240	"	15sh lilac & blue, U.	7.50	
240	"	1d pink & blue, U.	1.00	
248	"	8d dark green, U.	2.50	1.75
252	"	2sh blue, used.....	.06	.04
253	"	2sh 6d dk. brown, U.	.35	.20
254	"	3sh violet, used.....	.25	.15
255	"	4sh brown violet, U.	.20	.10
256	"	4sh red brown, U.	.20	.10
257	"	5sh green, used.....	.15	.10
258	"	7sh ultramarine, U.	.40	.25
259	"	7sh 8d olive gr., U.	.85	.60
261	"	8sh dull blue, U.	1.00	1.00
262	"	9sh orange red, U.	1.00	.60
263	"	10sh red brown, U.	.35	.15
264	"	12sh dk. green, U.	7.50	3.75
266	"	15c rose, used.....	.75	.35
267	"	15c brown, U.....	1.75	1.50
269	"	2c purple, used.....	2.00	1.50
271	"	3c yellow, U.....	3.00	2.00
272	"	4c ultramarine, U.	6.00	4.00
273	"	5c dark blue, U.	4.50	3.00
274	"	6c orange red, U.	12.50	8.75
276	"	8c green, used.....	15.00	10.00
278	"	10c blue, used.....	7.50	6.50
551-2-3	"	Life Ins. U, the 3 for	.09	.06

PRICE LIST No. 15
containing an alphabetically arranged list of the **POSTAL CARD AND LETTER CARDS**, issued during the past three years, and list of obsolete British Colonial Cards, is now ready.
It will be mailed free to collectors interested in this specialty.
ADOLPH LOHMEYER,
922 N. Gilmor Street, Baltimore, Md.

Our Wholesale List,
which appeared in the ERA for March 28th and April 4th, contains 4693 different lots. A great many scarce stamps are listed. You will find a very good showing of the popular British North American stamps. Everything (with a few exceptions) is priced at from 1/3rd to 1-10th of catalogue. These prices are for perfect stamps only, no damaged. Why pay any dealer more than our prices? List free to known buyers; to others price 25 cents which will be refunded on the first order amounting to \$1.00.

HOLTON STAMP CO., BOSTON, MASS.

WANTED
Unused Postage Stamps from 1c to \$5.00 at discount.
Also want large Stamp Collections.
Pay Cash by return mail.
NATHAN COBE & CO., Waltham, Mass.

Topics About Town.

FROM NEW YORK CITY.

The next meeting of the Brooklyn Stamp Club, branch of the Empire State Philatelic Society, will occur on May 18th, at 1117 Broadway, Brooklyn. The stamps of Denmark and Colonies will be exhibited.

Sixty Per. Cent Discount.
 Good U. S. and Foreign on approval.
C. B. MERRILL.
 102 E. 90th St., New York.

HAWAIIAN NUMERALS.

WOVE PAPER.

1c Plate Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, 10.

LAI D PAPER.

1c Plate Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10.
 2c Plate Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10.
 Plate No. 4, 2c; No. 5, 1c; No. 11, 5c.
 Catalogue No. 8, thin white paper, uncancelled.

Catalogue No. 9, used.

We Also Offer Rare Philippines!

Catalogue No. 370, 11 2-8c on 5p red; imperf., (Hispania design).

Catalogue No. 371, 17 4-8c on 5p red; imperf., (Hispania design).

Catalogue No. 372, 17 4-8c on 5p green; perf., (Hispania design).

All postally used, and fine copies.

PRICES ON APPLICATION.

R. A. TARR CO.,

3125 N. Broad St., Philadelphia, Pa.

The Ever Increasing Sales

of my packet No. 25—The Flood City Special—proves conclusively that the value you receive for your money cannot be matched anywhere. The contents, 50 mostly obsolete stamps, all in fine condition. The price,

ONE DOLLAR.

This packet **POSITIVELY** catalogues from \$4 to \$5.

THEO. MAINHART, JOHNSTOWN, PA.

PEELABLE HINGES

NOT ENGLISH		NOT GERMAN
1000 12c.		5000 50c.
POST FREE.		POST FREE
STRONG PAPER—TASTELESS GUM		
W. F. GREGORY, 71 NASSAU ST., NEW YORK.		

Are you thinking of Selling your stamps at Auctions?

If so write us.

Now is the time to make dates for next season.

CHAS. H. STONE & CO.,

19 Washington St., BOSTON, MASS.

affair in the Bay of Manila, a part of the "Pearl of the Orient", as our Spanish friends were pleased to term the Philippine Islands, collectors commenced brightening up on their geographical knowledge of the "Far East" that they might answer their elders when questioned where this or that place was located that was mentioned in the cables. Some of them went further in ascertaining how their collections stood as regarded the titles of different dependencies in the same neighborhood.

A gentleman in the Consular Service was good enough to tackle these labels or rather to get such information as he could, notwithstanding quite half a century had passed since their presumed use in Java. Unfortunately, in some respects at least, his communications were inaudibly privileged and therefore only quotation can be availed of.

The most expressive and conclusive paragraph (in some five letters in which the topic was mentioned) is perhaps the following:

"Through a governmental attache I am advised that in his youth he was very well acquainted (I think somewhat remotely related) with the then executive head, who handled, I believe, practically all governmental affairs, fiscal, postal, financial and sub-diplomatic, and that his recollection is, these labels were prepared purely and only for an accounting check, and more frequently were numbered with an identical corresponding number on bulky mail, and as well single packages, boxes and pretty much all and everything, making them perhaps a sort of invoice status, being left in unsevered sheets. Certainly so far as I have been enabled to ascertain there is no evidence that I should consider, it being remembered, however, that I am not a collector that could lead me to think they can be classed with stamps any more than labels used by the express companies at home." (Home meaning the United States).

Later on, perhaps a year or more, a letter was addressed to a personal friend then an attache of the Diplomatic Service stationed at The Hague. In concluding the correspondence (carried on throughout in a jesting way as to stamp collecting, but none the less sincere and devoted in his efforts to secure reliable and correct advice on the subject), wound up:

"Think it can safely be said that these bits of paper you have been having me try to characterize as stamps will have to be relegated to official forms for accounting purposes, distinctively—and solely. It has

Do You Buy at Auction?

If you do you should receive our catalogues regularly. We have several more sales to bring off before the season closes, and our catalogues are free to all auction buyers.

Our methods of cataloging are so plain and explicit that beginners by the aid of the latest catalogue can tell without difficulty what stamp they are bidding on.

United Stamp Co., 1149 Marquette Bldg., Chicago.

N. B.—We are still selling Wolsieffer's Pocket Stock Book, cloth, to hold 565 stamps for 25 cts.

1903 PRICE-LIST.

Our 1903 Red Cover Catalogue is out—free. The price-list gives our net prices on U. S. Postage, Department, Dues, Telegraphs, Cut Square Envelopes, Confederate, Revenues, packets, sets, supplies, albums, wholesale lots, etc., etc. You can save money by buying from it. The prices are 40 to 60 per cent. discount from Scott's.

J. T. STARR STAMP CO., Coldwater, Mich.

U. S. BARGAINS.

1871, 1c cata.	15c \$0.05	1873, 7c cata.	60c \$0.25
" 6c "	10c .03	" 12c "	40c .18
" 7c "	60c .25	" 15c "	50c .20
" 10c "	15c .05	" 30c "	50c .20
" 12c "	40c .18	" 90c "	2.00 .80
" 15c "	75c .25	1875, 5c Taylor	.04
" 24c "	1.50 .70	1879, 15c	.07
" 30c "	1.00 .50	" 3c "	.05
" 30c "	1.25 .50	" 15c "	.45

GREATER N. Y. STAMP & COIN CO.,
 128 East 23rd St., New York City.

EXCHANGE! EXCHANGE!

Having a surplus of many nice Foreign I wish to trade them for nice U. S. Postage and Depts. cat. 25c each and over. I desire such stamps as 7c, 12c, 15c, 24c, 30c, 90c denominations, used or unused. Send what you have to exchange and will either return or send you a nice selection to choose from by first mail. This offer only holds good until I reduce my stock in some lines of foreign stamps. The stamps I have for exchange are good stuff and this is a nice chance for you to use some of your better class duplicates to advantage.

SEND FOR PRICE LIST

and get those premiums I told you about in No. 517. Tells you all about my fine approval selections. Lists hundreds of sets, packets, single stamps. Don't delay but drop postal at once.

W. C. PHILLIPS, GLASTONBURY, CT.

not, at least within my province, been possible to find anything of record or hearsay to establish the status you are in doubt about, that is that they are stamps."

It would seem therefore from a collector's (I know nothing about philately, they being a section of unknowns to me) point of view, the same conditions exist as when Messrs. Collin and Calman wrote their note in probably the later eighties. In the intervening 16 years—i. e. from 1874 to say 1890, for convenience—no one had come forward to explain, characterize or defend these printings. Nor has there in the 13 years since C. & C. issued their courteous invitation to collectors to do yeomanry service that traders might emulmize thereby.

On the whole, therefore, it perhaps would harm but few, and possibly save some latter day collectors, were Scott's Dutch Indies Nos. 48 and 49 deleted from future editions. Oh sweet Coamo, Puerto Principe, and Philippino surcharges galore, you have near cousins of the same blood as yourselves, in the slow plodding, but always honest, Hollander-Javanese.

FREE LANCE.

Mekeel's Stamp Collector

PUBLISHED WEEKLY.

FULL of information and news valuable to stamp collectors. Once a month large magazine editions are issued. Over one thousand pages guaranteed during the year.

Subscription \$1.00 per year. (On trial for three months, 25 cents.) No stamp man can afford to be without it. Volume sixteen commenced January 1, 1903.

C. H. Mekeel Stamp and Publishing Co.

St. Louis, Mo.

WHEN YOU THINK OF SELLING

WRITE TO

B. L. DREW & CO.,

7 WATER ST., (Room 501), BOSTON, MASS.

[1501

The Leading Auction Firm in America.

PHILATELIC MSS. WANTED.

We pay highest cash prices for good Philatelic MSS. Correspondents wanted in Chicago, Boston, New York, San Francisco and Philadelphia to furnish local fortnightly notes. Address **The Fortnightly Collector**, The J. L. Morrison Co., Publishers, Smethport, Pa. [1518

Wm. v. d. Wettern, Jr.,

WHOLESALE DEALER IN

★ **POSTAGE + STAMPS,** ★

411 W. Saratoga St., Baltimore, Md.

New special list just issued, sent free on application to dealers only.

For Sale!

The entire stock of a well known New York dealer.

It contains many rarities; a good line of medium priced stamps, and a large lot of wholesale stuff.

Can be bought at a bargain for spot cash.

A first class start for one just entering the business, or a dealer not having a very large stock.

Particulars can be had by those interested by addressing

G. S. C.,

Care The Perforator,

106 E. 111th Street, NEW YORK CITY.

The Postal Card Society of America.

Officers for 1902-3.

President, **HORACE E. CARPENTER, JR.**, Care N. B. Bradley & Sons, Bay City, Mich.
Vice-President, **J. T. ALBERT HOSBACH**, 1422 North 53rd St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Secretary, **W. F. AGES**, Hope, Ark.
Treasurer, **JOHN N. MORSE**, 105 Devonshire St., Boston, Mass.

Executive Committee, **GUY A. BRYANT**, Princeton, Ill.; **W. D. ARNOLD**, The Portland, Broadway, St. Paul, Minn.; **N. HASKELL WITMER**, 230 S. 9th St., La Crosse, Wis.

Exchange Superintendent, **J. T. A. HOSBACH**, 1422 No. 53rd St., Phila., Pa.

Purchasing Agent, **ADOLPH LOHMEYER**, 922 N. Gilmer St., Baltimore, Md.

International Secretary, **E. DOEBLIN**, P. O. Box 736, Pittsburg, Pa.

Official Journal, **THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA.**

The New England Philatelic Association.

Organized February, 1895.

Board of Officers:

President, **CHARLES H. SMITH**, Dedham, Mass.
Vice President, **J. FAVILL CAPRON**, 22 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass.

Secretary and Treasurer, **H. W. LEGG**, 26 Hancock St., Boston, Mass.

Sales Department, **CHARLES H. STONE**, 91 Antrim St., Cambridgeport, Mass.

Information Bureau, **Mrs. WALLACE DANA SMITH**, 20 Wibold St., Portsmouth, N. H.

Counterfeit Detector, **WILLIS D. KING**, Nashua, N.H.
Attorney, **HORACE S. BACON**, 107 Stevens St., Lowell, Mass.

Governing Board, **CHARLES H. STONE**, Chairman, 91 Antrim St., Cambridgeport, Mass.; **JOHN J. CONE**, New Dorchester, Mass.; **FRANK A. WILSON**, 185 Highland Ave., Somerville, Mass.

Official Organ, **THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA.**

THE POST OFFICE.

The following, illustrating where and by whom the post office was invented, is told by *Harper's Young People*:

The invention of the post office is ascribed to Cyrus, king of Persia, who lived about 600 B. C. Cyrus required all of his governors of provinces to write to him exact accounts of everything that occurred in their several districts and armies. The Persian empire was of vast extent, and some means had to be provided to render that correspondence sure and expeditious. Cyrus therefore caused post offices to be built and messengers appointed in every province. He found how far a good horse with an experienced rider could travel in a day without being hurt, and then had stables built in proportion, at equal distances from each other. At each of these places he also appointed postmasters, whose duty it was to receive the letters, from the couriers as they arrived, and give them to others, and to give fresh horses in exchange for those that had performed their part of the journey. Thus the post went continually night and day, rain or snow, heat or cold, and Cyrus received speedy news of all occurrences and sent back whatever orders he considered necessary. Darius, the last king of the ancient Persians, was superintendent of them before he came to the throne.

TRADE COLUMN.

Under this head we will print exchange, want and for sale notices, business announcements, 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. No issue charge to cents.

One four-line notice free with each subscription, providing copy accompanies the subscription.

THREE Consecutive Insertions of SAME ad in this Column for PRICE OF TWO.

1898 Doc. Rev. \$1 green, green & black, red, gray, \$2 green, gray, \$3 red-brown, \$5 red, gray; nine stamps for 3c. **W. H. Marshall**, 383 Wash. St., Cambridge, Mass. [123

Try my approval sheets of good U. S. and foreign stamps at 50% discount. References required. **W. S. CRITTENDEN**, 847 Jersey Ave., Elizabeth, N. J. [23

Wanted—Address of amateur Canadian collectors who will exchange Canadian stamps and Revs. for U. S. **GRANT PIERCE**, Brunswick, Me.

U. S. 1898 Docs., \$1 green, \$3 brown, \$5 orange and \$10 black, fine cut copies, all for 20c, or same uncut 40c; \$1, \$2, \$3, \$5 and \$10 gray, fine cut copies, for 25c. Gift edge approval sheets sent for reference. **POSTAL STAMP CO.**, 15 Lake Street, White Plains, N. Y. [23

Wanted—Sample copies of Philatelic papers. **MRS. M. E. HOWARD**, Dahlonga, Georgia.

Approval selections at 60% discount from Standard Catalogue prices. **WM. E. AULT**, Jeffersonville, Ind. [23

Cost prices: a few A1 copies Priv. Propa: Radways, 3c; Warners, 7c; Od. Chem. Co., 7c; Antikamnia, 8c; Dr. Williams, 4c. **F. B. KIRBY**, New Bedford, Mass.

United States used new series, fine copies: 8c Martha 3c, 10 for 22c; 13c Harrison 5c, 10 for 40c; 50c Jefferson, just out, 15c. All postage extra. **J. R. VIETS**, 26 Greystone Park, Lynn, Mass. [24

U. S. Pre-Cancelled postage stamps. I will pay a good price in cash or exchange for any not in my collection. **F. L. SMITH**, 40 Exchange Pl., N. Y. [24c

For sale, or exchange for U. S. stamps and Revs.: 1894 unused 8c, not wmk.; 1894 1c Dues, unused, not wmk.; 3/4 orange Doc. Revs., c. 5. A few plate Nos. of 1890-94. Write me. **GRANT PIERCE**, Brunswick, Me.

Fine unused U. S. 50c Omaha, 16c; 15c Col., 13c; 50c Col., 25c; \$1 1895, 20c; 50c 1895, 5c; 30c Dues, 13c; 50c Dues, 13c; Col., Omaha and Pan sets, 1 to 10, all fine, 27c; Doc. Revs., 7/8c to \$6, 22 var., 24c. Approval sheets. Postage 2c. **F. B. KIRBY**, New Bedford, Mass.

Pre-cancelled postage stamps wanted for cash. Will give others in exchange if possible. **DANIEL J. KAIB**, St. Bede College, Peru, Illinois. (Pre-cancelled Stamp Club, No. 20) [21

We Want to Buy: Philippines, Nos. 6, 53, 69, 168b, 261, 263, 264, 268, 309 and 412. Porto Rico, Nos. 67a and 89. Danish West Indies, Nos. 4a and 4b in pairs, or blocks of four. We will pay spot cash or exchange for any of above stamps. **R. A. TARR CO.**, 3125 N. Broad St., Philadelphia, Pa. [25

Very Cheap. \$1 Passage Ticket, 72c; \$1 Mortgage, 22c, the two for \$1.02; 50c Revs. over 75 var., \$1.25 **KING**, 141 East 19th St., New York City. [21

200 die cut stamp hinges 15c, postpaid. **GEORGE H. HOPE**, 87 Ring St., Providence, R. I. [26

100 varieties stamps, catalogue \$2 and over by Scott's 1903, for only 25c. **O. A. QUESNEL**, Great Falls, Montana, Box 555. [21

2 cap var. 2c 1890, cat. 8c, 5c postpaid. Approvals 50c, U. S. and Foreign. Send reference. **PIASA STAMP CO.**, P. O. Box 206, Upper Alton, Ill. [21

Send for our unexcelled approval sheets. **H. R. DECKER STAMP CO.**, Fairbury, Ill. [21

25 stamps, cataloguing \$1.00 for 10c. **GEORGE H. HOPE**, 87 Ring St., Providence, R. I. [25

Foreign and U. S. good duplicates, catalogued at 5 cents each and up, wanted at 3/4 catalogue in exchange for fine stamps to increase your collection; have a fine line of splendid stamps to offer, especially in U. S. Revenues perforated and imperforate. No damaged stamps given or taken; have over 40 varieties Match and Medicine on hand. Write or send a lot of your best duplicates for exchange. **L. V. LINDSEY**, Greene, New York.

Omaha and Pan-Am. 9c Plate Nos., and Entire Envelopes wanted for cash. **S. B. FISH**, Butler, Ill. [21

Wanted—1898 proprietary stamps with printed cancellations. **H. W. LONGSTAFF**, Mt. Clemens, Mich. [21

U. S. 1898 Revenues, \$1.00, \$3.00, \$5.00, \$10.00, for 30c; fine cut copies. Cut copies of the \$1.00 green at 20c per 100, all soaked. The new U. S. Stamps: 3c, 4c and 5c, 1 ct. each; 8c, 4 cts.; 13c, 6 cts.; Special Delivery, 4 cts. **W. PETERS**, 795 President St., Brooklyn, N. Y. [21c

Beautiful Foreign Revenues—1,000 varieties at from 1c to 3c each. Write for selections. Full line of Foreign Revenue Catalogues in stock. **G. W. PEPPER**, 250 East 57th St., New York City. [25

Fine U. S. and Foreign stamps to exchange for Tags, Coupons and American Cigar Co.'s bands. **ED. M. VOSS**, Bloomington, Indiana [23

*Hawaii 18c (Scott, \$1.25), 35c; 10 for \$2.50. *Johore, Nos. 22 & 28. (Scott, 95c), pair 35c; 10 sets \$2.00. Tasmania 10c, 1d & 2d, (cat. 3c & 6c), even and 4, 75c per 100. Argentine 100c, 1 c, 10 for 10c; 100 for \$1.50. **CARL YOUNG**, 112 N. 5th St., Philadelphia, Pa. [22

Approval sheets 60% discnt. Net sheets for advanced collectors at equally low prices. 9000 var. in stock. **F. W. PICKARD**, 2477 Ingleside, Cincinnati, O. [24

Is your collection for sale? Get your dealer to make a price on it, add 20% to his offer, and send book to me. It's 10 to 1 I buy it. **F. W. PICKARD**, 2477 Ingleside, Cincinnati, O. [24

To complete your United States. Fine perfect copies, 1895, \$5.00 green, \$1.25 each; \$2.00 blue, \$1.05 each. Wholesale, both values \$11.00 only, per dozen.

Thousands of bargains in old United States, British and Colonial stamps. Fine approval selections at 25 to 50% discount. No common rubbish but only fine copies of desirable stamps sent out. Write stating wants and send reference. I can save you hundreds of dollars. Established 1880. **FREDERICK GINN**, 143 Strand, London, England. [21

Is your collection for sale? I will buy it or any odd lots of good stamps. No cheap stuff wanted. Send on approval with lowest cash offer. Immediate returns guaranteed. **HOWARD C. BECK**, City Controller's Office, Detroit, Mich. [51

Pre-cancels not in my collection wanted. Best cash or trade price. **E. R. ALDRICH**, Benson, Minn. [1f

Try an Ad in this Column. It Pays.

American Philatelic Association.

(INCORPORATED.)

THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA—OFFICIAL JOURNAL.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

ALEXANDER HOLLAND, President,
40 Grace Court, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Board of Vice-Presidents.

FRANK H. BURT, Chairman,
Room 1046, Tremont Building, Boston, Mass.
GORDON IRELAND, Secretary,
Holyoke House 21, Cambridge, Mass.
EDWIN F. SAWYER,
101 Washington St., Brighton, Mass.

H. E. DEATS, Secretary,
Flemington, N. J.
E. DOEBLIN, International Secretary,
Box 736, Pittsburg, Pa.
C. L. ANNAN, Treasurer,
Copper Range R. R., Houghton, Mich.
H. B. PHILLIPS,
1311 Grove St., Berkeley, Cal.
F. W. CONING,
350 George St., New Brunswick, N. J.

RESIDENT VICE-PRESIDENTS.

BOSTON, MASS.—M. H. LOMBARD, Winchester, Mass.
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.—W. E. LOV, 2431 Ellsworth St., Berkeley, Cal.
NEW YORK CITY.—W. F. GREGORY, 71 Nassau St.
PITTSBURG, PA.—E. DONAHUE, Box 736.
CHICAGO, ILL.—A. F. MERKEL, 429 Marquette Building.
MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.—ERNEST S. MARTIN, 2244 First Avenue, South.
WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS—ROBERT D. MAYNARD, 36 Oak Grove Ave., Springfield.

APPOINTEE OFFICERS.

E. H. ANDERSON, Librarian,
Carnegie Library, Pittsburg, Pa.
H. D. WATSON, Collecting Agent,
64 Cedar St., New York City.
JOHN J. OESCH, Superintendent of Sales Dept.,
34 Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill.

H. E. DEATS, Assistant Librarian,
Flemington, N. J.
W. F. GREGORY, Auction Purchasing Agent,
71 Nassau St., New York City.
P. M. WOLSIEFFER, Auction Purchasing Agent,
1009 Atwood Bldg., Chicago, Ill.
A. W. BATCHELDER, Auction Purchasing Agent,
21 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass.

REPORT OF SECRETARY

For the Week Ending May 9, 1903.

Applications for Membership.

FRITZ, REV. WILLIAM G., Clifton Springs,
New York, Box 181, (temporary ad-
dress); age, 33; occupation, Missionary.
References: R. Robinson, H. E. Deats.

Application for Re-Instatement.

1681. WHITE, WILLIAM MOORE, San
Antonio, Texas.

Change of Address.

66. KILBON, REV. JOHN LUTHER, from
93 Gibbs St., Newton Centre, Mass., to 323
St. James Ave., Springfield, Mass.

New Stockholders.

1807. ANDERSON, J. M., Riverside Sta-
tion, Minneapolis, Minn.
1808. BENN, J. W., Medford, Wiscon-
sin.
1809. BIBB, HARRY S., Minneapolis,
Minn.
1810. EDSTEN, ADOLPH, 1012 East 18th
St., Minneapolis, Minn.
1811. GILE, S. A., Minneapolis, Minn.

Membership Summary.

Membership May 2nd..... 549
New Stockholders 5
Total Membership May 9th..... 554

H. E. DEATS, Secretary.

REPORT OF SALES DEPARTMENT.

CHICAGO, March 1st, 1903.

626 books received since August,
1902, valued at..... \$17791.64
36 books retired to March 1,
1903, valued at 612.29
590 books in circulation, March
1, 1903, valued at.....\$17,179.35

Sales from Sept. 1902 to March
1, 1903..... \$2439.37
Cash paid to owners on account. 1451.68
Credit to Insurance fund..... 3.06
Credit to Supt.'s Commission.. 33.46
J. J. OESCH, Supt.

Accepted by the Board of Vice-Presidents,
May 1, 1903.

GORDON IRELAND,
Secretary Board of Vice-Presidents,
American Philatelic Association.

BOARD OF VICE-PRESIDENTS.

May 2nd, 1903.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN
PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION:

The same day that our last report reached the hands of most of the members of the Association brought to Boston the first news of the death of our recent companion which made our printed hopes and best wishes for his welfare seem pitiful and coldly futile. The depleted Board continued its work, interrupted only by illness; and since the recovery of its full number has considered and progressed with several matters of no little importance to various individual members, but hardly of enough general interest to justify specific publication. One report, submitted to the Board in accordance with the By-Laws, has been accepted and ordered published in the Official Journal. Charges preferred against two members had unfortunately been so delayed that the Board was unable to take disciplinary measures before the accused ones were swept out of our jurisdiction by the annual decimation of the membership ranks for non-payment of dues, occurring this year on November 1st, 1902. By the By-Laws, affidavits are needed before we may act on charges against members; and we would urge continued freedom in presentation of well-founded claims, for the

sake of even increased purity in our membership list. Respectfully submitted,

For the Board,
GORDON IRELAND, Secretary.

The Boston Philatelic Society.

M. H. LOMBARD, President, Winchester, Mass.
C. F. ROTHFUCHS, Vice-President, Boston.
C. A. HOWES, Secretary, 55 Kilby St., Boston.
L. L. GREEN, Treasurer, 47 Tremont St., Boston.
J. H. LYONS, Supt. of Auctions, 27 Bromfield St., Boston.
J. H. LYONS, Supt. of Sales, 27 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass.
THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA, Official Journal.

BOSTON, May 12, 1903.

The one hundred and twenty-sixth regular meeting of the Society will be held in Elks' Hall, 24 Hayward Place, Boston, on Tuesday evening, May 19th, at 8 o'clock sharp.

Order of Business.

1. Reading of Minutes of Last Meeting.
2. Reports of Committees.
3. Communications.
4. Election of Candidates.
5. Unfinished Business.
6. New Business.
7. Informal Auction Sale.

Entertainment.

The fifth exhibition of the present series will be held this evening and it is to be hoped that a number of entries will be made. The restriction of the last exhibition to those who had never taken a prize would indicate from the result that most of our members had been prize-winners, but the present exhibition is open to all, as before. Russia has long been a favorite with many collectors from its philatelically clean record and the neatness and attractiveness of its postal issues. A page of Russians always claims more than a passing glance from one who is examining a collection. Finland also has been a favorite with many and is included because of the Russianization which is now, alas for the Finns, in progress in the Grand Duchy. Its approaching fate is reflected in its postal issues and sooner or later it will be but a name and an album page like Poland.

N. B.—Intending exhibitors may send their collections to or leave them with Mr. J. H. Lyons of the Exhibition Committee at 27 Bromfield St., Boston.

Coming Exhibitions.

June 16.—Envelopes and wrappers (entire) of Great Britain and Colonies; envelopes and wrappers (cut square) of Great Britain and Colonies.

[The above only for members who have never taken a prize.]
Sept. 15.—Victoria.

KITCHEN MECHANICS.

The next girl we had was a "ginney", so I can quote some from sunny Italy and historic Greece.

Italy.		Greece.	
	Price.		Price.
1863, 3 lbs, unused,	\$0.40	No. 122, used,	\$0.20
1879, 20c brown, o.g.,	.73	123, "	.05
" 2 lbs, used,	.30	124, "	.10
1880, 5 " o. g.,	.35	125, "	.04
1890-1, 5 " used,	.10	126, "	.40
Unpaid, No. 152, used,	.10	129, o. g.,	.05
" " 151, un'd,	.13	140, "	.05
" " 163,	.03	71, used,	.03
" " 171,	.07	72, "	.08
" " 172,	.05	173, "	.08
" " 173, o.g.,	.05	173, "	.05
" " 174,	.04	174, "	.05
Official, " 236,	.04	175, "	.10
" " 237,	.12	176, "	.30
" " 238,	.18	177, "	.15
P. Packet, " 251,	.14	246, 249, 250, o.g.,	.03
" " 252,	.08		
" " 256,	.12		

Postage Extra.

E. C. Dodd, 350 So. Hermitage Ave., Chicago

Stray Notes on Sheets of Stamps.

R. R. THIELE.

India—who could resist the charm of its name? The world has grown smaller and more prosaic in the twentieth century, but for most of us still seems a far off fairyland, where things are different from this matter-of-fact western world. Happy the schoolboy collector, who treasures his first stamp with the picture of the Kaiser-i-Hind; happy the grown collector, to whom Kipling's stories seem real when he looks at his pages of Indian native states. How fascinated I was myself, when I read how Kim relates having been at a native festival in Faridkot! for who but a stamp collector knows anything of Faridkot!

Well, we are not going to deal with the native states just now; the Imperial stamps offer fascinations of their own. That is, the first issues are not Imperial stamps, for they were made under the rule of "John Company," the powerful East India Company; the paper of the first issue bears its coat-of-arms as a watermark—a large transverse double oval inscribed "stamp office" above and native characters below, within the oval a shield emblazoned with a large cross and in the right upper quarter a smaller shield, the large shield supported by two lions bearing flags and standing on a scroll bearing the motto, *Auspicio Regis et Senatus Angliæ* (under the protection of the King and Parliament of England). These early stamps were native products and show it in their appearance. The designs were made by a Mr. H. M. Smith and the manufacture of the stamps was entrusted to Captain H. M. Thuillier, who was then Deputy Surveyor-General and in charge of the preparation of the maps of the Indian survey.

He undertook to have them lithographed in his establishment.—The ½ anna (Scott Type A1) was at first printed in red; this is the rarity known as the 9½ arches, that being the number of arches in the frame at the sides. A few used specimens are known; but very few can have been printed in sheets of 360, arranged in three panes of 120, 12 rows of 10 each; an inscription on the sheet stated for the convenience of the public that each pane was worth 3 rupees 2 annas. The red ink soon ran out and the printing was continued in blue ink; at the same time not only was the size of the sheet changed, but a new die employed. The latter was engraved on copper by a native engraver named Numeeroodeen employed in the surveyor's office; transfers were taken from it to the stone. But the sheet was now made up of only 96 stamps, 12 rows of 8, so as to give an even face value to the sheet, viz.: 3 rupees, as stated in a marginal inscription on the sheet. Some of the paper employed in printing was just large enough to contain one impression like that described; but larger sheets

contained three panes of 96 though I suppose they were separated before issue. As it took time to make up the stone from single transfers, a small copper plate was engraved containing 8 dies of this value, but it was never used, as the De la Rue issue arrived in time. This ½ anna blue is known as the 8 arches, from the number of arches in the frame at the sides.

The die for the 1 anna was also engraved on copper by Numeeroodeen and transfers taken to the lithographic stone. The sheets of this value were also made up of 96 stamps, 12 rows of 8, like the ½ anna the face value was 6 rupees, as stated by the marginal inscription on the sheet. Some sheets had only one pane, others had three panes of 96 each, like the ½ anna. The 1 anna with pointed bust (Scott Type A6) is from the same die retouched; the sheets are the same. The sheets of the 4 annas offer some peculiarities. This value was also printed at the surveyor's office, the die being engraved by Numeeroodeen. At first the sheets contained only twelve stamps, arranged in three horizontal rows of four each. The stamps were set very far apart—18mm. horizontally—and were separated by thin blue wavy lines with small rosettes at the intersections of the lines; in the corners of the sheets there are elaborate floral designs. These small sheets had a face value of 3 rupees, as stated by a marginal inscription. This value was likewise printed on two sizes of paper, one containing only a single pane, the other three panes. Later it seems to have been considered a waste of paper to print the stamps in this manner and they were crowded together so that all should fall on the oval watermark in the paper; in this manner the sheet was made up of 24 stamps in 4 horizontal rows of 6; the face value now, of course, was 6 rupees. In this arrangement the stamps were at a distance of 6½mm. (about ¼ inch) from each other; but this was still a little too far, as the four corner stamps still remained outside of the oval watermark. Hence they were once more crowded together so that the distance between them was only 3mm. (about ¼ inch); the number in the stamp sheet remained 24. Of course, if the stamps are cut close, as they are all too often, it is impossible to tell to which arrangement they belong. The 2 annas green was not produced at the surveyor's office, probably because this was already crowded with work on the other values, but was printed at the stamp office or at the Mint. The original die was probably engraved on steel and was reproduced by an electrotype process, this value having been typographed. The sheets contained 80 stamps in 10 horizontal rows of 8, so that the sheet had a face value of 10 rupees, as stated by a marginal inscription. The paper used for this value seems to have differed somewhat in its watermark from that used for the other values.

In November, 1855, the new set prepared by De la Rue & Co. were issued. These

WE HAVE MONEY

To Buy Collections, Rarities and Stocks.

We buy unused 1c and 2c stamps for mercantile use at a discount from 3 to 5 per cent. according to quantities. Higher denominations at a greater discount. [119]

UNITED STAMP COMPANY, Incorporated,
1149 Marquette Bldg., CHICAGO, ILL.

stamps were all printed in sheets of 320 stamps, consisting of 4 panes of 80 each, arranged in 10 horizontal rows of 8 each. This arrangement is one of the few instances in which the De la Rue firm has deviated from its usual arrangement. It was adopted to give the sheets even face values, as follows:

Entire sheet of ½ anna=	10 rupees.
" " " 1 " =	20 "
" " " 2 " =	40 "
" " " 4 " =	80 "
" " " 8 " =	160 "

These face values are expressed in marginal inscriptions on the sheets. Other values followed later: the face values of their sheets are as follows:

Entire sheet of 8 pies=	13 rupees 5 annas 4 pies.
" " " 6 annas 4 pies=	133 rupees 54 4p.
" " " 6 annas=	120 rupees.
" " " 12 annas=	240 rupees.
" " " 1 rupee=	320 rupees.
" " " 9 pies=	15 rupees.

Evidently the "pies" here also must have been rather indigestible for the postoffice clerks. The 6 annas above given is Scott's No. 33; the surcharged 6 annas (Nos. 29 and 30) came in different sheets—80 stamps, I believe, but they were cut up into strips, the top and bottom parts being removed.

In 1882 a new issue was made, also produced by De la Rue & Co. In this issue most of the values are printed in sheets of 480, arranged in 4 panes of 120 each; but they are issued in half sheets of 240, 2 panes of 120 each, arranged in 12 rows of 10. This gives the following face values:

Half sheet of ½ anna=	7 rupees 8 annas.
" " " 9 pies=	11 rupees 4 annas.
" " " 1 anna 6 pies=	22 rupees 8 annas.
" " " 2 annas=	30 rupees.
" " " 3 annas=	45 rupees.
" " " 4 annas=	60 rupees.
" " " 4 annas 6 pies=	57 rupees 8 annas.
" " " 8 annas=	120 rupees.
" " " 12 annas=	180 rupees.
" " " 1 rupee=	240 rupees.
" " " 2 annas 6 pies=	37 rupees 8 annas.
" " " 3 pies=	3 rupees 12 annas.

It will be observed that a philatelic school teacher could get some very pretty problems in mental arithmetic out of Indian currency. The 6 annas form an exception,—if I am correctly informed—at least the 6 annas current in 1896 was in the old style sheets of 320, as already described. The three high values, 2, 3, and 5 rupees, were printed in sheets of 80, 4 panes of 20, 4 rows of 5; their face values thus would be:

Sheet of 2 rupees=	160 rupees.
" " " 3 " =	240 "
" " " 5 " =	400 "

These come a little high for the modern collector of sheets and panes, even if the rupee has fallen so as to look like about 30 cents.

As to the new Edward VII stamps, I cannot as yet say what their arrangement is; merely by the way, I may add that the Indian postal cards are printed in sheets of 8 or 16, the double cards in sheets of 4 or 8. —*The Adhesive.*

The Weekly Philatelic Era

A PAPER DEVOTED TO STAMP NEWS.

50c PER YEAR.

ENTERED AT PORTLAND POST OFFICE AS SECOND CLASS MATTER JAN. 10, 1890.

2c PER COPY.

VOL. XVII. No. 34.

PORTLAND, ME., SATURDAY, MAY 16, 1903.

WHOLE No. 522.

From a Collector's Note-Book.

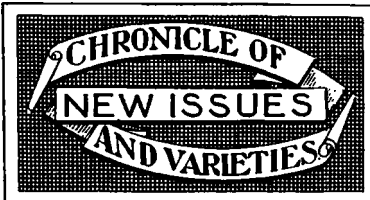
Collectors are often strangely unobservant. The U. S., 1895, \$5.00 used, has been offered by one of the ERA's foreign advertisers in fine condition at \$1.12 for six or eight weeks. During this period several copies have sold at auction from \$1.35 to \$1.65, the latest bringing \$1.55 at Bartels' 18th sale. The fact that a new \$5.00 design is about to be issued seems to have given some buyers the "buck fever."

It is known that a very valuable collection of stamps, especially of the countries of Europe, has been got together in the Vatican. It is said that Pope Leo XIII has always shown a great personal interest in it.

J. Henniker Heaton, M. P., the good friend of the British Post-office Department and erstwhile staunch advocate of progressive postal reforms, has an instructive illustrated article in the May *Cosmopolitan*, entitled "Governmental Parcel-post in Great Britain." It is well worth reading and will undoubtedly do much towards furthering the parcel-post project in this country. The lobby in Washington of the powerful express companies has thus far quite effectually prevented the adoption of important parcel-post treaties, though during the last session of Congress some progress was made.

The improvement in stamp auction cataloging during the past year is very noticeable, particularly from the standpoint of a mail-bidder. Several firms who formerly made no attempt to describe the lots offered, now give a fair description and carry out the catalog value. There is still room for improvement in many directions, however, and we are optimistic enough to believe it will all come in good time. The most objectional feature of several catalogs in the practice of listing lots containing both perfect and damaged stamps. If damaged stamps are to be thus sold they should be separately listed as such by lots. The number of medium priced and moderately scarce damaged stamps regularly cataloged and sold at auction is enormous and as long as the practice continues it will be a blight and stigma on the stamp auction business.

ÆSCULAPIUS.



BY HENRY A. KIDDER.

Friends of the ERA are invited to send to the editor of this department any information regarding new issues or varieties that may prove of interest. Such information will be suitably acknowledged. Address, HENRY A. KIDDER, 17 Addison Street, Arlington, Mass.

Exchanges will please send Mr Kidder a copy of each issue to the foregoing address, and an extra copy of the ERA will be gladly sent whenever desired.

UNITED STATES.—At present, there seems to be no doubt that a set of stamps will be issued especially for the Louisiana Purchase Exposition at St. Louis next year. The promoters have Chicago, Omaha and Buffalo as precedents, and they claim that they will have an exhibition as large as all three put together. About the number or the denominations of the stamps, however, practically nothing is known though it is suggested, that only a short set will be issued—say 1c, 2c, 5c and 10c. This will be two less stamps than in the Pan-American set, but will include the four stamps most used for domestic and foreign postage. There is a wealth of material from which to select designs even for a full set of 14 stamps. Here comes in that rumor that a portrait of Napoleon Bonaparte was to be printed on one of the stamps, to the horror of the "ultra" type of patriot. It may be remarked in passing that while Napoleon's own empire crumbled, he helped materially in the extension of the United States, which ranks now with the greatest of nations.

Mr. Albert A. Fox, of Dunkirk, N. Y., sends for examination, two copies of the new 3c stamps showing a very decided difference in shade. One is a warm, rich purple, while the other looks washed out. The latter is light colored, and looks the red shade of the first. Both copies are unused with original gum.

We are informed that while the design for the new 2c stamp is not yet completed, it is settled that a shield is to take the place

of the flags in the upper part of the stamps behind the portrait oval.

The new 3c stamps were placed on sale this week at the Boston postoffice.

Mr. W. C. Stone reports the new 50c stamps were on sale in Springfield, Mass., on April 27th.

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.—Mr. J. M. Bartels has shown us the new 4d sage green, chronicled in No. 518.

COLOMBIA.—Mr. Harry W. Legg, of the J. M. Bartels & Co., shows a copy of the 10 peso, green, Barranquilla, current issue, with a very pronounced double impression.

FRANCE.—Mr. M. H. Lombard sends for examination the new 25c stamp, with effigy of the "Sower." It was postmarked "Paris, May 2, '03." The color is dull blue.

Adhesive (Regular):
25c blue.

MEXICO.—The *Metropolitan Philatelist* chronicles the current 10c in a change of color.

Adhesive (Regular):
10c blue and orange.

NEW SOUTH WALES.—Mr. F. P. Brown shows us the 2sh 6d, dark green, chronicled in No. 519 on the authority of the *Australian Journal of Philately*. It is a handsome stamp very much resembling the 8d of 1888, with the legend "One Hundred Years" removed.

PERSIA.—Mr. H. W. Legg shows a new set of provisionals from this "debatable" land. These come from Tabriz, with a statement to the effect that the new stamps of the regular issue were all sold out. In order, therefore, to supply the demand the authorities surcharged some of the local type-set stamps (with Chahi in small letters) with a rough imitation of the regular Lion surcharge. This surcharge is an oblong octagon with plain rule border, and the lion in a small central circle. Around this circle appears Provi-Soire at the top, and 1903 and 1321, the latter in Persian characters to the left. Between these four inscriptions are printed conventional stars. The surcharges are in black.

Mr. Legg also has No. 33, 1k carmine of 1878, with double impression, hitherto unchronicled.

SALVADOR.—*Mekeel's Weekly* chronicles a new envelope with design embossed of the same type as the adhesives recently

I WANT TO BUY

U. S. POSTAGE
U. S. DEPARTMENTS
U. S. REVENUES.

THE CASH IS READY.

FRED G. JONES,

2013 Brook St., LOUISVILLE, KY.

CHAPTER XXXV.

The basic principle of my business is fair dealing and any honest collector may count upon the invariable rule "No gouging." I make mistakes but they are of the head, not of the heart.

Osgood's Famous Big Selections

are the best expression of my progress as a dealer. I try to make each Big Book better than its predecessor.

References
10 varieties Precancels above 1c \$o 25
Precancels bought and sold. I am the leading dealer in this line.

Stampman free!

D. W. OSGOOD,

South Fork, Rio Grande Co., Colorado.

[To be Continued.]

PEELABLE HINGES

NOT ENGLISH

1000 12c.

POST FREE.



NOT GERMAN

5000 50c.

POST FREE.

STRONG PAPER—TASTELESS GUM

W. F. GREGORY, 71 NASSAU ST., NEW YORK.

PHILATELIC MSS. WANTED.

We pay highest cash prices for good Philatelic MSS. Correspondents wanted in Chicago, Boston, New York, San Francisco and Philadelphia to furnish local fortnightly notes. Address The Fortnightly Collector, The J. L. Morrison Co., Publishers, Smethport, Pa. [15c]

WE HAVE MONEY

To Buy Collections, Rareties and Stocks.

We buy unused 1c and 2c stamps for mercantile use at a discount from 3 to 5 per cent. according to quantities. Higher denominations at a greater discount. [15c]

UNITED STAMP COMPANY, Incorporated,

1149 Marquette Bldg., CHICAGO, ILL.

Cuba, 1 on 3; 15c each, postage extra.

Cuba, 1877, 10c green, well centered; \$1.85 each, postage free.

Cuba, 1881, 2c lake; 40c each postage extra.

Fine copies of all three for \$2.25, postage free.

Bogert & Durbin Co.,

722 Chestnut St., PHILADELPHIA, PA.

A new price list is in preparation and will be sent post free as soon as issued to anyone applying for it.

Please mention ERA when answering ads.

chronicled. The stamp is oval in color, and it is said other values are to follow.

Envelope (Regular):
5c blue on white.

TRINIDAD.—According to *Meeke's Weekly* "specimen" sets have been issued of a new adhesive and various stationery, with King's head.

Adhesive (Regular):
3/4d lilac on blue.

Post Card (Regular):
1/2d green on white.
2d carmine on cream.

Envelope (Registration):
2d blue on white.

Wrapper (Regular):
1/2d green on buff.

Chicago Notes.

J. M. Westphal, of Joliet, was at Wolsieffer's auction Saturday evening, and captured several lots.

Reginald Robinson, manager of the Randolph Stamp Co., has removed from his location in the Masonic Temple to more commodious quarters in the Bush Temple of Music, where he will do a mail business exclusively.

An ancient and very interesting oddity is shown by C. W. Arndt. It is a note dated 1816, with the words "Stamp U. S." watermarked in the paper. In one corner there is an embossed design, an eagle on a shield, with the words "Twenty-five Cents" under it. Mr. Arndt received it from a correspondent in Providence, R. I.

The latest arrival is the new 1 cent envelope. From the circular shape and color it could be mistaken for one of the Argentine wrappers, at a cursory glance.

The most unique sale of the season, consisting of 647 lots, and the same number of stamps, was held by P. M. Wolsieffer, May 9th. In the absence of Dan Long, the regular auctioneer, Frank Massoth mounted the block and officiated as only Massoth can. Record time was made, as the room bidding, with the exception of a few instances, was somewhat light.

A few of the bids are noted below:

	Cat. price.	Sale price.
U. S. New York on cover,	\$ 7.00	\$ 3.10
Hor. pair 12c, No. 36,	4.00	2.00
5c, No. 34,	10.00	4.70
1c, " 40,	7.50	4.80
3c, " 64,	7.50	4.05
3c, " 66, o. g.,	15.00	9.55
Periodical, 5c, No. 1001, blue border, o. g.	15.00	7.75
Periodical, No. 1703, torn at top,	—	22.20
Confed. Athens, Ga., 5c, No. 2, on cover,	40.00	25.20
Charleston, 5c, No. 23, (torn),	25.00	10.60
Nashville, 5c, No. 99,	18.00	10.50
10c, No. 211c, hor. strip of 6 on laid paper, with imprint, Bank Note, Engraver, Richmond, Va., plate No. 4,	—	4.25
Argentine, 10c, No. 9, on cover,	25.00	10.60
Barbados, 1/2, No. 1, o. g., hor. pair,	12.00	6.25
Belgium, 1c, No. 103,	2.00	1.15
Brazil, 90r, No. 3,	11.00	5.10
280r, No. 49,	12.00	7.10
Bremen, 3g, No. 1,	4.50	2.65
7g, No. 3,	14.00	7.50
British Columbia, 50c, No. 12, o. g.,	15.00	7.00
1.00, No. 18,	20.00	9.20

FREE For the Asking!

WEBER'S NEW PRICE LIST.
Same enumerates over 300 items at reasonable prices. Herewith a few sprinklings from same:
U. S. 1861 12c, fine pair..... \$0.60
" 1869 2c..... .05
" " 10c, extra fine copies..... .60
" " 10c, "commercial" copies..... .40
" 1888 9cc, purple..... .45
" 1875, Re-issue 1869, complete, mint..... 75.00
" 1902, 13c Harrison..... .04
" 7c Navy, fine unused, gum..... 7.00
" 6c Executive, fine used..... 7.00
" 10c Executive, used..... 2.50
" \$1.00 Entry of Goods, imperf..... .25
Canada Maple Leaf, complete..... .25
Bermuda 1873 3p, 14x12 1/2, on full entire..... 2.00
Cyprus 1882 12pi, block of 5 "mint"..... 7.00
St. Vincent 1885, 5p on 4p on full entire..... 2.00

Orders on above under 50c postage extra.
SEND FOR LIST TODAY!

WENDELIN WEBER, 869 E. Eagle St., Buffalo, N. Y.
2 Guatemala Jubilee Newspaper Wrapper Stamps, (cat. value 50c) sent for only 2 cents to any collector who has never written to us before, no others. Only one lot to each. **NEW ENGLAND STAMP CO., 21-27 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass.** [15c]

REAL BARGAINS! Selling Out Stock!
Ninety-six varieties Old Revenues Imperf. and Perf. Stamps catalogued at 10c and under, 75% discount. over 10c, 55%
Send your want list with references. [cotaz
Oscar Bernstrom, Foughkeepsie, N. Y.]

WANTED

Unused Postage Stamps from 1c to \$5.00 at discount.
Also want large Stamp Collections.
Pay Cash by return mail.

NATHAN COBE & CO., Waltham, Mass.

British Guiana, 1c, No. 6,	35.00	28.70
4c, No. 11,	5.00	3.10
Brunswick, 1/2, No. 13,	10.00	6.35
Buenos Ayres, 3p, No. 3,	30.00	12.60
Canada, No. 2,	5.00	2.75
No. 9,	15.00	8.10
" 13,	30.00	15.10
Cape of Good Hope, No. 1,	1.50	1.05
1d, No 7, wood block,	24.00	10.60
4d, No 9, wood block,	12.00	5.10
Ceylon, 2s, No. 24,	25.00	10.90
No. 55,	1.75	1.00
Col. Republic, 2 1/2c, No. 13,	20.00	6.55
5p, No. 51, o. g.,	8.00	4.50
Cuba, 1/4r, No. 6,	25.00	12.10
D. W. Indies, 4c, No. 4,	7.00	4.10
Denmark, No. 1,	3.00	2.20
Fiji Islands, 6d, No. 30, Times Express,	30.00	11.20
Gambia, No. 3, unused, no gum,	12.50	7.70
Great Britain, No. 404, fine,	6.00	4.10
Hanover, No. 26,	5.00	3.25
Hawaii, No. 6, o. g.,	18.00	12.00
No. 15,	15.00	7.50
" 23,	12.00	8.00
Italy, No. 1,	7.50	4.00
Mauritius, No. 4,	6.00	5.40
No. 10,	5.00	5.10
" 12,	15.00	9.10
" 16,	18.00	15.10
Mexico, 12c, No. 60, error,	—	10.80
2r, No. 55, (Guadalajara),	—	12.20
Modena, 9c, No. 16,	12.00	6.00
Newfoundland, No. 2,	35.00	24.20
No. 4,	30.00	18.00
New Brunswick, 1sh, No. 3,	90.00	55.00
Peru, No. 1,	50.00	28.00
St. Lucia, No. 2,	17.50	10.40
Saxony, No. 1,	30.00	15.90
Spain, 2r, No. 21,	35.00	17.50
Wurtemberg, No. 53,	18.00	13.18

CLIFFORD.

**I WANT TO BUY FOR SPOT CASH
U. S. STAMPED ENVELOPES.**

Unused cut square with large margins, and unused entire; the following 1903 Standard Catalogue numbers: 1306, 1312, 1315, 1320, 1324-1327, 1329, 1340, 1341, 1343, 1344, 1345, 1351, 1353, 1354, 1356, 1357, 1358, 1359, 1360, 1361, 1362, 1363, 1364, 1370, 1389, 1410, 1412, 1425, 1432, 1434, 1439, 1441, 1442, 1443, 1445, 1450, 1452, 1453, 1457, 1458, 1460, 1461, 1466, 1467, 1471, 1478, 1485, 1511, 1517, 1535, 1551, 1613, 1700, 1711, 1718, 1731, 1844. The numbers in heavy faced type I need most. I also buy used cut round or to shape, or cut square with small margins, if prices are about the same as cut round, Nos. 1303, 1313, 1322, 1326, 1600 and unused in like condition 1320, 1331, 1600.

Collectors and Dealers who have any of the above for sale will find me a liberal buyer if prices are moderate. Always state condition of envelopes, the number of each kind for sale and your price. I do not make a bid on offered envelopes.

**I ALSO HAVE U. S. ENVELOPES FOR SALE.
CUT SQUARE. LARGE MARGINS.
In the finest possible condition.**

Cat. No.	UNUSED.	Cat. Price.	My Price.
1314	1893 3c red on buff.....	\$0.25	\$0.10
1333	1861 6c pink on buff.....	.95	.95
1334	1861 3c pink on buff.....	1.50	.65
1347	1863 3c black on buff.....	1.00	.60
1356	1870 1c blue on white.....	.50	.20
1377	1870 1c blue on amber.....	1.50	.45
1396	1870 1c blue on orange.....	.50	.20
1397	1870 2c brown on orange.....	.25	.05
1427	1874 3c green on white.....	.10	.04
1416	1874 90c carmine on white.....	2.00	1.00
1420	1874 5c blue on white.....	.25	.08
1421	1876 3c red, Centennial.....	.60	.20
1426	1882 5c brown on white.....	.20	.08
1429	1874 1c blue on amber.....	.08	.03
1444	1874 3cc black on amber.....	3.50	1.35
1448	1875 5c blue on amber.....	.25	.08
1451	1882 5c brown on amber.....	.20	.07
1462	1875 1c blue on cream.....	.20	.07
1463	1880 2c vermilion on cream.....	1.50	.30
1464	1875 5c blue on cream.....	3.00	1.35
1468	1874 1c blue on orange.....	.10	.03
1469	1874 2c brown on orange.....	1.50	.35
1473	1880 1c blue on blue.....	1.50	.30
1477	1882 5c brown on blue.....	5.00	1.50
1478	1875 1c blue on fawn.....	.10	.04
1486	1883 2c red on white.....	.10	.04
1490	1883 2c red on white.....	.10	.03
1492	1883 2c red on fawn.....	.25	.05
1494	1883 4c green on white.....	.15	.06
1495	1883 4c green on amber.....	.10	.04
1498	1884 2c brown on white.....	.10	.04
1504	1884 2c red on fawn.....	.75	.20
1509	1884 2c brown on blue.....	1.00	.30
1510	1884 2c brown on white.....	.05	.02
1513	1884 2c brown on amber.....	.50	.20
1514	1884 2c brown on fawn.....	.10	.04
1515	1884 2c brown on fawn.....	1.00	.30
1516	1884 2c brown on blue.....	.10	.04
1524	1886 4c green on o. buff.....	10.00	3.50
1524	1886 5c brown on o. buff.....	10.00	3.50
1526	1886 10c brown on o. buff.....	.30	.15
1527	1886 30c black on o. buff.....	5.00	1.75
1529	1886 4c green on blue.....	10.00	1.50
1531	1886 10c brown on blue.....	.40	.15
1537	1886 3c black on blue.....	5.00	1.75
1545	1886 50c on amber manila.....	5.00	1.75
1546	1886 90c on amber manila.....	10.00	3.50
1548	1887 2c green on white.....	.50	.25
1550	1887 4c carmine on white.....	.10	.05
1563	1887 4c carm. on o. buff.....	.20	.07
1564	1887 5c blue on o. buff.....	.15	.07
1565	1887 30c choc. on o. buff.....	1.25	.50
1569	1887 4c carm. on blue.....	.15	.07
1570	1887 5c blue on blue.....	.15	.07
1571	1887 3c choc. on blue.....	1.25	.50
1582	1887 4c on amber manila.....	.20	.08
1583	1887 30c on amber manila.....	1.50	.60
1587	1893 5c Columbian.....	.10	.05
1598	1899 2c dark lake, white.....	5.00	2.00
1708	1864 2c blk. on manila.....	.65	.25
1716	1874 2c brown.....	2.00	.60
1719	1874 2c vermilion.....	.10	.03
1723	1884 2c brown.....	.25	.10
1723	1884 2c brown.....	.50	.20
1724	1903 4c brown.....	1	.08
1801	1873 Post Office, 3c.....	.10	.03
1804	1874 Post Office, 3c.....	.05	.02
1805	1874 Post Office, 6c.....	.10	.03
1806	1878 2c on white.....	1.00	.50
1810	Postal Service, white.....	.10	.03
1813	Postal Service, blue.....	.10	.03
1834	War 1873; 3c dk. red, cream.....	5.00	2.00
1836	War 1873; 3c light red.....	.10	.05
1848	War 1875, 3c on amber.....	.25	.10
1854	War 1875, 3c on cream.....	.10	.03
1859	War 1875, 3c on orange.....	.30	.12
1865	War 1875, 3c on blue.....	.10	.03
1861	War 1875, 3c on fawn.....	.10	.03
1864	War 1875, 1c on manila.....	.05	.02
1865	War 1875, 2c on manila.....	2.00	1.00

Special: Used entire, Nos. 1305, 1314, 1350, 1359, 1 set of 4 envelopes 10c, 4 sets 25c, 25 sets \$1.00

Postage extra on orders under \$1.00
Please remit by Bills or Money Order.

C. F. ROTHFUCHS 38 Munroe St., ROXBURY, MASS.

Springfield Notes.

It is interesting to note the way the different collectors here arrange their duplicates, for duplicates they all have, and so must every intelligent collector.

There is the schoolmaster, he sends his to the schoolmaster in Africa and when all gone buys another collection, keeps what he wants for himself and the rest are all ready for a trade.

Now John has a real truly stock book, and if you want to trade with him you have got to go to his home and look them over. No hinges on John's duplicates.

I don't know how Stone keeps his duplicates, but I think he has two floors in the largest store house in the city.

Several of the boys depend on our auctions to get rid of their duplicates. One member uses the A. P. A. Sales Dept.

Joe and I have ours arranged in approval books; Joe by countries and mine by price, and that makes me think I want some more good blank approval books. Who has got some to sell or trade?

E. D. C.

Detroit Paragraphs.

The Leonard Stamp Co. have removed to the second floor of the Leonard Building, while extensive improvements are being made, after these are done they expect to be able to handle their rapidly increasing business to better advantage than heretofore.

Speaking of general stamp collecting, things are quiet here at present. Generally about this time things are quite lively but of late there has been a change of condition. The weather possibly has something to do with it.

I have seen no less than four varieties of shades in the new U. S. envelopes, running all the way from a light to a dark red, some, especially the dark, show up exceedingly poor as far as color work goes. What a graft for the variety collector!

As yet the new envelopes have not been put on sale here at the stamp window, but many of our large firms have them in all denominations.

Those interested in collecting Souvenir Postals may be interested in the fact that our city produces the finest postals today. Cards with scenery that interests travelers all over the world are made here. I venture to say that if collectors of cards look over their collection they will find many that bear a Detroit imprint.

A late issue of *Mekel's Weekly* contain a clipped article of the loss of Miss

HAYTI PROVISIONALS

Only 1500 Complete Sets Issued, I have secured a few more complete sets of these desirable cards, and offer them, while they last, and that will not be long, the six varieties,

For 65 Cents, Postpaid.
The surcharge die has been destroyed.
ADOLPH LOHMEYER,
922 N. Gilmore Street, Baltimore, Md.

June 15, 1903.

Our Wholesale List revised to date is free to buyers.

Notice is given that our Wholesale List will be canceled on June 15, 1903. Send your order at once.

HOLTEN STAMP CO., BOSTON, MASS.

BLOCKS OF 4,

Prince Edward Island.

ALL UNUSED.

1d yellow orange.....	\$4.00
2d.....	.40
3d.....	.40
4d.....	.50
1c.....	.50
2c.....	1.50
4c.....	.70
12c.....	.50
Canada 7c, choice.....	.30
" 20c olive, choice.....	.85
" 10c Special Delivery.....	.45

H. L. HART,
71 Göttingen St., HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA.

**CUBA
1c on 3c PROVISIONAL**

FINE UNUSED COPIES AT
10c EACH.
BLOCKS OF FOUR SAME RATE.
Postage Extra.

COLUMBIAN STAMP CO., Arlington, Mass.

Wm. v. d. Wettern, Jr.,
WHOLESALE DEALER IN
*** POSTAGE & STAMPS. ***
411 W. Saratoga St., Baltimore, Md.

New special list just issued, sent free on application to dealers only.

Lloyd of Quebec, which occurred some-time ago. Rather late for the *Weekly* to make mention of this, as a full account appeared in one of the issues of the ERA in the early part of January.

And now it appears as if Canada will have a new set of stamps. At least it is hoped so as the present set needs some improvement, especially the new 7c, as the shade is as poor as that which any government has issued with King "Ed's head" on.
HERMAN W. BOERS.

DANISH WEST INDIES.

NET PRICE LIST.

Why not fill those Blank Spaces?

No.		New.	Used.
		\$c.00	\$a.50
1	1855-67, 3c carmine, brown gum	..	..
1a	1855-67, 3c dark carmine, yellow gum, used on entire original letter, rarity	..	4.00
2	1855-67, 3c rose	..	.45
2a	1855-67, 3c carmine rose	4.50	1.50
5	1873-79, 1c green and br. red	.15	.04
5c	1873-79, 1c green and violet	1.87	..
6	1873-79, 3c blue and carmine	.37	.03
6a	1873-79, 3c dull blue and rose	..	.95
7	1873-79, 4c brown and dull blue	.15	.15
8	1873-79, 5c green and gray	..	.07
9	1873-79, 7c lilac and orange	..	.58
10	1873-79, 7c blue and brown	..	.10
10a	1873-79, 10c blue and blk. brown	1.15	.10
10b	1873-79, 10c, period between t and s of cents	..	.37
11	1873-79, 12c green and red lilac	.20	.20
11a	1873-79, 12c green and lilac	..	.60
13a	1873-79, 50c dull purple	1.85	..
14	1887, 1 on 7c	.45	..
15	1895, 10c on 50c dull purple	.30	.30
15a	1895, 10c on 50c bright purple	.45	.37
16	1896-1900, 1c	.37	.15
17	" 3c	..	.09
18	" 5c	.67	.19
19	1901, 4c	..	.12
20	1901, 10c	..	.19
21 and 22	1901, 1c and 5c	..	.10
23	1902, 2c on 3c carmine and blue, first printing, Scott prices his No. 26 at \$15.00	11.75	..
23a	1902, 2c on 3c carmine and blue, first printing, 2 with straight tail	24.75	..
24	1902, 2 on 3c	..	.12
25	1902, 8 on 10c	..	.30
25	1902, 8 on 10c, period between t and s of cents, not listed	11.75	..

Envelopes, 2 and 3c at 25 per cent. discount from Scott.

All numbers refer to Scott's 62nd Catalogue. We can supply all shades of Nos. 5 to 10.

Send us your want list.

C. E. HUSSMAN STAMP CO., ST. LOUIS, MO.

SOMETHING NEW!

1903, Paraguay, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 30 and 60c, all unused, the set for	\$6.65
Short set of four varieties, 1, 2, 5 and 10c, for	.15
1902, Guatemala, 1 and 2p, used	.60
1901, British Protectorate, North Borneo, 1c to 30c, 14 varieties, fine	1.00

50% DISCOUNT.

Fine stamps sent on approval at 50% discount. Parties not known to me please send reference.

THEO. MAINHART, JOHNSTOWN, PA.

Are you thinking of Selling your stamps at Auctions? If so write us.

Now is the time to make dates for next season.

CHAS. H. STONE & CO.,

19 Washington St., BOSTON, MASS.

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, N. Y., May 8, 1903.

To the Editor of the WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA:

In the last number of the ERA we note Mr. Rothfuchs' letter on the subject of the U. S. envelope, 7899 issue, 2c dark lake, Die B on white. The discussion of shades in this issue of envelopes has already been prolonged to a wearisome extent, and we hoped it had worn itself out. We had intended not to say anything more on this subject, but there are some statements in Mr. Rothfuchs' letter that cannot be left unanswered, without placing the publishers of the Standard Catalogue in an equivocal position.

As we write we have before us three of the envelopes, which we purchased from Mr. Rothfuchs some years ago. One of them is in a color which we think might properly be described as red brown. This envelope has never been exposed to light and, so far as we can tell, is of the same shade as at the time of purchase. The second envelope is an orange red color, and the third is half of one shade and half of the other. The last two have been exposed to light (only one-half of the stamp in the case of the third envelope), and this exposure, and this alone, brought about the change in color, in spite of Mr. Rothfuchs' assertion that such exposure "will not change from dark claret to light red."

We have always been regardful of our position and reputation and careful of the quality of the stamps that we sell, and, so far as possible, we have avoided handling repaired stamps, change-lings, etc. It has been our experience that chemical experiments with stamps are seldom instructive and usually rather puerile and savor of what the boys call "monkeying." We have avoided such child's play. For this reason we have made no effort to produce the dark shade from ordinary envelopes, though we suspect that sulphuretted hydrogen might have the desired effect. We are, therefore, not in the

Two Popular Mixtures

From various stocks and job lots recently purchased we have compiled and put up two mixtures that have caught on.

Our No. 1 Mixture we sell at \$1.00 per 1000. Our No. 2 Mixture we sell at 50 cts. per 1000. We know that they must be good as approval dealers order them repeatedly.

A new edition of Wolsieffer's Pocket Stock Book is now ready. Cloth bound, to hold 560 stamps, 25 cts. post paid.

United Stamp Co., 1149 Marquette Bldg., Chicago.

N. B.—If an auction buyer your name should be on our card index. Our Wolsieffer sale catalogues are the most explicit of any.

1903 PRICE-LIST.

Our 1903 Red Cover Catalogue is out—free. The price-list gives our net prices on U. S. Postage, Department, Dues, Telegraphs, Cut Square Envelopes, Confederate, Revenues, packets, sets, supplies, albums, wholesale lots, etc., etc. You can save money by buying from it. The prices are 40 to 60 per cent. discount from Scott's.

J. T. STARR STAMP CO., Coldwater, Mich.

FREE! 1903 PRICE LIST.

Our Retail 56 page 1903 Price List of U. S. and Foreign Single Stamps, Sets, Packets, Albums, etc. is mailed

FREE FOR THE ASKING.

Our 50% Approval Sheets sent to you upon receipt of reference.

WHOLESALE OFFERINGS.

CUBA 1857, 21 p rose P. C., Cat. 5c each.	50c
per 100.	
NEWFOUNDLAND, (Jubilee) unused, 1c green, Cat. 8c.	\$3.00 per 100.
Not less than 100 of a kind sold.	[11*]

PERRIN & CO.,

106 East 23rd St., NEW YORK, N. Y.

Sixty Per. Cent Discount.

Good U. S. and Foreign on approval. C. B. MERRILL, 102 E. 90th St., New York.

FREE!

Antioquia 1902, unused, Scott's Nos. 133, 134, 135, 136 and 252, cat. about 30c, to every applicant for approval sheets at 66 2/3% Discount.

J. H. WILSON,

335 Water St., PITTSBURG, PA.

position to accept the challenge to produce the dark shade. If the reader will refer to our statement in the *American Journal of Philately*, which is quoted in the ERA, he will find that we state: "Our conclusion was that a color which was so easily bleached might have been as easily darkened by other atmospheric conditions." Observe that we give our opinion as to the possibility of darkening, but do not claim any positive knowledge that it can be done.

Mr. Rothfuchs also says, "Peroxide of hydrogen will bleach the dark claret to orange red, but not to carmine or the regular color." Light will also produce the same effect. But on what authority does Mr. Rothfuchs make the assertion that carmine and not orange red is the regular color? If he will look in his own stock, he will find these 2c envelopes in many shades, from pale rose to carmine and from pale orange-red to scarlet. How does he know that one shade is "regular" more than the other? The same varia-

Mekeel's Stamp Collector

PUBLISHED WEEKLY.

FULL of information and news valuable to stamp collectors. Once a month large magazine editions are issued. Over one thousand pages guaranteed during the year.

Subscription \$1.00 per year. (On trial for three months, 25 cents.) No stamp man can afford to be without it. Volume sixteen commenced January 1, 1903.

C. H. Mekeel Stamp and Publishing Co.
St. Louis, Mo.

The FORTNIGHTLY COLLECTOR

contains something of interest to every Philatelist. Splendid articles and entertaining stamp gossip. At the low price it is offered no collector can afford to be without it.

ONLY 10c A YEAR.

Send ten cents today for a whole year's subscription. If not perfectly satisfied your money refunded without question. Address

THE FORTNIGHTLY COLLECTOR,
The J. L. Morrison Co., Publishers,
[2] Smethport, Pa.

SEE THIS BARGAIN!

	Cat.	Price
1899, 1c green, wmk. 12, man. p.	\$0.10	\$0.05
" 2c rose, Die A on white. . . . .	.10	.03
" 2c Die A on amber. . . . .	.25	.11
" 2c Die A on blue. . . . .	.75	.45
1894-5, 1c blue, Holyoke (Bar- tel's No. 1196) . . . . .	.30	.16

\$1.50 \$0.80

All new, unused, and entire. The entire lot for 75c, money order. Postage extra on orders under 25c. Address

S. A. D. COX,
Es. Sec. Treas. U. S. Env. Ex., [23]
25 Church St., WHITE PLAINS, N. Y.

tions of color are also to be found in the current issue. We have another friend who is trying to induce recognition for envelopes of this same 1899 issue, but printed in orange, and he submits as evidence copies with stamps in many shades of orange, salmon and rose, often two or more shades on the same stamp.

Now, let us take up Mr. Madden's statement that the envelope in red brown "was so printed by an oversight, the green ink which had been used in the receptacles for that purpose on the machines not having been entirely removed from the receptacle before the carmine was placed in it for printing the 2c stamp." We do not happen to know anything about the quality of ink used in printing envelopes, but we anticipate that it does not differ greatly from that employed for adhesive stamps. We have been informed by a man, who spent a lifetime in the work, that the inks used for printing adhesive stamps are almost as thick as putty. Can you conceive two inks of this consistency mingling when placed in the same receptacle? Mr. Rothfuchs endorses the statement that the brown color is made by a combination of green and carmine. Then we are to understand that, by exposing the envelope to light, we fade out the green and leave the red. This is absurd. Put in the sunlight some of the 1 cent envelopes, which were printed in this identical green ink, and the color will remain, to all intents and purposes, unchanged; put the red ones in the same place, and they will fade. Unless the laws of nature are to be set aside, these combination envelopes should fade to green and not to red. But they don't!

Lastly, we wish to refer to a point which touches us personally. In a concluding paragraph Mr. Rothfuchs says: "If the Scott Stamp & Coin Co. would omit all stamps and envelopes which they now list and which would change in color by being

exposed to light, they would reduce the size of their next catalogue." Nearly all colors will change when exposed to light, and, carried to its logical conclusion, this would mean the omission of so much that there would be practically no catalogue. Possibly this is what Mr. Rothfuchs meant, but the effect of his remark on the ordinary reader is quite different. The conclusion would be that we are now including in our catalogue colors which have been produced by some external action, and that we are acting in bad faith toward collectors by listing, and thus offering for sale, varieties which are practically fraudulent. This is a serious accusation. We can only say that we have always taken the greatest care with our catalogue and have endeavored to keep down the number of shades, and have been careful to describe them, as far as possible, from unused specimens, with full gum, and in the condition in which they came from the post office. We have no desire to add unnecessarily to the number of stamps to be collected.

SCOTT STAMP & COIN CO.

JEFFERSONVILLE, IND., May 9, 1903.
THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA:
Portland, Me.

Gentlemen: I have something of a curiosity in the way of a stamp. It is a U. S. 2c red envelope stamp of 1899 issue, over which has been pasted a 2c red Canada stamp of the same date, being postmarked at Toronto, Canada, August 26, 1900. This is the first instance of this kind which has come to my notice.

This may interest collectors of freaks.

Yours truly,
WM. E. AULT.

The Boston Philatelic Society.

M. H. LOMBARD, President, Winchester, Mass.
C. F. ROTHFUCHS, Vice-President, Boston.
C. A. HOWES, Secretary, 55 Kilby St., Boston.
L. L. GREEN, Treasurer, 47 Tremont St., Boston.
J. H. LYONS, Supt. of Auctions, 27 Bromfield St., Boston.
J. H. LYONS, Supt. of Sales, 27 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass.
THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA, Official Journal.

The Collectors Club,

351 FOURTH AVE., NEW YORK.

The 93rd meeting of the Board of Governors was held at the club house on Monday evening, May 11, 1903.

Present: Messrs. Andreini, Dewing, Luff, Rich, Scott and Perrin.
The meeting was called to order at 8.20 p. m., with the President in the chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Secretary read a number of communications.

The Treasurer's report, showing a cash balance in bank of \$331.88 exclusive of reserve fund, was approved as read.

The report of the House Committee was read and received.

A vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Chas. Gregory for his kind donation to the Club of two N. Y. Stock Exchange medals (one of silver and one of bronze) suitably framed.

Adjourned 9.30 p. m.
ALBERT PERRIN, Secretary.

TRADE COLUMN.

Under this head we will print exchange, want and for sale notices, business announcements, 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. Min. incum charge to cents.

One four-line notice free with each subscription, providing copy accompanies the subscription.

THREE Consecutive Insertions of SAME ad in this Column for PRICE OF TWO.

Stamps, books, steam engine, Natural History specimens and other articles to exchange for foreign stamps. E. G. BENNETT, Sebec, Maine.

Scott catalogues over 2000 varieties at 2 and 3 cents each. I have several hundred varieties of these stamps on sheets and offer \$1.40 for \$1.00 in stamps cat. over 5 cents each from your sheets, my selection. No trash offered or taken. DR. W. L. BABCOCK, Soldiers Home, Bath, N. Y. A. P. A. 1736. [17]

To complete your United States: Fine perfect copies, 1857-60, 90 cents, unused, \$12.00 each; 1869, 24 cents, \$3.00 each; 90 cents, \$8.50 each; 1895, \$5 green, \$1.12 each; \$2 blue, \$1.05 each.

To complete your Hawaii: 1859-65 type-set series, Scott's Nos. 20 to 26. Nearly all varieties at 30 to 50 per cent. below Scott's quotations. All later issues at extremely low prices. Selections sent.

Thousands of bargains in old United States, British and Colonial stamps. Fine approval selections at 25 to 50% discount. No common rubbish but only fine copies of desirable stamps sent out. Write stating wants and send reference. I can save you hundreds of dollars. Established 1880.
FREDERICK GINN, 143 Strand, London, England. [13]

1898 Doc. Rev. \$1 green, green & black, red, gray, \$2 green, gray, \$3 red-brown, \$5 red, gray; nine stamps for 30c. W. H. Marshall, 383 Wash. St., Cambridge, Mass. [23]

U. S. 1898 Docs., \$1 green, \$3 brown, \$5 orange and \$20 black, fine cut copies, all for 28c, or same uncut 40c: \$1, \$2, \$3, \$5 and \$10 gray, fine cut copies, for 25c. Gift edge approval sheets sent for reference. POSTAL STAMP CO., 15 Lake Street, White Plains, N. Y. [23]

Approval selections at 60% discount from Standard Catalogue prices. WM. E. AULT, Jeffersonville, Ind. [23]

We Want to Buy: Philippines, Nos. 6, 53, 69, 168b, 261, 273, 264, 368, 369 and 412. Porto Rico, Nos. 67a and 89. Danish West Indies, Nos. 41 and 4b in pairs, or blocks of four. We will pay spot cash or exchange for any of above stamps. R. A. TARR CO., 3125 N. Broad St., Philadelphia, Pa. [25]

2000 die cut stamp hinges 15c, postpaid. GEORGE H. HOPE, 87 Ring St., Providence, R. I. [26]

United States used new series, fine copies: 8c Martha 3c, 10 for 2c; 13c Harrison 5c, 10 for 40c; 50c Jefferson 2c, just out, 15c. All postage extra. J. R. VIETS, 26 Greystone Park, Lynn, Mass. [24]

U. S. Pre-Cancelled postage stamps. I will pay a good price in cash or exchange for any not in my collection. F. L. SMITH, 40 Exchange Pl., N. Y. [24c]

25 stamps, cataloguing \$1.00 for 19c. GEORGE H. HOPE, 87 Ring St., Providence, R. I. [25]

Beautiful Foreign Revenues—1,000 varieties at from 1c to 5c each. Write for selections. Full line of Foreign Revenue Catalogues in stock. G. W. PEPPER, 220 East 57th St., New York City. [25]

Fine U. S. and Foreign stamps to exchange for Tags, Coupons and American Cigar Co.'s bands. ED. M. VOSS, Bloomington, Indiana. [23]

*Hawaii 18c (Scott, \$1.25), 35c; 10 for \$2.50. *Johore, Nos. 27 & 28, (Scott, 95c), pair 35c; 10 sets \$2.00. Tasmania 1900, 2d & 3d, (cat. 3c & 6c), even ass'd 7, 75c per 100. Argentine 1901, 1 c, 10 for 30c; 100 for \$1.50. CARL YOUNG, 112 N. 5th St., Philadelphia, Pa. [22]

Approval sheets 60% disc. Net sheets for advanced collectors at equally low prices. 9000 var. in stock. F. W. PICKARD, 2427 Ingleside, Cincinnati, O. [24]

Is your collection for sale? Get your dealer to make a price on it, add 20% to his offer, and send letter to me. It's 10 to 1 I buy it. F. W. PICKARD, 2427 Ingleside, Cincinnati, O. [24]

Is your collection for sale? I will buy it or any odd lots of good stamps. No cheap stuff wanted. Send on approval with lowest cash offer. Immediate returns guaranteed. HOWARD C. BECK, City Controller's Office, Detroit, Mich. [51F]

Pre-cancels not in my collection wanted. Best cash or trade price. E. R. ALDRICH, Benson, Minn. [1F]

Try an Ad in this Column. It Pays.

American Philatelic Association.

(INCORPORATED.)

THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA—OFFICIAL JOURNAL.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

ALEXANDER HOLLAND, President,
40 Grace Court, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Board of Vice-Presidents.
FRANK H. BURT, Chairman,
Room 1046, Tremont Building, Boston, Mass.
GORDON IRELAND, Secretary,
Holyoke House 27, Cambridge, Mass.
EDWIN F. SAWYER,
101 Washington St., Brighton, Mass.

H. E. DEATS, Secretary,
Flemington, N. J.
E. DOEBLIN, International Secretary,
Box 736, Pittsburg, Pa.
C. L. ANNAN, Treasurer,
Copper Range R. R., Houghton, Mich.
H. B. PHILLIPS,
1311 Grove St., Berkeley, Cal.
F. W. CONING,
350 George St., New Brunswick, N. J.

RESIDENT VICE-PRESIDENTS.

BOSTON, MASS.—M. H. LOMBARD, Winchester, Mass.
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.—W. E. LOV, 2431 Ellsworth St., Berkeley, Cal.
NEW YORK CITY.—W. F. GREGORY, 71 Nassau St.
PITTSBURG, PA.—E. DONOHUE, Box 736.
CHICAGO, ILL.—A. F. MERRILL, 439 Marquette Building.
MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.—ESSIE S. MARTIN, 3244 First Avenue, South.
WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS—ROBERT D. MAYNARD, 36 Oak Grove Ave., Springfield.

APPOINTIVE OFFICERS.

E. H. ANDERSON, Librarian,
Carnegie Library, Pittsburg, Pa.
H. D. WATSON, Collecting Agent,
64 Cedar St., New York City.
JOHN J. OESCH, Superintendent of Sales Dept.,
34 Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill.

H. E. DEATS, Assistant Librarian,
Flemington, N. J.
W. F. GREGORY, Auction Purchasing Agent,
71 Nassau St., New York City.
P. M. WOLSIEFFER, Auction Purchasing Agent,
1009 Atwood Bldg., Chicago, Ill.
A. W. BATCHELDER, Auction Purchasing Agent,
21 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass.

REPORT OF SECRETARY

For the Week Ending May 16, 1903.

Re-Instated.

676. PAXSON, R. H., Butte, Montana.

Changes of Address.

1730. ROBINSON, R., from 1226 Masonic Temple to 209 Dearborn Ave., Chicago.

1782. SEEB, F. C., from 1009 Mason St. to 1070 Sacramento St., San Francisco.

Membership Summary.

Total Membership May 9th..... 554
Re-Instated..... 1

Total Membership May 16th..... 555
H. E. DEATS, Secretary.



Federal Prospects.

Our attention has been drawn to some late printings of the penny values of the Tasmanian and West Australian stamps which recently emanated from the Melbourne Government Printing Office. These show a lamentable falling away indeed. The id Tas. has appeared, in varying shades, from a flesh colour to a deep carmine, the design on the latter being almost unrecognizable. The id W. A. look threadbare. There was no necessity whatever to have to resort to the process by which these stamps are produced—technically known as zinc-etching. The inferiority of the recent impressions is so marked that further comment is needless, except to say that facilities exist in the Sidney Government Printing Office to enable the stamps to be printed direct from the original plates just as was done for the English production. The Federal Postal Authorities should obtain the custody of their own plates and avail themselves of the opportunities above mentioned instead of issuing these direlect variants simply because they do not exist in the Melbourne office. If

the efficiency of the revenue printing branch of Melbourne establishment were equal to that of Sydney we would have nothing to say but it is not. We challenge an investigation as to the truth of these assertions, and trust that, apart from political considerations, postage stamps, will in the near future, be printed by the Department best able to produce a creditable article, which those referred to are not.

May we again impress upon the postal authorities the desirability of making an effort to overcome the difficulties in the way of issuing a Commonwealth series. This can be done in the manner outlined in our November number. If there is any objection to the King's portrait, a six rayed star would make an excellent and suitable centre for the design, with the letters C. A. in the top corners and the date 19—01 in the lower corners. The name of each State could be inserted along the top of the label and the figure of value could appear in centre of star. The design cut in wood and electrotype plates made therefrom. Sometime back Mr. O'Sullivan, the New South Wales Minister for Works, was desirous of having a gigantic statue of "Aus-

tralia Facing the Dawn" erected in Sydney Harbor. Why not have the same idea embodied in our postage stamps? Going further, we fail to see the necessity of inserting the name of the State at all, the bookkeeping difficulty could be overcome by giving each State credit for the value of the stamps sold by them.

In reply to enquiries we beg to say that the 5d, 10d, 15d and 25d values of the Commonwealth Postage Due series are not yet in use in N.S.W. We have communicated with the Postmaster General on the subject.—*Australian Journal of Philately.*

A Newspaper Clipping.

A NEW STAMP.

To the Editor:

The human (so called) mind is as curious as a monkey. Especially the "kid" mind has it bad. I have one, whom we all (teacher, too,) have been forced to call the "interrogation kid"—for short. He is responsible for this inquiry, as for many other sins of omission and commission. Of course he has a stamp album. The question comes up persistently, and has bothered both of us, as we are trying to harm nobody. "Who owned that head pictured on the new red two-cent stamps?" He must be a dead one or he would not allow it, that is very certain. At first blush the gentleman seems to have had a bad cold or catarrh or something when he sat for that picture. He certainly does not look healthy. There is a measly, down-at-the-heel and very far-away look about his face, and my "interrogation kid" noticed that first and felt sorry. The nose, too, he said, would not be approved by the temperance ladies, for he has learned in physiology that it is wrong to drink beer. "That nose," he said, "would keep the gentleman out of a job"; hence why should he be "licked on his back" by everybody on a stamp? By this I suppose he meant that it is bad taste for the postoffice officials to force everybody in close personal touch with a "horrible example" of inebriety, which, if so, is true. At any rate, the gentleman cannot be President Washington. The reason is conclusive that the doctors of his time had as yet not invented la grippe to account for everything they couldn't make out. That gentleman on the red stamp certainly has the grip, because he shows all over his face that something serious is the matter with him. Something very serious. My boy has written to the postoffice in Washington, but they have not answered, and so he has asked me to write this, because he wants to know. So I wrote, and hope some Boston boy can tell him through the *Traveller*.

A. WANGEMANN.

Chicago.

The New England Philatelic Association.

Organized February, 1895.

Board of Officers:

President, CHARLES H. SMITH, Dedham, Mass.
Vice-President, J. FAYLL CAPRON, 26 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass.
Secretary and Treasurer, H. W. LEGG, 26 Hancock St., Boston, Mass.
Sales Department, CHARLES H. STONE, 91 Antrim St., Cambridgeport, Mass.
Information Bureau, MRS. WALLACE DANA SMITH, 20 Wilbur St., Portsmouth, N. H.
Counterfeit Detector, WILLIS D. KING, Nashua, N.H.
Attorney, HORACE S. BACON, 107 Stevens St., Lowell, Mass.
Governing Board, CHARLES H. STONE, Chairman, 91 Antrim St., Cambridgeport, Mass., JOHN J. CONE, 909 Dorchester, Mass., FRANK A. WILSON, 125 Highland Ave., Somerville, Mass.
Official Organ, THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA.

Written Expressly for the ERA.

Analysis of United States Stamped Envelopes and Wrappers.

SCHEDULE IN EFFECT JANUARY 1ST, 1903.

1 CENT.		S.	Paper.	Q.	
1	wh	9	wh	1	
2	wh	9	amb	1	
2	am	10	wh (N)	1	
3	wh	11	wh	1	
3	am	12a	man (N)	M	
5	wh	13	wh	1	
5	amb	13	amb	1	
6x	wh	13	buff	2	
6x	man	M	13	blue	2
8	wh	14	wh	1	
8	amb	14	amb	1	
11	wh	14	buff	2	
12	man (N)	M	14	blue	2
13	wh	1	34 varieties.		
13	amb	1			
13	blue	2			
13	buff	2			
16 varieties.					
2 CENT.		S.	Paper.	Q.	
1	wh	1	7 wh	1	
2	wh	1	7 amb	1	
2	amb	1	8 wh	1	
2	buff	2	8 amb	1	
2	blue	2	9 wh	1	
3	wh	1	9 amb	1	
3	amb	1	12b man (N)	M	
3	buff	2	7 varieties.		
3	blue	2			
4	wh	1			
4	amb	1			
5	wh	1			
5	amb	1			
5	buff	2			
5	blue	2			
7	wh	1			
7	amb	1			
7	buff	2			
7	blue	2			
8	wh	1			
8	amb	1			

4 CENT.
7 wh 1
7 amb 1
8 wh 1
8 amb 1
9 wh 1
9 amb 1
12b man (N) M
7 varieties.

5 CENT.
3 wh 1
3 amb 1
5 wh 1
5 amb 1
4 varieties.

KEY:
S—Size.
Q—Quality.
M—Manila.
x—No Gum.
wh—White.
amb—Amber.
N—Wrapper.

SIZES (in inches).

Width.	Length.	Width.	Length.
1 2 1/2	x 5 1/2	9 4 3/4	x 10 1/2
2 3 1/4	x 5 1/2	10 3 9/16	x 4 3/4
3 3 3/4	x 5 1/2	11 4 1/4	x 5 1/2
4 3 3/4	x 5 1/2	12 5 1/2	x 10 1/2
5 3 1/2	x 6 5-16	12a 8	x 12
6 3 1/2	x 6 5-16	12b 10	x 15
7 3 3/4	x 8 3/4	13 3 3/4	x 6 3/4
8 4 1/4	x 9 3/4	14 3 3/4	x 6 5-16

RECAPITULATION.

Envelopes, Wrappers,	1c.	2c.	4c.	5c.	Total.
	15	33	6	4	58
	1	1	1	0	3
Total,	16	34	7	4	61

KITCHEN MECHANICS.

The next girl we hired was a "coon", so I can give you a few bargains in Liberia.

No.	Price	No.	Price
16,	\$.05	51,	\$.05
17,	".05	52,	".08
19,	".10	53,	".13
20,	".15	54,	".17
21,	".05	55,	".22
24,	".02	56,	".27
25,	".02	58,	".06
26,	".03	61,	".05
27,	".05	153,	".05
35, 0. E.,	".05	154,	".06
36,	".06	177,	".12
37,	".08	76,	".08
38,	".09	77,	".13
39,	".15	79,	".04
40,	".20	80,	".06
41,	".27	81,	".07
42,	".65	82,	".08
45,	".05	83,	".18
47,	".08		
180,	".05		

Postage extra.
Satisfaction guaranteed.
E. C. Dodd, 259 So. Hermitage Ave., Chicago

NEW AS COMPARED TO PREVIOUS ISSUE.

Sizes.	1 Cent:	Paper.	No.
2, 3, 5, 8, 13,		on amber	5
6,		on white	1
8,		on white	1
13,		on amber	1
2 Cent:			
2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 13, 14,		on amber	9
12a, (wrapper) size changed			1
4 Cent:			
7, 8,		on amber	2
12b, new			1
5 Cent:			
3, 5,		on amber	2
Total			23

ITEMS OF PREVIOUS ISSUE DISCONTINUED.

2 cent wrapper (No. 12) 5 1/2 x 10 1/2 inches, superseded by No. 12a, 8 x 12 inches.

GENERAL:

New dies are used for the 1, 2, 4, 5c denominations in all cases. The effigy of Abraham Lincoln that appeared on the 4c denomination in the previous issue will appear on the 5 cent denomination in this issue. The effigy of Ulysses S. Grant that appeared on the 5 cent denomination in the previous issue will appear on the 4 cent denomination in this issue.

Whilst stamped envelopes of amber paper have not been "officially", existant since the promulgation of the schedule of Jan. 1st, 1899, in the previous issue, they were to be had in a great many cases at the post offices. Whether these were remainders from the next previous issue is not known. It was the intention to supersede the amber envelopes with blue and buff envelopes but the department has evidently concluded to respond to public demand in this respect, inasmuch as it has now not only included amber in its official schedules and as well retaining the blue and buff, designating however in the new series the buff as plain buff instead of "oriental" buff as in the now obsolete schedule.

It is thought that it may be of some interest to give a comparison of the official issues of the English Post Office Department as to sizes and prices.

For the fiscal year ending June 30th 1902, there was issued by

	United States	Canada
1 cent envelopes,	74,839,000	117,751
2 cent envelopes,	737,927,750	795,176
1 cent wrappers,	36,913,250	439,370
Total,	849,680,000	1,352,297

which indicates the consumption of stamped paper in Canada to be at the rate of twenty-five one-hundredths pieces per capita for its population of 5,338,883 people, census of 1901, as against eleven and thirteen one-hundredths pieces consumed per capita by the people of the United States with its population of 16,303,387 people, census of 1890. Unfortunately the statistics of His Majesty's Postal Department for Great Britain and Ireland are not at hand but it is well known that the consumption of stamped paper by our cousins is relatively light.

The reason for this condition of affairs is self apparent, the foregoing schedules expounding as they do the increased charge made for the "stationery" part of the transaction by both the Dominion and Crown Government.

It may be further interesting to note that the British Government charges 20 to 24 cents per hundred for postal cards in addition to the postage value, while Canada and the United States make no charge whatever.

The British Postal Department will stamp for private corporations, firms or individuals practically almost any kind of paper or envelopes under certain restrictions as to the minimum amount at any one printing.

Canada at one time did this, in the case of Scott's 62nd Nos. 240, 241, whilst the only instances recalled at the moment in the United States was some of the 30c and 90c and perhaps some other denominations in the latter 80's for a syndicate, of which Mr. E. A. Holton of Boston, was a member, and in 1902 size 1, 2 cent on amber overprinted Philippines.

In this latter case the Department is said to have explained its disregard of its own positive injunction on its official schedules reading "No other Stamped Envelopes than those here described will

PRICE PER HUNDRED.

Denomination.	Size.	United States.			Great Britain.			Canada.		
		Total.	Post.	Sta.	Total.	Post.	Sta.	Total.	Post.	Sta.
U. S. Gt. Br. Can.										
1c 1/2d 1c	3 3/4 5 3/4	2.12	1.00	.12	1.14	1.00	.14	1.20	1.20	.20
1c 1/2d ..	3 3/4 8 3/4	1.18	1.00	.18	1.22	1.00	.22	..	..	..
2c 1d ..	3 9-16 4 3/4	2.12	2.00	.12	2.23	2.00	.23	..	..	..
2c 1d ..	2 3/4 5 1/4	2.12	2.00	.12	2.13	2.00	.13	..	..	..
2c .. 2c	3 3/4 5 3/4	2.12	2.00	.12	..	..	..	2.20	2.00	.20
5c 2 1/2d ..	3 3/4 5 3/4	5.12	5.00	.12	5.28	5.00	.28	..	..	..
5c 2 1/2d ..	3 9-16 4 3/4	5.14	5.00	.14	5.38	5.00	.38	..	..	..
Wrappers.										
1c 1/2d 1c		1.06	1.00	.06	1.17	1.00	.17	1.25	1.00	.25
2c 1d ..		2.14	2.00	.14	2.16	2.00	.16	..	..	..

In making the foregoing comparison it was necessary to approximate the sizes; the values sterling be reduced to U. S. currency on the conversion basis of the International Money Order Bureau of the U. S. P. O. Dept.

be furnished", by saying that technically, insofar as the Philippines are concerned, the Department occupies the position of contractor and therefore supplies such articles as the Director of Posts for the Philippines requisitions for from time to time.

The Weekly Philatelic Era

A PAPER DEVOTED TO STAMP NEWS.

50c PER YEAR.

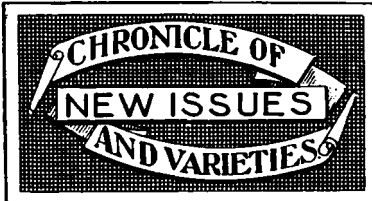
ENTERED AT PORTLAND POST OFFICE AS SECOND CLASS MATTER JAN. 10, 1903.

2c PER COPY.

VOL. XVII. No. 35.

PORTLAND, ME., SATURDAY, MAY 23, 1903.

WHOLE No. 523.



BY HENRY A. KIDDER.

Friends of the ERA are invited to send to the editor of this department any information regarding new issues or varieties that may prove of interest. Such information will be suitably acknowledged. Address, HENRY A. KIDDER, 17 Addison Street, Arlington, Mass.

Exchanges will please send Mr. Kidder a copy of each issue to the foregoing address, and an extra copy of the ERA will be gladly sent whenever desired.

BRITISH HONDURAS.—The new 2c has been supplied to dealers since Jan. 22, but was not sold to the public until the middle of March.

COLOMBIA.—Some doubt has been expressed as to the postal standing of the Barranquilla issue, especially the latest issue, the 5c with picture of the "Cruiser Cartagena." A postal card shown us by Mr. J. M. Bartels, which came to this country without other frank, would seem to dispose of this question, and show that the U. P. U. recognizes the stamp as a regular government issue.

ERITREA.—Dr. Diena has favored Mr. Lohmeyer with a set of the new type cards, surcharged in black above the inscriptions, "Colonia Eritrea." The 20c letter card of the new type, without the surcharge, has not yet been issued, Mr. Lohmeyer says he is informed. The Eritrea cards were issued April 1st.

Post Card (Regular):
10c red and black on cream, 89x140mm.

Letter Cards (Regular):
5c green and black on gray, perf. I, B. 80x140mm.
20c red and black on yellow, perf. I, B. 80x140mm.

FANNING ISLAND.—This British Cable Station is supplied with the current New Zealand stamps for use by the cable operators. They can be easily distinguished from the ordinary New Zealand stamps by the postmark which is a very neat one, consisting of the words "Fanning Island"

in a circle with date in the centre. Mr. Ross O'Shaughnessy of San Francisco reports having already seen the ½d green and 1½d khaki used on a letter from this island.

HONG KONG.—The following values complete the King's head set, of which the lower values were chronicled in No. 510. The head is printed in the second color.

Adhesives (Regular):
30c black and green.
50c lilac and green.
\$1 olive and lilac.
\$2 red and gray black.
\$3 blue and gray black.
\$5 blue green and lilac.
\$10 brown and gray black on blue.

LIBERIA.—Mr. Ross O'Shaughnessy informs us that the new 3c Liberia Inland postage stamp is watermarked, "Jas. Wrigley & Son Ld.—Bury—Extra Strong." in three lines, covering 21 stamps on each sheet, in 3 rows of 7 stamps. This is the name of the manufacturers of the paper in England. The same stamp 3c in black surcharged "O. S" has the same wmk.

MALTA.—We give the correct colors of the new set as far as issued, some confusion having previously existed in our previous list. In each case the second color is that in which the head is printed.

Adhesives (Regular):
½d green.
1d carmine and black.
2d grey and lilac.
3d mauve and grey.
1sh violet and grey.

NATAL.—The following new denominations have been issued in the current type, small size. The second color is that in which the centre is printed.

Adhesives (Regular):
½d ultramarine.
4d chocolate and red.
4sh yellow and carmine.

NEW ZEALAND.—Mr. J. H. Lyons of the New England Stamp Co. has shown us the 4d watermarked N. Z. and star perforate 14.

PARAGUAY.—The following adhesives in the set chronicled in No. 520 have received the overprint "Official" diagonally in black.

Adhesives (Official):
1c grey and black.
2c green and black.
5c blue and black.
10c brown and black.
20c rose and black.
30c blue and black.
60c violet and black.

PORTUGUESE COLONIES.—The New England Stamp Co. has shown us the full sets of new stamps, type of 1898, for the various colonies. These were chronicled in No. 513.

ROUMANIA.—*L'Echo de la Timbrologie* says that the new issue promised for October, 1901, was finally scheduled to appear May 15. There are two designs. Type 1, horizontal, represents a mail coach drawn by six horses. Type 2, vertical, is a more complicated drawing of which the chief points are a portrait of King Charles I, a view of the new General Post Office and a mail coach. The number printed is given below.

Adhesives (Regular):

TYPE I.	
1b olive brown,	500,000.
3b brown lilac,	300,000.
5b green,	400,000.
10b rose,	400,000.
15b black,	500,000.
25b blue,	100,000.
40b dark green,	100,000.
50b yellow,	100,000.
TYPE II.	
15b black,	50,000.
25b blue,	25,040.
40b grey brown,	25,040.
50b orange,	25,040.
1l brown,	25,040.
2l red,	25,040.
5l violet,	25,040.

No explanation is given of the two sets of the 15, 25, 40 and 50b. The stamps are printed in sheets of 80 and bear the watermark, "Johannot & Cnie, Annonay."

ST. VINCENT.—Mr. Lohmeyer has received the 1d King's head card for this colony, being of the new Colonial type.

Post Card (Regular):
1d carmine on cream, 88x139mm.

TASMANIA.—Mr. Lohmeyer reports being indebted to Mr. Foulon for a new letter card of a pence. It bears the same stamp as the 1900 issue, view of Hobart, but in all other respects differs from it materially. The coat-of-arms measures 20 instead of 15mm., and the inscription "TASMANIA LETTER CARD." occupies the space of 61mm. as against 63 on the former issue. Like the 1900 issue, the reverse is utilized for representations of Tasmanian scenery, printed in black. This letter card is evidently a Melbourne production, as the same card board used for the Victorian and Western Australian letter cards has been adopted.

Letter Card (Regular):
1d violet on pearl gray, perf. III, B. 93x149.

I WANT TO BUY

U. S. POSTAGE
U. S. DEPARTMENTS
U. S. REVENUES.

THE CASH IS READY.**FRED G. JONES,**

2013 Brook St., LOUISVILLE, KY.

CHAPTER XXXVI.

"I have noticed your ads for over a year and have decided to try

Osgood's Famous Big Selections"

is a remark I read almost daily in letters received from prospective customers. Iteration and reiteration may perhaps bore some of my readers, but it is a fact that most collectors prefer to deal with an established house. A familiar adv't is likely to be a truthful one.

References.

Specimens bought and sold. Write if interested.
Stampman free!

D. W. OSGOOD, ALAMOSA, COLORADO.

[To be Continued.]

HAVE YOU DUPLICATES?

Our Exchange proposition is free. Write us today. Don't delay.

HOLTON STAMP CO., BOSTON, MASS.**WE HAVE MONEY**

To Buy Collections, Rareties and Stocks.

We buy unused 1c and 2c stamps for mercantile use at a discount from 1 to 5 per cent. according to quantities. Higher denominations at a greater discount. [19]

UNITED STAMP COMPANY, Incorporated,
1149 Marquette Bldg., CHICAGO, ILL.

The FORTNIGHTLY COLLECTOR

contains something of interest to every Philatelist. Splendid articles and entertaining stamp gossip. At the low price it is offered no collector can afford to be without it.

ONLY 10c A YEAR.

Send ten cents today for a whole year's subscription. If not perfectly satisfied your money refunded without question. Address

THE FORTNIGHTLY COLLECTOR,
The J. L. Morrison Co., Publishers,
[19] Smethport, Pa.

Wm. v. d. Wettern, Jr.,

WHOLESALE DEALER IN

POSTAGE + STAMPS.

411 W. Saratoga St., Baltimore, Md.

New special list just issued, sent free on application to dealers only.

The New England Philatelic Association.

Organized February, 1895.

Board of Officers:

President, CHARLES H. SMITH, Dedham, Mass.
Vice President, J. FAVILL CAPRON, 22 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass.

Secretary and Treasurer, H. W. LEGG, 26 Hancock St., Boston, Mass.

Sales Department, CHARLES H. STONE, 91 Antrim St., Cambridgeport, Mass.

Information Bureau, MRS. WALLACE DANA SMITH, 20 Wild St., Portsmouth, N. H.

Counterfeit Detector, WILLIS D. KING, Nashua, N. H.
Attorney, HORACE S. BACON, 107 Stevens St., Lowell, Mass.

Governing Board, CHARLES H. STONE, Chairman, 91 Antrim St., Cambridgeport, Mass., JOHN J. CONY, New Dorchester, Mass., FRANK A. WILSON, 185 Highland Ave., Somerville, Mass.

Official Organ, THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA.

The Boston Philatelic Society.

M. H. LOMBARD, President, Winchester, Mass.

C. F. ROTHFUCHS, Vice-President, Boston.

C. A. HOWES, Secretary, 55 Kilby St., Boston.

L. L. GREEN, Treasurer, 47 Tremont St., Boston.

J. H. LYONS, Supt. of Auctions, 27 Bromfield St., Boston.

J. H. LYONS, Supt. of Sales, 27 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass.

THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA, Official Journal.

Fiscals.

The following paper was read by Mr. Schwabacher in conjunction with a display of fiscal stamps before the London Philatelic Society and is reprinted from the columns of the *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly*.

I consider it my first and pleasant duty to tender thanks for the hospitality shown to fiscalism, and I feel quite proud of its admission to this Temple of Philately. I readily admit that its admission is greatly due to your broadmindedness, but it is not less due to the rapid progress made in the last two years by this new branch of Philately.

When the present year has finished its course, I shall have had the honour and pleasure of having seen one evening devoted by each of the three leading Societies in England—our Society, the International Philatelic Union, and the Herts Philatelic Society—to the reading of a paper on fiscals accompanied by a display.

Another proof of the progress made is to be found in the fact that the Fiscal Philatelic Society, founded just a year ago, has a list of more than 60 members, amongst whom figure such well known names as His Honour Judge—Philbrick, K.C., Dr. Legrand, J. B. Moens, E. D. Bacon, A. E. Lawrence of New York, M. Langlois of Paris, and other philatelists of renown. I might add that the membership list would be still larger if, in common with other Societies, the Fiscal P. S. had not experienced that intending and even actual members were asking impossibilities, forgetting that the aim of such Societies is study only, and the promotion of the general and not the individual interest.

Although what I am now going to say may sound somewhat paradoxical when taken in connection with the remarks I shall presently make on the attraction of being able to build up a fine fiscal collection at a relatively very small expense, I must record the fact that during the last twelve months a well-known German collection acquired last year by a dealer was resold by him, retail, fetching well nigh £1000, this very same price having been offered to me for my own without inducing me to part with this trusted companion of my leisure hours.

One English collector sold the other day his albums of England and Colonies for the sum of £250, and, finally, I must add that the stock of the late M. Roussin, of Paris, was disposed of in less than a fortnight after his decease for £1,600. All this shows conclusively that there is a present and a future for this branch of collecting.

Why have many of us who were ardent postalists laid by postage stamps for fiscals (I intentionally do not use the word "abandoned")? I am of opinion that it is greatly a matter of purse, many having an instinctive objection to even "limited"

specialism, and a general collector of postage stamps being soon stopped by the question of money. Whatever the sum may be that he is prepared to devote to his hobby, I consider that the object and pleasure of the collector is not to acquire his stamps and knowledge by weight of coin, but by ferretting out, and by studying, &c., and I am of opinion that many of us deserted the ranks of Postalism when they found they could not move a step further. Joining at first timidly those of Fiscalism, they soon found its fascination grow upon them. Many indeed are the inducements for a beginner, for example:

The low price of most fiscals, with regard to which I might say that there are scarcely any medium stamps—either they are common, pretty common, or rare. This enables one to build up a large and fine collection at a moderate expense, with the extra enjoyment of being able to revel in shades, perforations, secret marks, and watermarks, at heart's content at the same low rates.

Again the quasi total absence of forgeries, only four being known so far, and three of these collectible as they were made to defraud various Treasuries, not those of collectors, and were genuinely used.

I need not dwell on the beauty of most fiscal stamps, which appeals to the artistic instinct of most of us.

Our great hindrance has been the lack of a complete priced catalogue, but I can refer you to the magnificent pioneer work done by M. Moens of Brussels, and the late M. Roussin of Paris, and more recently by Mr. Walter Morley of London. There are already sufficient catalogues to guide the collector through many countries, and to my own knowledge much useful work is actually being done in preparing catalogues for Great Britain, its Colonies, South America, India, etc., and in all probability it will not be long before these reach the publishing stage. I for one must confess that I find this pioneer work a very great attraction, and I shall regret the day when all obtainable knowledge will be embodied, cut and dried, and priced, in the usual red, white and blue small books.

I will not tire you much longer with my bad English, for I prefer giving the larger share to the display, which I am certain will interest you more than these notes, but to conclude, I will repeat that Fiscalism offers a large field for study, much enjoyment for the eye, the possibility of having a really fine collection without spending a fortune, and to every collector ample scope for the development of his propensities either in the form of general or specialized collecting, or the study of papers, perforations, shades, &c.

I should have liked to have given the first place to a representative display of the fiscals of Great Britain and Ireland, but the large number of issues in the types of the unappropriated dies tends to monotony, and, besides, one evening would not have

Unused, O. G., In Fine Condition.

No.	REDUCED FROM CATALOGUE PRICE,	TO
55	Niger Coast 1898, 10sh.....	\$8.00 \$3.95
54	Dominica 1890, 1sh. C.A.....	17.50 7.95
48	St. Vincent 1883, 4d.....	2.50 1.25
25	Cyprus 1882, 12 piastres.....	3.00 1.35
	Hawai Official, complete set of 6.....	5.00 2.50

Colombian Republic 1902 Issue.

5c, 4c, 5c, the 3 for 5c, 3 sets 12 cents.			
5c, 2c, 10c, 10c, the four for 30 cents.			
1903 Issue.	Price for 1st.	and.	3rd
1 peso brown.....	\$.50	\$0.10	\$0.07
5 pesos lilac.....	.50	.80	.17
10 pesos green.....	.50	.35	.28
The above set of 3 for.....	1.60	.55	.45

1st are in finest possible condition.
2nd are in average good condition.
3rd have not as large margins as 2nd, or may have a crease where partly folded. All have o. g.

No.	Antioquia.	From Cat.	To
124	1899, 20c gray violet, o. g.....	\$0.25	\$0.08

The following four stamps are in fine condition, bright colors, well centered, but have no gum on back.

No.	Antioquia,	1902 Issue.
137	20c gray green,	The Set of 4 for 25c.
138	30c bright rose,	
139	40c gray blue,	
140	50c brown on yellow,	

All the Colombian and Antioquia stamps can be furnished in blocks and strips at same rate excepting 3rd quality, 1903 issue.

Postage extra on orders under \$1.00.
Please remit by Bills or Money Order.

G. F. ROTHFUCHS 38 Munroe St., ROXBURY, MASS.

WHEN YOU THINK OF SELLING

WRITE TO

B. L. DREW & CO.,

7 WATER ST., (Room 501), BOSTON, MASS.

The Leading Auction Firm in America.

been sufficient. Some of the early English are unobtainable, and are only known from an inspection in the Somerset House records. I have, therefore, restricted myself to showing some cards which Mr. A. Preston Pearce, of Plymouth, exhibited in Paris at the great show of 1900, which were not designed to exhibit rarities, but merely to give a good general impression of the fiscals of England, Ireland, Scotland, and the Isle of Man.

Next will be seen a set from British Somaliland issued some time ago—I believe at the time of an expedition dispatched some two years before the present one. The issue was a small one, and these stamps were brought home by one of the Officers concerned, probably they are the only ones that reached here, and, certainly, they are rarities. With them are some recent discoveries of Basutoland stamps issued under the authority of the English Special Commissioner. These two countries have not printed any postage stamps yet—the first benefit of imported civilization is taxation!

Stamps of the New Republic before its annexation—very few are known, and these have only recently turned up.

Tati Concessions. In use one year only, 1896-7.

Transvaal. I am showing Mr. Walter Morley's splendid collection of the revenues of this country, and would direct attention to a few special points.

The Manuscript Adhesives, only discovered and chronicled during the past year; but two values are known, the 6d and 9d—1877, overprint V. R. TRANSVAAL. The 10s black on green, with surcharge in red. This stamp is a recent discovery and is the only copy known to collectors, though a specimen of the £1 with overprints in both black and red has been known for some years. It is surmised that there may have been a printing in red of this overprint.—A rare lot of *inverted* surcharges. The surcharges appear to be fairly uniform, but a close student might find a field for research here—1878, 1s, black on blue, red overprint of V. R. TRANSVAAL. There are, apparently, more minor varieties of this type, and a copy is known without surcharge—1884, £5. Type of first issue, perf. 12. This is the only value of this type known perforated, and is probably a reissue from the old plates like the postage stamps of this period 1876, embossed 1d, value. A curious type, adopted by both Boer and British up to 1890—Rustenburg and Geerust. Very rare; apparently only the 1d, value was required, and running out was surcharged on the 6d, 1s, and 2s values, the last being very rare indeed.—Provisional surcharges on Cape of Good Hope fiscals during the recent British military occupation, also likely to become scarce.

Philippine Islands. A sheet of Bill stamps arranged to show the course of events in the Philippines since 1896. I., Spanish Possession. Specimens of the 1896 and 1897 issues. II., U. S. Invasion. Specimens of the 1897 issue initialed and issued by U. S. officers, various initials, all used on bills. III., U. S. Occupation. Two copies each of the 1899, 1900, and 1901 issues, lithographed in Manila. Two of the stamps show a similar error in the upper labels. IV., U. S. Possession. 1903 issue, prepared in the United States. Believed to be the first stamps produced by the half-tone photographic process.

Mauritius. I am glad to be able to show the rare first issue complete, including all the varieties known on this paper. These stamps were only in use for six months, and with the exception of the four lowest values are extremely difficult to find; according to my experience the 8s 4d is the rarest value. This country is shown practically complete, I do not think there are more than ten stamps not represented.

Mexico. There is here a specially fine collection, most of the greatest rarities being shown in very fair state. This country is particularly attractive, the stamps being of most artistic execution, the colours tastefully chosen, the issues frequent but always diversified in shape and shade.

In the Custom House (Aduanas) issues all the 500 and 1000 pesos are rare stamps, the same remark applying to the 5 and 10 pesos of the Documentos series. The reason will be obvious when I mention that Mexico issues new stamps every year, those

HAYTI PROVISIONALS

Only 1500 Complete Sets Issued.

I have secured a few more complete sets of these desirable cards, and offer them, while they last, and that will not be long, the six varieties,

For 65 Cents, Postpaid.

The surcharge die has been destroyed.

ADOLPH LOHMEYER,
922 N. Gilmer Street, Baltimore, Md.

Advance Collectors

Should send to us for fine U. S. postage, essays, proofs etc. on approval.

HOLTON STAMP CO., BOSTON, MASS.

of the recently expired one being exchangeable at the Treasury, if not used, for those current. I believe that very few of the high values are printed, and when issued they are sure to be used or to come back to the Treasury, as no one would run the risk of losing the amount of stamps worth pounds face value.

Remainders of importance I have not yet seen; when Mexico had a sale some two years ago only a few rubbishy fiscals were in the lot.

You will notice three cards exhibiting the Documentos issue of 1881 bearing overprints of different towns and districts, 87 in number.

In conclusion, I must not forget to mention that I am indebted to Mr. Preston Pearce and Mr. Walter Morley for assisting me to make an attractive display by lending the stamps and mounted cards, thereby enabling me to make a more complete display of the countries selected.

Chicago Notes.

E. C. Dodd made a flying trip out of town last week to look at a large and old collection. He did not purchase, however, as the owner wanted "approval" price for it.

Jno. J. Oesch, the energetic Sales Superintendent of the A. P. A., is meeting with great success thus far, and hopes to establish a record this year, as regards sales. Mr. Oesch says that rare stamps and new issues sell the best, when the late arrivals are unused.

Local dealers say that the demand for U. S. is becoming greater each week. As a result prices are becoming firmer, especially for unused specimens with original gum.

Very few collections have been offered in the city during the last few months. No collection have been advertised for sale in the Sunday papers here for some time, something very unusual, as the Sunday paper was a favorite medium for those collectors who were unacquainted with dealers.

Alex. Holland, of New York, was in town recently.

CLIFFORD.

CEYLON, Unused, Mint.

No. 77.....	\$30.00
79.....	11.50
Genuine Surcharges.	
135C.....	2.40
137.....	6.05
139.....	6.05
142B.....	2.50
142C (used, \$4.00).....	6.05



Nassau Stamp Co.,

Ltd.,
237 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Are you thinking of Selling your stamps at Auctions? If so write us.

Now is the time to make dates for next season.

CHAS. H. STONE & CO.,

19 Washington St., BOSTON, MASS.

FREE! 1903 PRICE LIST.

Our Retail 56 page 1903 Price List of U. S. and Foreign Single Stamps, Sets, Packets, Albums, etc. is mailed

FREE FOR THE ASKING.

Our 50% Approval Sheets sent to you upon receipt of reference.

WHOLESALE OFFERINGS.

CUBA 1857, 27 p rose P. C., Cat. 5c each. 50c per 100.
NEWFOUNDLAND, (Jubilee) unused, 1c green, Cat. 8c. \$3.00 per 100.
Not less than 100 of a kind sold. [4p]

PERRIN & CO.,

106 East 23rd St., NEW YORK, N. Y.

WANTED

Unused Postage Stamps from 1c to \$5.00 at discount.

Also want large Stamp Collections. Pay Cash by return mail.

NATHAN COBE & CO., Waltham, Mass.

PEELABLE HINGES

NOT ENGLISH
1000
12c.



NOT GERMAN
5000
50c.

POST FREE. STRONG PAPER—TASTELESS GUM
W. F. GREGORY, 71 NASSAU ST., NEW YORK.

A few days later a letter in reply to that of "Pro Bono Publico" appeared in the same paper written in scathing language and signed by "A Stamp Dealer."

There is some grumbling at the prospect of compound perforation on those stamps now being printed at the Melbourne printing office, but we must not be too severe in our strictures. The best plan would be to try and educate the postal authorities up to the advantages of having one gauge only. We hold the theory that present day perforations signify nothing, which we have had on several occasions attempted to prove. The authorities will not be dictated to by stamp collectors, and there is a danger that we may go too far in our requests and demands, and produce a result totally opposite to the one desired. It is quite possible that there may be a more confused state of affairs before the goal of inspection is reached. We would therefore advise collectors to be satisfied with one specimen of each current Australian stamp without regard to perforation.

Mr. Horwood writes to say he has discovered the 1/2d Vic. perf 12 1/2 on three sides, and perf. 11 on one. He had also noticed the 1d Vic. perf. 11.

The Federal Government has definitely decided not to adopt 1d universal postage at present. For further particulars we reprint from the *Daily Telegraph*, Sydney, the following which appeared under the heading "Penny Postage within the Empire."

Last year the Federal Government was approached by the Imperial authorities with respect of a penny postage from Australia, offered to deliver letters from Australia to the United Kingdom. The Federal Government, though unable to agree to penny postage from Australia, offered to deliver letters from the United Kingdom bearing a penny stamp with surcharging. It had been taken for granted by many persons in England that a penny stamp thence was sufficient, and numbers of letters were received in Australia, and the recipients fined the additional postage. The proposal of Mr. Drake to abolish this surcharge did not prove acceptable to the Imperial authorities, who

REPUBLIC OF COLOMBIA.

155 Used 1P, cat. 30.....	.08
156 Unused 5P, cat. \$1.00.....	.40
157 Unused 10P, cat. \$2.00.....	.90
Just out *50c brown imp.....	.06
" " *50c yellow imp.....	.06
" " *50c red imp.....	.06

This is the time of the year you will appreciate the advantages of a Wolsieffer Pocket Ed. Stock Book, cloth bound, holds 560 stamps and sent postpaid for only 25 cts.

United Stamp Co., 1149 Marquette Bldg., Chicago.

N. B.—If you buy at auction you should see our very explicit auction sales catalogues. Another sale soon.

1903 PRICE-LIST.

Our 1903 Red Cover Catalogue is out—free. The price-list gives our net prices on U.S. Postage, Department, Dues, Telegraphs, Cut Square Envelopes, Confederate, Revenues, packets, sets, supplies, albums, wholesale lots, etc., etc. You can save money by buying from it. The prices are 40 to 60 per cent. discount from Scott's.

J. T. STARR STAMP CO., Coldwater, Mich.

\$1.00 Passage Ticket, Cat. \$6.00, Our Price \$1.00.

We secured a few copies of this scarce stamp canceled with small hole (nothing gone), fine copies. \$1.00 Manifest, same, cat. 60c..... \$0.15
\$1.00 Mortgage, same as above, cat. \$3.00, for .50
\$1.00 Prob. of Will, same, cat. \$1.25, for..... .25

GREATER N. Y. STAMP & COIN CO.,
128 East 23rd St., New York City.

wanted the penny postage or nothing. Part of their objection, too, was that the reduced rate would involve them in a considerable annual loss, and they were unwilling to incur this except as part of a reciprocal system. Another despatch has now been received accepting the proposal to surrender the surcharge, but asking the Federal Government to indicate when it will be prepared to adopt the penny system between Australia and the United Kingdom. The matter was discussed in Cabinet. It was decided that it would be impossible to adopt the penny rate to Great Britain, but that the Government was prepared to deliver all penny prepaid letters without any additional levy on the recipient. The same practice has for some time been followed with New Zealand. Letters are posted there bearing a penny stamp, and are distributed without a fine for deficiency, in which case, however, there were some cable concessions which influenced the decision. The loss on a general penny rate for the 1/2 oz., was estimated two years ago by departmental officers at over £300,000 per annum. Mr. Drake thinks that the amount would still hold good. In a minute to the Prime Minister he recommended that the following reply should be sent to the Imperial Government:—

"That, as previously advised in the Postmaster-General's telegram to the Postmaster-General, London, of April 24th last, and subsequent correspondence upon the subject, there is no objection on the part of the Government of the Commonwealth to accept and deliver as fully prepaid letters posted in Great Britain, or any part of the Empire bearing postage at the rate of 1d per half-ounce, provided such letters are

Mekeel's Stamp Collector

PUBLISHED WEEKLY.

FULL of information and news valuable to stamp collectors. Once a month large magazine editions are issued. Over one thousand pages guaranteed during the year.

Subscription \$1.00 per year. (On trial for three months, 25 cents.) No stamp man can afford to be without it. Volume sixteen commenced January 1, 1903.

C. H. Mekeel Stamp and Publishing Co.
St. Louis, Mo.

American Philatelic Association.

(INCORPORATED.)

THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA—OFFICIAL JOURNAL.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

ALEXANDER HOLLAND, President,
40 Grace Court, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Board of Vice-Presidents.
FRANK H. BURT, Chairman,
Room 1046, Tremont Building, Boston, Mass.
GORDON IRELAND, Secretary,
Holyoke House 27, Cambridge, Mass.
EDWIN F. SAWYER,
101 Washington St., Brighton, Mass.

H. E. DEATS, Secretary,
Flemington, N. J.
E. DOEBLIN, International Secretary,
Box 736, Pittsburg, Pa.
C. L. ANNAN, Treasurer,
Copper Range R. R., Houghton, Mich.
H. B. PHILLIPS,
1311 Grove St., Berkeley, Cal.
F. W. CONING,
350 George St., New Brunswick, N. J.

RESIDENT VICE-PRESIDENTS.

BOSTON, MASS.—M. H. LOMBARD, Winchester, Mass.
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.—W. E. LOY, 2431 Ellsworth St., Berkeley, Cal.
NEW YORK CITY.—W. F. GREGORY, 71 Nassau St.
PITTSBURG, PA.—E. DOEBLIN, Box 736.
CHICAGO, ILL.—A. F. MERRELL, 432 Marquette Building.
MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.—E. S. MARTIN, 3344 First Avenue, South.
WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS—ROBERT D. MAYNARD, 36 Oak Grove Ave., Springfield.

APPOINTEE OFFICERS.

E. H. ANDERSON, Librarian,
Carnegie Library, Pittsburg, Pa.
H. D. WATSON, Collecting Agent,
64 Cedar St., New York City.
JOHN J. OESCH, Superintendent of Sales Dept.,
34 Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill.

H. E. DEATS, Assistant Librarian,
Flemington, N. J.
W. F. GREGORY, Auction Purchasing Agent,
71 Nassau St., New York City.
P. M. WOLSEIFFER, Auction Purchasing Agent,
1009 Atwood Bldg., Chicago, Ill.
A. W. BACHELDER, Auction Purchasing Agent,
21 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass.

CHICAGO BRANCH, No. 1.

The regular monthly meeting of Chicago Branch No. 1 of the American Philatelic Association was held in the C. P. S. club-room on the evening of May 14th. Those present were: Messrs. Boehm, Farrell, Flanders, Doncyson, L. Michael, Massoth, Merrill (A. F.), Merrell (F. B.), Oesch, Wolsieffer, Mudge, Robinson, Severn, Molsant, F. Michael, Stebbins, Lefever, Flanders, Von Schaezler and Doncyson. Mrs. Doncyson attended as a visitor.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted with the insertion that A. F. Merrell, J. J. Oesch and W. F. Gurley were appointed a committee to receive the replies obtained by the Secretary.

The following ticket was formed for the year 1903-4:

President: Alexander Holland, of New York.

Board of Vice-Presidents: F. H. Burt, Boston, Gordon Ireland, Boston, Willard O. Wylie.

Treasurer: C. L. Annan, Houghton, Mich.

International Secretary: E. Doeblin.

Secretary: E. R. Aldrich, Benson, Minn.
Directors: F. W. Coning, New Jersey.
H. B. Phillips, California.

The above ticket was unanimously adopted.

The meeting was also unanimously in favor of holding the next convention at Pittsburg.

J. J. Oesch and P. M. Wolsieffer were appointed delegates to attend the convention and were instructed to use their discretion with regards to expenses in election matters which would be defrayed by the branch.

C. E. Severn reported having secured the frame for the branch charter which was admired by the members. He turned into the treasury a slight surplus which had been donated toward the frame. It was moved and seconded that a vote of thanks be extended Mr. Severn for exhibiting his collection of Confederate locals.

At the next meeting, which will be held on June 11, every member is requested to bring with him some oddity.

The meeting then adjourned.

R. ROBINSON, Secretary.

Topics About Town.

FROM NEW YORK CITY.

Bogert & Durbin will hold their next auction sale in Philadelphia on June 5th and 6th.

At the next meeting of the Brooklyn Stamp Club, branch of the Empire State Philatelic Society, on June 1st, an exhibition of the stamps of the German States will be held.

A new monthly stamp paper will shortly appear from Buffalo, N. Y., and another (fortnightly) from Smethport, Pa.

The *Perforator* for April-May is out. The contents are varied and interesting. An article on Chester locals by Dr. Evans, illustrated by original cuts, is quite interesting. Mr. C. A. Howes, C. F. Rothfuchs and W. O. Wylie give their views regarding auction prices. Two rare Swiss covers are also illustrated.

W. F. Gregory, who has been many years at 71 Nassau street, has removed to No. 65.

The auction season is about closed. No more big sales are announced for here the spring and summer.

VOLUNTEER.

Items from the Dub.

Tuesday, May 19th.

The regular monthly meeting of the Boston Philatelic Society was held this evening. The fifth exhibition of the present series was held. Russia was the country in competition. Mr. Alexander Holland was awarded the first prize and Mr. George F. Loring the second.

Monsieur Paul Mirabeau, of Paris, presented the Society with a copy of his work on Switzerland with the title page suitably inscribed by the author. This work should be seen to be appreciated. Monsieur Mirabeau, under suspension of the rules, was elected an honorary member of the Society. An informal auction by Mr. J. H. Lyons was held and many lots were disposed of. About thirty members were present. The June meeting is the last one until September.

Among the recent visitors to our city were Mr. R. D. Maynard, president of the Springfield Stamp Club, Mr. C. P. Pendleton, of Glens Falls, N. Y., and Mr. W. D. Moffatt, of Brooklyn, N. Y.

The J. M. Bartels Co. are fitting up new offices on the sixth floor of the Winthrop Building on Water street, which they will occupy about June 1st.

WM. D. ELDRIDGE.

No more sample copies of the *May Perforator* to be had. A sufficient quantity has been reserved for subscribers who wish to commence with the new volume XXII, number 1.

30c will bring the *Perforator* for a whole year.

THE PERFORATOR,

106 E. 111th Street. NEW YORK CITY.

SEE THIS BARGAIN!

	Cat.	Price
1899, 1c green, wmk. 12,		
man. p.	\$0.10	\$0.05
" 2c rose, Die A on white.	.10	.03
" 2c Die A on amber.	.25	.11
" 2c Die A on blue.	.75	.45
1894-5, 1c blue, Holyoke (Bartel's No. 1196).....	.30	.16

All new, unused, and entire. The entire lot for 75c, money order. Postage extra on orders under 25c. Address

S. A. D. COX,
Ex-Sec.-Treas. U. S. Env. Ex.,
25 Church St., WHITE PLAINS, N. Y.

The Value of a Standard.

BY CRAWFORD CAPEN.

The collecting of stamps proceeds in a different manner from that of nearly every other form of collecting. It has in the catalogue that which other kinds of collecting do not have—a standard whereby can be measured the value of that which the collector buys.

The thought of the different position occupied by the collector of pictures or bric-a-brac makes one appreciate the advantages of such a standard. There is no way in which collectors of these objects can judge the value of their purchases with any great degree of accuracy. The catalogues of sales held in the large cities are very deficient in giving one an idea of value. The descriptions that are given of the articles that are sold are not complete enough to enable anyone who does not see them to decide concerning the prices. Duplicates of some of these articles do not come up for sale very often; therefore the auction catalogues of such sales are not as valuable to the collector as auction catalogues of stamp sales. These latter auction catalogues would not be nearly so valuable as they are were it not for the fact that one can refer to the catalogue and gain therefrom an idea of what has been sold.

There are fashions in stamp collecting, and the prices of the stamps of the British West Indies for example are high at auction at one time and low at another, simply because they are in favor or out of it. The catalogue, however, gives a standard of value for these stamps, no matter whether they are the rage or not, and collectors can in a measure determine their value by the prices of the catalogue. It does not matter that catalogue prices are sometimes subject to discounts, that certain stamps can today be purchased at no greater discount than ten per cent. off catalogue and next year may be obtainable at twenty-five or even fifty per cent. discount. The collector who studies the catalogue and the market has always in his book a means of deciding about what the value of any stamp in his possession may be. The value of a catalogue as a standard is enhanced in the mind of the collector when, by the making of numerous purchases at auction, he discovers how little he knows of value by this means. This is especially evident in the cases that have been mentioned of the sale of pictures or bric-a-brac. The writer visited a sale of bronzes lately where successive articles were knocked down to one of the largest museums of the country simply because that museum was bound to have them at about double the price which most collectors would be willing to pay. The Barbizon school of paintings is in vogue today. A Daubigny or Durpre will bring an enormous price, while a painting of equal merit by an American

will command only a few hundred dollars. When the fashion turns to the great Americans the reverse will be the case. No one can buy the things that are popular in these lines at the present time with any assurance that he will succeed twenty years hence in realizing what has been paid for them. The case, however, with stamps is entirely different. If one turns his attention to the gathering of fine specimens of those countries which may be denominated as non-speculative in their issues, the passage of ten or twenty years is bound to show an advance in value. We may know this by making a comparison of the catalogues of twenty years ago with those of today. Thus a standard catalogue is a distinct and definite advantage which the collector of stamps has over the collector of any other articles which may be fancied. A catalogue, in order to be a standard, need not present an absolutely correct schedule of prices. This is, in the first place, a thing which cannot be done. It takes six months to make a good catalogue and prices are changing continually during that period. The only thing that is necessary is that the makers of the catalogues shall use their best endeavors to appreciate the values of the stamps which they list.

The catalogue, in order to be a standard in its prices must be made on the world's available stock of stamps. The hearer the catalogue makers approach to the understanding of what is the floating stock—that is the stock which is in the market for sale—the nearer will they be able to come to values and the better standard will the book be. The difficulty of exact pricing, even with a knowledge of what the stock in existence is, is shown by cases which arise from time to time. Confusion, for instance, was the result of a recent sale of stamps of the British West Indies. This lot was part of the total known available stock but no one expected that it would come upon the market suddenly at a low price. It has depreciated for the moment the value of these stamps, and they are publicly offered at large discounts from catalogue prices. The lot, however, will soon be absorbed and, since it is not very large, we see no reason why it should affect materially the values of these stamps. There are other cases in which a stamp issued in considerable quantities is "cornered." Such, for instance, is the case of the 1c on 3c Cuba, of which there were 150,000 printed and most of them were bought by speculators within a few days. Attempts have been made to market the lot at high prices but, since the dealers have refused to touch it, the stamp is now offered at a comparatively reasonable price. If the makers of catalogues had priced this stamp on the number in their own stocks, within a few months of the date on which it was issued, it might have been called a stamp worth a dollar instead of twelve cents.

The method of handling the stamps of Mauritius and the Seychelles Islands, has

a Guatemala Jubilee Newspaper Wrapper Stamps, (cat. value 30c) sent for only a cents to any collector who has never written to us before, no others. Only one lot to each. NEW ENGLAND STAMP CO., 21-27 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass. [if

PHILATELIC MSS. WANTED.

We pay highest cash prices for good Philatelic MSS. Correspondents wanted in Chicago, Boston, New York, San Francisco and Philadelphia to furnish local fortnightly notes. Address The Fortnightly Collector, The J. L. Morrison Co., Publishers, Smethport, Pa. [if

CUBA

1c on 3c PROVISIONAL

FINE UNUSED COPIES AT

10C EACH.

BLOCKS OF FOUR SAME RATE.

Postage Extra.

COLUMBIAN STAMP CO., Arlington, Mass.

KITCHEN MECHANICS.

The next girl we had was a "tarrier", so I can quote a few Gt. Britain with "Home Rule" postmarks.

No. 2.	\$0.07	No. 99.	\$0.03
5	.03	100	.05
6	.32	102	.05
20	.03	103	.08
40	.55	104	.07
42	.10	105	.04
55	.05	106	.55
56	.50	107	.11
59	.05	108	.06
69	.22	184	.50
71	.35	136	.03
80	.02	137	.03
84	.03	138	.05
85	.05	139	.06
87	.13	140	.08
94	.11	141	.30
95	.14	1104	.04
97	.04	1108	.03
		301	.05

Satisfaction guaranteed. Postage extra.

E. C. Dodd, 259 So. Hermitage Ave., Chicago

always been speculative, and some values have been invariably bought up as soon as they were issued and held for a rise. The pricing of these stamps on the stock which any dealer held of them would certainly be an absurdity. This is the fact in regard to many issues and the only reasonable way in which to make prices is upon the world's stock in first hands, that is the original speculators or the dealers who hold them for sale. If it were the invariable practice of the catalogue makers, as it has been that of the large dealers, to price on the basis of the world's stock, instead of what they may themselves have on hand, the speculative attempts to control the market in relation to the issues of certain countries would be even less successful than they have been in the past. The issues of remainders from time to time, and special distributions of large quantities of stamps made by the Governments which have issued them, have a distinct effect in changing the prices of the catalogues. New knowledge, also, as to the numbers in existence is continually coming to the catalogue makers, but their effort always should be and always will be, so far as possible, to make the prices correspond with the values at the date of issue, that the work may be as accurate a standard as possible for the use of collectors.—*American Journal of Philately.*

The Weekly Philatelic Era

A PAPER DEVOTED TO STAMP NEWS.

50c PER YEAR.

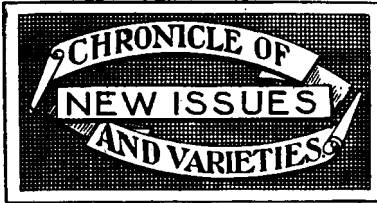
ENTERED AT PORTLAND POST OFFICE AS SECOND CLASS MATTER JAN. 10, 1890.

2c PER COPY.

VOL. XVII. No. 36.

PORTLAND, ME., SATURDAY, MAY 30, 1903.

WHOLE No. 524.



BY HENRY A. KIDDER.

Friends of the ERA are invited to send to the editor of this department any information regarding new issues or varieties that may prove of interest. Such information will be suitably acknowledged. Address, HENRY A. KIDDER, 17 Addison Street, Arlington, Mass.

Exchanges will please send Mr. Kidder a copy of each issue to the foregoing address, and an extra copy of the ERA will be gladly sent whenever desired.

UNITED STATES.—Under date of May 12, 1903, the Third Assistant Postmaster General writes:

"In reply to your inquiry as to the new No. 8, 1 cent envelopes, you are informed that none of them have been issued ungummed, as the contractors have not been able to get the machinery ready for their manufacture."

We shall therefore have—assuming that later the machinery may be rendered available for their making—two issues of the 1 cent, No. 8 on white and amber papers, one of each paper without gum and one of each paper with gum. While those issued temporarily on the '99 paper with the now obsolete dies will be had only as gummed.

ARGENTINE.—It is reported that the sale of the "Harbor Works" or Rosario stamp, chronicled in No. 499, has fallen flat and the authorities have been left with a large stock on hand. The stamps have, therefore, been surcharged "Valido for 5 centavos—Servicio Interior," and are being used up for ordinary postage.

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.—Mr. L. G. Barrett shows us the 5sh brown orange chronicled in No. 518.

COSTA RICA.—A correspondent reports having seen the 50c and 1 colon 1901 surcharged "Oficial," same type as "P" in black. The postal officials say that the 5 and 10 colon values will not be surcharged "oficial" there being no necessity for these

denominations. The same authority reports postal cards, Scott's No. 384, 1898 edition, surcharged "Interior—2 Centavos" and "Exterior—4 Centavos," both in black.

Regarding the official surcharge on the 2c it is stated that "The surcharge was on account of a shortage of the 2c official. There were only 3000 stamps surcharged "Provisorio Oficial," just enough to serve until the regular official stamps should arrive from the engraving and printing bureau."

The following new stamps have been ordered from Messrs. Waterlow & Sons and are expected about July 31: ordinary postage, 4c and 6c; registration envelope, 25c; postal card, 4c.

Under date of April 23, 1903, a valued correspondent in San Jose, C. R., agent the Costa Rican issues surcharged Guana-caste:

"We got that territory from Nicaragua in 1856, and as the people living in such a state were thinking they were Nicaraguan natives the rulers of the [Costa Rica] country thought it best to use stamps surcharged."

CUBA.—Mr. J. M. Bartels shows us the 2c envelope surcharged on No. 5 U. S., on both white and amber, high cut.

CYPRUS.—Mr. J. H. Lyons of the New England Stamp Co. has received the ½ piastre green and red, and 12 piastres red brown and black.

FRENCH MOROCCO.—Mr. William B. Hale shows us the 25 centimos on 25c and 2 pesetas on 2f, both used on cover. He reports also having received the 50 centimos on 50c, used.

GIBRALTAR.—The New England Stamp Co. has shown us the new set for this colony with King's Head. Thus far eight values have come to hand. The values from ½d to 1sh are the usual small size, but the 2sh and 4sh values are 22x39mm. The lower values have the King's head on a colored ground enclosed in a broad, white circle. In this circle in colored letters appears "Postage & Revenue" at the top and "Gibraltar" around bottom. The corners are filled with conventional ornaments. At the bottom a white tablet bears the value in words. The larger stamps have the portrait of the King in a large oval, with "Gibraltar" at the top and

"Postage & Revenue" at the bottom. The value in words is printed in two lines in colored ink on white ground at the bottom. The design is entirely new and striking in both types.

Adhesives (Regular):

½d gray green and green.
1d lilac on red.
2d green and carmine.
3½d lilac on light blue.
6d lilac and purple.
1sh black and red.
2sh gray green and blue.
4sh lilac and green.

SERVIA.—Mr. H. W. Legg has shown us a full set of the current stamps.

TRANSVAAL.—Mr. H. W. Legg shows the new 1sh red brown and greenish black (not black) and 2sh yellow and greenish black. Both stamps are from the new die showing the word "Postage" on both sides. The 3d brown and black and 4d olive and black just issued have "Postage" to the left and "Revenue" to the right.

Chicago Notes.

Irving Dickinson, Secretary of the Chicago Philatelic Society, has been sick for a few days. In his absence Reginald Robinson officiated at the last meeting.

Among out of town visitors of last week were Dr. H. W. Walker, Sangatuck, Mich., and S. E. Moisant, Kankakee.

Despite the abnormally hot weather which has inflicted Chicago this month, all the dealers declare that counter as well as mail trade has been unusually brisk for this period of the year.

P. M. Wolsieffer is very busy with his next sale, which will probably take place about the middle of June.

Franklin Coombs, formerly connected with the Imperial Stamp Co. of this city, has resigned his position and is now located at St. Joseph, Mich., his former home, where he will conduct a mail trade.

CLIFFORD.

I WANT TO BUY

U. S. POSTAGE
U. S. DEPARTMENTS
U. S. REVENUES.

THE CASH IS READY.

FRED G. JONES,

2013 Brook St., LOUISVILLE, KY.

CHAPTER XXXVII.

"I have noticed your ads for over a year and have decided to try

Osgood's Famous Big Selections"

is a remark I read almost daily in letters received from prospective customers. Iteration and reiteration may perhaps bore some of my readers, but it is a fact that most collectors prefer to deal with an established house. A familiar adv't is likely to be a truthful one.

References:
Precancels bought and sold. Write if interested.
Stampman free!

D. W. OSGOOD, ALAMOSA, COLORADO.
(To be Continued.)

The New England Philatelic Association.
Organized February, 1895.

Board of Officers:

President, CHARLES H. SMITH, Dedham, Mass.
Vice President, J. FAVILL CAPRON, 22 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass.
Secretary and Treasurer, H. W. LEGG, 26 Hancock St., Boston, Mass.
Sales Department, CHARLES H. STONE, 91 Antrim St., Cambridgeport, Mass.
Information Bureau, MRS. WALLACE DANA SMITH, 20 Wildbird St., Portsmouth, N. H.
Counterfeit Detector, WILLIS D. KING, Nashua, N.H.
Attorney, HORACE S. BACON, 107 Stevens St., Lowell, Mass.
Governing Board, CHARLES H. STONE, Chairman, 91 Antrim St., Cambridgeport, Mass., JOHN J. CONE, New Dorchester, Mass., FRANK A. WILSON, 185 Highland Ave., Somerville, Mass.
Official Organ, THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA.

NOTICE.

The next regular meeting of the New England Philatelic Association will take place Tuesday evening, June 2nd, at 22 Bromfield St., commencing at 8 o'clock sharp. At this meeting nominations are in order for the officers of the Association for the ensuing year. All members are earnestly requested to attend.

The last meeting of the Association was held at 22 Bromfield St., May 5th, with Vice-Pres. Capron in chair and the usual number of members present. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved, also report of Treasurer showing balance of \$22.06.

The routine business was quickly disposed of. Mr. Kennedy received the thanks of the Association for offering to furnish new application blanks and promised to show copy for same at the June meeting.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Stone, Cone and Legg as a committee of three to attend to the details of the annual Convention and Jollification meeting of the Association. After the adjournment of the meeting the committee made their first report, which met with the unanimous approval of the members present.

The entertainment for the evening was the competitive exhibition for "the best 25 stamps", the prizes being the silver and bronze medals offered by Messrs. Cone and Capron. Mr. Theo. L. Stoddard of West Newton, Mass., captured the first prize, showing a number of rarities in superb condition. Mr. Willis D. King of Nashua, N. H., was awarded the bronze medal. Mr. Warren C. Weeks and Mrs. W. D. Smith also showed fine exhibits.

On motion of Mr. Stone, the meeting adjourned shortly before 10 p. m.
H. W. LEGG, Sec'y.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

The following members have not as yet paid their dues for 1903, and their at-

- - BIG - -
BARGAIN LIST OF STAMPS

One-Half Cent Each Two Cents Each
One Cent Each Two and One-Half Cents Each
One and One-Half Cents Each Three Cents Each
Five Cents Each

Packets—A fine line. The best and nothing but the best.

Sets—A Choice lot of dime sets which are fine value.

Single Stamps—An almost complete line of U. S. Postage, Dues, Departments, Revenues at prices below the average. Also a fine line of U. S. Colonials, Cuba, Porto Rico, Philippines; also other various foreign.

Approval Selections at 80% and net prices. You'll find all about above if you send for my

1903 Price List of 16 solid pages containing more than most 30 page lists.

The following are cheap but very desirable, and will brighten up that album.

Arg. Rep. 1890, 1/2, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 30; 1900, 15, 30c.	\$0.15	1901, \$1.00, \$2.00 green and black, Rev., uncut.	\$0.25
Antioquia 1902, 3, 4, 5, 10, 20, 30, 40c.	.30	Phil. Is. 1880-89, 2, 2 1/2, 5, 10 1/2, 20, 25, 50c.	.50
Costa Rica 1902, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20c.	.07	1890, 2, 2 1/2, 5, 8, 10, 12 1/2, 20c.	.40
Dutch Indies 1900, 10, 25, 50c, 1/2 on sc.	.13	" 1891, 10, 25c.	.11
Greece 1900, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 50c.	.15	" 1892-93, 1, 2, 2 1/2, 5, 6, 8, 10, 12 1/2, 15, 20c.	.50
Japan 1900, 5c, 1, 1 1/2, 2, 3, 5, 8, 10, 25c.	.07	" 1894, 2, 6, 8, 15, 20c.	.35
Netherlands 1900, 1/2, 1, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 5, 7 1/2, 10, 12 1/2, 15, 20, 25c, fine set.	.10	" 1895, 2, 5, 5, 10, 15, 20c.	.50
Paraguay 1900, 1, 8, 10c.	.08	" 1898, 2, 3, 5, 8, 20, 25, 40, 40c.	1.10
Salvador 1900, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 12, 13, 20c.	.40	" No. 177, 11 on sc red.	3.50
Cuba 1868, 5, 10, 20, 40c; cat. 1.00.	.45	" No. 178, 11 on 3c.	1.30
" 1869, 10, 20, 40c, " .96.	.45	" No. 183, 11 on sc.	.70
		" No. 271, 11 on 10c.	.75

Plenty of above in stock so send on your orders. Orders over 50c post free.

W. C. PHILLIPS, Gloucesterbury, Ct.

attention is called to Art. VIII Sec. 2 of the Constitution. Their names will be presented at the annual meeting for the action of the Association if payment is not made before that date.

Nos. 15, 20, 59, 70, 79, 80, 97, 106, 118, 130, 132.

Topics About Town.

FROM NEW YORK CITY.

E. L. Fischer of Cincinnati, Ohio, was a recent visitor.

Mr. Theo. Siddall left for Manila on May 21st, to be gone several weeks.

A local dealer recently disposed of a Brattleboro. The name of the purchaser and other details are not in shape for publication. The writer was placed under the ban of silence, otherwise even these few crumbs could not be obtained.

Important changes occurred at last meeting of National Philatelic Society. The first and most important change was in the name. This Society will hereafter be called plainly "The Philatelic Society." Mr. E. A. Funke was elected Librarian in place of I. A. Mekeel, and Mr. Henry Clotz was elected to the Board of Governors. The next meeting will occur on June 15th.

The special A. P. A. number of the *Philatelic World* has just been received. It shows much enterprise on part of the publishers. The contents are of interest to every member, at least the writer thinks so, as he enjoyed it hugely.

W. F. Gregory will hold his last auction sale of the season on Monday, June 8th, at Collectors Club. The sale is composed principally of unused British Colonials.

VOLUNTEER.

Springfield Notes.

The 48th meeting of the Springfield Stamp Club was held at Mr. W. C. Stone's home. All gathered around the table in his pleasant den and handed around the new things, among which were the 10 and 25c new French in blocks of four, shown by Mr. Stone, collection of 8100 varieties bought at Drew's sale for \$350 by our president, and the King's head letter card of New Zealand shown by Mr. Munson.

During the A. P. A. convention here last August a display of stamps, etc., was quite a feature of one of the large show windows of a local firm. A fine picture was taken of the scene, of which the Club will have a number of copies taken.

The Secretary was instructed to write Mr. Batchelder of Boston, in regard to the car and trip to Clayton next August.

Dell Bartlett of Jamaica, Vt., was with us and picked up a British six pence with the big C cancellation which greatly pleased him. We presume it was for Constantinople.

Dr. Hasking spoke on Oddities in stamps, which was very interesting. He made quite an impression with the five Cotton Revenue stamps, long, slim brass tags with the lettering embossed in the left end, a barb prevents this being pulled out of the bale of cotton.

C.

Ecuador.

All Unused With Original Gum. In Fine Condition.

1881, 1c, 2c, 10c, 20c, 50c.			
1887, 1c, 2c, set of seven varieties.	1 set	\$0.08	
	4 sets	.25	
	9 sets	.50	
	20 sets	1.00	
	100 sets	4.75	
	236 sets	10.00	
Catalogue price for 236 sets, \$40.12.			
	Price Per 1.	Per 10.	Per 100.
1871 1 peso rose.....	\$0.05	\$0.30	\$2.75
1887 80c olive.....	.07	.60	5.00

SPECIAL

Lowest Price on Earth.

236 sets, 7 varieties as above.
 100 1871 1 peso rose.
 100 1887 80c olive.
 The lot for \$17.00.

Please remit by Bills or Money Order.

C. F. ROTHFUCHS 88 Munroe St., ROXBURY, MASS.

MEDIUM and ADVANCED COLLECTORS Will do well to write me for a selection of beautiful stamps at net prices. Breaking up a collection and large stock of stamps. References required if unknown to me.
W. A. CARR, 151 State St., Rochester, N. Y.

\$1.00 Passage Ticket, Cat. \$6.00, Our Price \$1.00.

We secured a few copies of this scarce stamp canceled with small hole (nothing gone), fine copies.
 \$1.00 Manifest, same, cat. 60c..... \$0.15
 \$1.00 Mortgage, same as above, cat. \$3.00, for .50
 \$1.00 Prob. of Will, same, cat. \$1.25, for..... .25

GREATER N. Y. STAMP & COIN CO., 128 East 23rd St., New York City.

PHILATELIC MSS. WANTED.
 We pay highest cash prices for good Philatelic MSS. Correspondents wanted in Chicago, Boston, New York, San Francisco and Philadelphia to furnish local fortnightly notes. Address The Fortnightly Collector, The J. L. Morrison Co., Publishers, Smethport, Pa. 118

Please mention ERA when answering ads.

Fiscal Philatelic Society.

Meeting held on May 7th, 1903. Present: Mr. Schwabacher (chair), Messrs. Crofton, Fulcher, Marsh, Morley, South, Thompson, Thomson, Wetherell and Kay.
 Messrs. W. Hadlow (London) and G. T. Richardson (London) were duly elected members.

Received for library, *El Filatelico Espanol*, No. 32 (T. Remoli); *Filatelia*, No. 2 (E. J. Tome).

Among the scarce stamps shown were Mr. Langlois, several unchronicled Indian; W. Morley, Great Britain, 2sh Hat Tax on original lining and Queensland, 1880, no watermark, thick paper, 1sh green (not a proof); W. Schwabacher, San Sebastian Notarial 5 peso, provisional; H. N. Terrett, Bolivar, 1865, 500 peso, provisional; E. W. Wetherell, sheets of Mysore stamps.

An interesting paper of "Notes on Indian Fiscals" was read by C. S. F. Crofton and an unanimous vote of thanks for the same was passed.

The revenues of India and States were then discussed and catalogued.

Next meeting will be held on Thursday, May 28th, at 6.30, at 65 Bishopsgate Street, Without, E. C., when Tasmania, Tobago, Transvaal, Trinidad, etc., will be taken.

Members will oblige by sending additions or corrections to the published lists, so as to make the catalogue as complete as possible before issue.

A Continental member is desirous of exchanging all kinds of Messian for other fiscals.

All interested in fiscal stamps should apply for Rules and information to the Hon. Sec. A. B. KAY, 2 Harlem Mansions, West Kensington, London, W.

Items from the Dub.

Tuesday, May 26th.

Mr. A. W. Batchelder of the New England Stamp Co. attended the annual meeting of the American Collectors' Co. at New York last week.

Last week I announced the removal to the Winthrop building, June 1st, of the J. M. Bartels Co. Since writing that note circumstances have changed and the firm have decided to remain in the old location.

I am informed that Mr. Nathan Cobe will cross the pond this summer, taking in the principal stamp marts of England and the continent.

A large number of A. P. A. members of Boston and vicinity have already signified their intention to go to Clayton to the convention this summer, and if a few more step forward the special car will be engaged.

The J. M. Bartels Co.'s auction sale held on May 21st and 22nd was one of the best, if not the best, held this season. The prices obtained for old United States in fine condition will bear out my notes of some weeks ago that such stamps were hard to find and brought high prices when sold.

	Cat.	Bid.
U. S. 1847, 5c orange brown, unused,	\$0.00	\$7.00
1847, 10c horizontal pair, red cancellation,	8.00	7.25
1851, 3c orange red shade, o. g.,	1.50	1.60
1851, 5c mint, full margins,	50.00	51.50
" 10c yellow green, full margins, mint,	15.00	12.25
1851, 10c yellow green, full margins, mint, pair,	30.00	24.50
1857, 5c brick red, light shade, No. 45, mint copy,	100.00	81.00
1857, 5c red brown, type I, No. 46, used,	6.00	4.00
1857, 5c brown, type I, No. 47, mint,	25.00	21.00
1857, 12c, o. g.,	2.50	2.20
1861, 3c scarlet, o. g., but cancelled with the usual four pen lines,	80.00	31.50
1861, 5c brown yellow, No. 67a, o. g.,	50.00	50.50
1861, 24c gray lilac, No. 78a, o. g.,	4.00	3.10
1861, 90c blue, o. g.,	15.00	10.50
1867, 11x13, 1c mint,	8.00	6.75
" 5c, mint,	15.00	11.00
" 10c blue green, mint,	5.00	3.75
" 24c, o. g.,	15.00	12.25
" 90c, "	50.00	31.50
1869, 90c, "	35.00	22.50
1870, 1c embossed, o. g.,	5.00	4.25
" 12c, o. g.,	7.00	4.80
" 24c, "	12.50	10.10

HAYTI PROVISIONALS

Only 1800 Complete Sets Issued.

I have secured a few more complete sets of these desirable cards, and offer them, while they last, and that will not be long, the six varieties,

For 65 Cents, Postpaid.

The surcharge die has been destroyed.

ADOLPH LOHMEYER, 922 N. Gilmor Street, Baltimore, Md.

Advance Collectors

Should send to us for fine U. S. postage, essays, proofs etc. on approval.

HOLTON STAMP CO., BOSTON, MASS.

1893, Columbian, \$1.00, o. g.,	2.50	1.60
Executive, 3c, o. g.,	6.50	6.10
" 6c, "	15.00	8.75
Justice, 24c, "	17.00	11.90
Navy, 90c, "	15.00	7.10
State, \$2.00, "	22.50	17.50
" \$5.00, "	135.00	86.00
" \$10.00, "	70.00	48.50
" \$20.00, "	50.00	31.00
Carrier stamps, N. Y., 1c yellow,	8.00	4.50
N. Y., 1c buff,	10.00	5.20
Blocks of four, 1856-60 5c, type 2 and 3, brown, No. 48a and 49a, mint,	30.00	20.25
1861 3c, mint,	1.80	1.50
" 24c lilac, No. 78, mint,	16.00	11.25
" 1 to 90c, complete surcharged specimens,	—	25.26
1867, 11x13, 1c mint,	32.00	21.00
" 24c, o. g.,	60.00	41.00
1894, \$2.00, o. g.,	20.00	14.25
" \$5.00, "	30.00	28.25
Revenues, \$20.00 Probate of Will, imperf.,	50.00	30.00
Danish West Indies 1902, 2c on 3c, old perforations, No. 23,	—	10.00
Hawaii, 5c, No. 9, used,	8.00	6.10
Hayti 1898, 20c orange, used,	2.50	1.85
Iceland 1897, 3a on 5a, No. 22, mint,	2.50	2.15
Niger Coast 1893, 1st printing,	2.40	2.00
Transvaal, 6p, No. 164,	—	9.25

The New England Stamp Co. will remove their retail department to No. 9 Bromfield St., on June 1st, where they will have better light and increased facilities for the transaction of business.

WM. D. ELDRIDGE.

The Postal Card Society of America.

Officers for 1902-3.

President, HORACE E. CARPENTER, JR., Care N. B. Bradley & Sons, Bay City, Mich.

Vice-President, J. T. ALBERT HOSBACH, 1422 North 53rd St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Secretary, W. P. AGEE, Hope, Ark.

Treasurer, JOHN N. MORSE, 103 Devonshire St., Boston, Mass.

Executive Committee, GUY A. BRYANT, Princeton, Ill.; W. D. ARNOLD, The Portland, Broadway, St. Paul, Minn.; N. HASKELL WITHERS, 230 S. 9th St., La Crosse, Wis.

Exchange Superintendent, J. T. A. HOSBACH, 1422 N. 53rd St., Phila., Pa.

Purchasing Agent, ADOLPH LOHMEYER, 922 N. Gilmor St., Baltimore, Md.

International Secretary, E. DOEBLIN, P. O. Box 736, Pittsburg, Pa.

Official Journal, THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA.

\$5.00 PROPRIETARY.

Violet Paper, absolutely perfect. Catalogued \$350.00.

Our Price \$177.50.

Only one in stock.

C. E. HUSSMAN STAMP CO., ST. LOUIS, MO.

FREE! 1903 PRICE LIST.

Our Retail 56 page 1903 Price List of U. S. and Foreign Single Stamps, Sets, Packets, Albums, etc. is mailed

FREE FOR THE ASKING.

Our 50% Approval Sheets sent to you upon receipt of reference.

WHOLESALE OFFERINGS.

CUBA 1897, 21 p rose P. C., Cat. 5c each. 50c per 100.
 NEWFOUNDLAND, (Jubilee) unused, 1c green, Cat. 8c. \$3.00 per 100.
 Not less than 100 of a kind sold. [17]

PERRIN & CO.,

106 East 23rd St., NEW YORK, N. Y.

Are you thinking of Selling your stamps at Auctions? If so write us.

Now is the time to make dates for next season.

CHAS. H. STONE & CO.,

19 Washington St., BOSTON, MASS.

PEELABLE HINGES

NOT ENGLISH		NOT GERMAN
1000 12c.		5000 50c.
POST FREE		POST FREE
STRONG PAPER—TASTELESS GUM		
W. F. GREGORY, 71 NASSAU ST., NEW YORK.		

Canada.

10c Numeral, used.....	\$0.03
20c " " ".....	.05
½c Jubilee, unused, o. g.....	.15
ON ORIGINAL.	
Newfoundland 1c 1866.....	.40
10c 1866 on yellowish p.....	.90
1 on 3c, pair.....	.75
Nova Scotia 8½c, rare thus.....	12.00
7½d Prov. (6d and ½ of 3d).....	20.00
13c " (10c, 2c and ½ of 2c).....	20.00
15c " (10c and ½ of 10c).....	20.00
Prince Edward Island 2d, 40c; 3d.....	.40
Postage extra under 50c. Send for list.	

H. L. HART,

71 Göttingen St., HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA.

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:

The Scott Stamp & Coin Co. in their letter which appeared in the ERA of May 16th ask "On what authority does Mr. Rothfuchs make the assertion that carmine and not orange red is the regular color?" I made the assertion on the authority of the Post Office Department. The Third Assistant Postmaster-General, in his letter dated November 6, 1899, states, "the green ink which had been used in the receptacles for that purpose on the machines not having been entirely removed from the receptacle before the carmine was placed in it for printing the 2-cent stamps." It appears to me that if it was not the intention of the Post Office Department to have carmine the regular color that carmine ink would not have been used, unless by mistake. If the Scott Stamp & Coin Co. do not credit the statement of the Post Office Department relative to the 2c dark lake on white envelopes, why do they accept any statement from the same source as facts? I fail to see any reason why the Post Office Department should after investigation make an explanation giving the cause of the error in color on these envelopes if their explanation was on the contrary to facts.

The Scott Stamp & Coin Co. in quoting from my previous letter omitted "for eight days" which puts a different meaning to my argument which any one can readily understand. I stated "that the envelopes by being exposed to light (not to the direct rays of the sun) for eight days will not change from dark lake to light red." In my statement that if the Scott Stamp & Coin Co. would omit all stamps and envelopes which they now list and which would change in color by being exposed to light would reduce the size of their next catalogue, I did not say anything that would reflect upon their good name and honorable business career, it did not enter my mind that any one would misconstrue my statement and believe that no one did. I used to mount stamps on cards and

SEVERAL GOOD STAMPS.

No. 122 U. S. 1869, 90c.....	\$7.50
" 2830 " 6c Proprietary.....	25.00
" 2931 " \$50 Second Issue....	5.50
" 2978 " \$1 Proprietary.....	60.00
" 2991 " 10c Proprietary.....	4.50
" 72 Great Britain 10sh slate..	3.00

Don't forget we hold auction sales of stamps at regular intervals and that our very explicit and comprehensive catalogues have resulted in a large list of active auction buyers.

United Stamp Co., 1149 Marquette Bldg., Chicago.
 N. B.—Wolsieffer's Pocket Stock Book is as popular as ever. Cloth bound, holds 560 stamps and only 25 cts. postpaid.

1903 PRICE-LIST.

Our 1903 Red Cover Catalogue is out—free. The price-list gives our net prices on U. S. Postage, Department, Dues, Telegraphs, Cut Square Envelopes, Confederate, Revenue, packets, sets, supplies, albums, wholesale lots, etc., etc. You can save money by buying from us. The prices are 40 to 60 per cent. discount from Scott's.
J. T. STARR STAMP CO., Coldwater, Mich.

SPACE FILLERS.

Arg. Republic 1896, 1p 20c black.....	\$0.40
1899, 1p blue and black.....	.18
Cuba 1899, Sp. Del., orange.....	.09
Dutch Indies 1900, 2½ gl, fine.....	.50
Gt. Britain 1902, King, 2sh 6d to 10sh.....	.50
Germany 1902, 5 marks, fine.....	.30
Netherlands 1897, 1 gl, fine.....	.08
Panama 1896, 1 peso, fine.....	.35
L. N. HERBERT	
1520 Washington Ave., NEW YORK.	

ICELAND "GILDI".

Official 3a orange, scarce.....	\$0.25
4a gray, ".....	.25
5, 10, 20, 50a, set of 4.....	.50
Regular 3a orange, scarce.....	.25
5a green, ".....	.20
16a brown, ".....	.65
6, 10, 20, 25, 40, 50a (set of 6).....	.90

Three other odd values have ordered and hope to have in two or three weeks. Somali Coast and Obock. Have a few surcharges on 2, 5, 10, 25 and 50 France. Will be sent on approval.

FRANK P. BROWN,

339 Washington St., BOSTON, MASS.

display them in my show window; of the unused I always selected the most attractive ones, many of these stamps would fade or change in color inside of 30 days. That is what I had in mind when I made the statement which the Scott Stamp & Coin Co., I am sorry to say, take as "a serious accusation."

I will try to make it clear this time by saying that if the stamps which the Scott Stamp & Coin Co. now list in the Standard Catalogue were exposed to the light, with an 1899 2c dark lake on white U. S. envelope which they do not list in their present catalogue on account of light having faded or changed the color to light red, that by the time that the 2c dark lake would change to light red there would be so many of the other stamps which would be changed as much if not more so in color, and that if they were to omit all those which would change so easily in their next catalogue, the size of their catalogue would be so reduced that no one would accept it as the Standard.

Mekeel's Stamp Collector

PUBLISHED WEEKLY.

FULL of information and news valuable to stamp collectors. Once a month large magazine editions are issued. Over one thousand pages guaranteed during the year.

Subscription \$1.00 per year. (On trial for three months, 25 cents.) No stamp man can afford to be without it. Volume sixteen commenced January 1, 1903.

C. H. Mekeel Stamp and Publishing Co.

St. Louis, Mo.

The Standard Catalogue has a powerful influence with many collectors. The 2c dark lake envelope is in my humble opinion an error in color beyond a question of doubt, and acknowledged as such by the Post Office Department. It was sold in the color dark lake at a post office the same as the common or regular color envelopes were sold. There is nothing in connection with these envelopes to warrant them from being excluded in the next catalogue, unless the Scott Stamp & Coin Co. have decided that their expressed opinion is not to be reversed. If we accept their opinion, we will have to reject the statements from all those who have investigated these envelopes as they would be contrary to the facts. This, I for one cannot do, because all who are connected in securing these envelopes are men with a good reputation at stake. The gentlemen who secured these envelopes from the first owner after they were received from the printers, got them in exchange for the common envelopes without paying any premium over face value.

I will now conclude my argument in support of the 2c dark lake envelopes and hope that the Scott Stamp & Coin Co. have not agreed to disagree with my views, but to weigh the evidence impartially; and by all means not to consider any of my statements to reflect upon their honorable business career. I also wish to thank the Editor for the valuable space in publishing this communication.

C. F. ROTHFUCHS.

BALTIMORE, May 23, 1903.

W. W. JEWETT, ESQ,
Portland, Me.

Dear Mr. Jewett: During the latter part of 1902 the stock of single centavos Postal Cards of Mexico became exhausted, and to meet the demand, the Post Office Department authorized the separation, and sale as single cards, of the double cards, of which a sufficient stock was on hand.

As halves of double cards are ordinarily considered as of no value for a card collection, being only part of a card as originally issued, and, therefore, mutilated, I would thank you to publish, for the information of your readers, the following Official Decree, which my correspondent in Mexico City obtained for me from the Post Office Department:

(Arms)

DIRECCION GENERAL
DE CORREOS,
MEXICO.
Seccion de Timbres.
Circular num. 455.

Tarjetas Postales de a 2 centavos con respuesta pagada.—Se autoriza la venta de cada una de sus partes aisladas como tarjetas sencillas.

Por haberse agotado la existencia de tarjetas postales sencillas de a 2 centavos, esta Direccion General ha dispuesto que entre tanto se recibe el pedido que se tiene hecho, se dividan las tarjetas postales de 2 centavos con respuesta pagada, y se venda como sencillas cada una de sus partes.

Lo que se comunica a las Oficinas del ramo, para que se proceda en ellas como

queda expresado y se de noticia al publico por medio de un aviso que se fije en lugar visible de las mismas.

Mexico, 27 de Octubre de 1902.

MANUEL DE ZAMAONA e YNCLAN.
Al Administrador de Correos en

(Translation.)

GENERAL POST OFFICE

MEXICO.

Stamp Division.

Circular No. 455.

Postal Cards of 2 centavos with paid reply.—Authorizing the sale of each part as single cards.

The stock of single Postal Cards of 2 centavos having become exhausted, the General Post Office decrees that, pending the arrival of new stock, the Postal Cards of 2 centavos with paid reply shall be separated, and the parts sold as single cards.

Which is herewith promulgated to Post Offices, in order that the above decree may be carried out and the Public apprised of it by means of placards displayed in conspicuous places in the Post Offices.

Mexico, October 27th, 1902.

(Signed)

MANUEL DE ZAMAONA e YNCLAN.
To the Postmaster at

This decree adds two authorized varieties to our collections.

Very truly yours,

ADOLPH LOHMEYER.

A WISE A. P. A. CHANGE ADVOCATED.

NEW YORK CITY, May 28, 1903.

MR. W. W. JEWETT,
Portland, Me.

Dear Sir: May I ask you to kindly insert the following in the next number of the ERA?

In accordance with the Constitution I desire to announce that I shall instruct my proxy at the approaching Annual Convention of the American Philatelic Association at Clayton, N. Y., to propose the following amendments thereto.

For Article VII, Section 8, 1st clause, substitute the following:

Counterfeit Detector. The Counterfeit Detector shall, when called upon to do so, pronounce upon the genuineness, and as far as he can, when asked, the value of all specimens sent him by members, charging therefor ten cents for each specimen up to the number of fifty, sent to him at one time, and two cents each for additional specimens.

TRADE COLUMN.

Under this head we will print exchange, want and for sale notices, business announcements, 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.

One four-line notice free with each subscription, providing copy accompanies the subscription.

THREE Consecutive Insertions of SAME ad in this Column for PRICE OF TWO.

Fine unused U. S. 50c Omaha, 10c; 15c Col., 15c; 50c Col., 50c; \$1 1895, 50c; 50c 1895, 5c; 30c Due, 15c; 50c Due, 15c; Col. Omaha and Pan sets, 1 to 10, all fine, 17c; Doc. Revs., 1/2 to 1, 25 var., 24c. Approval sheets. Postage st. F. B. KIRBY, New Bedford, Mass. [25]

120 odds and ends in stamp papers, 1894 to 1899 inclusive, to exchange for stamps or cash. C. F. RICHARDS, 356 West 20th St., New York. [26]

Cost prices: a few A2 copies Priv. Props: Radways, 3c; Warners, 7c; Od. Chem Co., 7c; Antikamnia, 8c; Dr. Williams, 4c. F. B. KIRBY, New Bedford, Mass. [25]

Mid-Summer Auction Sale June 25th of fine U.S. and British Colonials, nearly all picked copies. Send your name on a postal for a catalogue. RICHARD WILLIAMS, Centre St., West Roxbury, Mass. [25]

FRANKLIN STAMP CO., Box 147, St. Albans, Vt. Dealers in stamps for collections; write for our 50% discount Approval Sheets. [26]

U. S. Docs. Buy them while they are cheap. Prices are advancing rapidly. \$1 green, gray, carmine, green & black, olive, \$2 gray, green & black, olive, \$3 brown, \$5 red, ten stamps for 20c. Give us a try. See new issue ac. POSTAL STAMP CO., 15 Lake St., White Plains, N. Y. [26]

Old and scarce stamp papers for sale cheap, exchanges of "Keystone Philatelic Gazette," 1885 to '95, includes first 8 vols. "P. J. of A." etc., no lists sent, too large, but all inquiries enclosing stamp promptly answered. W. C. BOULT, Box 222, Altoona, Pa. [27]

Fine U. S. and Foreign stamps to exchange for Tags, Coupons and American Cigar Co.'s bands. ED. M. VOSS, Bloomington, Indiana. [28]

The new U. S. stamps, 4, 5, 8, 10c, for the names of two collectors and a 2c stamp for return postage. U. S. STAMP CO., 101 W. Fayette St., Baltimore, Md. [28]

Fine stamps on approval 50% to 75% discount from standard catalogue. W. C. ESTES, Omaha, Neb. [28]

Scott catalogues over 2000 varieties at 2 and 3 cents each. I have several hundred varieties of these stamps on sheets and offer \$1.40 for \$1.00 in stamps cat. over 5 cents each from your sheets, my selection. No trash offered or taken. DR. W. L. BABCOCK, Soldiers Home, Bath, N. Y. A. P. A. 1736. [27]

To complete your United States: Fine perfect copies, 1857-60, 90 cents, unused, \$12.00 each; 1869, 24 cents, \$3.00 each; 90 cents, \$8.50 each; 1895, \$5 green, \$1.12 each; \$2 blue, \$1.05 each.

To complete your Hawaii: 1859-65 type-set series, Scott's Nos. 20 to 26. Nearly all varieties at 30 to 50 per cent. below Scott's quotations. All later issues at extremely low prices. Selections sent.

Thousands of bargains in old United States, British and Colonial stamps. Fine approval selections at 25 to 50% discount. No common rubbish but only fine copies of desirable stamps sent out. Write stating wants and send reference. I can save you hundreds of dollars. Established 1880. 133¹/₂ FREDERICK GINN, 243 Strand, London, England. [28]

Is your collection for sale? Get your dealer to make a price on it, add 20% to his offer, and send book to me. I'll do it for you. F. W. PICKARD, 2427 Ingleside, Cincinnati, O. [24]

U. S. 1898 Docs., \$1 green, \$3 brown, \$5 orange and \$10 black, fine cut copies, all for 28c, or same uncut 40c; \$1, \$2, \$3, \$5 and \$10 gray, fine cut copies, for 25c. Lists of desirable stamps sent for reference. POSTAL STAMP CO., 15 Lake Street, White Plains, N. Y. [26]

We Want to Buy: Philippines Nos. 6, 53, 69, 168b, 261, 263, 264, 268, 269 and 412. Porto Rico Nos. 67a and 67b. Danish West Indies, Nos. 4a and 4b in pairs, or blocks of four. We will pay spot cash or exchange for any of above stamps. R. A. TARR CO., 3125 N. Broad St., Philadelphia, Pa. [25]

3000 die cut stamp hinges 15c, postpaid. GEORGE H. HOPE, 87 Ring St., Providence, R. I. [26]

United States used new series, fine copies: 8c Martha 3c, 10 for 25c; 15c Harrison 5c, 10 for 40c; 50c Jefferson, just out, 15c. All postage extra. J. R. VIETS, 26 Greystone Park, Lynn, Mass. [24]

U. S. Pre-Cancelled postage stamps. I will pay a good price in cash or exchange for any not in my collection. F. L. SMITH, 40 Exchange Pl., N. Y. [24c]

25 stamps, cataloguing \$1.00 for 10c. GEORGE H. HOPE, 87 Ring St., Providence, R. I. [25]

Beautiful Foreign Revenues—1,000 varieties at from 1c to 2c each. Write for selections. Full line of Foreign Revenue Catalogues in stock. G. W. PEPPER, 220 East 57th St., New York City. [25]

Approval sheets 60% disc. Net sheets for advanced collectors at equally low prices. 9000 var. in stock. F. W. PICKARD, 2427 Ingleside, Cincinnati, O. [24]

Is your collection for sale? I will buy it or any odd lots of good stamps. No cheap stuff wanted. Send on approval with lowest cash offer. Immediate returns guaranteed. HOWARD C. BECK, City Controller's Office, Detroit, Mich. [25]

Pre-cancels not in my collection wanted. Best cash or trade price. E. R. ALDRICH, Benson, Minn. [24]

Try an Ad in this Column. It Pays.

American Philatelic Association.

(INCORPORATED.)

THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA—OFFICIAL JOURNAL.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

ALEXANDER HOLLAND, President,
40 Grace Court, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Board of Vice-Presidents.

FRANK H. BURT, Chairman,
Room 2046, Tremont Building, Boston, Mass.
GORDON IRELAND, Secretary,
Holyoke House 27, Cambridge, Mass.
EDWIN F. SAWYER,
101 Washington St., Brighton, Mass.

H. E. DEATS, Secretary,
Flemington, N. J.
E. DOEBLIN, International Secretary,
Box 736, Pittsburg, Pa.
C. L. ANNAN, Treasurer,
Copper Range R. R., Houghton, Mich.
H. B. PHILLIPS,
1311 Grove St., Berkeley, Cal.
F. W. CONING,
350 George St., New Brunswick, N. J.

RESIDENT VICE-PRESIDENTS.

BOSTON, MASS.—M. H. LOWARD, Winchester, Mass.
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.—W. E. LOV, 2421 Ellsworth St., Berkeley, Cal.
NEW YORK CITY.—W. F. GREGORY, 71 Nassau St.
PITTSBURG, PA.—E. DOEBLIN, Box 736.
CHICAGO, ILL.—A. F. MERELL, 423 Marquette Building.
MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.—EBEN S. MARTIN, 2344 First Avenue, South.
WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS—ROBERT D. MAYNARD, 36 Oak Grove Ave., Springfield.

APPOINTEE OFFICERS.

E. H. ANDERSON, Librarian,
Carnegie Library, Pittsburg, Pa.
H. D. WATSON, Collecting Agent,
64 Cedar St., New York City.
JOHN J. OESCH, Superintendent of Sales Dept.,
34 Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill.

H. E. DEATS, Assistant Librarian,
Flemington, N. J.
W. F. GREGORY, Auction Purchasing Agent,
71 Nassau St., New York City.
P. M. WOLSIEFFER, Auction Purchasing Agent,
1009 Atwood Bldg., Chicago, Ill.
A. W. BATCHELDER, Auction Purchasing Agent,
21 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass.

REPORT OF SECRETARY

For the Week Ending May 30, 1903.

Application for Membership.

WEDELL, O. B., 2320 Fifth Avenue, South,
Minneapolis, Minn.; age, 30; occupation,
Jeweller. References: Allyn K. Ford,
F. M. Cable; Resident Vice-President,
Eben S. Martin.

New Stockholders.

1812. FARRELL, F. H., 184 Racine
Ave., Chicago, Ill.
1813. MUDGE, H. N., 6643 Normal
Ave., Chicago, Ill.
1814. WEINBERGER, ALEX., Idaho
Springs, Colorado.

Changes of Address.

1327. ANNAN, C. L., from Houghton,
Michigan, to Department of Public Works,
St. Paul, Minn.
1494. OSGOOD, D. W., from South
Fork, to Alamosa, Conejos Co., Colorado.

Membership Summary.

Total Membership May 16th..... 555
New Stockholders..... 3

Total Membership May 30th..... 558

H. E. DEATS, Secretary.

MEETINGS OF COMMITTEE ON ORGANIZATION OF BRANCH SOCIETY A. P. A.

The committee on organization of Branch Society of American Philatelic Association, at Minneapolis, Minn., met Tuesday evening, May 12, 1903 at 16 Fourth St., North. Present Messrs. Martin, Downing, Ringness, Giles and Ford.

Meeting called to order by Mr. Martin, Resident Vice-President for Minnesota. Mr. A. K. Ford appointed Secretary pro tem.

After discussion of the subject of forming branch society, all being in favor of it, By-Laws were drawn up. Same will be acted upon at next meeting.

Adjourned 10.30 P. M.

ALLYN K. FORD,
Secretary pro tem.

For making estimates of the value of collections, etc., he may make an agreement as to terms with the owner. Postage, or expense of carriage must in all cases be defrayed by the members.

He shall also pass upon the genuineness of all stamps, etc., that may be sent in books to the Superintendent of Sales Department before such stamps, etc., are put upon the Sales circuits, and he shall certify on each book that he has made such examination. He shall receive ten cents for each book examined and certified to, the amount to be paid by the Treasurer from the Insurance Fund on warrants drawn on him by the President, Secretary and Superintendent of Sales Department.

The remaining two clauses of Section 8 to stand as at present. Also to substitute in Article VII, Section 1, the words Counterfeit Detector for "An Examiner of Sales Books."

It seems to me the last convention made a mistake in not providing some means whereby members could have their cheaper specimens passed upon by a competent authority without being obliged to pay as much as a dollar for each specimen, and it is the intention by the above amendments to provide such means.

Presumably but few of the present members assume that our Association is only for the advantage of the "advanced collector;" then why should we not hold out the inducement of a cheap examination of their stamps to those who might become members, but cannot be classed in the above select class? It seems rather absurd to spend money to gather in new members with one hand and with the other to cut down the inducements for joining.

A CARD.

CHICAGO, May 25, 1903.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION,

Gentlemen: The Chicago Branch, as usual, have placed a ticket in the field to be balloted for at the coming election. A printed ballot will be sent you later, to which we ask your careful consideration.

The undersigned have been appointed official delegates to the Convention by Branch No. 1, and if you do not expect to be present at the Convention in Clayton, we would ask you to allow one of us to represent you with your proxy. To this end we have sent you two proxy blanks and if agreeable to you, kindly fill out ONE and return to us at your convenience.

It would please us more to have you attend the Convention in person, but if it is impossible for you to be there, we would suggest that you be sure and place your proxy with some one, so that there may be a thorough representation of the members at the Convention.

Any suggestions will be carefully carried out. Trusting we may be favored with your proxy, we remain,

Yours faithfully,

P. M. WOLSIEFFER,
1149 Marquette Bldg., Chicago.
JOHN J. OESCH,
34 Wabash Avenue, Chicago.

Wm. v. d. Wettern, Jr.,

WHOLESALE DEALER IN

POSTAGE + STAMPS.

411 W. Saratoga St., Baltimore, Md.

New special list just issued, sent free on application to dealers only.

A few nice copies of the
\$1000.00 Spanish War Rev-
enues for sale cheap.
Prices on request.

GUARANTEE STAMP CO.,
106 E. 111th St., New York City.

IF YOU WISH TO

BUY, SELL OR EXCHANGE

Stamps, Desired Results can
be had through

AN AD IN THE WEEKLY ERA.

The present Examiner of Sales Books does not seem to be overburdened with work. I propose we pay him to give us some protection when we select stamps from the Sales Books: insure ourselves against counterfeit stamps, and make him sign every book, thus giving his guarantee, whatever that may be worth. The pay I may have made too high or too low, opinions will doubtless differ, but I think it is rather too high, for it will be unnecessary to do more than glance at the great majority of the stamps.

I hope there will be full and free discussion of the amendments.

Yours truly,
C. F. RICHARDS.

HAVE YOU DUPLICATES?

Our Exchange proposition is free. Write us today. Don't delay.

HOLTEN STAMP CO., BOSTON, MASS.

WE HAVE MONEY

To Buy Collections, Rarities and Stocks.

We buy unused 1c and 2c stamps for mercantile use at a discount from 3 to 5 per cent. according to quantities. Higher denominations at a greater discount. [17]

UNITED STAMP COMPANY, Incorporated,
1149 Marquette Bldg., CHICAGO, ILL.

The FORTNIGHTLY COLLECTOR

contains something of interest to every Philatelist. Splendid articles and entertaining stamp gossip. At the low price it is offered no collector can afford to be without it.

ONLY 10c A YEAR.

Send ten cents today for a whole year's subscription. If not perfectly satisfied your money refunded without question. Address

THE FORTNIGHTLY COLLECTOR,
The J. L. Morrison Co., Publishers,
[18] Smethport, Pa.

ABYSSINIA.

Postage 1894, 7 varieties, unused,
35c per Set.

Unpaid 1896, 7 varieties, unused,
35c per Set.

Both Sets, 65c.

Postage Extra.

COLUMBIAN STAMP CO.,
ARLINGTON, MASS.

We are receiving many subscriptions. Did we get yours? Send 30c, and answer in the affirmative.

THE PERFORATOR,

106 E. 111th Street. NEW YORK CITY.

Detroit Paragraphs.

Philately is quiet here now, the majority of collectors are laying aside their collections and looking for outdoor sports. I can venture in saying that many a collection will not be opened again until next fall. In the meantime many of the new issues that come out during the summer season will be sadly missed.

Thirty-three Michigan cities were represented at the State Letter Carriers' convention held at Battle Creek last week. Chess Ellis of Owosso, was elected president; J. A. Rouse of Saginaw, vice-president; secretary, Paul R. Coster, Holland; treasurer, Wm. F. Putnam, Niles; executive board, A. E. Gibbard, Traverse City; E. T. McCloy, Bay City; W. J. Miller, Ann Arbor; state organizer Mutual Benefit Association, T. E. Doughty, Saginaw; delegate-at-large, Charles H. Beavis, Detroit. The association has 475 members. Owosso will be the scene of the next meeting, and the date February 22, 1904.

Postmaster-General Payne has relieved A. W. Machen, formerly of Detroit, general superintendent of the free delivery service, from duty pending the result of the postoffice department's investigation, and has assigned M. C. Fosnes, formerly director of posts in Cuba, to take charge of the free delivery service.

"The trading stamp mania has queer manifestations," observed a druggist. "People get so in the habit of asking for trading stamps when making purchases that 'trading stamps, please,' drops from their lips unconsciously. Why a woman bought two postage stamps from me yesterday and nearly gave me apoplexy by asking in her sweetest tones: 'Trading stamps, please!' What did I do? I just looked at her. Her face reddened like a sunset in autumn and she bolted."

Rural free delivery will be established in Hamtrauck and North Detroit in July. There will be two routes daily. Both these villages are suburbs of Detroit.

Since my last letter regarding the severe loss of Miss C. Lloyd of Ottawa, Canada, who lost a very valuable collection of stamps by fire, a result of years of saving, she writes me under the date of 12th, "Since my loss has become such a topic amongst papers devoted to philately, friends as well as correspondents have come to my rescue and are helping me along a great deal in stamps, already I have a beautiful album and collection of Canada Revenues and have 359 of the whole Canada series of 477. Many letters of sympathy from different stamp clubs in different parts of the world have been sent me. I had Canada stamps by the thousands and hundreds of thousands, and now what have I? Only a thought that years of saving and trouble passed away from me so sudden." Even as discouraged as she felt, in fact doubted very much as to whether she would enter into philately again, it goes to show that where philately has a hold it is hard to break away; as the old saying goes "Once a collector always a collector," a term that can be properly applied in this case. It is no doubt hoped by all true phils. that she may again be amongst the collectors and her collection grow again into the thousands.

What's the matter with the collectors? I have failed to hear a single remark regarding my idea concerning a Button of Identification amongst collectors. You don't hesitate to wear a lodge button, a political placard or school emblem and now philately you give such a back seat. Wake up, let your philatelic light shine. You will make more friends, new acquaintances amongst collectors and profit in the long run.

HERMAN W. BOERS.

2 Guatemala Jubilee Newspaper Wrapper Stamps, (cat. value 30c) sent for only a cents to any collector who has never written to us before, no others. Only one lot to each. NEW ENGLAND STAMP CO., 21-27 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass. [19]

KITCHEN MECHANICS.

The next girl we hired was a "kanaka", so I can sell Hawaiians at a low figure.

No.	30, o. g.,	\$0.09	No. 67, o. g.,	\$0.20
31, unused,		.30	68, "	.20
32, used,		.25	70, "	.37
33, "		.25	71, "	.30
34, unused,		.37	72, "	1.00
35, used,		.04	75, "	.04
36, "		.70	77, used,	.07
37, o. g.,		.06	78, "	.17
40, o. g.,		.65	79, o. g.,	.35
41, o. g.,	1.15		80, "	.02
44, used,		.07	81, used,	.02
45, o. g.,		.60	82, "	.02
46, used,	1.00		201, unused,	.04
53, o. g.,		.10	202, "	.05
54, o. g.,		.10	210, "	.09
56, o. g.,		.14	211, "	.10
58, o. g.,		.20	212, "	.20
59, o. g.,		.09	214, "	.08
60, o. g.,		.25	Official set 1896, o. g.,	2.50
61, o. g.,		.20	Postage extra.	
64, o. g.,		.75	Satisfaction guaranteed.	
66, o. g.,		.06		

E. C. Dodd, 259 So. Hermitage Ave., Chicago

Philo-Photography,

OR, HOW WATERMARKS MAY BE SEEN DISTINCTLY.

To Mr. R. Stewart, of Invercargill, New Zealand, belongs the honor of having brought under public notice the discovery of a simple process whereby watermarks may be easily distinguished. Photographic material is brought into use, but a camera is dispensed with. All that is required is the usual photographic printing paper, a printing frame and a bright sun. Place the stamps (preferably face downwards) on the paper in a frame, expose it to the sun, and that portion bearing the watermark, being thinner, allows the rays of light to penetrate more rapidly through to the sensitized surface, and a distinct photograph is the result. This may be "fixed" in the usual manner known to photographers (and who is not a photographer now).

So far as we are aware this information is new to the philatelic world. Its simplicity recommends it and its value is apparent. How many heartburnings would have been saved had collectors known how to definitely ascertain the watermark of certain stamps on which the value depended, and which were proof against benzine, ether, chloroform, light, black surface or any other assistant.

We have not yet had time to test this discovery by actual experiment, but some of our photographic friends say the theory is right. Mr. Stewart has kindly sent us a specimen of an N. Z. stamp, showing the large star watermark more distinctly than the stamp itself. Our readers can experiment for themselves and we shall be glad to learn the result. Don't waste time with those stamps the watermark of which can be seen with the naked eye or by the aid of benzine. Try some of the early West Australians, Trinidad, Antigua, Bahamas, Grenada, or Barbados, and remember that some stamps were printed on unwatermarked paper.—*Australian Journal of Philately.*

The Weekly Philatelic Era

A PAPER DEVOTED TO STAMP NEWS.

50c PER YEAR.

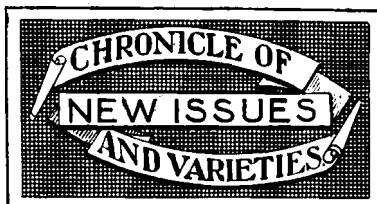
ENTERED AT PORTLAND POST OFFICE AS SECOND CLASS MATTER JAN. 10, 1890.

2c PER COPY.

VOL. XVII. No. 37.

PORTLAND, ME., SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 1903.

WHOLE No. 525.



BY HENRY A. KIDDER.

Friends of the ERA are invited to send to the editor of this department any information regarding new issues or varieties that may prove of interest. Such information will be suitably acknowledged. Address, HENRY A. KIDDER, 17 Addison Street, Arlington, Mass.

Exchanges will please send Mr. Kidder a copy of each issue to the foregoing address, and an extra copy of the ERA will be gladly sent whenever desired.

GIBRALTAR.—Several of our foreign exchanges chronicle two higher values of the King's head set in addition to those quoted in No. 524. The Queen's head series has been withdrawn and none of the values have been obtainable since April 30.

Adhesives (Regular):
8sh lilac and black on blue.
1t lilac and black on red.

A correspondent of the *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly* says regarding the new 2½d stamp:

There has been a big run on this value as the inscription reading 2½ "penny" instead of 2½ "pence" is popularly believed to be a mistake, instances being brought forward in the shape of Cape of Good Hope and St. Vincent in which the inscription reads 2½ "pence," though on the other hand there are many colonies such as Barbados, Turk's Island, Sierra Leone, etc., in which it reads 2½ "penny." Both ways can hardly be correct, and, indeed, it would be rather an interesting question to thrash out.

GUATEMALA.—Mr. F. P. Brown has shown us the following surcharges, they are all in black on the 1900 issue. The overprint reads "1903—25—centavos" in three lines. They are said to have been made necessary by the lack of a 25c in the pictorial set now current.

Adhesives (Provisional):
55c on 1c dark green.
55c on 2c carmine.
55c on 6c light green.
55c on 10c bistre brown.

GERMAN LEVANT.—Two new values have been overprinted in the new type.

Adhesives (Regular):
5pi on 1m carmine.
25pi on 5m black and lake.

JOHORE.—Two provisionals have been issued for this protectorate. They were issued on or before April 18.

Adhesives (Provisional):
3c on 4c yellow and red.
10c on 4c green and rose.

LAGOS.—Specimen sets of the new King's head series have been distributed in the Postal Union. Our list is from *Ewen's Weekly*.

Adhesives (Regular):
½d green and dark green.
1d violet and black on red.
2d violet and blue.
2½d violet and blue on pale blue.
3d violet and brown.
6d green and lilac.
1d green and black.
2sh 6d green and carmine.
5sh green and blue.
10sh green and brown.

MEXICO.—By decree of the Post Office Department, dated October 27, 1902, it was ordered, pending the arrival of new stock of the 2 centavos Postal Cards, which had become exhausted, that the double cards of the same denomination be severed and the halves sold and do duty as single cards.

This new stock has now arrived and has been placed on sale in the Capital, but the color of impression has been changed to a bright emerald green, thus conforming to the Postal Union color. The double card will remain on sale in the old color, red, until the stock is exhausted. Mr. Lohmeyer reports

Postal Cards (Provisional):
2c red on cream, "con respuesta pagada."
2c " " " " "respuesta."

Postal Card (Regular):
2c emerald green on cream, 89x140mm.

Der Philatelist reports that several of the current series are appearing in new colors.

Adhesives (Regular):
1c dark lilac (formerly green).
5c green (formerly red).
5c orange yellow (formerly blue).
10c blue and orange (formerly lilac and orange).

NATAL.—The King's head cards chronicled in *Der Philatelist* last August, as having been issued, have come to hand at last, Mr. Lohmeyer being informed by the Postmaster-General, under date of March 31, that his order for them had been delayed pending their arrival, the stock having been received that month. They are, therefore, to be considered as a 1903 issue.

The type is the same as other new British Colonials.

Postal Card (Regular):
½d green on cream, 74x121mm.
1d carmine on cream, 89x139mm.

NIUE.—In making the first printing of the 1sh stamp for this island, as noted in No. 520, it will be remembered that the overprint was "Tahae Sileni." It is now stated that this should have been "Taha e Sileni," the "e" being a separate word as in the 3d and 6d stamps. The word "Tahae" as printed means "Thief," and therefore the surcharge would read "Thief Shilling" instead of "One Shilling" as intended. This error was not noticed by the authorities until after a part of the printing had been issued, when urgent endeavor was made to call in all so printed. In spite of this diligence 96 copies escaped, and the error can therefore be secured by those whose purses are deep enough. A dealer in Australia is offering them at 45sh each, while in London they are held at £5 each. The new printing with corrected inscription will shortly be available without doubt.

NYASSA.—The *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly* reports that five values of the camel and dromedary set of 1901 have been surcharged.

Adhesives (Provisional):
15r black and brown, surcharged "Provisorio."
25r black and orange, surcharged "Provisorio."
65r on 80r black and lilac.
115r on 150r blue and orange.
130r on 300r black and green.

ORANGE RIVER COLONY.—*Der Philatelist* reports having seen the 5sh stamp of the King's head set, overprinted specimen. Up to last accounts only the 1d had been actually issued.

Adhesive (Regular):
5sh brown, head in blue.

PATIALA.—Five values of the India King's head set have received the usual overprint "Patiala—State," in two lines in black.

Adhesives (Regular):
½a grey and black.
¾a green and black.
1a carmine and black.
2a violet and black.
3a orange brown and black.

RUSSIA LEVANT.—*La Cote Reelle* reports that a new issue is about to be made. It will include high values, and the design will include a portrait of the Czar.

According to *Nederlandsche Tijdschrift voor Postzegelkunde*, the 10k blue has been overprinted "1 Piastre" in red.

Adhesive (Provisional):
1pi on 10k blue and red.

I WANT TO BUY

U. S. POSTAGE
U. S. DEPARTMENTS
U. S. REVENUES.

THE CASH IS READY.

FRED G. JONES,

9013 Brook St., LOUISVILLE, KY.

CHAPTER XXXVIII.

A change of residence from one town to another necessarily occasions some confusion. A stamp stock is something like a drug stick—hard to move. I am still on deck however with

Osgood's Famous Big Selections

and want to deal with you. A reference will bring a Big Book.

Pre-cancelled in great variety. Sent on approval. Write me if interested.

D. W. OSGOOD,
ALAMOSA, Conejos Co., COLO.
[To be Continued.]

a Guatemala Jubilee Newspaper Wrapper Stamps, (cat. value 30c) sent for only 2 cents to any collector who has never written to us before, no others. Only one lot to each. **NEW ENGLAND STAMP CO.,** 21-27 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass. [if

Cuba, 1 on 3; 15c each, postage extra.

Cuba, 1877, 10c green, well centered; \$1.85 each, postage free.

Cuba, 1881, 2c lake; 40c each postage extra.

Fine copies of all three for \$2.25, postage free.

Bogert & Durbin Co.,

722 Chestnut St., PHILADELPHIA, PA.

A new price list is in preparation and will be sent post free as soon as issued to anyone applying for it.

WHEN YOU THINK OF SELLING

WRITE TO

B. L. DREW & CO.,

7 WATER ST., (Room 501), BOSTON, MASS.

[1901

The Leading Auction Firm in America.

KITCHEN MECHANICS.

The next cook we got was a "chink", so I can quote an assortment of China. None of the O. G. are cracked.

China, No. 1, o. g., \$0.05	China, No. 56, used, \$0.09
2, used, .10	57, " .14
3, " .18	58, " .03
4, o. g., .03	59, " .03
5, used, .03	60, " .04
6, " .04	22, " .06
7, " .09	26, " .07
8, " .03	32, " .11
10, o. g., .05	Hankow, No. 1, o. g., .03
11, used, .04	3, " .05
12, o. g., .07	4, " .05
14, " .09	16, " .03
15, " .10	17, " .07
17, used, .05	21, " .08
45, " .03	Amoy, No. 3, .05
54, o. g., .05	4, .05
55, used, .06	5, .09

Satisfaction guaranteed. Postage extra.
E. C. Dodd, 359 So. Hermitage Ave., Chicago

IF YOU WISH TO

BUY, SELL OR EXCHANGE

Stamps, Desired Results can be had through

AN AD IN THE WEEKLY ERA.

ROUMANIA.—Mr. Lohmeyer writes that the international card of 10 bani, issued about 18 months ago (Nov. 1901), to which no corresponding double card has made its appearance, has been superseded by another card of superior design, printed on a fine white bristol board of the regulation Postal Union size. The 10 bani stamp is now of the current adhesive type and the inscription between the stamp and the coat of arms is more contracted. The "D" at the beginning of the first address line is in modern script. The 15 bani Letter Card now comes on white, and minus the frame.

Postal Card (Regular):
10b carmine on white, 892140.
Letter Card (Regular):
15b mauve-grey on white, 82K134, perf. I, B.

ST. LUCIA.—Ewen's Weekly chronicles two new values of the King's head series. The 3d and 10sh Queen's head are reported already unobtainable.

Adhesives (Regular):
2 1/2d lilac and blue.
3d lilac and yellow.

SAN MARINO.—A new set of stamps has been issued for this illipitann republic, said to be sorry daubs. There are two types, the 2c having a large figure "2" as a centre-piece enclosed by a wreath, with "Libertas—Rep. di S. Marino—Bollo Postale," above and centesimi below. In the other values the central vignette is a view of San Marino, with "Libertas—Rep. di S. Marino" above as in the 2c. At the bottom two white circles bear at the left "cent" and at the right "5," with "Bollo Postale" between. The stamps are watermarked crown, though the spacing is very uneven and parts of two crowns appear on nearly every stamp.

Adhesives (Regular):
2c rose.
5c green.
10c lake.
20c orange brown.
25c ultramarine.
30c carmine.
40c orange red.
45c yellow.
65c brown.
1 lira olive.
1 lire violet.
5 lire state blue.

TAHITI.—La Cote Reelle reports that the 40c red of French Oceania has been surcharged "Tahiti—10—centimes" for use in that island. It is reported that 40,000 were so overprinted. Ewen's Weekly reports the 25c with the same surcharge.

Adhesives (Provisional):
10c on 25c black on rose.
20c on 40c red and black on straw.

The New England Philatelic Association.

Organized February, 1895.

Board of Officers:

- President, CHARLES H. SMITH, Dedham, Mass.
- Vice President, J. FAVILL CAPRON, 22 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass.
- Secretary and Treasurer, H. W. LEGG, 26 Hancock St., Boston, Mass.
- Sales Department, CHARLES H. STONE, 91 Antrim St., Cambridgeport, Mass.
- Information Bureau, MRS. WALLACE DANA SMITH, 20 Wilbur St., Portsmouth, N. H.
- Counterfeit Detector, WILLIS D. KING, Nashua, N.H.
- Attorney, HORACE S. BACON, 107 Stevens St., Lowell, Mass.
- Governing Board, CHARLES H. STONE, Chairman, 91 Antrim St., Cambridgeport, Mass., JOHN J. CORNE, New Dorchester, Mass., FRANK A. WILSON, 18 1/2 Highland Ave., Somerville, Mass.
- Official Organ, THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA.



BARGAINS

that are possible at intervals only.

UNITED STATES STAMPS.

	Cat. Price.	My Price.
* Means unused.		
17b New York 5c.....	5.00	3.25
18 Providence 5c.....	7.50	3.50
28 47, 5c brown.....	1.40	.90
28 5c pair.....	2.50	1.10
31a '57, 1c blue.....	.25	.10
31a 1c blue, III.....	50.00	22.00
32 1c red.....	1.50	.65
35 5c red-brown.....	10.00	8.00
35 10c green.....	15.00	7.00
35 10c green.....	.60	.30
36 12c black.....	4.00	3.10
36 12c pair.....	4.00	3.10
42 '57, 1c reprint.....	..	5.00
42 1c blue.....	.12	.05
43 3c rose, I.....	.25	.10
43 3c reprint pair.....	..	18.00
45 5c brick red ..	10.00	5.00
46 5c red brown.....	6.00	3.00
47 5c brown, I.....	25.00	9.00
47 5c ..	3.50	1.70
49 5c or.-br., reprint.....	..	10.00
50 10c green, reprint.....	..	8.50
50 10c green.....	.30	.12
50a 10c block of 4.....	30.00	12.00
50a 10c green.....	.40	.18
51 12c black, reprint.....	..	10.00
51 12c black.....	1.00	.40
* 52a 24c gray lilac.....	12.00	3.00
53 30c pair on cover.....	7.50	3.50
64 '61, 3c pink.....	7.50	3.00
65b 3c laid.....	50.00	30.00
67 3c buff.....	50.00	30.00
67 Another.....	7.00	3.20
68 10c yellow-green.....	1.75	.80
68 ..	.12	.05
* 68a 10c dark green.....	.12	.05
* 69 12c black.....	2.00	1.00
* 71 30c orange.....	5.00	2.25
* 71 30c orange.....	.50	.25
63-72 1861 "specimen set".....	..	5.50
* 72 90c blue.....	3.50	1.75
* 72a 90c blue.....	25.00	10.00
* 73 '62, 2c black.....	.50	.22
* 75 5c red brown.....	20.00	8.00
* 75 5c brown.....	4.00	1.90
* 76 5c black brown.....	.40	.18
* 76a 15c black.....	15.00	7.00
* 77 15c ".....	10.00	4.00
* 78 24c lilac.....	4.00	1.85
85 '67, 3c rose, 12K14.....	2.50	1.20
* 86 1c blue.....	8.00	3.00
* 86 1c blue.....	2.00	.90
* 87 2c black, 12K13.....	3.50	1.50
* 88 3c rose.....	5.00	2.00
* 89 10c green.....	7.50	3.00
* 90 12c black.....	7.00	3.00
* 91 15c black.....	4.00	1.80
* 92 1c blue, 92K3.....	4.00	1.80
* 93 1c blue.....	.75	.35
* 94 2c black.....	1.25	.65
* 95 3c rose.....	1.00	.40
* 95 5c brown.....	15.00	7.00
* 95 5c brown.....	4.00	1.80
* 96 10c green.....	5.00	2.00
* 96 10c ".....	5.00	.25
* 98 15c black.....	10.00	4.00
* 98 15c ".....	1.00	.40
* 99 24c gray lilac.....	15.00	6.00
* 99 24c ".....	5.00	2.00
* 100 30c orange.....	15.00	6.00
100 30c ".....	3.50	1.60
* 101 90c blue.....	12.00	5.00
* 112 '60, 1c buff.....	1.25	.55
* 112 1c ".....	.60	.25
* 112b 1c ".....	25.00	10.00
* 113 2c brown.....	1.00	.40
* 113 2c ".....	.12	.05
* 114 3c blue.....	.75	.40
* 115 6c ".....	4.00	1.80
* 115 6c ".....	.60	.25
* 116 10c yellow.....	6.00	2.50
* 117 12c green.....	4.00	1.80
* 118 15c brown and blue.....	3.50	1.65
* 119 15c ".....	2.00	3.00
* 119 15c ".....	1.50	.50
* 120 24c green and violet.....	12.50	6.25
* 120 24c ".....	5.00	3.00
* 121 30c blue and carmine.....	15.00	7.50
* 121 30c ".....	3.00	1.50
* 121 30c ".....	..	.75
* 121 30c ".....	..	.50
* 121a 3c without grill.....	50.00	20.00
* 122 90c black & carmine, cracked	35.00	8.00
* 122 90c bl. & carmine.....	15.00	..
prices from \$6 to \$20.00.		
* 123 '75, 1c buff.....	3.00	2.00
* 124 3c brown.....	7.00	3.00
* 125 3c blue.....	12.00	4.00
* 125 6c blue.....	12.00	4.00
* 126 6c ".....	12.00	4.50
* 127 10c yellow.....	12.50	20.00
* 128 90c black and carmine.....	35.00	20.00
* 129 90c ".....	35.00	20.00

PROOFS OF U. S. STAMPS.

On Thin Cardboard.
 1869 1c to 90c..... 10 for \$1.50
 1890 1c to 90c. Scarce..... 12 " 3.00
 1903 1c to \$5.00 Columbian..... 16 " 2.75
 1861 1c, 5c, 10c, 15c, 20c, 24c, 30c, 90c 9 " 1.50
 1866 3c scarlet. Scarce..... 1 " 2.05
 Justice, 1c to 90c, complete set..... 13 " 1.95
 State, 1c to \$50.00..... 15 " 4.75
 State, \$1, \$5, \$10, \$20..... 4 " 2.05
 Newspaper, 1c to \$60.00, 12c to 90c on thin cardboard, 1c to 10c and \$1.00 to \$60.00 on India paper pressed on thin cardboard, only one of these sets in stock, scarce, the 24 varieties for..... 3.75

On India Paper.
 1861 2c, 3c, 5c, 10c, 15c, 20c, 24c, 30c, 90c. 9 for \$4.95
 1869 1c, 5c, 10c, 15c, 20c, 24c, 30c, 90c. 5 " 1.25
 1869 24c, 30c, 90c..... 3 " 5.00
 Newspaper 1875 2c to \$60.00..... 24 " 15.00

U. S. STAMPED ENVELOPES.

Cat. No.	Unused	Cut Square.	Cat. Price.	My Price.
1334	1861	3c pink on blue.....	\$1.50	\$0.65
1377	1870	1c blue on amber.....	1.50	.45
1469	1874	2c vermilion on orange.....	1.50	.35
1463	1880	2c vermilion on cream.....	1.50	.30
1504	1884	2c red on fawn.....	.75	.20
1509	1884	2c brown on blue.....	1.00	.30
1513	1884	2c brown on amber.....	.50	.20
1515	1884	2c brown on fawn.....	1.00	.30

Please remit by Bills or Money Order.
C. F. ROTHFUCHS 38 Munroe St., ROXBURY, MASS.

100-Page Monthly, 4 mos. 10c; per year, 50c.

PHILATELIC WEST, Superior, Nebr.

Oldest, independent Philatelic Monthly, brimful of top-notch matter pertaining to Stamps, Coins, Curiosa, Relics, Photography. The best of everything and plenty of it! Free Inquiry and Examination Departments. Over 1280 pages issued last year. Write today for copy of the oldest, largest and best Collectors' paper.

Buffalo Items.

The spring crop of journals is quite good; the fate that so many have met with does not deter others from entering upon the "strenuous life"—for if ever there was one, it is certainly in philatelic journalism. The only one I know of from abroad is the *Philatelic Echo*, in Spanish and English, from the Dominican Republic. Three American papers will appear in June, the latest being one from Toronto by the well-worn name of the *Stamp Collector*. Another will appear from my own city.

Park & Dougherty Company have just admitted into partnership Edward B. Schuyler, a well known collector of this city, and he will assist in the editorial management of the new magazine, which, by the way, is to be the official organ of our society, and bears the pretentious title of the *Journal of the Buffalo Philatelic Society*.

The new stamped envelopes meet with my hearty approval, if for no other reason than that they are a change. I like the design also, but collectors generally seem to be opposed to the entire set of envelopes.

The ticket chosen by the Chicago members of the A. P. A. is a commendable one, and I hope to see it carried through.

Though not able to be at Clayton, I shall attend the P. S. of A. meet at Chicago, and of course hope to meet many of my brother phils.

P.

Niue (Neway).

With due apology to Mr. Hagen, the publisher of that very excellent monthly the *Australian Philatelist*, we excerpt from No. 8, Vol. 9 (imprinted April 1, 1903) page 98, the following paragraph under the above title:

"NIUE.—Still going strong—stronger than ever. Three values are to hand, the 3d, 6d, 1sh New Zealand stamps on water-marked paper, perf. 11, have been surcharged "NIUE" in large block letters, and native value in words Tolu e Pene representing 3d; Ono e Pene doing duty for 6d, and Taha e Sileni acting for the 1sh. Unfortunately, the officer responsible for the setting of the surcharges—no doubt wanting to delight the heart of the collector—set up the shilling value, as Taha, in one word instead of two. They were placed on sale at the Chief Post Office, but the error being immediately discovered, a wire was sent at once from the head office withdrawing the stamps for sale; 96 stamps were 'sold before withdrawal. Lucky buyers."

The foregoing doubtless explains the non-appearance as yet of the 1sh value with the remainder of the set 3d and 6d on this side.

Anent the foregoing the following has thought itself on to expression.

Time and Place: Early morning; head office of a small stamp and large stamp publishing concern—doing business in several cities without regard to the Sherman Anti-Trust Act.

Personnel: The Board of Directors represented in the personage of the Chief Executive Officer at his work box in the large open office near the "fishpot" booth. The staff at their respective posts in the hitherto private office.

The C. E. O. had but just arrived for the business day, after having reviewed the Sunday School lesson for the forthcoming day to assure himself it was Standard.

Page from the private cable booth lays cable in cipher upon the "work box" which translated read:

"Error in surcharge one shilling value for Niue. How many copies shall I forward at —? Less than one hundred issued."

With that aptitude for quick action evidenced by the shortening of his birth surname—doubtless done to save time in writing it so frequently to stock certificates) there was reduced to cipher "Four copies; if quantity issued is no greater; if more issued same number at proportionally less price." Cable page departs while the C. E. O. glibly soliloquizes, "one for Quaker, one for Witch, two for Knickerbocker; full stock, and then proceeds to routine of ascertaining whether Samoans and other things had advanced any during the night.

Enter cable page with cipher reply, when written out, reading: "Reply received too late. Entire issue repurchased from original buyers by the stamp Czar of London."

Brief mental consideration when cable reading, "just as well; if possible please

HAYTI PROVISIONALS

Only 1500 Complete Sets Issued.
 I have secured a few more complete sets of these desirable cards, and offer them, while they last, and that will not be long, the six varieties,
For 65 Cents, Postpaid.
 The surcharge die has been destroyed.
ADOLPH LOHMEYER,
 922 N. Gilmor Street, Baltimore, Md.

WE HAVE MONEY

To Buy Collections, Rareties and Stocks.
 We buy unused 1c and 2c stamps for mercantile use at a discount from 3 to 5 per cent. according to quantities. Higher denominations at a greater discount. [if]

UNITED STAMP COMPANY, Incorporated,
 1149 Marquette Bldg., CHICAGO, ILL.

FOREIGN ENVELOPES.

Foreign Envelopes, cut square, make a very pretty show for a small amount of money. Selections sent on approval, if satisfactory reference is given.

LIBERAL DISCOUNTS.

HOLTON STAMP COMPANY,
 60 Devonshire St., BOSTON, MASS.

Stamps One Cent Each.

Did You See Our List in ERA No. 512?

A postal card with your name will bring you a copy by return mail.

A TRIAL ORDER IS BETTER.

COLUMBIAN STAMP CO.,
 ARLINGTON, MASS.

have ink pots not well cleansed when surcharge form for Aitukaki is put to press. If accomplished send one-twelfth dozen of first sheets struck," was translated into cipher and given to cable page.

All was quiet for a few moments when the "C. E. O." pressed one of the numerous electrical buttons on his work box and "Jack" appeared.

The C. E. O.: "Jack, when chronicling new Niue surcharges put the two word surcharge on the shilling denomination as a sub-number."

Jack: "Yes, sir."

"And Jack, oh yes, don't forget in the monthly correction prices to change the 1, 2, 3 and 5 lepton denominations of the Greece unpaid letter stamps of 1902 issue to 1½d each or—you know—it's equivalent."

Jack: "Yes, sir."

Jack then departed and the "great man" resumed work upon his monograph, "What other people have told me about entire changelings."

SPACE FILLERS.

Arg. Republic 1896, 1p acc black.....	\$0.40
" " 1899, 1p blue and black.....	.18
Cuba 1899, Sp. Del., orange.....	.09
Dutch Indies 1900, 2 1/2 gl, fine.....	.50
Gr. Britain 1902, King, 2sh 6d to 10sh.....	.50
Germany 1902, 5 marks, fine.....	.30
Netherlands 1897, 1 gl, fine.....	.08
Panama 1896, 1 peso, fine.....	.33

L. N. HERBERT, 1520 Washington Ave., NEW YORK.

FREE! 1903 PRICE LIST.

Our Retail 56 page 1903 Price List of U. S. and Foreign Single Stamps, Sets, Packets, Albums, etc. is mailed

FREE FOR THE ASKING.

Our 50% Approval Sheets sent to you upon receipt of reference.

WHOLESALE OFFERINGS.

CUBA 1857, 2r p rose P. C., Cat. 5c each.	50c per 100.
NEWFOUNDLAND, (Jubilee) unused, 1c green, Cat. 8c.	\$3.00 per 100.
Not less than 100 of a kind sold. [17]	

PERRIN & CO.,

106 East 23rd St., NEW YORK, N. Y.

Are you thinking of Selling your stamps at Auctions? If so write us.

Now is the time to make dates for next season.

CHAS. H. STONE & CO.,

19 Washington St., BOSTON, MASS.

PEELABLE HINGES

NOT ENGLISH		NOT GERMAN
1000 12c.		5000 50c.
POST FREE.		POST FREE

STRONG PAPER—TASTELESS GUM
W. F. GREGORY, 71 NASSAU ST., NEW YORK.

(Pin This Up.)

CANADA KING'S HEAD.

When issued I will supply choice stamps at 10 per cent. above face for amounts up to \$3.00. Over \$3.00 at 6%. Postage extra.

Just now I am offering the following:	
Canada, 2 on 3c envelope, 1877, cat. at 30c.....	\$0.10
Nova Scotia, 2d light or dark.....	.09
" " 2d brown.....	6.00
" " 6d dark green.....	9.00
" " 1sh reddish violet.....	65.00
Prince Edward Island, 3d perf. 9, unused.....	7.00

Send for List.

H. L. HART,

71 Gottingen St., HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA.

Corrections.

In the valuable and exhaustive article on United States envelopes and wrappers in No. 522 (page 292) a few errors unfortunately occurred, which would confuse students unless corrected. The writer has therefore furnished the following corrections which those interested are requested to make in their file:

(1): In copy of Schedule Jan. 1, 1903
a.—"x" should be added to size 8, 1 cent denomination both white and amber. While it is a fact that these envelopes are being furnished *gummed* only, they are unofficial. Vide letter Third Assistant Postmaster General of date May 12, 1903. Therefore gummed envelopes in this size, papers and denomination are irregular and "sub-head" varieties.

b.—"N" should be *cut out* opposite size 10, 2 cent denomination, white paper.

(2): In "New as compared to previous issue."

c.—Under the 1 cent denomination, size 13, on amber paper, in first line should be left as it is; but "13" amber paper 4th line, should be cut out altogether, being a duplication in fact. This changes the total of the 1 cent denomination to 7 instead of 8.

d.—There should be inserted opposite 12a, 2 cent denomination, "on manilla."

e.—Under the 4 cent denomination there should be added in the first line, size 9, and to second line "on manilla"; first and second lines read:

7, 8, 9, on amber,	3
12, 13, new on manilla,	1
	— 4

f.—The total remains therefore the same when these corrections are made, viz:

	As published.	Corrected.
1 cent.	8	7
2 "	10	10
4 "	3	4
5 "	2	2
	—23	—23

(3): In paragraph comparing cost of U. S. with English, &c., the word (in 3rd line) "be" should read "being."

(4): In the 4th line of the 2nd paragraph under "General" the word "in" immediately following, "Jan. 1st, 1899" should be omitted.

Prices Talk!

No. 8, Hong Kong 1863, 2c (cat. .25).....	\$0.11
188, Mexico 1887, 20c (cat. 1.50).....	.35
51, Netherlands 2gl 50c (cat. .50).....	.30
66, No. Borneo, 18c (cat. .25).....	.12
10, Nova Scotia, 5c (cat. .30).....	.13
150, Puerto Rico, 40c (cat. .75).....	.35
Wolsieffer's Approval Cards per doz.....	.20

Your duplicates are kept safer and look better in one of Wolsieffer's Pocket Ed. Stock Books, cloth bound, made to accommodate 560 stamps and sold for 25c post-paid.

UNITED STAMP CO., 1149 Marquette, Chicago.

N. B.—Another auction sale shortly, consisting of balance of Casey A. Wood collection and the Spalding collection. Something for everybody. Are you an auction buyer? Our auction catalogues are the most comprehensive and explicit of any.

1903 PRICE-LIST.

Our 1903 Red Cover Catalogue is out—free. The price-list gives our net prices on U. S. Postage, Department, Dues, Telegraphs, Cut Square Envelopes, Confederate, Revenues, packets, sets, supplies, albums, wholesale lots, etc., etc. You can save money by buying from it. The prices are 40 to 60 per cent. discount from Scott's.

J. T. STARR STAMP CO., Coldwater, Mich.

The FORTNIGHTLY COLLECTOR

contains something of interest to every Philatelist. Splendid articles and entertaining stamp gossip. At the low price it is offered no collector can afford to be without it.

ONLY 10c A YEAR.

Send ten cents today for a whole year's subscription. If not perfectly satisfied your money refunded without question. Address

THE FORTNIGHTLY COLLECTOR,

The J. L. Morrison Co., Publishers,

[P] Smethport, Pa.

Chicago Notes.

Dr. Geo. F. Fiske has just returned from a trip through the East. The Doctor says the stamp business is especially good in Washington at present.

E. L. Warner, the wholesaler, who is still making Chicago his headquarters, has bought the stock of stamps of Geo. W. Linn, Columbus, Ohio.

An interesting and valuable "find" has been made by a local collector. The party in question is employed by a large wholesale concern, and while on the top floor of the warehouse happened to notice an old trunk. He tumbled over papers, clothing, etc., when his eagle eye lit on a small book with a few stamps pasted on the cover. Inside there reposed a set of U. S. 1857, all unused, but pasted flat. A few British Columbia and Nova Scotia were also there, while there were old Germans in profusion. The catalogue value of the stamps amounted to several hundred dollars.

In all likelihood the picture of Napoleon Bonaparte will be placed upon one of the set of stamps to be issued to commemorate the Louisiana Purchase Exposition. The only foreign sovereign whose picture has ever been thus used, was that of Isabella on the \$4.00 Columbian.

CLIFFORD.

Mekeel's Stamp Collector

PUBLISHED WEEKLY.

FULL of information and news valuable to stamp collectors. Once a month large magazine editions are issued. Over one thousand pages guaranteed during the year.

Subscription \$1.00 per year. (On trial for three months, 25 cents.) No stamp man can afford to be without it. Volume sixteen commenced January 1, 1903.

C. H. Mekeel Stamp and Publishing Co.

St. Louis, Mo.

MR. J. H. LYONS invites his many friends and customers to call at the
NEW STORE OF THE

New England Stamp Company,

No. 9 Bromfield St., Boston,

and receive with the compliments of the firm

AN ACCURATE PERFORATION GAUGE AND MILLIMETRE SCALE FREE

together with one of our little oiled paper Stamp Wallets—just the thing for hot weather.

Customers will find pleasant and attractive quarters, and a

SPLENDID ASSORTMENT OF STAMPS,

together with a full line of Albums, Catalogues, and other Philatelic Supplies.

Customers who are unable to call may have the Gauge and Wallet sent by mail for a 2-cent stamp.

PHILATELIC MSS. WANTED.

We pay highest cash prices for good Philatelic MSS. Correspondents wanted in Chicago, Boston, New York, San Francisco and Philadelphia to furnish local fortnightly notes. Address The Fortnightly Collector, The J. L. Morrison Co., Publishers, Smethport, Pa. [18]

Wm. v. d. Wettern, Jr.,

WHOLESALE DEALER IN

POSTAGE + STAMPS.

411 W. Saratoga St., Baltimore, Md.

New special list just issued, sent free on application to dealers only.

The Editor's Shears.

A POSSIBLE MOURNING STAMP.

The "mourning stamp" scheme, in this country, has long been looked upon as a thing that sentimental persons might from time to time write to the papers about without the smallest danger of the suggestion ever being adopted by the government. Why any sane person should wish to still further depress this very doleful world by means of a special mourning postage stamp passes our comprehension. Respect for the departed is all very well, but this mourning stamp idea moves the average man to mirth. It reminds him of the old satire concerning the child who went to a grocer's shop for a half pound of tea, and when asked whether she would take black tea or green, replied, hesitatingly, "They didn't say which, but I'd better take black, as its for a funeral!"

In our view, the person who thinks it a fair proposal that he should be supplied with black postage stamps as an outward and visible sign of his grief, might just as reasonably expect black trams and black railway coaches to be put on for his especial benefit.

In America, strange to say, the proposal is taken much more seriously than here. "The Optimist," who supplies the *Metropolitan Philatelist* with all the postal and philatelic chatter of Washington, assures us that prominent officials of the Postal Department are disposed to grant any reasonable request that it would be calculated to benefit a considerable number of patrons of the post office, and therefore would be glad to produce a mourning stamp if it seemed a practical suggestion.

Well, well! It may come to this, then—that the leading nations of the earth will produce special mourning stamps of a som-

bre black. Nicaragua, San Marino, and a few other countries we could mention will doubtless welcome the suggestion. It may be that in 1910 we shall read that "Mr. — the well-known specialist of mourning stamps displayed his fine collection at the last meeting of the — Philatelic Society." And, really, when one comes to think of it, there are quite a quantity of philatelists, even in our little London, whose forlorn physiognomies would seem to mark them out as devotees of this new and cheerful development of our hobby.—*Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly.*

TRADE COLUMN.

Under this head we will print exchange, want and for sale notices, business announcements, 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 50 cents.

One four-line notice free with each subscription, providing copy accompanies the subscription.

THREE Consecutive Insertions of SAME ad in this Column for PRICE OF TWO.

Wanted—One penny black, Great Britain. Any quantity taken. Send what you have on approval, with lowest cash price, to WILLIAM F. PRICE, Arnold Ave., Newport, R. I.

26 varieties Honduras cut square Envelopes and Wrappers, unused, cat. \$1.42, 40c postpaid. Exchange wanted. F. B. STEDMAN, Warsaw, N. Y.

Have fine unused copies of the following scarce U. S. envelopes, cat. \$5.00 to \$35.00 each. Will exchange for same value in high grade U. S. or foreign stamps, in perfect condition only. Nos. 1521, 1524, 1525, 1528, 1529, 1531, 1532, 1538, 1539, 1545, 1546, 1727. F. PUTNEY, JR., 345 Lebanon St., Melrose, Mass. Member A. P. A., B. P. S. [c]

Wanted: To exchange U. S. for B. N. A. GRANT PIERCE, Brunswick, Me. [187]

Wanted for cash: Cuba, Nos. 6, 476, 477; Finland, Nos. 1, 3; Porto Rico, Nos. 632, 672, 1728; Philippines, Nos. 42 corras, 155, 160, 162, new or used; Philippines, *20, *196, *192, *261, *263, *264, *302, 368, 369, 370, 372. E. MENDEL, 4318 Ellis Ave., Chicago, Ill. [127]

Australasian stamps, 1851 to 1903, used and unused, firsthand; very cheap; many not cat.; good specimens; no packets; price list free. Courtenay Smith, Dir. East Haven Sanitarium, Middle Harbour, Sydney, N. S. W. [27]

100 mixed Mexico, postage or revenue too. FELIPE NAVEDA, Urbina 8, Toluca City, Mexico.

Fine unused U. S. 5c: Omaha, 16c; 15c Col., 13c; 50c Col., 25c; \$1 1895, 50c; 50c 1895, 5c; 30c Due, 13c; 50c Due, 18c; Col., Omaha and Pan sets, 1 to 10, all fine, 27c; Doc. Revs., 1/2c to \$5, 22 var., 24c. Approval sheets. Postage sc. F. B. KIRBY, New Bedford, Mass. [25]

200 odds and ends in stamp papers, 1834 to 1899 inclusive, to exchange for stamps or cash. C. F. RICHARDS, 326 West 20th St., New York. [26]

Cost prices: a few A1 copies Priv. Props: Radways, 3c; Warners, 7c; Od. Chem Co., 7c; Antikamnia, 8c; Dr. Williams, 4c. F. B. KIRBY, New Bedford, Mass. [25]

FRANKLIN STAMP CO., Box 147, St. Albans, Vt. Dealers in stamps for collections; write for our 50% discount Approval Sheets. [26]

U. S. Docs. Buy them while they are cheap. Prices are advancing rapidly. \$1 green, gray, carmine, green & black, olive, \$2 gray, green & black, olive, \$3 brown, \$5 red, ten stamps for 20c. Give us a try. 8c new issue 2c. POSTAL STAMP CO., 15 Lake St., White Plains, N. Y. [26]

Old and scarce stamp papers for sale cheap, exchanges of "Keystone Philatelic Gazette," 1885, to '95, includes first 8 vols. "P. J. of A." etc., no lists sent, too large, but all inquiries enclosing stamp promptly answered. W. C. BOULT, Box 222, Altoona, Pa. [27]

Fine U. S. and Foreign stamps to exchange for Tags, Coupons and American Cigar Co.'s bands. ED. M. VOSS, Bloomington, Indiana. [28]

The new U. S. stamps, 4, 5, 8, 10c, for the names of two collectors and a 2c stamp for return postage. U. S. STAMP CO., 101 W. Fayette St., Baltimore, Md. [28]

Fine stamps on approval 50% to 75% discount from standard catalogue. W. C. ESTES, Omaha, Neb. [28]

Scott catalogues over 2000 varieties at 2 and 3 cents each. I have several hundred varieties of these stamps on sheets and offer \$1.40 for \$1.00 in stamps cat. over 5 cents each from your sheets, my selection. No trash offered or taken. DR. W. L. BABCOCK, Soldiers Home, Bath, N. Y. A. P. A. 1736. [27]

To complete your United States: Fine perfect copies, 1857-60, 90 cents, unused, \$12.00 each; 1869, 24 cents, \$3.00 each; 90 cents, \$8.50 each; 1895, \$5 green, \$1.12 each; \$2 blue, \$1.05 each.

To complete your Hawaii: 1859-65 type-set series, Scott's Nos. 20 to 26. Nearly all varieties at 30 to 50 per cent. below Scott's quotations. All later issues at extremely low prices. Selections sent.

Thousands of bargains in old United States, British and Colonial stamps. Fine approval selections at 25 to 50% discount. No common rubbish but only fine copies of desirable stamps sent out. Write stating wants and send reference. I can save you hundreds of dollars. Established 1880. [33] FREDERICK GINN, 143 Strand, London, England.

U. S. 1898 Docs., \$1 green, \$3 brown, \$5 orange and \$10 black, fine cut copies, all for 25c, or same uncut cut \$1, \$2, \$3, \$5 and \$10 gray, fine cut copies, for 25c. Gilt edge approval sheets sent for reference. POSTAL STAMP CO., 15 Lake Street, White Plains, N. Y. [26]

We Want to Buy: Philippines, Nos. 6, 53, 69, 168b, 261, 263, 264, 368, 369 and 422. Porto Rico, Nos. 672 and 89. Danish West Indies, Nos. 42 and 43 in pairs, or blocks of four. We will pay spot cash or exchange for any of above stamps. R. A. TARR CO., 3125 N. Broad St., Philadelphia, Pa. [25]

2000 die cut ring hinges 15c, postpaid. GEORGE H. HOPE, 87 Ring St., Providence, R. I. [26]

25 stamps, cataloguing \$1.00 for 15c. GEORGE H. HOPE, 87 Ring St., Providence, R. I. [25]

Beautiful Foreign Revenues, 1,000 varieties at from 1c to 5c each. Write for selections. Full line of Foreign Revenue Catalogues in stock. G. W. PEPPER, 220 East 57th St., New York City. [25]

Is your collection for sale? I will buy it or any odd lots of good stamps. No cheap stuff wanted. Send on approval with lowest cash offer. Immediate returns guaranteed. HOWARD C. BECK, City Controller's Office, Detroit, Mich. [57]

Pre-cancels not in my collection wanted. Best cash or trade price. E. R. ALDRICH, Benson, Minn. [14]

Try an Ad in this Column. It Pays.

American Philatelic Association.

(INCORPORATED.)

THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA—OFFICIAL JOURNAL.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

ALEXANDER HOLLAND, President,
40 Grace Court, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Board of Vice-Presidents.

FRANK H. BURT, Chairman,
Room 1046, Tremont Building, Boston, Mass.

GORDON IRELAND, Secretary,
Holyoke House 21, Cambridge, Mass.

EDWIN F. SAWYER,
101 Washington St., Brighton, Mass.

H. E. DEATS, Secretary,
Flemington, N. J.

E. DOEBLIN, International Secretary,
Box 736, Pittsburg, Pa.

C. L. ANNAN, Treasurer,
Copper Range R. R., Houghton, Mich.

H. B. PHILLIPS,
1311 Grove St., Berkeley, Cal.

F. W. CONING,
350 George St., New Brunswick, N. J.

RESIDENT VICE-PRESIDENTS.

BOSTON, MASS.—M. H. LOMBARD, Wincheater, Mass.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.—W. E. LOV, 2431 Ellsworth St., Berkeley, Cal.

NEW YORK CITY.—W. F. GREGORY, 71 Nassau St.

PITTSBURG, PA.—E. DOEBLIN, Box 736.

CHICAGO, ILL.—A. F. MERRELL, 432 Marquette Building.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.—ESEN S. MARTIN, 3344 First Avenue, South.

WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS—ROBERT D. MAYNARD, 36 Oak Grove Ave., Springfield.

APPOINTEE OFFICERS.

E. H. ANDERSON, Librarian,
Carnegie Library, Pittsburg, Pa.

H. D. WATSON, Collecting Agent,
64 Cedar St., New York City.

JOHN J. OESCH, Superintendent of Sales Dept.,
34 Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill.

H. E. DEATS, Assistant Librarian,
Flemington, N. J.

W. F. GREGORY, Auction Purchasing Agent,
71 Nassau St., New York City.

P. M. WOLSIEFFER, Auction Purchasing Agent,
1009 Atwood Bldg., Chicago, Ill.

A. W. BATCHELDER, Auction Purchasing Agent,
27 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass.

REPORT OF SECRETARY

For the Week Ending June 6, 1903.

Application for Membership.

KIRK, FRANK R., 138 Superior St., Toledo, Ohio; age, 36; Candy Manufacturer, Smith-Kirk Candy Co. References, Albert C. Stewart, P. M. Wolsieffer.

Resignation Received.

1268. HARTSHORNE, EDWARD C., 25 Broad St., New York, N. Y.

Dropped for Non-payment of Dues.

The following, among other of our members in foreign countries had not paid by November 1, as provided by the By-Laws, but I took the liberty of continuing them as members, writing each a personal letter explaining the matter. As they have not responded, they are hereby declared dropped for non-payment of dues, dating from November 1, 1902:

1750. BRUMMEL, HERMAN.

1751. CARBONELL, JUAN ESTARELLAS.

767. CLARK, HERBERT.

539. JOHANSEN, JOSEF.

1677. JONES, JOHN W.

1638. SCHENKEL, FEDERICO C.

Changes of Address.

643. GREGORY, W. F., from 71 to 65 Nassau St., New York, N. Y.

1757. STEWART, DELISLE, from 1816 Portland Ave., Minneapolis, Minn., to Cincinnati Observatory, Hyde Park, Ohio.

38. WOLSIEFFER, P. M., from 1010 Atwood Building to 1149 Marquette Building, Chicago, Illinois.

The President has issued the following call for the Convention:

NEW YORK, N. Y., May 26, 1903.
To the Stockholders of the American Philatelic Association:

The eighteenth annual Convention of this Association, for the election of Directors,

and the transaction of such other business as may legally be brought before it, will be convened in the town of Clayton, State of New York, upon Tuesday, the eleventh day of August, 1903, and the succeeding days, until all business shall have been disposed of.

I hereby appoint the following gentlemen to serve as Committee on Credentials:

P. M. Wolsieffer, Chicago, Ill., Chairman.

D. T. Eaton, Muscatine, Iowa.

G. W. Rode, Pittsburgh, Pa.

W. F. Gregory, New York, N. Y.

Geo. L. Toppa, Racine, Wis.

I also appoint the following members as Committee of Arrangements:

Dr. J. H. Stebbins, Jr., New York, N. Y.

John N. Luff, New York, N. Y.

P. F. Bruner, New York, N. Y.

Due notice will be given as to location of the Convention Hall and of the hour of assembling the Convention. Your President earnestly requests that all members make a special effort to attend, as matters of great importance to this Association will be discussed and acted upon. Furthermore, as Clayton is a charming summer resort, it will be to many a pleasant outing from the cares of business.

ALEX. HOLLAND, President.

Proxy and ballot blanks will be mailed today to all members. Those who do not receive them within one week after this issue of the ERA reaches them should advise me by postal card, and duplicates will be sent.

Membership Summary.

Total Membership May 30th..... 558
Dropped for Non-payment Dues..... 6

Total Membership June 6th..... 552

H. E. DEATS, Secretary.

A CARD.

CHICAGO, May 25, 1903.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION,

Gentlemen: The Chicago Branch, as usual, have placed a ticket in the field to be balloted for at the coming election. A printed ballot will be sent you later, to which we ask your careful consideration.

The undersigned have been appointed official delegates to the Convention by Branch No. 1, and if you do not expect to be present at the Convention in Clayton, we would ask you to allow one of us to represent you with your proxy. To this end we have sent you two proxy blanks and if agreeable to you, kindly fill out ONE and return to us at your convenience.

It would please us more to have you attend the Convention in person, but if it is impossible for you to be there, we would suggest that you be sure and place your proxy with some one, so that there may be a thorough representation of the members at the Convention.

Any suggestions will be carefully carried out.

Trusting we may be favored with your proxy, we remain,

Yours faithfully,

P. M. WOLSIEFFER,
1149 Marquette Bldg., Chicago.

JOHN J. OESCH,
34 Wabash Avenue, Chicago.

NOMINATIONS.

For President: Alexander Holland, of New York.

For Board of Vice-Presidents: F. H. Burt, Boston, Gordon Ireland, Boston, Willard O. Wylie.

For Treasurer: C. L. Annan, Houghton, Mich.

For International Secretary: E. Doeblin.

For Secretary: E. R. Aldrich, Benson, Minn.

For Directors: F. W. Coning, New Jersey, H. B. Phillips, California.

Springfield Notes.

One collector here enlarges his collection almost wholly by buying old collections, using what he can for his own and exchanging the duplicates.

Now it is no easy matter to buy old collections at a price which will enable you to give away the common stuff. Having noticed an old sign over a cross-roads store which read "East India Goods Sold Here," he thought it would be a good place for a find, and May 30th he got his friend Sanborn, the Indian arrowhead collector, to go with him to the store. The young lady in charge said, "Why, yes, up attic there is a bunch of old letters with 100 stamps on them, awful old, but I would not go up there for \$10.00. When pa comes home I'll ask him, he's down by the river cutting wood." That settled it, they started for pa and the river bank. They didn't find him but the arrowhead collector found a whole soapstone bowl for which he refused \$10.00 and is highly elated over the site of an old Indian village right here in Massachusetts. Next week we'll see what pa has found in the attic.

Two Springfield collectors have decided to go to Clayton, so far.

Do you know of a better man for Secretary of the A. P. A. than W. C. Stone? They say Mr. Deats won't take it again.

Saw a copy of the 1c on 3c Provisional Cuba, inverted surcharge, the other day, priced \$7.00.

C.

A RARE CHANCE.

We recently secured a few of the scarce 1-dollar 1884 Hawaii. These are cancelled with a Maltese Cross and catalogued \$10.00. Our price while they last is \$1.75. Post free.

W. SELLSCHOPP & CO., 118 Stockton St., San Francisco, Cal.

The Purposes and Advantages of the American Philatelic Association.

By ALEXANDER HOLLAND.

What is the value of a membership in the American Philatelic Association? is daily asked by hundreds of stamp collectors, and it is my intention to try in this short article to enlighten some few of our brother philatelists, who still remain outside of the fold, on this point. In the first place, all good, enthusiastic stamp collectors who have the interest and welfare of their hobby at heart, should support the National organization as strongly as they are able to. Of course there are some who can do a very much greater amount of work, either because of their capacity for work, or their environment. But, nevertheless, no matter how little work one may be able to accomplish, the mere fact that you associate yourself actively with the National organization, is in itself a great help and every man should do his best to support the National organization, because by so doing he strengthens the hold of philately and brings it to a higher level among the thinking people of the community, and thereby gives to his collection, however valuable it may be, a certain stability of worth which increases as the strength of the National and local affiliated associations grows. Therefore, the advantage of membership in the American Philatelic Association, is primarily the general advancement of the hobby of stamp collecting and the secondary consideration of advancing the value of one's own property. Further than this, it is the intention, the idea and the purpose of the American Philatelic Association, through its offices, to check the counterfeiter, the black-mailer or the unscrupulous schemer who may try to defraud in some way or other some stamp collector, who is not always able to obtain the best information on certain subjects, and then the advantages of the exchange department are such, especially to those who do not live in the great philatelic centers, which are naturally in the larger cities of the country, as to give them an opportunity to purchase or sell through the medium of this exchange, stamps from or to members of the association, and which enables them to acquire large collections, without having to go to the large cities where stocks of the dealers are kept. The association is at present engaged through a committee appointed by the Board of Directors in compiling an index of the best and most prominent Philatelic papers in the world. This work, when it

is completed, which I hope may be in the next two or three years, will enable a member of the American Philatelic Association to procure from the library the book or books which contain articles upon the stamps of the country in which he may be interested.

These are some few of the advantages which accrue to one who joins the National organization, and I hope the perusal of this may be the means of bringing many of the readers of the *World* into the Association.—*The Philatelic World*.

The Boston Philatelic Society.

M. H. LOMBARD, President, Winchester, Mass.
C. F. ROTHFUCHS, Vice-President, Boston.
C. A. HOWES, Secretary, 55 Kilby St., Boston.
L. L. GREEN, Treasurer, 47 Tremont St., Boston.
J. H. LYONS, Supt. of Auctions, 27 Bromfield St., Boston.
J. H. LYONS, Supt. of Sales, 27 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass.
THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA, Official Journal.

BOSTON, June 9, 1903.

The one hundred and twenty-seventh regular meeting of the Society will be held in Elks' Hall, 24 Hayward Place, Boston, on Tuesday evening, June 16th, at 8 o'clock sharp.

Order of Business.

1. Reading of Minutes of Last Meeting.
2. Reports of Committees.
3. Communications.
4. Election of Candidates.
5. Unfinished Business.
6. New Business.
7. Informal Auction Sale.

Entertainment.

The sixth exhibition of the present series will be held this evening, the subject being Envelopes and Wrappers of Great Britain and Colonies. A silver medal will be given for the best exhibit of entires and a bronze medal for the best exhibit of cut squares, and competition is limited to those who have never taken a prize. The collection of envelope and wrapper stamps seems to be somewhat neglected at present, though it is hard to see just why they should be slighted for they are certainly just as much entitled to rank as postage stamps as the same impressions (in many instances) are when gummed and perforated. The superabundance of stationery is of course a drawback in mounting, but the postal part is really the essential thing and that is all there in a cut square. Many still keep their interest in this branch and it is to be hoped that they will show many fine things at this meeting.

REMEMBER the June meeting is the last one until September and a full attendance is expected.

N. B.—Intending exhibitors may send their collections to or leave them with Mr. J. H. Lyons of the Exhibition Committee at 27 Bromfield St., Boston.

September Exhibition.

Sept. 15. Victoria.

STAMPS Half Cent Each.

The following is a list of stamps at one-half cent each. Prices are Net; postage extra in all cases. No order filled for less than 25 cents, but orders may be made up from either this or the one cent list, or part from each.

Argentina, 1888-89, 5c; 1890, 5c; 1892, 1, 2, 5c; 1899, 5c.
Austria, 1850, 3, 9k; 1864, 5k; 1867, 2, 3, 5, 10k; 1883, 2, 3, 5, 10k; 1890, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 12, 15, 20k; 1891, 20, 20k; 1900, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10k; News, 1863-67, 1k; Mercury, 1886, 1/4; 1900, 2h; Unpaid, 1893, 3, 5k; Levant, 1890, 1p.
Barbados, 1892, 1d; Bosnia, 1879, 5n.
Bavaria, 1862, 3k; 1881, 3, 10, 20p; 1888, 3, 5, 10, 20p; 1890, 3, 5, 25, 50p; Unpaid, 10pf.
Belgium, 1870, 10c; 1884, 10c; 1893, 10c, 20c no coupon, 25c no coupon; News, 1, 5c; 1884, 1 olive, 1, 2, 5c; 1893, 1, 5c.
Brazil, 1891, 100r; 1893, 100r; 1894, 10, 20, 100, 200r; 1900, 100r.
Canada, 1886, 1s; 1889, 5, 10, 15, 25s.
Canada; 1869-72, 1, 2, 3c; 1882, 2, 3, 5c; 1897, 1, 2, 3c; 1898, 1, 2, 3c; 1899, 2c.
Cape of Good Hope, 1885, 1/2, 1, 2d; 1893, 1d.
Ceylon, 1886, 5c.
Chile, 1878, 1, 2, 5c; 1883, 5, 10c; 1894, 1, 2c.
Colombian Republic, 1883, 5c; 1886, 5c; 1892, 1, 5c; 1893, 5c; 1897, 5c; 1899, 5c.
Denmark, 1858, 4s; 1864, 4s; 1896, 3, 4, 8, 12, 16, 20 ore.
Dutch Indies, 1883, 1, 2c; 1892, 10c.
Egypt, 1884, 1 pia; 1888, 1, 5m.
Finland, 1882, 20p; 1889-90, 20p; 1895, 5, 20p.
France, 1853 6c, 20c; 1862, 20c; 1863-70, 20c; 1870-71 25c; 1876, 5, 15, 30c; 1877, 1, 2, 4, 10, 15, 40c; 1879, 25c yellow, 25c rose; 1892, 15c; 1899, 5c; 1900, 5c.
Germany, 1872, 1g; 1875, 3, 5, 10, 20p; 1880, 3, 5, 10, 20, 50p gray green; 1883, 3, 5, 10, 20, 50p; 1900, 3, 5, 10, 20p.
Great Britain 1864, 1p; 1880, 1p; 1887, 1/2, 1 1/2, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 6p; 1901-02, 1/2, 1d.
Greece, 1882, 20l; 1889-92, 5, 20l; 1891, 5l.
Hungary, 1881, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20k; 1888-91, 5, 15k; 1898-99, 5, 10, 15, 30k; 1900, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 25f; News, 1877, 1k; 1888, 1k; 1898, 1k; 1900, 1f.
India, 1881-85, 1/2, 1, 2a; H. M. S., 1/2, 1, 2a.
Italy, 1862, 5, 10, 15c; 1866, 20, 20c; 1879, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50c; 1889, 5, 10, 45c, 1l; 1891, 5, 10, 20, 25, 45c; 1897, 5c; News, 1863, 1, 2c; 1896, 1, 2c; Unpaid, 5, 10, 30, 50c.
Japan, 1876, 5r; 1883, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 25s; 1899, 5r, 1, 3s.
Luxemburg, 1882, 1, 2c; 1892, 10c; 1895, 1, 2, 5, 10c.
Mexico, 1890, 10c; 1895, 5c.
Natal, 1882-84, 1d.
Netherlands, 1872, 5, 10c; 1876, 1/2, 1, 2, 2 1/2c; 1894, 5, 10c; 1899, 1/2, 1, 2 1/2, 5, 10c.
New South Wales, 1882, 1, 2d; 1888, 1, 2d; 1897, 1d; 1898, 1/2, 2d.
New Zealand, 1882, 1, 2d; 1895, 1/2d.
Norway, 1883, 5, 10 ore; 1890, 2 ore; 1895-9, 3, 5, 10 ore.
Peru, 1886, 10c.
Portugal, 1882, 5, 25r; 1892, 5, 25r; 1895, 2 1/2, 5, 25, 50r; 1899, 25r; News, 1888, 2 1/2r.
Queensland, 1891, 1, 2d; 1896, 1, 2d.
Roumania, 1880, 15b; 1885, 5b, tinted paper; 1891, 1 1/2, 3, 5, 15b; 1893-98, 1, 2 1/2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 25b; 1901, 5, 10, 15, 25b.
Russia, 1868-79, 7k; 1882, 1, 2, 3, 5, 7k; 1889, 20k; 1890-92, 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 14k.
Spain, 1870, 50m; 1873, 10c green; 1874, 10c brown; 1875, 10c; 1876, 10c; 1877-78, 1/2c, 10c; 1879, 5, 10, 25c; 1882, 15c; 1889, 5, 10, 15, 25c; 1899, 5, 10c; 1900, 5, 10, 15, 25c.
South Australia, 1877, 1, 2d; 1893, 1, 2d.
Sweden, 1858, 12 ore; 1878, 12 ore; 1885, 10 ore; 1886, 4, 5, 10, 20, 30 ore; 1892, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 20, 30 ore; Official, 10, 20 ore blue.
Switzerland, 1867, 2, 10, 25c; 1881, 2, 5c; 1882, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50c, 1f; 1898, 5, 10c; 1900, 25c.
Tasmania, 1878, 1, 2d.
Trinidad, 1883, 1d.
Turkey, 1884, 20p; 1892, 10, 20p, 1pi.
Victoria, 1886-87, 1, 2d; 1889-91, 1d.
Wurtemberg, 1875-83, 10, 20p; 1890-94, 3, 5, 50p; Official, 1881-82, 5, 10, 20p; 1890, 3p.

COLUMBIAN STAMP CO.,
ARLINGTON, MASS.

The Weekly Philatelic Era

A PAPER DEVOTED TO STAMP NEWS.

50c PER YEAR.

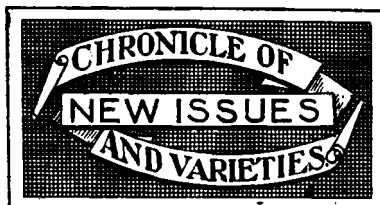
ENTERED AT PORTLAND POST OFFICE AS SECOND CLASS MATTER JAN. 10, 1890.

2c PER COPY.

VOL. XVII. No. 38.

PORTLAND, ME., SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 1903.

WHOLE No. 526.



BY HENRY A. KIDDER.

Friends of the ERA are invited to send to the editor of this department any information regarding new issues or varieties that may prove of interest. Such information will be suitably acknowledged. Address, HENRY A. KIDDER, 17 Addison Street, Arlington, Mass.

Exchanges will please send Mr. Kidder a copy of each issue to the foregoing address, and an extra copy of the ERA will be gladly sent whenever desired.

UNITED STATES.—It seems to be settled, judging from the tenor of recent correspondence from Washington, that a set of stamps is to be issued for the St. Louis Exposition, but that the set is to be limited to four denominations—1c, 2c, 3c and 10c.

It is reported that the new design for the 2c stamp has been approved by the Postmaster General and that the stamps will soon be issued.

BHOPAL.—*Ewen's Weekly* says the "S" overprint on the 8a stamps is simply to alter the title or initial of the Begum from "Shah" to "Sultan." The initial letter of the latter is "S" and of the former "Sh," the sounds having a separate character in the Indian alphabets.

BAVARIA.—The *London Philatelist* says the 5pf deep green may be found with the watermark of vertical wavy lines.

BRITISH SOMALILAND.—The English papers are having an animated discussion as to the standing of the latest surcharges on Indian stamps. A paragraph in the newspapers declares them to be forgeries, but this is not warranted by the facts as the new set has been circulated in the Postal Union in specimen sets. It may well be possible that more were on sale at the African post offices while 600 to 700 sets have been circulated in the Postal Union, not to speak of the thrifty sale to collectors in advance of actual use. In regard to the statement that not a single set had been disposed of at Berbera, *Ewen's Weekly* says:

"The authorities overlook the fact that of every new issue of stamps the Universal Postal Union at Berne requires some 600 or 700 sets for distribution as samples to all the countries which are members of it. Any stamps of which samples are not so distributed, foreign countries are not bound to recognize as they can claim to have no official notice of them and letters are liable to be surcharged with unpaid postage. Nearly all the sets so distributed are overprinted 'specimen' or with some equivalent. The British Somaliland overprint on the Indian stamps was probably made at Calcutta and it is not unlikely the Indian post office forwarded the sample sets to Berne without surcharging them 'specimen' and without drawing the attention of the Berbera Postmaster to the fact. But the stamps are none the less genuine on that account."

GUATEMALA.—*Mekeel's Weekly* adds several values to the provisional 25c noted last week, and adds: "We do not care to do any injustice to the postal authorities of Guatemala, but it seems to us that the failure to include a 25c value in the pictorial set must have been intentional, and part of a plan to get rid of a great accumulation of the 1900 issue. This value is required for regular postal service and the authorities must have known their need of this value."

The surcharge is the same as described last week:

Adhesives (Provisional):
25c on 75c carmine, rose and black.
25c on 15c dark blue and carmine.
25c on 20c orange yellow and black.

RUSSIA.—It is reported that the 14k stamp has been seen with inverted center. A sheet of 100 was sold at the Astrachan post office, the error not being noticed.

SAN MARINO.—Mr. Charles de Grave Sells sends us from Italy specimens of the new San Marino stamps, which were chronicled last week. The stamps are crude in design and coloring yet not entirely unpleasing. The perforations are badly placed, the margins at top and bottom being generally wider than at the sides. Mr. Sells writes: "The stamps have been printed at the Italian offices at Torino, so that we still find the curious anomaly of the postage stamps of a Republic watermarked with a crown. The 10c and 30c values are almost identically the same color, while the 45c yellow is of a shade that makes it quite impossible to see anything of the design on the stamp by gaslight."

WEST AUSTRALIA.—New values have been issued in the swan type, but with the word "Postage" appearing at the bottom

with the inscription of value. The stamps are printed on paper watermarked V and crown.

Adhesives (Regular):

2d yellow.
4d brown.
8d yellow green.
10d brick red.

Items from the Dub.

Tuesday, June 9th.

The J. M. Bartels Co. have engaged a new clerk, whose services will enable them to handle more promptly business entrusted to their care.

Among the strangers in our city last week were Mr. R. M. Dennis, of New Bedford, Mr. W. N. Howe, Cashier of the Portland, Me., Post Office, Mr. G. E. Varney, Dover, N. H., and Mr. Isaac Cook, Jr., of St. Louis, the latter gentleman being on his way to his summer home in Maine.

The J. M. Bartels Co. have shown me the new United States set from 1c to \$5 complete, 14 varieties. It makes a very pleasing set.

Mr. Henry A. Kidder, the new issue editor of the ERA, is on his vacation visiting Virginia and other southern points.

The number of intending visitors to Clayton is increasing daily, and a few more will ensure the private car. I intend later to give a list of those philatelists who have signified their intention to attend.

Some of the shrewd ones are quietly fishing up Panama stamps at low prices before the boom sets in, which will come should the United States give evidence that it intended to annex Panama on account of the canal.

J. M. Bartels Co.'s 20th sale will occur on June 20th at 2 p. m. This will be the last sale of the season. 764 lots will be offered to the highest bidders. It contains many single U. S. and foreign stamps which may be classed as in the hard-to-get varieties; also a fine line of proofs, essays and specimens.

WM. D. ELDRIDGE.

I WANT TO BUY

U. S. POSTAGE
U. S. DEPARTMENTS
U. S. REVENUES.

THE CASH IS READY.

FRED G. JONES,

2013 Brook St., LOUISVILLE, KY.

CHAPTER XXXIX.

A customer frequently goes out of his way to commend

Osgood's Famous Big Selections

and sometimes we are tempted to print a batch of such letters. But it will not be necessary if you will look into my Big Books on your own account. Reference. I am the leading dealer in Precancela. Write me if interested.

D. W. OSGOOD,

ALAMOSA, Conejos Co., COLO.
[To be Continued.]

KITCHEN MECHANICS.

The next girl we had was a "rooster," so I can offer some great bargains in Shanghai.

No. 76, o. g.,	\$o.00	No. 149, o. g.,	\$o.05
81, "	.50	150, "	.08
82, "	.80	152, "	.02
85, unused, oo gum, 90		153, "	.02
93, o. g.,	.04	154, "	.04
121, used,	.08	155, "	.07
122, "	.17	156, "	.11
127, "	.08	157, "	.13
137, "	.11	161, "	.02
139, "	.22	162, "	.02
140, o. g.,	.02	163, "	.03
147, "	.02	158, "	.07
148, "	.04	159, "	.07
		Set of 7 Usp'd, 93, o. g., 28	.28

Postage extra. Satisfaction guaranteed.

E. C. DODD,

259 So. Hermitage Ave., CHICAGO, ILL.

Please mention the ERA when writing advertisers.

The New England Philatelic Association.

Organized February, 1895.

Board of Officers:

President, CHARLES H. SMITH, Dedham, Mass.
Vice President, J. FAVILL CAPRON, 22 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass.
Secretary and Treasurer, H. W. LEGG, 26 Hancock St., Boston, Mass.
Sales Department, CHARLES H. STONE, 91 Antrim St., Cambridgeport, Mass.
Information Bureau, MRS. WALLACE DANA SMITH, 20 Wilbur St., Portsmouth, N. H.
Counterfeit Detector, WILLIS D. KING, Nashua, N. H.
Attorney, HORACE S. BACON, 107 Stevens St., Lowell, Mass.
Governing Board, CHARLES H. STONE, Chairman, 91 Antrim St., Cambridgeport, Mass., JOHN J. CONE, New Dorchester, Mass., FRANK A. WILSON, 185 Highland Ave., Somerville, Mass.
Official Organ, THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA.

The Collectors Club,

351 FOURTH AVE., NEW YORK.

The 94th meeting of the Board of Governors was held at the Club house on Monday evening, June 8, 1903.

Present: Messrs. Dewing, Luff, Rich, Scott and Perrin.

In the absence of both the President and Vice-President the meeting was called to order at 8.20 p. m., with Mr. Dewing in the chair.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved.

A number of communications were read by the Secretary.

The report of the Treasurer, showing a cash balance in bank of \$254.97 exclusive of reserve fund, was approved as read.

The House Committee's report was read and received.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9 p. m.

ALBERT PERRIN, Secretary.

Hong Kong Stamps and their Postmarks.

By P. T. DEAKIN.

Anyone examining a collection of Hong Kong stamps may notice a variety of cancellation marks. In the earlier issues that of a letter and one or more numerals, and in the later issues with names other than that of Hong Kong. It is of these cancellation marks I wish to say a few words, thinking they may be of some interest to the readers of the *Stamp Collector*.

For some time past I have carefully examined all the used Hong Kong stamps I could, in order to get together as complete a list of the postmarks as was possible, and although not by any means as complete as one as could be wished, still it is a fair start. As mentioned before the earlier issues have the letter and numeral only, that of Hong Kong being B62, and is found as commonly done with blue as with black ink, Shanghai, or as it is often spelt Shanghai, I believe to be Si, Amoy Ai, Foo-chow or Foo-chow-foo Fi, Canton Ci, and another marked Yi, usually in a blue ink of a purplish tint. This latter I cannot with certainty assign to any of the Chinese ports, but it may be that of Yuen-san in Corea.

On the later issues the name postmarks are almost (if not quite) in universal use, and my list contains Hong Kong, Victoria Hong Kong, Hong Kong K.B., Shanghai, Shanghai, Canton, Amoy, Foo-chow, Foo-chow-foo, Swatow, Chinese Customs, Nagasaki (Japan), and Singapore (Straits Settlements), all on Hong Kong stamps.

Why do these various postmarks occur on the Hong Kong's? This I will endeavour to explain as far as I can.

Until as late as 1897, China had no Imperial Government Post, that is as good as saying there was no guarantee as to whether a letter handed in to any of the private postal concerns would reach its proper destination, and Western nations (Britain in particular, through whose hands nearly nine-tenths of the trade with China passes) require something more substantial to deal with than private individuals.

China was also about 1841, after a series of wars with Britain, compelled to cede Hong Kong absolutely, and by various treaties to throw open certain ports (they now number 29) for trading purposes. Of these ports, termed "Treaty ports" the principal ones are Amoy, Canton, Foo-chow, Shanghai, Swatow, Hangkow, Hoi-how, and Ningpo.

Yuen-san in Corea is also (by a later agreement) made into a trading port open to foreigners. (See Whitaker's Almanack, 1897). Now a trading port usually contains the offices of the traders, and therefore some considerable amount of correspondence with other ports and the outside civilized world becomes necessary. For



No other priced-list ever equalled in popular esteem Parker's because none ever deserved it.
Read on.

UNITED STATES.		Cat. Price.	My Price.
* Means unused			
*233	'80, 1c buff	\$1.50	\$0.70
*234	'70, 1c ultramarine	5.00	2.00
235	1c	.50	.20
*236	3c red-brown	.10	.04
*237	6c green	2.50	.90
137	3c carmine	15.00	4.00
*138	6c "	3.00	1.40
138	7c vermilion	15.00	7.00
139	7c "	3.00	1.40
141	7c "	10.00	7.25
*142	15c orange	25.00	10.00
143	15c "	6.50	2.75
144	24c purple	75.00	22.00
144	90c carmine	6.00	2.30
*145	'70, 1c ultramarine	3.00	1.25
*146	3c red brown	1.50	.60
*147	3c green	2.00	.75
*148	6c carmine	3.50	1.25
*149	7c vermilion	6.00	2.20
149	7c "	.60	.30
*250	10c brown	6.00	2.00
*251	'70, 1c violet	7.00	3.30
252	15c "	.40	.18
*253	15c orange	5.00	2.20
*254	24c purple	12.50	6.00
254	24c "	7.50	.65
*254	30c black	12.00	6.00
*255	90c carmine	15.00	5.00
255	90c carmine	1.25	.60
255	not fine	..	.35
*256	'73, 2c brown	1.50	.70
256c	double paper	1.00	.75
*257	3c green	1.00	.35
257d	ribbed	.50	.25
*259	6c pink	1.25	.55
259a	ribbed	5.00	2.00
*260	7c vermilion	7.00	2.00
260	7c "	.60	.30
*261	10c brown	5.00	1.50
*262	12c purple	10.00	4.00
262	12c "	.40	.18
*263	15c orange	15.00	7.00
263	15c "	.50	.20
*263a	ribbed	2.50	1.25
*264	30c black	7.00	3.25
264b	ribbed	25.00	10.00
*178	'75, 5c blue	1.00	.40
*179	5c blue	1.00	.40
*182	'79, 1c ultramarine	1.00	.40
*183	2c vermilion	.25	.10
*180	15c red orange	.40	.20
180	15c "	.15	.07
*180a	15c orange	2.00	.90
191	90c carmine	1.00	.50
191	not fine	..	.25
*205	'82, 5c yellow brown	.50	.19
*206	1c blue	.10	.04
*206	full sheet of 100	10.00	3.00
*208	6c rose	2.50	1.20
*208a	6c brown	1.50	.75
*209	10c "	.30	.15
*211	'83, 2c red brown	.08	.04
*212	4c green	.12	.07
*213	'87, 3c vermilion	.12	.07
*215	'88, 4c carmine	.12	.07
*216	3c indigo	.25	.11
*217	30c orange	.65	.35
217	30c "	.35	.18
*218	90c purple	.50	.35
*218	30c black	1.50	.95
*219	90c orange	2.50	1.20
219	90c "	.50	.23
*238	'93, 15c dark green	.50	.23
*239	30c orange brown	.25	.13
*240	50c slate blue	.75	.50
*241	\$1.00 salmon	2.50	1.75
*242	\$2 brown red	2.50	2.00
242	"	1.75	1.50
*243	\$3 yellow green	3.75	3.00
*244	\$5 crimson lake	6.00	4.00
*245	\$5 black	5.00	5.00
*246	'94, 50c orange	.80	.55
*261	\$1 black	1.50	1.10
*263	\$1 green	7.50	5.80
*276	\$1 black	1.25	1.05
*277	\$2 sapphire	.45	.30
*278	\$5 green	2.50	2.05
*291	'98, 50c sage green	5.75	5.05
*292	50c "	.30	.15
*292	\$1 black	2.50	1.10
292	\$1 black	1.00	.60
292	Agriculture, 1c, 2c, 6c, 12c, 15c, 24c, 30c "specimen"	..	7.00
500	Agriculture, 1c	3.50	1.75
501	2c	1.00	.50
502	3c	.30	.16
503	6c	.75	.50
504	12c	6.00	3.00
505	15c	8.00	4.00
507	24c	3.50	1.70
508	30c	5.00	3.20
509	Executive, 1c	5.00	2.50
510	2c	8.00	5.00
511	3c	8.00	4.00
512	6c	6.50	3.25
513	12c	15.00	7.50
513	20c	10.00	4.90

U. S. UNUSED, O. G.

\$32.00 Worth for \$12.001867 1c Blue, Grill 11x13, Block of 4,
\$12.00.

Catalogue Price \$32.00.

This block has never had a hinge on any one of the four stamps. It is well centered from top to bottom, but not centered from left to right. The perforations cut $1\frac{1}{2}$ mm. into the design at the right hand side of each stamp. To make good for the loss caused by the perforations cutting through, this block has the right hand margin of the sheet, and by leaving the margin where it is, you have a better looking block for \$12.00 than the one which was sold for \$21.00 at the Drury sale. The latter block had the perforations cut into the left hand side, but had no margins.

I can furnish a single copy fairly well centered, o. g., never hinged, from edge of sheet, perforated at three sides, straight edge at one side, bright color, Catalogue Price \$3.00, My Price \$3.00.
A BARGAIN. Unused, Without Gum, 1869 1c buff, re-issue, Catalogue No. 132. Catalogue Price \$1.50, My Price 50c.
Uncovered pairs and blocks of 4 at 50c per stamp. All are well centered and fine.

Please remit by Bills or Money Order.

C. F. ROTHFUCHS 38 Munroe St.,
ROXBURY, MASS.

FOREIGN ENVELOPES.

Foreign Envelopes, cut square, make a very pretty show for a small amount of money. Selections sent on approval, if satisfactory reference is given.

LIBERAL DISCOUNTS.

HOLTON STAMP COMPANY,
60 Devonshire St., BOSTON, MASS.

Wm. v. d. Wettern, Jr.,

WHOLESALE DEALER IN

* **POSTAGE + STAMPS.** *

411 W. Saratoga St., Baltimore, Md.

New special list just issued, sent free on application to dealers only.

the franking of letters, stamps are required, and as nine-tenths of the Chinese trade is in British hands, some variety of British stamps must be used (China as I before mentioned having no regular post of its own, at least until recently).

Hong Kong being close at hand (a free port, no customs duty, and the centre of Eastern trade) has an issue of stamps whose inscriptions are both in English and Chinese, and can therefore be understood by either nationality, and a currency if not the same as China, in use at the various ports. These stamps then not requiring any special surcharge, and being easily obtained would obviously be the ones to use and the establishment of British branch post offices under the control of a head office (Hong Kong) naturally follows. (See Post Office Guide—Hong Kong Agencies). As an example nearer home we have Gibraltar and the Morocco Agencies (except that the stamps are surcharged) and the British stamps (also surcharged) for the British post offices in Turkey.

With reference to the Hong Kong stamps cancelled "Nagasaki," I have lately come across Japanese stamps cancelled "Hong Kong" and "Shanghai." So I fancy these

and also those marked "Singapore" must be ship letters cancelled at the port of arrival.

For convenience sake, I have made a short list of the Postmarks, dividing up the stamps by the watermarks only, and omitting all mention of the values, as most stamps from the 2c to the dollar, may be met with so postmarked. As to rarity, C1, F1 and A1 are rather uncommon, but there may be (and should be) others that I have not as yet come across.

POSTMARKS ON HONG KONG STAMPS.

No Wmk. (1862).

B 62 in black and blue ink.

S 1 in black and blue.

Crown and C.C. (1863-81).

Hong Kong in black.

B 62 in black and blue.

S 1 in black and blue.

C 1 in black, Amoy in black.

A 1 in black, F 1 in black.

Y 1 in blue.

Crown and C.A. (1802-1903).

Hong Kong, Hong Kong K.B., Victoria Hong Kong, B 62, Shanghai, Shanghai, S 1, Canton, Amoy, Foo-chow, Foo chow-foo, and Swatow*, all in black ink.

The C. A. Stamp also occur cancelled by the Chinese Customs Hand Stamp, and by those of the French post offices with name in circle or octagonal frame, but those I have are indistinct with the the exceptions of the word "Chine."

In conclusion, a few words about the arrangement of the collection of Hong Kong and its agencies.

The method I myself adopt is as follows:—The books are of perfectly plain, stout, smooth white paper, and usually two or sometimes three pages are taken up for each issue, as I do not care to crowd the stamps together.

On each page a faint perpendicular line is ruled in pencil, about $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches from the binding (I use one side of the leaf only—the right hand side as the book opens). On the left side of the line, is hinged a slip of paper with the issue, date, wmk., and other particulars neatly written, and on the right of the line the stamps in horizontal rows—one value to each row or sometimes two rows, beginning with an *unused* single specimen, and then the *used* single specimens of the light and dark shades (if the stamps vary), a pair (to show the width the stamps are printed apart), after these the various cancellations of the other offices:—S 1, Canton, Amoy etc. An occasional page is left for other varieties or for stamps on the entire envelope, which I hinge in with two or more hinges.

Without overcrowding, the collection made after this manner with a book 12x10 inches, about 20 pages will be sufficient.—*Stamp Collector.*

NOTE.—(Since writing the above I have come across the NINGPO postmark on the 7c on 10c green, C A watermark).

* *Note by the Editor of S. C.*

We heard there was a stamp postmarked "What-ho!" and on enquiry much to our astonishment were shewn one with a postmark spelt "WATOW," but on close examination, it proved to be that of Swatow, the S of which had missed the stamp.

SEYCHELLES PROVISIONALS.

1902 2x2 cents black on 4x4c carmine,
SIX CENTS black on 8c brown,
SIX x SIX-CENTS black on 8x8c brown.
These cards will be quite rare in the near future, the 3c single having been exhausted for some months.
I offer the above set for 30 cents postpaid.

ADOLPH LOHMEYER,
922 N. Gilmer Street, Baltimore, Md.

WE HAVE MONEY

To Buy Collections, Rareties and Stocks.

We buy unused 1c and 2c stamps for mercantile use at a discount from 3 to 5 per cent. according to quantities. Higher denominations at a greater discount. (10¢)

UNITED STAMP COMPANY, Incorporated,
1149 Marquette Bldg., CHICAGO, ILL.

A Newspaper Clipping.

A NEW TWO-CENT STAMP.

DESIGN HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE
POSTMASTER-GENERAL.

A few days hence the "Mr. Dooley" 2-cent postage stamp will go out of commission. The design for its successor has been approved by the Postmaster General, and the engravers at the bureau on engraving and printing are at work on it. The same portrait of Washington will be retained, but the lines will be coarser. This is made necessary by the use of red ink—the color determined upon by the Universal Postal Union for all issues of the denomination of 10 centimes or its equivalent. Any other color would be preferable for such work as is done on our 2-cent stamps, as the red blurs the fine lines in rapid printing. This, the engravers claim, is the main trouble with the "Mr. Dooley" picture.

But the chuckling expression given to the dignified lineaments of the father of his country is not the only feature of the stamp which will be changed as the result of this artistic mishap. The postal authorities have concluded that the inscriptions are too indistinct; so, while the same legends will be retained, they will be rearranged with a view to making them more easily readable. The head of Washington will no longer occupy an oval frame, but one arched above, but fairly straight underneath, after the general style of the Franklin portrait on the 1-cent stamp; and the ornamental surroundings will be altered in sundry ways.

The Postal Card Society of America.

Officers for 1902-3.

President, HORACE E. CARPENTER, JR., Care N. B. Bradley & Sons, Bay City, Mich.

Vice-President, J. T. ALBERT HOSSBACH, 1422 North 53rd St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Secretary, W. F. AGAS HOPE, Ark. Treasurer, JOHN N. MONSIE, 103 Devonshire St., Boston, Mass.

Executive Committee, GUY A. BEVANT, Princeton, Ill.; W. D. ARNOLD, The Portland, Broadway, St. Paul, Minn.; N. HASKELL WITHEE, 230 S. 9th St., La Crosse, Wis.

Exchange Superintendent, J. T. A. HOSSBACH, 1422 No. 53rd St., Phila., Pa.

Purchasing Agent, ADOLPH LOHMEYER, 922 N. Gilmer St., Baltimore, Md.

International Secretary, E. DOEBLIN, P. O. Box 736, Pittsburg, Pa.

Official Journal, THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA.

Detroit Paragraphs.

Things philatelic are quiet now, the beautiful spring weather has pushed collecting aside for the warm season.

Outdoor sports are now ago, and less will be thought of collecting until we see the beautiful fall again, and then there will be a "few" who will have to hustle up and get in a "few" of the new issues that they have missed.

Howard Beck showed me a complete set of the new U. S. envelopes. Seems to me as if the new 1c is about the best of the lot, and still the other two don't run very short.

Since I have commenced agitating an Identification Button for collectors, I have received a number of letters from collectors regarding same. Many think it is just the proper thing and ought to be adopted, but there seems to be a slowness amongst collectors, somehow, there is no push. If they would get together and boom it, it wouldn't take long before we would have one. Come on collectors, and help a good thing along. Send in your opinion.

IF YOU WISH TO

BUY, SELL OR EXCHANGE

Stamps, Desired Results can
be had through

AN AD IN THE WEEKLY ERA.

MARK
YOUR
PROXY

FOR THE

Perforator

FOR

OFFICIAL JOURNAL
OF THE

AMERICAN
PHILATELIC
ASSOCIATION.

Write for a sample copy.

THE PERFORATOR,

106 E. 111th Street. NEW YORK CITY.

The new four-cent stamp has been placed on sale here.

J. Wilbur Kay, who is abroad with his parents, writes me that he had a fine trip across the pond. One of the first things he did after arrival was to inspect the collection at the British Museum. Talk about the stamp shops, in every block you can find two or three and stamps galore, he says.

The following clipping was sent to me by J. Wilbur Kay, taken from a daily abroad:

THE OLDEST STAMP.

The oldest stamp in the world are those issued at Hong-kong, which have never been changed since they were first instituted in 1859. Every other stamp in the world has been changed in the forty-odd years, but the head of Queen Victoria on the Hong-kong stamp has never been altered. Now, however, it appears that a new set of stamps is about to be issued, with the head of King Edward, and when the change has taken place the oldest stamp will be the Russian, with the double-headed eagle and the shield of St. George, which was first issued in 1864.

HERMAN W. BOERS.

TRADE COLUMN.

Under this head we will print exchange, want and for sale notices, business announcements, 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.

One four-line notice free with each subscription, providing copy accompanies the subscription.

THREE Consecutive Insertions of SAME
ad in this Column for PRICE OF TWO.

Do you want? Read Weber's latest price list, free for the asking. WENDELIN WEBER, 869 E. Eagle St., Buffalo, N. Y.

Look! Will give 5 var. old paper money for 25c cat. U. S. stamps; 10 var., 50c cat.; 15 var., 75c cat.; 20 var., \$1.25 cat.; Ancient Rome Coins, 45c cat.; old Gun Flints, 45c cat.; Pentremites and Crinoids, 25c cat. A. McDONALD, 502 S. Mont. St., Butte, Mont.

Grenada 1883, 6p red lilac, block of 4; tete beche, "mint" \$1.50. W. WEBER, 869 E. Eagle St., Buffalo, N. Y.

A fine desirable part-perf. strip 5, 10c Power of Attr. with imprint and plate No., \$2.50; same without plate, \$1.85; strip 3 same, \$1; strip 3, 5 and 20c In. Ex., 50c each; pairs 1 & 2 Exp., 5 & 20c In. Ex., 3c Tel. at 1/2 cat. H. J. DOUGLASS, Champlain, N. Y.

Approval sheets and books on application. WENDELIN WEBER, 869 E. Eagle St., Buffalo, N. Y.

Wanted: To exchange U. S. for B. N. A. GRANT PIERCE, Brunswick, Me. [51st]

Cyprus 1882, 12 pi die B, block of 4, "mint", \$6.00; singles, \$1.50. WENDELIN WEBER, 869 E. Eagle St., Buffalo, N. Y.

Hawaii, entire, unused o. g. sheets: 1893, 1c purple, one stamp without period, 50 for \$6; 1893, 2c rose, one stamp without period, 50 for \$4; 1893, 1c green, 50 for \$1; 1893, 2c brown, 50 for \$6; 1893, 1c blue, 50 for \$4.25; 1875, 2c brown, 50 for \$4.75; 1882, 1c blue, 50 for \$4.75. C. F. RICHARDS, 326 W. 20th St., N. Y. [58]

\$1.00 Entry of Goods, imperf., cat. 75c, only 25c; post free. U. S. Revenues almost complete at 50 to 60¢ disc. WENDELIN WEBER, 869 E. Eagle St., Buffalo, N. Y.

Trinidad 1sh, used, Unpaid letter stamp, 75c; British Colonials on approval. WENDELIN WEBER, 869 E. Eagle St., Buffalo, N. Y.

Wanted for cash: Cuba, Nos. 6, 476, 477; Finland, Nos. 1, 3; Porto Rico, Nos. *62, *77, *178; Philippines, Nos. 4c corros, 125, 162, new or used; Philippines, *20, *196, *1922, *261, *263, *264, *302, 368, 369, 370, 372. E. MENDEL, 4348 Ellis Ave., Chicago, Ill. [27]

U. S. 1869, 1c, 20c; 2c, 5c, 6c, 25c; 10c, 35c; 15c, 75c. Postage 2c; "commercial" copies. WENDELIN WEBER, 869 E. Eagle St., Buffalo, N. Y.

Australasian stamps, 1851 to 1903, used and unused, first-hand; very cheap; many not cat.; good specimens; no packets; price list free. Courtenay Smith, Dir. Rest Haven Sanitarium, Middle Harbour, Sydney, N. S. W. [27]

120 odds and ends in stamp papers, 1894 to 1899 inclusive, to exchange for stamps or cash. C. F. RICHARDS, 326 West 20th St., New York. [26]

Cash in return for any U. S. stamps sent me, especially high values wanted. WENDELIN WEBER, 869 E. Eagle St., Buffalo, N. Y.

FRANKLIN STAMP CO., Box 147, St. Albans, Vt. Dealers in stamps for collections; write for our 50% discount Approval Sheets. [26]

U. S. Docs. Buy them while they are cheap. Prices are advancing rapidly. \$1 green, gray, carmine, green & black, olive, \$2 gray, green & black, olive, \$3 brown, \$5 red, 10c stamps for 20c. Give us a try. 8c new issue 2c. POSTAL STAMP CO., 15 Lake St., White Plains, N. Y. [26]

Old and scarce stamp papers for sale cheap, exchanges of "Keystone Philatelic Gazette," 1885 to '95, includes first 8 vols. "P. J. of A." etc., no list sent, too large, but all inquiries enclosing stamp promptly answered. W. C. BOULT, Box 222, Altoona, Pa. [27]

Fine U. S. and Foreign stamps to exchange for Tags, Coupons and American Cigar Co.'s bands. ED. M. VOSS, Bloomington, Indiana. [28]

The new U. S. stamps, 4, 5, 8, 10c, for the names of two collectors and a 2c stamp for return postage. U. S. STAMP CO., 201 W. Fayette St., Baltimore, Md. [28]

Fine stamps on approval 50% to 75% discount from standard catalogue. W. C. ESTES, Omaha, Neb. [28]

Scott catalogues over 2000 varieties at 2 and 3 cents each. I have several hundred varieties of these stamps on sheets and offer \$1.40 for \$1.00 in stamps cat. over 5 cents each from your sheets, my selection. No trash offered or taken. DR. W. L. BABCOCK, Soldiers Home, Bath, N. Y. A. P. A. 1736. [27]

To complete your United States: Fine perfect copies, 1877-60, 90 cents, unused, \$12.00 each; 1869, 24 cents, \$3.00 each; 90 cents, \$8.50 each; 1895, \$5 green, \$1.25 each; \$2 blue, \$1.05 each.

To complete your Hawaii: 1859-65 type-set series, Scott's Nos. 10 to 26. Nearly all varieties at 30 to 50 per cent. below Scott's quotations. All later issues at extremely low prices. Selections sent.

Thousands of bargains in old United States, British and Colonial stamps. Fine approval selections at 25 to 50% discount. No common rubbish but only fine copies of desirable stamps sent out. Write stating wants and send reference. I can save you hundreds of dollars. Established 1880. [23] FREDERICK GINN, 143 Strand, London, England.

U. S. 1898 Docs., \$1 green, \$2 brown, \$3 orange and \$10 black, fine cut copies, all for 25c, or same uncut 40c; \$1, \$2, \$3, \$5 and \$10 gray, fine cut copies, for 25c. Gilt edge approval sheets sent for reference. POSTAL STAMP CO., 15 Lake Street, White Plains, N. Y. [26]

200 die cut stamp hinges 15c, postpaid. GEORGE H. HOPE, 27 Ring St., Providence, R. I. [26]

Is your collection for sale? I will buy it or any odd lots of good stamps. No cheap stuff wanted. Send on approval with lowest cash offer. Immediate returns guaranteed. HOWARD C. BECK, City Controller's Office, Detroit, Mich. [51st]

Pre-cancels not in my collection wanted. Best cash or trade price. E. R. ALDRICH, Benson, Minn. [51st]

Try an Ad in this Column. It Pays.

American Philatelic Association.

(INCORPORATED.)

THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA—OFFICIAL JOURNAL.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

ALEXANDER HOLLAND, President,
40 Grace Court, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Board of Vice-Presidents.
FRANK H. BURT, Chairman,
Room 1046, Tremont Building, Boston, Mass.
GORDON IRELAND, Secretary,
Holyoke House st., Cambridge, Mass.
EDWIN F. SAWYER,
101 Washington St., Brighton, Mass.

H. E. DEATS, Secretary,
Flemington, N. J.

E. DOEBLIN, International Secretary,
Box 736, Pittsburg, Pa.

C. L. ANNAN, Treasurer,
Copper Range R. R., Houghton, Mich.

H. B. PHILLIPS,
1311 Grove St., Berkeley, Cal.

F. W. CONING,
350 George St., New Brunswick, N. J.

RESIDENT VICE-PRESIDENTS.

BOSTON, MASS.—M. H. LOMBARD, Winchester, Mass.
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.—W. E. LOY, 431 Ellsworth St., Berkeley, Cal.
NEW YORK CITY.—W. F. GREGORY, 71 Nassau St.
PITTSBURG, PA.—E. DOEBLIN, Box 736.
CHICAGO, ILL.—A. F. MERELL, 432 Marquette Building.
MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.—E. E. S. MARTIN, 3344 First Avenue, South.
WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS—ROBERT D. MAYNARD, 36 Oak Grove Ave., Springfield.

APPOINTEE OFFICERS.

E. H. ANDERSON, Librarian,
Carnegie Library, Pittsburg, Pa.

H. D. WATSON, Collecting Agent,
64 Cedar St., New York City.

JOHN J. OESCH, Superintendent of Sales Dept.,
34 Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill.

H. E. DEATS, Assistant Librarian,
Flemington, N. J.

W. F. GREGORY, Auction Purchasing Agent,
71 Nassau St., New York City.

P. M. WOLSIEFFER, Auction Purchasing Agent,
1009 Atwood Bldg., Chicago, Ill.

A. W. BATCHELDER, Auction Purchasing Agent,
21 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass.

CONVENTION CALL.

NEW YORK, N. Y., May 26, 1903.

To the Stockholders of the American Philatelic Association:

The eighteenth annual Convention of this Association, for the election of Directors, and the transaction of such other business as may legally be brought before it, will be convened in the town of Clayton, State of New York, upon Tuesday, the eleventh day of August, 1903, and the succeeding days, until all business shall have been disposed of.

I hereby appoint the following gentlemen to serve as Committee on Credentials:

P. M. Wolsieffer, Chicago, Ill., Chairman.
D. T. Eaton, Muscatine, Iowa.
G. W. Rode, Pittsburgh, Pa.
W. F. Gregory, New York, N. Y.
Geo. L. Toppan, Racine, Wis.

I also appoint the following members as Committee of Arrangements:

Dr. J. H. Stebbins, Jr., New York, N. Y.
John N. Luff, New York, N. Y.
P. F. Bruner, New York, N. Y.

Due notice will be given as to location of the Convention Hall and of the hour of assembling the Convention. Your President earnestly requests that all members make a special effort to attend, as matters of great importance to this Association will be discussed and acted upon. Furthermore, as Clayton is a charming summer resort, it will be to many a pleasant outing from the cares of business.

ALEX. HOLLAND, President.

Stamps One Cent Each.

A postal card with your name will bring you a copy by return mail.

COLUMBIAN STAMP CO.,
ARLINGTON, MASS.

REPORT OF SECRETARY

For the Week Ending June 13, 1903.

New Stockholder.

1815. **FRITZ, REV. WILLIAM G.**, Clifton Springs, N. Y. (Temporary address).

Re-instated.

1681. **WHITE, WILLIAM MOORE**, San Antonio, Texas.

Resignation Received.

1740. **MARX, GEO. E.**, Canaan Four Corners, N. Y.

Change of Address.

896. **WINTERHALTER, LIEUT. COMDR.**, A. G., from U. S. Helena, care Consul General Shanghai, China, to Box 1479, New York, N. Y.

Membership Summary.

Total Membership June 6th.....	552
New Stockholder.....	1
Re-instated.....	1

Total Membership June 13th.....	554
---------------------------------	-----

H. E. DEATS, Secretary.

NOMINATIONS.

For President: Alexander Holland, of New York.

For Board of Vice-Presidents: F. H. Burt, Boston, Gordon Ireland, Boston, Willard O. Wylie.

For Treasurer: C.L. Annan, Houghton, Mich.

For International Secretary: E. Doeblin.
For Secretary: E. R. Aldrich, Benson, Minn.

For Directors: F. W. Coning, New Jersey, H. B. Phillips, California.

A CARD.

CHICAGO, May 23, 1903.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION,

Gentlemen: The Chicago Branch, as usual, have placed a ticket in the field to be balloted for at the coming election. A printed ballot will be sent you later, to which we ask your careful consideration.

The undersigned have been appointed official delegates to the Convention by Branch No. 1, and if you do not expect to be present at the Convention in Clayton, we would ask you to allow one of us to represent you with your proxy. To this end we have sent you two proxy blanks and if agreeable to you, kindly fill out ONE and return to us at your convenience.

It would please us more to have you attend the Convention in person, but if it is impossible for you to be there, we would suggest that you be sure and place your proxy with some one, so that there may be a thorough representation of the members at the Convention.

Any suggestions will be carefully carried out. Trusting we may be favored with your proxy, we remain,

Yours faithfully,

P. M. WOLSIEFFER,
1149 Marquette Bldg., Chicago.
JOHN J. OESCH,
34 Wabash Avenue, Chicago.

fj]

TO ATTEND THE CONVENTION.

Below is a partial list of those that we are informed expect to be present at the Clayton Convention. If your name is not included and you intend to go, please drop a postal to that effect to the ERA office:

- Alex. Holland, New York, N. Y.
- P. M. Wolsieffer, Chicago, Ill.
- Wm. C. Stone and wife, Springfield, Mass.
- D. T. Eaton, Muscatine, Ia.
- John J. Oesch, Chicago, Ill.
- Geo. W. Rode, Pittsburgh, Pa.
- W. F. Gregory, New York, N. Y.
- Dr. James H. Stebbins, Jr., New York, N. Y.
- John N. Luff, New York, N. Y.
- P. F. Bruner, New York, N. Y.
- A. W. Batchelder and wife, Boston, Mass.
- W. O. Wylie and wife, Beverly, Mass.
- J. D. Bartlett, Springfield, Mass.
- R. D. Maynard, Springfield, Mass.
- E. M. Carpenter and wife, Boston, Mass.
- E. F. Sawyer and wife, Brighton, Mass.
- H. E. Deats, Flemington, N. J.

American Philatelic Association.

Clayton Convention.

Springfield, Mass., will be represented at the coming Convention of the Association by three of its members, who would be pleased to meet you there. Should it be impossible for you to attend in person they would be most happy to receive your proxy to act for you on that occasion. We have no axe to grind of our own and are simply interested to see that there is a full representation of our membership. A proxy blank has been sent which we should be pleased to receive signed by you. Don't put this off but attend to it at once. Any special instructions will be carefully fulfilled.

Very truly yours,

WILLIAM C. STONE,
ROBERT D. MAYNARD,
J. DELANO BARTLETT.

Detroit Paragraphs.

Things philatelic are quiet now, the beautiful spring weather has pushed collecting aside for the warm season.

Outdoor sports are now ago, and less will be thought of collecting until we see the beautiful fall again, and then there will be a "few" who will have to hustle up and get in a "few" of the new issues that they have missed.

Howard Beck showed me a complete set of the new U. S. envelopes. Seems to me as if the new 1c is about the best of the lot, and still the other two don't run very short.

Since I have commenced agitating an Identification Button for collectors, I have received a number of letters from collectors regarding same. Many think it is just the proper thing and ought to be adopted, but there seems to be a slowness amongst collectors, somehow, there is no push. If they would get together and boom it, it wouldn't take long before we would have one. Come on collectors, and help a good thing along. Send in your opinion.

IF YOU WISH TO

BUY, SELL OR EXCHANGE

Stamps, Desired Results can
be had through

AN AD IN THE WEEKLY ERA.

MARK
YOUR
PROXY

FOR THE

Perforator

FOR

OFFICIAL JOURNAL
OF THE

AMERICAN
PHILATELIC
ASSOCIATION.

Write for a sample copy.

THE PERFORATOR,

106 E. 111th Street, NEW YORK CITY.

The new four-cent stamp has been placed on sale here.

J. Wilbur Kay, who is abroad with his parents, writes me that he had a fine trip across the pond. One of the first things he did after arrival was to inspect the collection at the British Museum. Talk about the stamp shops, in every block you can find two or three and stamps galore, he says.

The following clipping was sent to me by J. Wilbur Kay, taken from a daily abroad:

THE OLDEST STAMP.

The oldest stamp in the world are those issued at Hong-kong, which have never been changed since they were first instituted in 1859. Every other stamp in the world has been changed in the forty-odd years, but the head of Queen Victoria on the Hong-kong stamp has never been altered. Now, however, it appears that a new set of stamps is about to be issued, with the head of King Edward, and when the change has taken place the oldest stamp will be the Russian, with the double-headed eagle and the shield of St. George, which was first issued in 1864.

HERMAN W. BOERS.

TRADE COLUMN.

Under this head we will print exchange, want and for sale notices, business announcements, 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.

One four-line notice free with each subscription, providing copy accompanies the subscription.

THREE Consecutive Insertions of SAME
ad in this Column for PRICE OF TWO.

Do you want? Read Weber's latest price list, free for the asking. WENDELIN WEBER, 869 E. Eagle St., Buffalo, N. Y.

Look! Will give 5 var. old paper money for 25c cat. U. S. stamps; 10 var. 20c cat.; 15 var. 75c cat.; 20 var. \$1.25 cat.; Ancient Rome Coins, 45c cat.; old Gun Flints, 45c cat.; Pentremites and Crinoids, 25c cat. A. McDONALD, 502 S. Mout. St., Butte, Mont.

Grenada 1883, 6p red lilac, block of 4; tete beche, "mint" \$1.50. W. WEBER, 869 E. Eagle St., Buffalo, N. Y.

A fine desirable part-perf. strip 5, 1cc Power of Attr. with imprint and plate No., \$2.50; same without plate, \$1.85; strip 3 same, \$1; strip 3, 5 and 20c In. Ex., 20c each; pairs 2 & 5c Exp., 5 & 20c In. Ex., 3c Tel. at 1/2 cat. H. J. DOUGLASS, Champlain, N. Y.

Approval sheets and books on application. WENDELIN WEBER, 869 E. Eagle St., Buffalo, N. Y.

Wanted: To exchange U. S. for B. N. A. GRANT PIERCE, Brunswick, Me. [2517]

Cyprus 1882, 12 pi die B, block of 4, "mint", \$6.00; singles, \$1.50. WENDELIN WEBER, 869 E. Eagle St., Buffalo, N. Y.

Hawaii, entire, unused o. g. sheets: 1893, 1c purple, one stamp without period, 50 for \$6; 1893, 2c rose, one stamp without period, 50 for \$4.50; 1893, 1c green, 50 for \$1.10; 1893, 2c brown, 50 for \$6; 1893, 1c blue, 50 for \$4.25; 1875, 2c brown, 50 for \$4.75; 1882, 1c blue, 50 for \$2.75. C. F. RICHARDS, 326 W. 20th St., N. Y. [28]

\$1.00 Entry of Goods, imperf., cat. 75c, only 22c; post free. U. S. Revenues almost complete at 50 to 60¢ disc. WENDELIN WEBER, 869 E. Eagle St., Buffalo, N. Y.

Trinidad 1sh, used, Unpaid letter stamp, 75c; British Colonials on approval. WENDELIN WEBER, 869 E. Eagle St., Buffalo, N. Y.

Wanted for cash: Cuba, Nos. 6, 476, 477; Finland, Nos. 1, 3; Porto Rico, Nos. 863a, 872, 878; Philippines, Nos. 4c corras, 155, 160, 162, new or used; Philippines, 20, 296, 299a, 261, 263, 264, 302, 368, 369, 370, 372. E. MENDEL, 4348 Ellis Ave., Chicago, Ill. [27]

U. S. 1869, 1c, 20c; 2c, 5c, 6c, 10c; 15c, 25c; 15c, 75c. Postage 2c; "commercial" copies. WENDELIN WEBER, 869 E. Eagle St., Buffalo, N. Y.

Australasian stamps, 1851 to 1903, used and unused, firsthand; very cheap; many not cat.; good specimens; no packets; price list free. Courtenay Smith, Dir. Rest Haven Sanitarium, Middle Harbour, Sydney, N. S. W. [27]

120 odds and ends in stamp papers, 1834 to 1899 inclusive, to exchange for stamps or cash. C. F. RICHARDS, 326 West 20th St., New York. [26]

Cash in return for any U. S. stamps sent me, especially high values wanted. WENDELIN WEBER, 869 E. Eagle St., Buffalo, N. Y.

FRANKLIN STAMP CO., Box 147, St. Albans, Vt. Dealers in stamps for collections; write for our 50% discount Approval Sheets. [26]

U. S. Docs. Buy them while they are cheap. Prices are advancing rapidly. \$1 green, gray, carmine, green & black, olive, \$2 gray, green & black, olive, \$3 brown, \$5 red, ten stamps for 20c. Give us a try. 8c new issue 2c. POSTAL STAMP CO., 15 Lake St., White Plains, N. Y. [26]

Old and scarce stamp papers for sale cheap, exchanges of "Keystone Philatelic Gazette," 1885 to '95, includes first 8 vols. "P. J. of A." no lists sent, too large, but all inquiries enclosing stamp promptly answered. W. C. BOULT, Box 222, Altoona, Pa. [27]

Fine U. S. and Foreign stamps to exchange for Tags, Coupons and American Cigar Co.'s bands. ED. M. VOSS, Bloomington, Indiana. [28]

The new U. S. stamps, 4, 5, 8, 10c, for the names of two collectors and a 2c stamp for return postage. U. S. STAMP CO., 101 W. Fayette St., Baltimore, Md. [28]

Fine stamps on approval 50% to 75% discount from standard catalogue. W. C. ESTES, Omaha, Neb. [28]

Scott catalogues over 2000 varieties at 2 and 3 cents each. I have several hundred varieties of these stamps on sheets and offer \$1.40 for \$1.00 in stamps cat. over 5 cents each from your sheets, my selection. No trash offered or taken. DR. W. L. BABCOCK, Soldiers Home, Bath, N. Y. A. P. A. 1736. [27]

To complete your United States: Fine perfect copies, 1875-60, 90 cents, unused, \$22.00 each; 1869, 24 cents, \$3.00 each; 90 cents, \$8.50 each; 1895, \$5 green, \$1.12 each; \$2 blue, \$1.05 each.

To complete your Hawaii: 1890-65 type-set series, Scott's Nos. 10 to 26. Nearly all varieties at 20 to 50 per cent. below Scott's quotations. All later issues at extremely low prices. Selections sent.

Thousands of bargains in old United States, British and Colonial stamps. Fine approval selections at 25 to 50% discount. No common rubbish but only fine copies of desirable stamps sent out. Write stating wants and send reference. I can save you hundreds of dollars. Established 1880. [33*] FREDERICK GINN, 143 Strand, London, England.

U. S. 1898 Docs., \$1 green, \$3 brown, \$5 orange and \$10 black, fine cut copies, all for 25c, or same uncut 40c; \$1, \$2, \$3, \$5 and \$10 gray, fine cut copies, for 25c. Gilt edge approval sheets sent for reference. POSTAL STAMP CO., 15 Lake Street, White Plains, N. Y. [26]

200 die cut stamp hinges 15c, postpaid. GEORGE H. HOPE, 87 Ring St., Providence, R. I. [26]

Is your collection for sale? I will buy it or any odd lots of good stamps. No cheap stuff wanted. Send on approval with lowest cash offer. Immediate returns guaranteed. HOWARD C. BECK, City Controller's Office, Detroit, Mich. [517]

Pre-cancels not in my collection wanted. Best cash or trade price. E. R. ALDRICH, Benson, Minn. [4]

Try an Ad in this Column. It Pays.

American Philatelic Association.

(INCORPORATED.)

THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA—OFFICIAL JOURNAL.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

ALEXANDER HOLLAND, President,
40 Grace Court, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Board of Vice-Presidents.

FRANK H. BURT, Chairman,
Room 1046, Tremont Building, Boston, Mass.

GORDON IRELAND, Secretary,
Holyoke House 21, Cambridge, Mass.

EDWIN F. SAWYER,
101 Washington St., Brighton, Mass.

H. E. DEATS, Secretary,
Flemington, N. J.

E. DOEBLIN, International Secretary,
Box 736, Pittsburg, Pa.

C. L. ANNAN, Treasurer,
Copper Range R. R., Houghton, Mich.

H. B. PHILLIPS,
1311 Grove St., Berkeley, Cal.

F. W. CONING,
350 George St., New Brunswick, N. J.

RESIDENT VICE-PRESIDENTS.

BOSTON, MASS.—M. H. LOMBARD, Winchester, Mass.
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.—W. E. LOV, 2421 Ellsworth St., Berkeley, Cal.
NEW YORK CITY.—W. F. GREGORY, 71 Nassau St.
PITTSBURG, PA.—E. DOEBLIN, Box 736.
CHICAGO, ILL.—A. F. MERRILL, 432 Marquette Building.
MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.—EERN S. MARTIN, 3244 First Avenue, South.
WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS—ROBERT D. MAYNARD, 36 Oak Grove Ave., Springfield.

APPOINTEE OFFICERS.

E. H. ANDERSON, Librarian,
Carnegie Library, Pittsburg, Pa.

H. D. WATSON, Collecting Agent,
64 Cedar St., New York City.

JOHN J. OESCH, Superintendent of Sales Dept.,
34 Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill.

H. E. DEATS, Assistant Librarian,
Flemington, N. J.

W. F. GREGORY, Auction Purchasing Agent,
71 Nassau St., New York City.

P. M. WOLSIEFFER, Auction Purchasing Agent,
1009 Atwood Bldg., Chicago, Ill.
A. W. BATCHELDER, Auction Purchasing Agent,
21 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass.

CONVENTION CALL.

New York, N. Y., May 26, 1903.

To the Stockholders of the American Philatelic Association:

The eighteenth annual Convention of this Association, for the election of Directors, and the transaction of such other business as may legally be brought before it, will be convened in the town of Clayton, State of New York, upon Tuesday, the eleventh day of August, 1903, and the succeeding days, until all business shall have been disposed of.

I hereby appoint the following gentlemen to serve as Committee on Credentials: P. M. Wolsieffer, Chicago, Ill., Chairman. D. T. Eaton, Muscatine, Iowa. G. W. Rode, Pittsburg, Pa. W. F. Gregory, New York, N. Y. Geo. L. Toppan, Racine, Wis.

I also appoint the following members as Committee of Arrangements: Dr. J. H. Stebbins, Jr., New York, N. Y. John N. Luff, New York, N. Y. P. F. Bruner, New York, N. Y.

Due notice will be given as to location of the Convention Hall and of the hour of assembling the Convention. Your President earnestly requests that all members make a special effort to attend, as matters of great importance to this Association will be discussed and acted upon. Furthermore, as Clayton is a charming summer resort, it will be to many a pleasant outing from the cares of business.

ALEX. HOLLAND, President.

REPORT OF SECRETARY

For the Week Ending June 13, 1903.

New Stockholder.

1815. FRITZ, REV. WILLIAM G., Clifton Springs, N. Y. (Temporary address).

Re-instated.

1681. WHITE, WILLIAM MOORE, San Antonio, Texas.

Resignation Received.

1740. MARX, GEO. E., Canaan Four Corners, N. Y.

Change of Address.

896. WINTERHALTER, LIEUT. COMDR., A. G., from U. S. Helena, care Consul General Shanghai, China, to Box 1479, New York, N. Y.

Membership Summary.

Total Membership June 6th.....	552
New Stockholder.....	1
Re-instated.....	1
Total Membership June 13th.....	554

H. E. DEATS, Secretary.

NOMINATIONS.

For President: Alexander Holland, of New York.

For Board of Vice-Presidents: F. H. Burt, Boston, Gordon Ireland, Boston, Willard O. Wylie.

For Treasurer: C. L. Annan, Houghton, Mich.

For International Secretary: E. Doeblin.

For Secretary: E. R. Aldrich, Benson, Minn.

For Directors: F. W. Coning, New Jersey, H. B. Phillips, California.

A CARD.

CHICAGO, May 25, 1903.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION,

Gentlemen: The Chicago Branch, as usual, have placed a ticket in the field to be balloted for at the coming election. A printed ballot will be sent you later, to which we ask your careful consideration.

The undersigned have been appointed official delegates to the Convention by Branch No. 1, and if you do not expect to be present at the Convention in Clayton, we would ask you to allow one of us to represent you with your proxy. To this end we have sent you two proxy blanks and if agreeable to you, kindly fill out ONE and return to us at your convenience.

It would please us more to have you attend the Convention in person, but if it is impossible for you to be there, we would suggest that you be sure and place your proxy with some one, so that there may be a thorough representation of the members at the Convention.

Any suggestions will be carefully carried out. Trusting we may be favored with your proxy, we remain,

Yours faithfully,

P. M. WOLSIEFFER,
1149 Marquette Bldg., Chicago.
JOHN J. OESCH,
34 Wabash Avenue, Chicago.

tf]

TO ATTEND THE CONVENTION.

Below is a partial list of those that we are informed expect to be present at the Clayton Convention. If your name is not included and you intend to go, please drop a postal to that effect to the ERA office:

- Alex. Holland, New York, N. Y.
- P. M. Wolsieffer, Chicago, Ill.
- Wm. C. Stone and wife, Springfield, Mass.
- D. T. Eaton, Muscatine, Ia.
- John J. Oesch, Chicago, Ill.
- Geo. W. Rode, Pittsburg, Pa.
- W. F. Gregory, New York, N. Y.
- Dr. James H. Stebbins, Jr., New York, N. Y.
- John N. Luff, New York, N. Y.
- P. F. Bruner, New York, N. Y.
- A. W. Batchelder and wife, Boston, Mass.
- W. O. Wylie and wife, Beverly, Mass.
- J. D. Bartlett, Springfield, Mass.
- R. D. Maynard, Springfield, Mass.
- E. M. Carpenter and wife, Boston, Mass.
- E. F. Sawyer and wife, Brighton, Mass.
- H. E. Deats, Flemington, N. J.

American Philatelic Association. Clayton Convention.

Springfield, Mass., will be represented at the coming Convention of the Association by three of its members, who would be pleased to meet you there. Should it be impossible for you to attend in person they would be most happy to receive your proxy to act for you on that occasion. We have no axe to grind of our own and are simply interested to see that there is a full representation of our membership. A proxy blank has been sent which we should be pleased to receive signed by you. Don't put this off but attend to it at once. Any special instructions will be carefully fulfilled.

Very truly yours,

WILLIAM C. STONE,
ROBERT D. MAYNARD,
J. DELANO BARTLETT.

Stamps One Cent Each.

A postal card with your name will bring you a copy by return mail.

COLUMBIAN STAMP CO.,
ARLINGTON, MASS.

A Newspaper Clipping.

Louisiana Purchase Stamps.

NAPOLEON'S HEAD MAY APPEAR ON ONE OF THEM.

IT IS ABOUT CERTAIN THAT THE ISSUE WILL BE MADE—FOUR STAMPS PROPOSED—PORTRAITS OF JEFFERSON AND MCKINLEY FOR TWO OF THEM—THE FOURTH PLACE.

WASHINGTON.—Shall Napoleon Bonaparte have the distinction of having his portrait used upon one of the postage stamps of the United States? The question is under consideration now. There is more than a possibility of its being answered in the affirmative—it is in fact quite probable.

The occasion for this possible departure from custom lies in the prospective issue of stamps by the Post Office Department to commemorate the purchase of the Louisiana territory from France in 1803. The decision to issue a special series of stamps has not been finally reached, but there is every probability that the issue will be made.

It is proposed that the commemorative series of stamps shall comprise only four denominations, one, two, five and ten cents. The details of size, shape and design have not been considered officially, but suggestions as to designs have been made and filed for future use. Among the ideas advanced is that of placing upon the four stamps portraits of the leading factors in the negotiation in 1803 and in the events of a century later.

In the first class Jefferson and Napoleon, of course, stand alone. It is suggested, and the Department officials consider the idea a valuable one, that Thomas Jefferson's bust appear upon the two-cent value, which is distinctively a domestic stamp, and that Napoleon's portrait adorn the five-cent stamp which carries letters to all countries within the Postal Union.

In view of the fact that it is contrary to the regulations of the Post Office Department to put the portrait of any living American upon a postage stamp, President Roosevelt is barred. President McKinley was the Chief Executive at the time Congress authorized the Louisiana Purchase Exposition and made liberal appropriation therefor, and it is held that his official act in signing the act is ample warrant for placing his portrait upon one of the proposed stamps.

This view of the matter is further borne out by the action of the Congress in authorizing the minting of 250,000 gold dollars, to be sold as souvenirs in connection with the exposition, each bearing the bust of either McKinley or Jefferson—125,000 of each having been coined. Carrying the scheme to its logical conclusion, President

Loubet of France would be entitled to the fourth place.

At this point, however, the regulations of the Post Office Department loom up again. The rule, as stated, is to the effect that no living American shall be represented upon United States postage stamps. President Loubet is, of course, not an American, but he is alive, and the question is, would the Post Office Department consider the French President eligible?

In case President Loubet should be ruled out, the fourth portrait must be sought in some other direction. It has been suggested, that, in this event, the portrait of Louis XIV. of France, in honor of whom Louisiana was named, might be considered as next in line. Then Columbus as the discoverer of America, is brought forward as a proper figure to be thus honored.

It may be remarked that up to this date there is no record that any nation save the United States has ever issued a postage stamp bearing the effigy of a sovereign or ruler of another nation. At the time the Department determined to place the portrait of Martha Washington upon the eight-cent stamp of the series recently issued, the statement was made that Martha Washington was the first woman to be thus honored by this Government, and it was accepted as true until a stamp collector directed attention to the fact that the four-dollar stamp of the Columbian series, issued in 1893 to commemorate the World's Fair at Chicago, bore the portrait of Queen Isabella of Spain. This was the first, and in fact only, time the honor has been bestowed by any nation upon the earth.

The Columbian series was the first of the commemorative sets of stamps, although two specially designed envelopes were issued at the time of the Centennial Exposition in 1876. The Columbian series was a record breaker in more ways than one.

Up to that time the highest valued postage stamp was 90 cents. The Columbian set included the five-dollar value and everything intermediate. At that time the series was pronounced the most beautiful ever issued by any country, the stamps being nearly twice the size of the ordinary issue and really works of art.

The Trans-Mississippi, or Omaha series was like the Columbian series, of historical nature, but comprised only half as many denominations. The recent Pan-American, or Buffalo, series was restricted to six denominations, but printed in two colors and pronounced by critics the handsomest stamps ever produced. The scheme of this series was transportation. The pictures were all in black, the borders being in the standard colors for stamps of their respective denominations. By mistake a sheet of the two-cent and the four-cent and two sheets of the one-cent stamps were printed with the picture upside down and sent to postmasters. Copies of the two and four cent sell to stamp collectors for from \$200 to \$300 each, while the one cent inverted sells for \$25.

2 Guatemala Jubilee Newspaper Wrapper Stamps, (cat. value 30c) sent for only 2 cents to any collector who has never written to us before, no others. Only one lot to each. NEW ENGLAND STAMP CO., 21-27 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass. (1f)

The FORTNIGHTLY COLLECTOR

contains something of interest to every Philatelist. Splendid articles and entertaining stamp gossip. At the low price it is offered no collector can afford to be without it.

ONLY 10c A YEAR.

Send ten cents today for a whole year's subscription. If not perfectly satisfied your money refunded without question. Address

THE FORTNIGHTLY COLLECTOR,

The J. L. Morrison Co., Publishers,

(2f)

Smethport, Pa.

Please mention ERA when answering ads.

When the new regular series of stamps just issued was projected a little over a year ago, there was a general demand that the portrait of President McKinley should appear upon one of the denominations most in use. The Department gave a good deal of thought to the matter, and the officials in charge were very anxious to comply with the requests, but in view of the fact that Franklin and Washington had always adorned the one and two-cent stamps it was not deemed exactly proper to shift them and for this reason McKinley's bust was designed upon the postal card.

The impression prevails that the commemorative series for the St. Louis Exposition will portray McKinley upon the one cent; Jefferson upon the two cent; Napoleon upon the five cent, and President Loubet, Louis XVI. of France, for whom Louisiana was named, Columbus or some other celebrity for the ten-cent value.

The question of color scheme has not been considered. It is possible the stamps may be printed in two colors, the portraits in black and the frame or border in the established colors, but it is more likely only one color for each stamp will be used. The two-color stamps cost the Department four times as much as the single color and involved a vast amount of work for the Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

While upon the subject of postage stamps it will be of interest to note that the Department is constantly in receipt of requests for the issue of a mourning stamp for use upon black-edged stationery. People in all stations of life assert that there is no harmony or appropriateness in an envelope with black edge and red stamp in the corner, and they beg the Department to issue a black stamp.

The Department has given much consideration to the subject but has been unable to comply with the requests on account of the rules of the Universal Postal Union which prescribe that the lowest value stamp shall be green; that the stamp for domestic use shall be red and the stamp carrying foreign mail—5 cent—shall be blue. In view of these restrictions it has not appeared possible to issue a mourning stamp, as the Department does not deem it advisable to print a stamp in red and also in black.

The Weekly Philatelic Era

A PAPER DEVOTED TO STAMP NEWS.

50c PER YEAR.

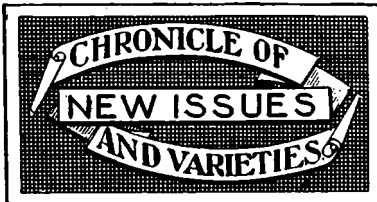
ENTERED AT PORTLAND POST OFFICE AS SECOND CLASS MATTER JAN. 10, 1890.

2c PER COPY.

VOL. XVII. No. 39.

PORTLAND, ME., SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 1903.

WHOLE No. 527.



BY HENRY A. KIDDER.

Friends of the ERA are invited to send to the editor of this department any information regarding new issues or varieties that may prove of interest. Such information will be suitably acknowledged. Address, HENRY A. KIDDER, 17 Addison Street, Arlington, Mass.

Exchanges will please send Mr Kidder a copy of each issue to the foregoing address, and an extra copy of the ERA will be gladly sent whenever desired.

UNITED STATES.—Nothing definite has yet come to hand regarding the new 2c stamp, though it was reported some weeks since that the design had been approved. The secret seems to have been well kept. The 2c has been printed on manilla wrappers, and is on sale at various offices.

ARGENTINE.—Mr. Lohmeyer reports that this Republic has issued another jubilee card of the value of five centavos, valid for inland use only. The occasion which gave rise to this special issue was the fiftieth anniversary of the convening of the first Congress of the Republic, May 1, 1853. It is printed in red-brown on a fine cream colored card, the stamp, measuring 38x75 mm., occupying, on the left side, nearly one-fourth of the card. The central design represents a female figure (Liberty), placing, with her right hand, a laurel wreath on a large book (probably the Constitution) lying open on an altar, while her left hand is resting on the shield of the Republic. Behind the altar, forming a background, is a large rock, on side of which appears this inscription: "CONGRESO—CONSTITUYENTE—SANTA FE—1853-1903" in four lines. The inscriptions are "REPUBLICA ARGENTINA" above, and "CENTAVOS—5" below the central design. The card is inscribed in the upper center, in two lines, "TARJETA POSTAL—1. DE MAYO DE 1903", and in the lower left corner with the customary instructions to write the address only on this side. It has four dotted address lines, two long and

two shorter. The reverse sides are adorned with portraits of Congressional Delegates, 26 in all, giving their names and the states which they each represented. These portraits are printed in black and occupy the upper left corner.

Post Card (Commemorative):
5c red-brown on cream, 100x150mm.

BAVARIA.—Mr. Lohmeyer has received the following 1903 cards of the new design, without arms, corresponding to the new German cards with shortened address lines and with the inscriptions occupying the upper left corner, leaving a blank space between this and the stamp for the postmark. This completes the '03' series except the double Postal Union card. The unstamped card, as usual, is on plain card board, while all others are watermarked with vertical undulating lines.

Post Cards (Regular):
No value, black on buff, 90x140mm.
222 pf gray on cream, T. 3, 90x140mm.
525 pf green on cream, T. 3, 90x140mm.
10 pf carmine on cream, 90x140mm.

BOGOTA.—Mr. Gregory has shown us a new 10c stamp of the same type as the medio centavo of 1896. There is, however, a dash under the value similar to the issue of 1889. The border lines of the latter however are missing, being only indicated at the corners.

Adhesive (Regular):
10c black on pink.

BERMUDA.—Mr. W. F. Gregory of New York reports having received a new wrapper of the dock type, printed on manilla paper.

Wrapper (Regular):
¼d gray black.

Mr. Gregory also reports having seen the 6d printed in violet instead of lilac, and perforated 14x12½. These ought to be rare, as they will no doubt be shortly superseded. It is reported that the 3d gray of 1884-93 stamps have been all bought up.

BRAZIL.—An official set is about to appear according to the *American Journal of Philately*. The same reports having seen counterfeits of the 200r 1894-97 issue.

CHAMBA.—The 3 pies India stamp King's head series has been surcharged for use in this state.

Adhesive (Official):
3 pies, gray.

COLOMBIA.—The one peso recently issued has appeared in a new color, being

printed in brown violet on buff instead of purple.

FRANCE.—The 15c re-engraved stamp of the Monchon type has been seen with the overprint "F. M." for military.

GUATEMALA.—The three higher values of the new surcharges chronicled last week are reported to have been bought up by speculators. The query naturally arises whether they were not manufactured especially for speculators as well.

GWALIOR.—The *Timbrophile Belge* reports that the 3 pies King's head stamp of India has been surcharged with the name of the state and the word "Service."

Adhesive (Official):
3 pies, gray.

ICELAND.—The *American Journal of Philately* reports the 3a yellow, type II, and the 100a violet and brown, surcharged "I Gildi—'02-'03", in black.

INDIA.—It is rumored that 10a and 1½ and 2½ rupees stamps will be added to the King's head series.

JHIND.—The *Monthly Journal* reports having received the ½a light green, Queen's head stamp of India, surcharged for official use in this state.

Adhesive (Official):
½a light green.

MACAO.—*Ewen's Weekly* reports two new values in the current set.

Adhesives (Regular):
16a blue on blue.
78a black on blue.

MADAGASCAR.—Mr. John A. Klemann of the Nassau Stamp Co. has shown us complete sets of the British Inland Mail stamps, about which the discussion is raging so fiercely in the English stamp papers. The 1895 set is engraved and includes the 2d, 4d, 6d, 1sh, 2sh and 4sh values. All are unused. The 1896 set includes the 1d, 4d, 6d, 8d, 1sh, 2sh and 4sh, and all are cancelled, but with original gum. It is said that all the remainders of this issue were cancelled to prevent confusion. Mr. Klemann also reports having the values of this set tete-beche.

RUSSIA.—The 3k stamp has appeared on vertically laid paper.

SAMOA.—The *Monthly Journal* reports the 1sh rose, Scott's No. 24, with double surcharge.

U. S. Stamps, Damaged.

The following advertised stamps are more or less damaged, unless otherwise stated. Many collectors and dealers prefer to buy scarce stamps damaged, at low prices to fine copies at high prices. I always supply the best copies I can afford to for the very low prices asked.

Cat. No.	All used unless stated as unused.	Cat. Price.	My Price for 1, for 10
28	1847, 5c brown.....	\$0.70	\$0.25 \$2.00
31	1851, 1c blue.....	.25	.07 .05
33	" 3c unused.....	1.50	.15 1.25
35	" 10c green.....	.65	.15 1.00
41	1857, 1c, type II.....	1.00	.15 1.00
42	" 1c blue, III.....	.12	.03 .20
43	" 3c, type I.....	.10	.03 .25
50	" 10c green.....	.30	.10 .75
51	" 10c black.....	1.00	.30 2.50
68	1861, 10c green.....	.12	.03 .25
69	" 12c black.....	.40	.10 .75
71	" 30c orange.....	.50	.15 1.25
76	1869, 5c brown.....	.40	.15 1.00
78	" 24c lilac.....	.30	.12 1.00
96	1867, 1c green.....	.60	.15 1.25
97	" 12c black.....	.50	.15 1.25
98	" 15c black.....	1.00	.25 2.00
100	" 30c orange.....	3.50	.75 6.00
112	1866, 1c buff.....	.60	.15 1.00
113	" 2c brown.....	.12	.03 .25
119	" 15c brown and blue.....	1.50	.40 3.50
133	1880, 1c re-issue of 1869.....	1.50	.35 3.00
133	" 1c unused.....	1.50	.50 5.00
145	1871, 1c unused.....	3.00	.30 2.50
146	" 2c unused.....	1.50	.10 1.75
151	" 12c dull violet.....	.40	.15 1.00
152	" 15c bright orange.....	.75	.10 .75
153	" 24c purple.....	1.50	.40 3.75
154	" 30c black.....	.40	.10 .75
155	" 90c carmine.....	1.25	.30 2.50

100 Mixed U. S. Stamps, Damaged, 15 Cents, Catalogue Price Over \$2.00.

Nos. 133, 145, 146 unused. Some are in good condition without gum, others have the original gum on back, but are cracked where they were folded.

Please remit by Bills or Money Order.

G. F. ROTHFUCHS 38 Munroe St., ROXBURY, MASS.

Wm. v. d. Wettern, Jr.,
WHOLESALE DEALER IN
* **POSTAGE + STAMPS,** *
411 W. Saratoga St., Baltimore, Md.

New special list just issued, sent free on application to dealers only.

Chicago Notes.

Chas. W. Arndt, of Arndt & Co., is spending a few days at his summer home at St. Charles.

While repairing one of our tunnels, a short while ago, a workman found a tin box embedded in the masonry. Memoranda in the box showed it had lain there since 1867. There were a few papers, some old paper money, and a number of letters in the original envelopes. It could not be ascertained if they were of any value, as they were destroyed soon after discovery.

A stranger, evidently a travelling man, made the rounds of the several dealers last week trying to dispose of a quantity of high value 1898 revenues. He probably got rid of a good portion of his stamps as his prices were reasonable.

In all probability Messrs. Severn, Wolstoffer and Oesch will be the only members of the Chicago Branch of the A. P. A. present at the convention, as no other members have signified their intention of going.

CLIFFORD.

Detroit Paragraphs.

C. Wesley Price, a former resident here, but now of Truro, Nova Scotia, was a visitor here this week. As a philatelist he is well known throughout Canada as well as the States. While his traveling prevents him from being an active collector yet he never misses an opportunity in buying. During his travels he has purchased no less than thirty collections, ranging from 1000 to 8000 varieties, many containing the rarest of stamps. His business carried him to every hamlet throughout Canada and he always made it his business to see the postmaster and he would buy up all the old issues he could get. He finally succeeded in cornering the 8c Register; of these he has hundreds of copies. At present he has his stamps stored in a safety vault here, but some day he says he is going to make up a collection that will stand next to the best as he wants to see the results of his years of saving.

It may be an old one to some collectors, who study cancellation but it's new to me. I came across several Due stamps here that were cancelled with rubber stamp, "Detroit, Mich." across the face. I have always seen them heavily stamped but this looked similar to a surcharge.

Gen. Arthur Bressler, after a trip through South and Central America, has returned home. During his trip he picked up many nice specimens that he didn't have in his collection. While down there he met several prominent collectors who showed him many novelties.

Got a letter from a collector (in fact rather very much advanced collector), the other day in the state, inviting me to come out and spend the day with him, and incidentally look over his collection, compare albums and have a little talk on stampology and perhaps a little smokeology; but judging from his letter, guess I am a shadow only with a collection of 5500. He writes, I want to show you such "trifles" as a sheet of \$20 State, original gum; a \$5 Proprietary, the rarest of stamps issued by the U. S. government, cataloging \$350 each; a \$1000 Document stamp, full sheet of 200 C. S. A., also blocks, pairs, strips and sheets. He makes U. S. postage, proprietary, essays and proofs a specialty, and this he says is all he collects. Say, some of you readers, how would you like to see this lot of stuff?

A postal card has been received from "dear old Parree" announcing the doings of the stamp market, from J. Wilbur Kay of this city.

HERMAN W. BORRS.

SEYCHELLES PROVISIONALS.

1902 1x3 cents black on 4x4c carmine,
SIX CENTS black on 8c brown,
SIX x SIX CENTS black on 8x8c brown.
These cards will be quite rare in the near future, the 3c single having been exhausted for some months.
I offer the above set for 30 cents postpaid.
ADOLPH LOHMEYER,
922 N. Gilmore Street, Baltimore, Md.

PHILATELIC MSS. WANTED.
We pay highest cash prices for good Philatelic MSS. Correspondents wanted in Chicago, Boston, New York, San Francisco and Philadelphia to furnish local fortnightly notes. Address **The Fortnightly Collector**, The J. L. Morrison Co., Publishers, Smethport, Pa. [11*]

Are you thinking of Selling your stamps at Auctions? If so write us.

Now is the time to make dates for next season.

CHAS. H. STONE & CO.,
19 Washington St., BOSTON, MASS.

Please mention the ERA when writing advertisers.

Topics About Town.

FROM NEW YORK CITY.

The Committee on Arrangements appointed for the Empire State Philatelic Society convention is composed of Messrs. Geo. W. Ring, John D. Carberry, I. S. Minaldi.

Mr. Wm. Hale was a recent visitor.

The following New York members have signified their intention of attending the A. P. A. meet at Clayton, N. Y.: Alexander Holland, Jno. N. Luff, W. F. Gregory, P. F. Bruner, Wm. A. McDonnell, Dr. James H. Stebbins, Jr., A. Herbst.

I recently saw a strip of four one thousand dollar Spanish War Revenues (United States) in fine uncut condition.
VOLUNTEER.

Philatelic Sons of America Convention.

Pursuant to the constitution of the P. S. of A., I announce that the tenth annual convention will be held in Chicago on August 19th to 21st, 1903. This notice will be considered official.

While no great progress has been made during the past year, we believe we can consistently assert that the crucial point has been passed, and the organization will soon resume its former prosperity.

E. H. WILKINSON, President.

BARGAINS.

U. S. 1800, 0cc orange.....	\$0.25
" 1895, \$1.00 black.....	.25
" " Dues, 30 and 50", the two.....	.40
Dutch Indies 1870, 2 1/2 gl, fine.....	.18
" 1897, 2 1/2 gl, ".....	.40
" 1899, 10-10c, fine set, only.....	.20
Philippines 1898, 1 peso, green, o. g.....	.70
Spain 1900, 4 pesetas, fine.....	.20
L. N. HERBERT	
1520 Washington Ave., NEW YORK.	

GOING! GOING! GOING!

There's not a day but what I receive some orders for my packet No. 25—The Flood City Special. And there's a reason for it. "Better value for the money than anywhere else obtainable." This packet contains 50 choice stamps, mostly obsolete, and positively catalogues from \$4.00 to \$5.00.

The Price **ONE DOLLAR.**

Theo. Mainhart, Johnstown, Pa.

\$20.00 PROBATE OF WILL

Price \$7.00 to \$9.50.

Catalogues \$35.00.

I have a few copies of this rare stamp showing "sewing machine stitches." They have been skillfully repaired and look very fine.

Splendid value!

FRANK P. BROWN,

339 Washington St., BOSTON, MASS.

(Send for B. E. No. 12—it prices other scarce Revenues.)

PERSIA.

Cat. Price. Our Price

*1894	10sh.....	\$0.15	\$0.06
"	1kr.....	.30	.10
"	2kr.....	.40	.12
"	5kr.....	.62	.25
"	10kr.....	1.25	.50
"	50kr.....	3.15	.90
1897	1kr on 5kr.....	.40	.15
*1898	10ch.....	.10	.04
"	50kr.....	7.50	1.85
*1899	1ch to 16ch, 9 var..	..	.30
"	1kr.....	.20	.10
"	2kr.....	.35	.18
"	3kr.....	.50	.25
"	4kr.....	.65	.28
1902	5ch (No. 189) very rare,	2.25	

* signifies unused. All are very fine copies

If you already have the above list let us send you a practically complete selection on approval.

J. M. BARTELS CO., BOSTON, MASS.

PEELABLE HINGES

NOT ENGLISH
1000
12c.



NOT GERMAN
5000
50c.

POST FREE

POST FREE

STRONG PAPER—TASTELESS GUM

W. F. GREGORY, 65 NASSAU ST., NEW YORK.

From Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal.

Stamp Collecting as an Investment.

By CHARLES J. PHILLIPS.

A good deal has appeared lately in the philatelic Press about various kinds of collecting, but nothing, so far as I can recollect, on collecting as an investment of money; and as I think that nowadays this point is one that is of considerable interest to many people, I propose to devote a little attention to it.

What are the safest stamps to buy? What stamps are likely to give the best return for one's money? These or other similar questions are continually put to our publishers, and are not easily answered within the scope of an ordinary business letter.

Before giving my opinion on investments in stamps, I will mention shortly a few classes of stamps that the collector will do well to avoid, and afterwards consider how he can take up a pleasant and interesting hobby, combined with a reasonably good investment for his money at the same time.

WHAT TO AVOID.

I should strongly advise the investor to avoid the pitfalls noted below.

1st. *Stamps quoted in advertisements at one-third to one-tenth part of catalogue price.*

Remember that if such stamps are on sale to collectors at such discounts under catalogue, they are also on sale to dealers at still greater discounts, and we dealers who publish catalogues avail ourselves of such opportunities, and in the following edition of our catalogues materially reduce prices; so that often a collector who has, say, in 1903 bought a set of stamps for 6s, then catalogued at 30s, finds in his 1904 catalogue that the price has come down to 8s. Not only has he made no bargain, but all the people who want these particular stamps have been filled up, and when he wants to sell he finds that there is no market.

2nd. *Avoid all stamps cancelled or postmarked to order, such as the rubbish*

Did You Send Bids

for our "Wolsieffer Sale No. 37" to be held Saturday evening, June 27th?

If not, you still have one week to send them in by letter, special delivery, or wire. You will miss some very fine and attractive lots of stamps if you neglect sending in your bids promptly. All known auction buyers receive our most explicit and comprehensive auction sale catalogues.

Why not be up to date and use Wolsieffer's Approval Cards, per doz..... \$0.20
Wolsieffer's Pocket Stock Book, cloth..... .25
Special for a weeks: A Transparent Perforation Gauge free with every order of above.

UNITED STAMP CO., 1149 Marquette, Chicago.

N. B. Did you know that our "Summer Season Bargain Sale No. 5" list is ready for mailing?

1903 PRICE-LIST.

Our 1903 Red Cover Catalogue is out—free. The price-list gives our net prices on U. S. Postage, Department, Dues, Telegraphs, Cut Square Envelopes, Confederate, Revenues, packets, sets, supplies, albums, wholesale lots, etc., etc. You can save money by buying from it. The prices are 40 to 60 per cent. discount from Scott's.

J. T. STARR STAMP CO., Coldwater, Mich.

of Labuan and North Borneo. The supply is unlimited, like picture post cards, and when you want to realise you find that you cannot effect a sale.

3rd. Exercise great care in purchasing used stamps that have a much greater value than similar stamps unused, such as Heligoland, Virgin Isles, Bahamas id, imperf., etc. The fakers take the genuine stamps, and apply such good imitations of the postmarks that often only first-rate experts can tell the good from the bad. Such stamps should only be purchased from dealers who are really experts, and who have a reputation to maintain.

Avoid stamps made primarily for stamp collectors and only secondarily for postal use.

The most flagrant examples in this respect are the almost endless series of what are termed "Seebeck" stamps, that is, sets of stamps ranging from 1 cent to 10 dollars, and issued from Honduras, Nicaragua and Salvador.

For one stamp of the higher values that is used postally, hundreds are sold at a nominal price to dealers, and when the young investor wants to part with such things he will find no market.

A recent example of rubbish every bit as bad as the Seebecks will be found in the numerous stamps emanating from Colombia. These goods (although good for postage, for our publishers have had many on letters in their mails) were at first offered at about 1s to the peso, but now, owing to the great depreciation caused by the war in Colombia, the stamps can be had at 1/2d or less to the peso, and apparently before long will be of next to no value at all.

Above all, avoid poor condition.

This is the chief point of all in collecting stamps as an investment.

If you collect used stamps, see that they are lightly cancelled, not daubed all over with a mass of ink, so that the design of

Mekeel's Stamp Collector

PUBLISHED WEEKLY.

FULL of information and news valuable to stamp collectors. Once a month large magazine editions are issued. Over one thousand pages guaranteed during the year.

Subscription \$1.00 per year. (On trial for three months, 25 cents.) No stamp man can afford to be without it. Volume sixteen commenced January 1, 1903.

C. H. Mekeel Stamp and Publishing Co.
St. Louis, Mo.

Cuba, 1 on 3; 15c each, postage extra.
Cuba, 1877, 10c green, well centered; \$1.85 each, postage free.
Cuba, 1881, 2c lake; 40c each postage extra.
Fine copies of all three for \$2.25, postage free.

Bogert & Durbin Co.,

722 Chestnut St., PHILADELPHIA, PA.

A new price list is in preparation and will be sent post free as soon as issued to anyone applying for it.

IF YOU WISH TO

BUY, SELL OR EXCHANGE

Stamps, Desired Results can be had through

AN AD IN THE WEEKLY ERA.

the stamp can hardly be seen. In many stamps it is of use to obtain early-dated copies to show when particular colours, perforations, watermarks, etc., came into use, and as an investment a specialised collection is much improved by a judicious selection of such stamps.

In unused stamps I consider that well-centred copies are of more importance than original gum, upon which I consider far too much stress is laid at the present time. I would certainly sooner have a well-centred-stamp, say, of Messrs. Perkins Bacon and Co.'s printing, without gum, than a similar stamp with the perforations cutting into the margins of the stamp but having full gum.

The greatest and most experienced collector of all, M. P. la Renotiere, told me some time ago that he frequently washed the gum from old stamps, such as Austria, etc., as he found that the strong, thick old gums in time cracked the paper of the stamps, and sometimes quite destroyed valuable specimens.

Of course, you must not think for a moment that I am advocating that gum should be generally removed. I only want to make the point that in my opinion well-centred stamps of good colour are preferable to poor copies with gum.

Another point about gum is, be sure you get the Government gum, and not what is getting so common nowadays, the "new gum." Very many rare stamps are being regummed abroad and offered by unscrupulous persons as the proper article. Luckily there are two important points by which regummed stamps can generally be recognised by an expert; but such information is best not published.

(Continued next week.)

The New England Philatelic Association.

Organized February, 1895.

Board of Officers:

President, CHARLES H. SMITH, Dedham, Mass.
Vice President, J. FAVILL CAPRON, 22 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass.
Secretary and Treasurer, H. W. LEGG, 26 Hancock St., Boston, Mass.
Sales Department, CHARLES H. STONE, 91 Antrim St., Cambridgeport, Mass.
Information Bureau, MRS. WALLACE DANA SMITH, 20 Wibold St., Portsmouth, N. H.
Counterfeit Detector, WILLIS D. KING, Nashua, N. H.
Attorney, HORACE S. BACON, 107 Stevens St., Lowell, Mass.
Governing Board, CHARLES H. STONE, Chairman, 91 Antrim St., Cambridgeport, Mass., JOHN J. CONE, New Dorchester, Mass., FRANK A. WILSON, 185 Highland Ave., Somerville, Mass.
Official Organ, THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA.

SPECIAL NOTICE!

BOSTON, June 11, 1903.

The next meeting of the Association will be the annual meeting and, as voted at the last annual meeting, will be held in Boston or vicinity. The committee of arrangements appointed have selected Saturday, August 1st, as the date and will report further details later. Members are reminded that officers for the ensuing year will be elected at this meeting and are requested to send in nominations for all offices on or before July 1st, to Frank A. Wilson, 185 Highland Ave., Somerville, Mass.

The regular monthly meeting of the N. E. P. A. was held at 22 Bromfield St., on Tuesday evening, June 2nd, Vice-President Capron presiding.

The records of the previous meeting were read and approved, also the report of the Treasurer showing a balance on hand of \$23.00.

A communication was read to the members which provoked considerable discussion and it was finally voted to refer the same to the Information Bureau.

A list of officers was then nominated to be voted upon at the annual meeting.

The entertainment for the evening was provided by Mr. J. J. Cone, Jr., who exhibited his fine collection of pre-cancelled stamps. The varieties of this interesting specialty of philately were a revelation to those who had given this class of stamps only a passing interest.

The meeting adjourned at 9.30.

FRANK A. WILSON, Sec. pro tem.

TRADE COLUMN.

Under this head we will print exchange, want and for sale notices, business announcements, 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.

One four-line notice free with each subscription, providing copy accompanies the subscription.

THREE Consecutive Insertions of SAME ad in this Column for PRICE OF TWO.

U. S. \$200.00 Rev. 1899, uncut and fine, \$8.00; \$3.00 lake cut, 40c. WENDELIN WEBER, 869 E. Eagle St., Buffalo, N. Y.

A snap. \$1 Passage Ticket, \$1 Mortgage, unused beauties, the two for \$1.25 cash. Satisfaction guaranteed. KING & CO., 141 East 19th St., N. Y. City. [29]

U. S., British Colonials and Foreigns on approval against references. WENDELIN WEBER, 869 E. Eagle St., Buffalo, N. Y.

Fine used copies 1890 U. S. 30c, 40 cts.; 90c, 24 cts.; 1895 \$1.00, 10 cts.; 1903 8c, 24 cts.; 13c, 4 cts.; 50c, 15 cts.; or above 3 for 19 cts. U. S. Revs. on app. at 60% disc. F. B. Kirby, 227 Arnold St., New Bedford, Mass. [29]

Stamp Album space for 4700 stamps and 1000 hinges, 35c; First Issue Spec. Delivery, o. g., 15c; spf Dutch error, 20c. Agents wanted 50% per cent. on approval sheets. FRANK MCCHESENEY, Ellston, Md.

Webber's Price List may interest you. Free. WENDELIN WEBER, 869 E. Eagle St., Buffalo, N. Y.

To exchange: Hawaii stamps for United States, Scott's Nos. 129, 133, 2830, 2898. JNO. J. STEELE, Mexico, Mo. [31]

Executive 6c, splendid used copy, \$7.00; 10c, fine used copy, imp. on right, \$2.50. WENDELIN WEBER, 869 E. Eagle St., Buffalo, N. Y.

Foreign Postage Stamps, 150 var., postage free, 10c. HENRY P. DAY, Box 762, Peoria, Ill. [29]

Wanted: To exchange U. S. for B. N. A. GRANT PIERCE, Brunswick, Me. [29]†

Hong Kong 1865, 4c slate, rare, \$9.50; Hawaii 1882, 15c, splendid used copy, \$1.35. Large stock of Hawaiians from 1874 to select from. WENDELIN WEBER, 869 E. Eagle St., Buffalo, N. Y.

Hawaii, entire, unused o. g. sheets: 1893, 3c purple, one stamp without period, 50 for \$6; 1893, 3c rose, one stamp without period, 50 for \$4.00; 1893, 1c green, 50 for \$1.10; 1893, 3c brown, 50 for \$6; 1893, 1c blue, 50 for \$4.25; 1895, 3c brown, 50 for \$4.75; 1882, 2c blue, 50 for \$2.75. C. F. RICHARDS, 326 W. 20th St., N. Y. [28]

Australasian stamps, 185x to 1903, used and unused, firsthand; very cheap; many not cat.; good specimens; no packets; price list free. Courtesy Smith, Dir. Rest Haven Sanitarium, Middle Harbour, Sydney, N. S. W. [27]

Always ready with the cash when sending me U. S. at right prices. I can only exchange stamps with you at a profit to myself. WENDELIN WEBER, 869 E. Eagle St., Buffalo, N. Y.

Wanted for cash: Cuba, Nos 6, 476, 477; Finland, Nos. 1, 3; Porto Rico, Nos. *632, *172, *178; Philippines, Nos. 4c corros, 155, 160, 162, new or used; Philippines, *20, *106, *109, *261, *263, *264, *302, 368, 369, 370, 372. E. MENDEL, 4318 Ellis Ave., Chicago, Ill. [27]

Old and scarce stamp papers for sale cheap, exchanges of "Keystone Philatelic Gazette," 1885 to '95, includes first 8 vols. "P. J. of A." etc., no lists sent, too large, but all inquiries enclosing stamp promptly answered. W. C. BOULT, Box 222, Altoona, Pa. [27]

Fine U. S. and Foreign stamps to exchange for Tags, Coupons and American Cigar Co.'s bands. ED. M. VOSS, Bloomington, Indiana. [28]

The new U. S. stamps, 4, 5, 8, 10c, for the names of two collectors and a 2c stamp for return postage. U. S. STAMP CO., 201 W. Fayette St., Baltimore, Md. [28]

Fine stamps on approval 50% to 75% discount from standard catalogue. W. C. ESTES, Omaha, Neb. [28]

Scott catalogues over 2000 varieties at 2 and 3 cents each. I have several hundred varieties of these stamps on sheets and offer \$1.40 for \$1.00 in stamps cat. over 5 cents each from your sheets, my selection. No trash offered or taken. DR. W. L. BABCOCK, Soldiers Home, Bath, N. Y. A. P. A. 1736. [27]

To complete your United States: Fine perfect copies, 1857-60, 90 cents, unused, \$12.00 each; 1869, 24 cents, \$3.00 each; 90 cents, \$8.50 each; 1895, \$5 green, \$1.15 each; \$2 blue, \$1.05 each.

To complete your Hawaii: 1859-65 type-set series, Scott's Nos. 20 to 26. Nearly all varieties at 30 to 50 per cent. below Scott's quotations. All later issues at extremely low prices. Selections sent.

Thousands of bargains in old United States, British and Colonial stamps. Fine approval selections at 25 to 50% discount. No common rubbish but only fine copies of desirable stamps sent out. Write stating wants and send references. I can save you hundreds of dollars. Established 1880. [32]† FREDERICK GINN, 143 Strand, London, England.

Is your collection for sale? I will buy it or any odd lots of good stamps. No cheap stuff wanted. Send on approval with lowest cash offer. Immediate returns guaranteed. HOWARD C. BECK, City Controller's Office, Detroit, Mich. [31]†

Pre-cancels not in my collection wanted. Best cash or trade price. E. R. ALDRICH, Benson, Minn. [26]

Try an Ad in this Column. It Pays.

American Philatelic Association.

(INCORPORATED.)

THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA—OFFICIAL JOURNAL.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

ALEXANDER HOLLAND, President,
40 Grace Court, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Board of Vice-Presidents.
FRANK H. BURT, Chairman,
Room 1046, Tremont Building, Boston, Mass.
GORDON IRELAND, Secretary,
Holyoke House 21, Cambridge, Mass.
EDWIN F. SAWYER,
101 Washington St., Brighton, Mass.

H. E. DEATS, Secretary,
Flemington, N. J.
E. DOEBLIN, International Secretary,
Box 756, Pittsburg, Pa.
C. L. ANNAN, Treasurer,
Copper Range R. R., Houghton, Mich.
H. B. PHILLIPS,
1311 Grove St., Berkeley, Cal.
F. W. CONING,
350 George St., New Brunswick, N. J.

RESIDENT VICE-PRESIDENTS.

BOSTON, MASS.—M. H. LOMBARD, Winchester, Mass.
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.—W. E. LOY, 2431 Ellsworth St., Berkeley, Cal.
NEW YORK CITY.—W. F. GREGORY, 71 Nassau St.
PITTSBURG, PA.—E. DOEBLIN, Box 756.
CHICAGO, ILL.—A. F. MERRILL, 432 Marquette Building.
MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.—EVEN S. MARTIN, 3344 First Avenue, South.
WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS—ROBERT D. MAYNARD, 36 Oak Grove Ave., Springfield.

APPOINTEE OFFICERS.

E. H. ANDERSON, Librarian,
Carnegie Library, Pittsburg, Pa.
H. D. WATSON, Collecting Agent,
64 Cedar St., New York City.
JOHN J. OESCH, Superintendent of Sales Dept.,
34 Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill.

H. E. DEATS, Assistant Librarian,
Flemington, N. J.
W. F. GREGORY, Auction Purchasing Agent,
71 Nassau St., New York City.
P. M. WOLSIEFFER, Auction Purchasing Agent,
1009 Atwood Bldg., Chicago, Ill.
A. W. BATCHELDER, Auction Purchasing Agent,
21 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass.



CONVENTION CALL.

NEW YORK, N. Y., May 26, 1903.

To the Stockholders of the American Philatelic Association:

The eighteenth annual Convention of this Association, for the election of Directors, and the transaction of such other business as may legally be brought before it, will be convened in the town of Clayton, State of New York, upon Tuesday, the eleventh day of August, 1903, and the succeeding days, until all business shall have been disposed of.

I hereby appoint the following gentlemen to serve as Committee on Credentials: P. M. Wolsieffer, Chicago, Ill., Chairman. D. T. Eaton, Muscatine, Iowa. G. W. Rode, Pittsburgh, Pa. W. F. Gregory, New York, N. Y. Geo. L. Toppan, Racine, Wis.

I also appoint the following members as Committee of Arrangements: Dr. J. H. Stebbins, Jr., New York, N. Y. John N. Luff, New York, N. Y. P. F. Bruner, New York, N. Y.

Due notice will be given as to location of the Convention Hall and of the hour of assembling the Convention. Your Presi-

dent earnestly requests that all members make a special effort to attend, as matters of great importance to this Association will be discussed and acted upon. Furthermore, as Clayton is a charming summer resort, it will be to many a pleasant outing from the cares of business.

ALEX. HOLLAND, President.

REPORT OF SECRETARY

For the Week Ending June 20, 1903.

Applications for Membership.

BAKER, F. L., 907 W. Franklin Ave., Flat 18, Minneapolis, Minn.; age, 32; occupation, Buyer. Reference: W. L. Downing, F. M. Cable; Resident Vice President, E. S. Martin.

OSGOOD, EDWARD DANA, 221 Beacon St., Boston, Mass.; age, 21; occupation, Student. References: H. W. Legg, J. M. Bartels; Resident Vice President, M. H. Lombard.

Membership Summary.

Total Membership June 20th..... 554

H. E. DEATS, Secretary.

NOMINATIONS.

For President: Alexander Holland, of New York.

For Board of Vice-Presidents: F. H. Burt, Boston, Gordon Ireland, Boston, Willard O. Wylie.

For Treasurer: C. L. Annan, Houghton, Mich.

For International Secretary: E. Doeblin. For Secretary: E. R. Aldrich, Benson, Minn.

For Directors: F. W. Coning, New Jersey, H. B. Phillips, California.

Bulletin Branch 1, A. P. A.

CHICAGO, June 8th, 1903.

The Campaign Committee of Chicago Branch 1 desire to notify all members of the Association that printed "Ballots" have been sent to them for their use, which is done for the purpose of saving time and bother in looking up the names of the candidates.

The Committee would further urge every member to be represented by somebody and send in a ballot. It is the desire of Branch 1 to have as full a representation at the Convention as possible.

Your proxy placed in the hands of our delegates Messrs. P. M. Wolsieffer and J. J. Oesch will receive careful attention.

Now is the time to send in your Ballot and Proxy. Right now.

THE CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE,
CHICAGO BRANCH 1.

ON TO CLAYTON.

A large representation seems assured at the coming Convention. Among those that expect to be present are the following. If you intend to go please drop a postal to us to that effect.

Alex. Holland, New York, N. Y.
P. M. Wolsieffer, Chicago, Ill.
Wm. C. Stone and wife, Springfield, Mass.
D. T. Eaton, Muscatine, Ia.
John J. Oesch, Chicago, Ill.
Geo. W. Rode, Pittsburg, Pa.
W. F. Gregory, New York, N. Y.
Dr. James H. Stebbins, Jr., New York, N. Y.

John N. Luff, New York, N. Y.
P. F. Bruner, New York, N. Y.
A. W. Batchelder and wife, Boston, Mass.
W. O. Wylie and wife, Beverly, Mass.
J. D. Bartlett, Springfield, Mass.
R. D. Maynard, Springfield, Mass.
E. M. Carpenter and wife, Boston, Mass.
E. F. Sawyer and wife, Brighton, Mass.
H. E. Deats, Flemington, N. J.
F. W. Coning, New Brunswick, N. J.
J. M. Bartels, Boston, Mass.
H. W. Legg, Boston, Mass.
Wm. A. McDonnell, New York, N. Y.
A. Herbst, New York, N. Y.
R. B. Bogert, wife and two daughters, Brooklyn, N. Y.
E. Doeblin and wife, Pittsburg, Pa.

The Postal Card Society of America.

Officers for 1902-3.

President, HORACE E. CARPENTER, JR., Care N. B. Bradley & Sons, Bay City, Mich.
Vice-President, J. T. ALBERT HOSBACH, 1422 North 53rd St., Philadelphia, Pa.
Secretary, W. P. AGEE, Hope, Ark.
Treasurer, JOHN N. MOSS, 105 Devonshire St., Boston, Mass.
Executive Committee, GUY A. BRYANT, Princeton, Ill.; W. D. ARNOLD, The Portland, Broadway, St. Paul, Minn.; N. HASKELL WITMER, 230 S. 9th St., La Crosse, Wis.
Exchange Superintendent, J. T. A. HOSBACH, 1422 No. 53rd St., Phila., Pa.
Purchasing Agent, ADOLPH LOHMEYER, 922 N. Gilmore St., Baltimore, Md.
International Secretary, E. DOEBLIN, P. O. Box 756, Pittsburg, Pa.
Official Journal, THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA.

Federal Prospects.

A question having arisen as to the why and wherefore of the improved appearance of the new printing of the new 1sh Victorian stamp, and an assertion having been made that the die was re-engraved as against our contention that an electrotype had been taken from the original die and had been re-touched, we wrote to Mr. Brain, the Victorian Government Printer, and append his reply.

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE,
MELBOURNE, 7th May, 1903.

Dear Sirs, In reply to your letter of the 1st instant, in regard to the Victorian shilling stamps recently issued, I beg to inform you that the electrotypes have been re-touched.

I am, yours truly,
(Signed) ROBERT S. BRAIN,
Government Printer.

Messrs. J. H. SMYTH & Co.,
88 King St., Sydney, New South Wales.

Presuming that such a course will be adopted when the necessity arises collectors will find it somewhat difficult to keep pace with the numerous minor differences which are likely to crop up. We do not think they should make the attempt.

Rumours are current that owing to the unsatisfactory colour of the 8d West Australia, and the fact that the colour of the new 9d and 4d values chronicled in new issues, are so nearly alike probably some further changes will take place, very soon.

Now that the Victorian officers are making free use of the new perforating machine, we may expect soon to see all the values of the Victorian, Tasmanian and West Australian stamps which are now being printed at the Victorian office with perforations $12\frac{1}{2}$ and 11, simple and compound, pretty much on the same lines as those recently issued by New Zealand, the only difference being that apparently both the machines are likely to be used indiscriminately.

The postal guide published in February contains an announcement that "complete sets of postage due stamps lightly post-marked may be purchased at their full face value, they may not be sold singly unless postmarked," and enquiries having reached us as to what values are in use in the several States, we wrote to the Federal Postmaster-General and the Deputy Postmaster-Generals for information on the subject. The following table gives the information (excepting W. A. which has not yet come to hand): Those in use in Victoria being the Victorian die, the other States having been supplied with the New South Wales type. The probabilities are that until the stock runs out purchasers will be supplied with those having the white blotch at foot, but they must take their chance on that point. The New South Wales set, including as it does, the 10sh and 20sh values

A RARE CHANCE.

We recently secured a few of the scarce 1-dollar 1884 Hawaii. These are cancelled with a Maltese Cross and catalogued \$10.00. Our price while they last is \$1.75. Post free.

W. SELLSCHOPP & CO., 118 Stockton St., San Francisco, Cal.

makes the purchase price almost prohibitive. This set contains mostly, for the present, the type with N. S. W. at foot.

New South Wales, $\frac{1}{2}$ d, 1d, 2d, 3d, 4d, 6d, 8d, 5sh, 10sh, 20sh; 37sh $\frac{1}{2}$ d.

Queensland, $\frac{1}{2}$ d, 1d, 2d, 4d, 5d, 6d, 10d, 15h, 25h, 5sh; 10sh $4\frac{1}{2}$ d.

South Australia, $\frac{1}{2}$ d, 1d, 2d, 4d, 6d, 5sh; 6sh 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.

Tasmania, $\frac{1}{2}$ d, 1d, 2d, 3d, 4d, 5d, 6d, 8d, 15h, 25h; 5sh $5\frac{1}{2}$ d.

Victoria, $\frac{1}{2}$ d, 1d, 2d, 2d, 4d, 5d, 6d, 10d, 15h, 5sh; 10sh $4\frac{1}{2}$ d.

When replying to our letter the Secretary to the Federal Postmaster-General said:

"With reference to your letter of the 17th ult., asking that postage due stamps of the values of 5d, 10d, 15h and 25h be introduced into New South Wales, etc., I have the honor by direction to inform you that postage due stamps are issued for the convenience of this Department and the denominations at present in use are reported to meet requirements." The values were then given of those in New South Wales.

An analysis of the table will disclose the fact that certain values are in use in some States which are not in others, and we should like to know why? If the denominations at present in use in New South Wales meet requirements, the others were introduced. From enquiries we have made there is no necessity for the 10sh or 20sh values in New South Wales. The ideas of the Federal postal authorities on the subject of uniformity are very crude indeed. Of course the position they take up is that postage dues are in point of fact receipt stamps for departmental use, if so then why sell them to the public at all.

The postmark is a misnomer, as it pretends to the completion of a transaction that never took place. The authorities ought to be severely censured for this misuse of the postal department, and for adopting such a contemptible method of adding to the revenue. Stamp dealers are placed in the awkward predicament that it is their duty to stock what collectors ask for, but if such a practice as that alluded to is tolerated it would sap at the very root of philately. We trust that the Federal Postmaster-General will soon see the error of his ways and cause "complete sets of postage dues lightly postmarked to order" to be withdrawn from sale.

The State Premiers at a conference held in Sydney a few weeks back passed a resolution in favour of the adoption of the metric system.

Philatelists abroad may be interested to know that the population of Australia on December 31st last, inclusive of full-blooded

2 Guatemala Jubilee Newspaper Wrapper Stamps, (cat. value 30c) sent for only 2 cents to any collector who has never written to us before, no others. Only one lot to each. NEW ENGLAND STAMP CO., 21-27 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass. [1f]

The FORTNIGHTLY COLLECTOR

contains something of interest to every Philatelist. Splendid articles and entertaining stamp gossip. At the low price it is offered no collector can afford to be without it.

ONLY 10c A YEAR.

Send ten cents today for a whole year's subscription. If not perfectly satisfied your money refunded without question. Address

THE FORTNIGHTLY COLLECTOR,
The J. L. Morrison Co., Publishers,
[1f] Smethport, Pa.

KITCHEN MECHANICS.

The next girl we got was a "Schweitzer kase," who had friends in the Colonies.

Netherlands 1852, 5, .06	Neth'd's 1866, 5 guld, .90
" " 10, .08	" " 1899, 2 1/2, .28
" " 15c, .23	" " 5, .05
" " 1864, 5c, .03	" Unpd 1870, 5c, .06
" " 10c, .02	" " 10c, .05
" " 15c, .18	" " 1881, 1 guld, .30
" " 1867, 15c, .09	D. Indies 1868, 10c, .85
" " 20c, .07	" " 1870, 2 1/2 guld, .15
" " 25c, .18	" " 1872, 7, 2 1/2, .35
" " 30c, .38	" " 1899, 00, 25 on 25, .05
" " 1869, 70, 10 cblc, .17	" " 50 on 50, .08
" " 10 ros, .07	Curacao 3c, 1873, .55
" " 1872, 5, 2 1/2 guld, .34	" " 50c, 1880, .25
" " 1888, 2 1/2 c, .08	" " 50c, .35
" " 1 guld, .05	Surinam 98, 10 on 12 1/2, .09
" " 1896, 50c, .02	" " 10 on 20, .06
" " 1 guld, .07	" " 10 on 25, .09
" " 1898, 1, .07	" " 10 on 25, .09

E. C. DODD,

259 So. Hermitage Ave., CHICAGO, ILL.

aboriginals, totalled 3,883,817, made up as follows: New South Wales, 1,405,450; Victoria, 1,205,513; Queensland, 514,851; South Australia, 365,791; West Australia, 215,140; Tasmania, 177,072.—*Australian Journal of Philately.*

Fiscal Philatelic Society.

Meeting held May 28th, 1903. Present, Mr. Schwabacher (chair), Messrs. Cooper, Fulcher, Kohler, Marsh, Morley, South, Thompson, Thomson and Kay.

M. H. Douchet (France) was duly elected a member.

Received for library: No. 100, Feb. 1903, *Revista de la Sociedad Filatelica Argentina* (R. Rosaner).

Among scarce stamps shown were France Dimension, 10c lilac, surcharged 5c. EN SNS. with u inverted (by G. W. Pepper); 1 ppa of lately issued 4c Seychelles, and Cape 12 sh, on azure laid paper (by O. Marsh).

The fiscals of Tasmania, Tobago, Transvaal, and Trinidad were discussed and catalogued.

Next meeting will be held on Thursday, July 2nd, at 6.30 p. m., at 65 Bishopsgate St. Without, London, E. C., when Victoria, Western Australia, Zanzibar and Zululand will be taken.

A continental member is desirous of privately exchanging German States fiscals for those of Great Britain and Colonies.

All interested in fiscal stamps should apply for Rules etc. to the Hon. Sec. A. B. Kay, 2 Haarlem Mansions, West Kensington, London, W.

The Weekly Philatelic Era

A PAPER DEVOTED TO STAMP NEWS.

50c PER YEAR.

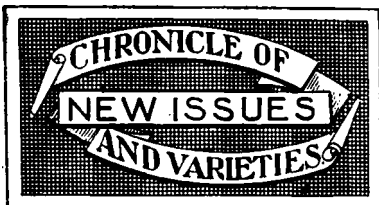
ENTERED AT PORTLAND POST OFFICE AS SECOND CLASS MATTER JAN. 10, 1890.

2c PER COPY.

VOL. XVII. No. 40.

PORTLAND, ME., SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 1903.

WHOLE No. 528.



BY HENRY A. KIDDER.

Friends of the ERA are invited to send to the editor of this department any information regarding new issues or varieties that may prove of interest. Such information will be suitably acknowledged. Address, HENRY A. KIDDER, 17 Addison Street, Arlington, Mass.

Exchanges will please send Mr. Kidder a copy of each issue to the foregoing address, and an extra copy of the ERA will be gladly sent whenever desired.

UNITED STATES.—Sunday paragraphs in the daily press confirm our report, some weeks since, that the new 2c stamp was to have a shield as the main feature of the design for the frame. Further it is said that while the same portrait of Washington is to be used, the lines are to be made coarser to avoid the muddy appearance so much criticized in the early printings of the present design.

Mr. L. G. Barrett has shown us a collection of shades of the new envelopes. He has three shades of the 1c green on nearly all the papers. The 2c exists apparently in every possible shade from light vermilion to dark lake red.

ARGENTINE.—The *Revista de la Sociedad Filatelica Argentina* says that there are 26 varieties of the post card, reported by Mr. Lohmeyer in No. 527, each with a different portrait.

AUSTRALIA.—The *Australian Philatelist* says it is rumored that the various states are to be supplied with one uniform design of the De La Rue type, with King's head, and with the name of each state inserted in the name label at the top, and that these stamps are to continue in use until the expiration of the book-keeping period.

BARBADOS.—Mr. J. H. Lyons has shown us the new 26h 6d stamp in purple and green.

CHAMBA.—The New England Stamp Co. has received the 3 pies, ½a and 1a King's head and 2a Queen's head, Indian stamps

surcharged "Chamba—State" in two lines. Mr. L. G. Barrett calls our attention to a variety, caused by a separation of the "A" and second "T" on one of the ½a stamps, by which the word "state" is lengthened. The surcharge is in black on all stamps.

Adhesives (Regular):

3 pies, gray.
½a green.
1a carmine.
2a blue.

COSTA RICA.—Mr. Lohmeyer says: "It has been a long time, 13 years, since we have had anything new from this Central American Republic, the 2 and 3 centavos cards of 1890 having done duty ever since. We may, therefore, pardon the authorities for giving us, to break the monotony, some provisionals. I have received the 3 centavos card, bearing the surcharge, on the stamp, in black, in two lines, "INTERIOR—2 centimos". There is also a rumor of a 4 centimos, confirmation of which I am awaiting."

Post Card (Provisional):

2c black on 3c red on buff.

CURACAO.—It is reported that a new issue of the same type as the Dutch East Indies is expected to be issued for this colony.

CYPRUS.—Mr. J. H. Lyons shows the 30 paras in the King's head series. *Ewen's Weekly* chronicles the 45 piastres stamp of the same set.

Adhesives (Regular):

30 paras, purple and green.
45 piastres, lilac and ultramarine.

COLOMBIA.—"I am indebted to Mr. Foulon for a set of provisional cards, said to have been created last October," reports Mr. Lohmeyer. "The cards of 1893-94, single and double, the latter separated, have been made to do duty for these provisionals, the face value having been advanced to 5c. This new value is indicated by a large oval shield, 22x28mm., having a large figure "5" in the center, the border of the oval showing the same figure, but very small, repeated twelve times. The impression is in brick-red and printed from a stone. Although the original stamp of 2c is not canceled or annulled, it appears that the new value of this card is 5c and not 5x2 or 7c, a new permanent card of 5c, so Mr. Foulon informs me, having just been issued at Bogota. The two specimens I have before me are the single card of 1893 (or the first half of the double card, separated, there being no difference between them) and the reply half of the

double card, with "Respuesta—Reponse" in the lower left corner. The surcharge being applied in this corner of the cards, these two words are covered by the red oval shield."

Post Cards (Provisional):

5c brick-red and black on pale orange.
5c brick-red and black on pale orange, with "Respuesta—Reponse".

The raid on stamp collectors continues, it being now reported that the issue of 50 and 100 peso stamps is contemplated. However at a value of 3 cents or thereabouts to the peso, the cost would not be prohibitive.

GIBRALTAR.—Mr. L. G. Barrett calls our attention to the fact that the new ½d and 1sh are already to be found in two shades, the ½d in light and dark green, and the 1sh in black and in gray.

ICELAND.—Mr. Frank P. Brown has shown us the 3 aur orange, regular issue, with surcharge, "I Gildi—02-03" inverted.

ITALY.—An express delivery stamp is reported to be issued by a correspondent of *Ewen's Weekly*.

MAURITIUS.—The New England Stamp Co. has received the 6c with colors changed, and without the surcharge "Postage and Revenue."

Adhesive (Regular):

6c lilac and carmine on red.

MOZAMBIQUE Co.—Mr. E. de Z. Kelley has submitted for inspection the 65r blue with figure of value in black.

Adhesive (Regular):

65r blue and black.

PORTUGUESE COLONIES.—During the months of February, March and April new issues of postal cards and letter cards were chronicled in the European press as having been issued, but, as usual, this information was, to some extent, premature, as Mr. Lohmeyer has received complete sets of all cards issued, and is informed by his Lisbon correspondent, under date of May 7, that no cards have been issued for Portuguese Congo, Inhambane, Lorenzo-Marquez and Zambesi, all of which were chronicled in the April number of *Der Philatelist* on authority of *N. T. v. P.*, the Official Organ of the Netherland Society.

The cards for all the Colonies being of a uniform type, one description will answer for all. The inland cards have the stamp of the current adhesive type in the upper center, surrounded by two branches,

U. S. Damaged Stamps.

All are more or less damaged, some are repaired. Many collectors prefer to buy damaged stamps at my very low prices to fine copies at high prices.

Cat. No.	USED.	Cat. Price.	My Price.
149	1872, 7c vermilion.....	\$0.60	\$0.20 \$1.50
151	" 12c dull violet.....	.40	.12 1.40
152	" 15c bright orange.....	.75	.10 .75
153	" 24c purple.....	1.50	.40 3.75
154	" 30c black.....	.40	.10 .75
155	" 50c carmine.....	1.25	.33 2.50
163	1873, 7c orange vermilion..	.60	.20 1.50
162	" 12c blackish violet....	.40	.10 .75
163	" 15c yellow orange.....	.50	.15 1.00
189	1879, 12c red orange.....	.15	.05 .35
190	" 30c black.....	.20	.04 .25
191	" 5c chocolate.....	1.00	.50 2.50
213	1887, 3c vermilion.....	.10	.03 .20
217	1885, 3c orange brown.....	.35	.12 .90
Columbian Issue. Price Per 1. Per 10. Per 100			
1893	3c green.....	.02	.10 .90
"	4c ultramarine.....	.02	.05 .35
"	5c chocolate.....	.01	.05 .35
"	6c purple.....	.03	.15 1.35
"	8c magenta.....	.11	.08 .75
"	10c black brown.....	.01	.06 .50
1888	10c blue Special Delivery .	.05	.05 ..
1888	10c " " " " " " " "	.02	.10 .50
1893	10c orange " " " " " "	.02	.10 .90

100 Mixed U. S. Stamps, Damaged, 15 Cents, Catalogue Price Over \$2.00. Please remit by Bills or Money Order.

G. F. ROTHFUCHS 38 Munroe St., ROXBURY, MASS.

PEELABLE HINGES

NOT ENGLISH		NOT GERMAN
1000 12c.		5000 50c.

POST FREE STRONG PAPER—TASTELESS GUM
W. F. GREGORY, 65 NASSAU ST., NEW YORK.

Items from the Hub.

The one hundred and twenty-seventh regular monthly meeting of the Boston Philatelic Society was held at their usual meeting place on June 16th. The sixth exhibition of the present series was held, the subject being Envelopes and Wrappers of Great Britain and Colonies, the competition being limited to those who had never taken a prize. Mr. Francis W. Sprague 2nd and Mr. E. F. Sawyer exhibited. Mr. Sawyer having taken a prize, his fine collection of entires and cut squares was admired by all. Mr. Sprague's collection of cut squares received the bronze medal. Mr. F. A. Foster contributed several valuable reference works to our growing library.

Four new members were proposed which under the by-laws lie over until the next meeting. The attendance was very good considering it was so late in the season, and considering it was the night before the holiday many having gone away.

Mr. Albert R. Rogers of New York, formerly a well known philatelic writer, was in Boston last week.

Mr. Alex. Holland came on to the Boston Society meeting last week.

Have you tried to buy a Hong Kong 12c blue, CA, recently? If not try to find one and see how hard it is to buy some of the low priced stamps.

WM. D. ELDRIDGE.

Written for the ERA.

An Answer.

(MORE OR LESS?)

The query made through the contributor of "Items from the Hub" by (evidently) some novice, on page 312 of No. 525 of the ERA (June 6, 1903), is believed to be answered by the following:

Early in 1902 there appeared on sale in Boston certain types and denominations of Malta postal issues surcharged "Revenue." In some cases the regular postal color was changed, in some the denomination altered by additional over-printing and in some the over-printing upon similar stamps of similar color was done with different fonts of type.

These stamps were regularly chronicled in that invaluable publication, *Morley's Philatelic Journal*, devoted more largely to fiscal and telegraph issues but which has more than once shed a light upon postal issues, that the average collector would otherwise never have known. As this journal is included in the catalogue of the Boston Society adds to the wonderment at the query coming from that city. As an illustration of the value of the publication the following is a case in point:

During 1902 *Gibbons Monthly Journal* gave place to the insertion of a copy of an official certificate as to the number of Scott's 62nd Edition No. 124 British Guiana, that had been sold to the public, and very carefully noting the dates intervening that the certificate was applicatory.

Shortly thereafter *Morley's* in an editorial called attention to the care with which the certificate was phrased and the explicitness with which the dates had been noted and then showing by one short, sad, sharp but unanswerable blow that there had been a consignment of this particular denomination - the \$1—received, issued and doubtless sold and used or drifted into collectors' and dealers' hands prior to the earliest date mentioned in the certificate.

There can be no question but that Mr. Phillips and Major Evans, either or both, had been misled by this certificate and were perfectly sincere and honest in giving it place in the *Monthly Journal*.

But returning to our Maltese friends—Some of the denominations were surcharged quite like Gibbons Inc. mo. Ed. No. 101 Sierra Leone, whilst others were surcharged with a type not wholly dissimilar to Gibbons Inc. mo. Ed. No. 37 Straits Settlements, the first letter of the word Revenue being a capital. Inasmuch as Scott does not indulge in any individual illustrations of surcharges and as well for convenience the types of surcharges in the following tabulation of these issues—believed to be complete as to parental types are designated by "101" and "37" respectively. It is also noted such denominations as bear both types of surcharge.

SEYCHELLES PROVISIONALS.

1902 3 1/2 cents black on 4 1/4c carmine, SIX CENTS black on 8c brown, SIX x SIX CENTS black on 8 1/2c brown. These cards will be quite rare in the near future, the 3c single having been exhausted for some months. I offer the above set for 30 cents postpaid.

ADOLPH LOHMEYER,
922 N. Gilmore Street, Baltimore, Md.
PHILATELIC MSS. WANTED.
We pay highest cash prices for good Philatelic MSS. Correspondents wanted in Chicago, Boston, New York, San Francisco and Philadelphia to furnish local fortnightly notes. Address The Fortnightly Collector, The J. L. Morrison Co., Publishers, Smethport, Pa. [11*]

WE HAVE MONEY

To Buy Collections, Rarities and Stocks. We buy unused 1c and 2c stamps for mercantile use at a discount from 3 to 5 per cent. according to quantities. Higher denominations at a greater discount. [11*]

UNITED STAMP COMPANY, Incorporated,
1149 Marquette Bldg., CHICAGO, ILL.

MALTA.
Provisional Fiscal Issues
1902.

(Surcharged on postage types, with in some cases changed color of imprint and in some cases altered in denomination by additional surcharging.)

Denomination.	Scott's 62nd Edition Type.	Color.	Surch. in Black with Types:
1/2d	A1	green	101 and 37
1d	A2	rose	101 and 37
2d	A3	gray	101
3d on 15h	A3	violet	101
4d	A3	brown	37
6d on 15h	A3	olive green	101
9d on 15h	A3	orange brown	101
15h	A3	violet	37
25h on 25h6d	A8	orange	101
25h 6d	A8	olive bistre	101
5h	A5	rose	37
10sh	A9	blue black	101

14 parental types in all.

It is not known just what designs the postmaster at Valetta may have had in mind or in view as to collectors, but there must have been "something a brewing," otherwise why should the 1d denomination have been surcharged for fiscal purposes when such a large supply of the 2 1/2d denomination was in hand to be reduced by overprint to 1d?

As however the "good man," S. Carnilieri by name, Colonial Postmaster for Malta, has (owing to later so-called "irregularities" in connection with the over-printing of the 2 1/2d denomination, reducing it to 1d) been "Connellized," as it were; (this result being obtained by means of an investigation in which certain English dealers seem to have been most assiduously active in promoting and furnishing evidence, in avengement probably for not having been let in on the subcellar plane) collectors may well say "Amen" to: "Let us hope that this circumstance will be duly noted by postal officials"—an expression found at the close of a paragraph captioned "Malta" in No. 155 of *Gibbons Monthly Journal*, of May, 1903.

And may permission be had to suggest similar action in Ceylon, The Malays, Mauritius, Seychelles, and well—others, and West Indies too.

So long as the Lion's tail,
Surrounds the islands' shore;
He, the Lion, can be magnanimous
And let collectors do the roar.

THE Weekly Philatelic Era.

W. W. JEWETT, - Editor and Publisher.

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

U. S., Canada or Mexico, 50c. per year.
To other countries in Postal Union, \$1.00 per year.
All subscriptions MUST commence with current number. Back numbers cannot be supplied at subscription rates.

ADVERTISING RATES:

A special reduced rate of 60c per inch on transient advertising is in force during the summer months. Good until Sept. 1st.

PUBLICATION OFFICE,

502 Congress St., Portland, Me.

YOUR SUBSCRIPTION EXPIRES with this issue if a (X) appears in the margin opposite this paragraph. The paper is not *abruptly* discontinued on the expiration of subscriptions, unless expressly so ordered. We shall highly appreciate an early renewal from you, or an order to have your paper discontinued.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS. In notifying us of any change of address subscribers should be sure to give their *old* as well as *new* address

Notes and Comment.

We wish to announce to our many friends that the ERA is not in competition this year for the official journalship in the American Philatelic Association. It has been practically unanimously re-elected to this honor for several successive years and feels that this is sufficient to attest its popularity. Year after year it has been hoped that the Association would see its way clear to attempt the publication of its own journal and become strong enough to maintain it. This will surely come some day. In the meantime it is quite possible that a change in the official journal may be of benefit in reaching the desired end.

The ERA wishes to extend thanks to the numerous members who have tendered their aid and well wishes for its retention of the honor for another year and assures them all that we sincerely believe that the above decision will be for the best, and will make the ERA once again a free and independent paper.

If you expect to be one of the favored ones who attend the Clayton Convention please drop us a card that we may add your name to the list.

We have the Largest and Finest Stock of UNITED STATES ENVELOPES

both cut square and entire, in the country, and solicit want lists from collectors of both classes.

A large proportion of the cut square envelopes can be furnished at 50 per cent. discount from catalogue.

We also send out FINE APPROVAL SELECTIONS of cut square Envelopes at 50 per cent. discount, each specimen being marked with the number of its proper space in the International Album. This feature is much appreciated by collectors who find difficulty in properly placing the envelopes.

NEW ENGLAND STAMP CO.,

9 and 21 Bromfield St., BOSTON, MASS.

Chicago Notes.

Mr. E. L. Warner, who is still stopping in Chicago, is making a trip through Northern Illinois with the expectation of making a big addition to his already large stock of stamps and coins.

Among the out of town visitors of the week who were present at the last C. P. S. meeting were Messrs. Geo. L. Toppan of Racine and S. B. Hopkins of St. Louis. The latter was prominently connected with *Mekel's Weekly* for several years.

Mr. Hopkins has announced his intention of making a protracted stay in Chicago.

Mr. W. G. Jerrens, one of the "old guard" of the C. P. S., recently sustained the loss of a large collection of rare coins by theft. Over twelve hundred pieces were stolen, many of them very valuable.

At the last meeting of the C. P. S. it was proposed to make a few revisions in the Constitution, the elimination of the initiation fee of two dollars being the most noticeable.

An effort is being made by the local society to make the visit of the P. S. of A. convention an enjoyable one. An entertainment committee was appointed consisting of the following members: Messrs. Von Schaezler, L. Michael, Boehm, Mampe and Dodd. With this combination to do the honors there will doubtless be some torrid proceedings in the Garden City that week.

Great interest was displayed by those members present, in the freak collection of Mr. Mudge, which was exhibited during the last meeting of the C. P. S. A unique description of each stamp was given, sometimes in verse as well as prose. While not large the collection was very interesting.

CLIFFORD.

The Boston Philatelic Society.

M. H. LOMBARD, President, Winchester, Mass.
C. F. ROTHFUCHS, Vice-President, Boston.
C. A. HOWES, Secretary, 55 Kilby St., Boston.
L. L. GREEN, Treasurer, 47 Tremont St., Boston.
J. H. LYONS, Supt. of Auctions, 9 Bromfield St., Boston.
J. H. LYONS, Supt. of Sales, 9 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass.
THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA, Official Journal.

The June Meeting.

The 127th regular meeting was held in Elks' Hall on Tuesday evening, June 16, at 8 o'clock. President Lombard occupied the chair and 22 members and friends were present.

The minutes of the May meeting were read and approved.

The following names were proposed for membership:
MR. EDWARD D. OSGOOD, Boston,
MR. VICTOR M. BERTHOLD, Boston,
both proposed by J. M. Bartels.

GIBRALTAR.

No. 1 and 2	1/2 and 1p, new	\$.25
53	10c rose, new	.03
15	1sh bistre, used	.25
1903,	(King's) 1/2p to 1sh.	.75

VIRGIN ISLANDS.

No. 13	1/2p green, new	.08
15	2 1/2p blue, "	.35
16	4p brick-red, new	.85
17	6p violet, "	.08
20	1sh brown, "	1.75
21 to 27	1/2p to 1sh, new	.90

1903 ENVELOPES 1903

1c, 5 varieties, 2c, 4 varieties, 4c, 2 varieties, 5c, 2 varieties, 1, 2 and 4c wrappers, 75c.
61 varieties all sizes and papers 2.00

D. T. EATON, MUSCATINE, IOWA.



Send me a money order for \$1.00 and I will send you the following Cuban stamps: Numbers 12, 18, 24, 25, 47, 48, 52, 56, 59, 60, 61, 63, 65, 67, 68, 69, 72, 73, 74, 76, 79, 82, 82, 85, 86, 88, 90, 92, 94, 97, 98, 99, 102, 104, 106, 107, 109, 110, 112, 113, 115, 116, 118, 119, 122, 124, 127, 127a, 128, 131, 137, 141, 148, 151, 152, 163, 419, 425—56 unused, 2 used. Catalog value over \$5.00. My price \$1.00.

60% Discount.

Fill Your Spaces while you have the chance.

Send For Our Large List.

E. F. GAMBS CO., P. O. Box 2631, SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

Are you thinking of Selling your stamps at Auctions? If so write us.

Now is the time to make dates for next season.

CHAS. H. STONE & CO.,

19 Washington St., BOSTON, MASS.

BARGAINS.

U. S. 1890, 9cc orange	\$.25
" 1895, 11.00 black	.25
" Dues, 30 and 50c, the two	.40
Dutch Indies 1870, 2 1/2 g1, fine	.18
" 1897, 2 1/2 g1, "	.40
" 1899, 10-50c, fine set, only	.20
Philippines 1898, 1 peso, green, o. g	.70
Spain 1900, 4 pesetas, fine	.20

L. N. HERBERT [19
1520 Washington Ave., NEW YORK.

FOREIGN ENVELOPES

\$3.37 for 79c.

To interest collectors generally in foreign envelopes we have made up a packet of foreign envelopes and wrappers, unused, cut square, large margins, from Barbadoes, Canada, Hawaii, St. Vincent, Shanghai and other countries, 48 varieties, catalogued \$3.37. Price 79c post free. As this price is almost giving them away we can sell only one packet to a customer. Unused U. S. 1c and 2c stamps accepted in payment. We have just made up a splendid line of foreign envelopes which we are sending out on approval at liberal discounts.

We want your trade. Watch our bargains each week.

HOLTON STAMP CO.,

60 Devonshire St., Boston, Mass.

us to ascertain that, if he started in 1901 with £100, he will sell his first collection for £200 in 1905, his second in 1909 for £400, third in 1913 for £800, fourth in 1917 for £1600, fifth in 1921 for £3200, sixth in 1925 for £6400, seventh in 1929 for £12,800, eighth in 1933 for £25,600, ninth in 1937 for £51,200, tenth in 1941 for £102,400, eleventh in 1945 for £204,800, twelfth in 1949 for £409,600, thirteenth in 1953 for £819,200 and somewhere about 1955 his fourteenth for £1,000,000.

"Of course he will have to be a young man if he starts with only £100, but he can save a good many years by making his initial outlay £1000 or £2000. Investors are, however, requested to note that we do *not* throw out applications under £2000.

"It is of the utmost importance to buy only what will be readily saleable, and consequently a necessity to buy in large variety. The collector who invests solely in a single issue or attempts a 'corner' almost invariably comes to grief."

Oh, dear, how simple this is! What fools we must all be who are not millionaires!

I really wonder that a person who has shown himself such a smart business man as the editor of our contemporary should publish a paragraph so fallacious as the above.

The arguments I have used before in my paragraph on "*Beware of Speculation in New Issues*" may be briefly repeated:

1st. New issues are imported in such quantities nowadays that the results that could have been attained a few years ago are not likely to be attained again.

2nd. Our publishers have for some years been putting aside a certain proportion of *all* stamps imported by them, and they are only one of many who are accumulating a reserve. In the case of my firm, our vast demand and facility of disposal justify this investment.

But the same does not apply to a collector or to an investor *outside the trade*. Such people when they want to sell have to come either to the trade or to auction, and are only able to realise at a large margin under the catalogue prices.

Even in the case of our publishers, who may be supposed to have exceptional opportunities of judging what is likely to increase largely in value, they have found that in a great majority of cases the investments in new issues, which they believed to be sound, have not been so, and often the stamps have been obtainable at a nominal price years after the investment was made, and the interest on the outlay absolutely lost.

To show the absurdity of the arguments used in the paragraphs I quote, I will take a case that recently occurred in old books.

A set of the works of Charles Dickens, published about fifty years ago at a few shillings each, sold at auction for £145.

According to the theory set forth above, if a man had purchased *any number* of sets of these works he should get the fancy price for each set sold, forgetting that the quantity held would bring down the market price to a mere nothing.

Facility of realization is another important point to bear in mind. A collector-investor may have a lot of good stuff, but he has not the connection to convert into cash that is possessed by the established dealer with a big daily demand at his back.

A man may have what he knows is good stuff, but when he comes to try to realise, the buyers say to him, "What do I want with so many of one stamp? I don't want to have more than two or three copies in stock of one rarity, and wish to put the rest of my money in other stamps."

An example occurred in London last year. A collector went abroad to a certain Colony, and in the course of a residence there of some years bought up all he could get of two stamps in particular; of one stamp, the rarity of the country, he got, say, twenty copies; of another stamp about 700 or 800 copies, value about £1 each. Last year he wanted to sell. It was no collection for a collector to purchase, and it was far too big a stock of one rarity and of one standard stamp for any one dealer to want to buy, or even a syndicate of dealers to negotiate, and so lock up a large sum of money, unless the owner would sell at a ruinous price. The result is he has these stamps, and a pretty penny they represent each year in interest, and but little in increased value.

Beware of paying fancy prices for stamps of which we give no Catalogue price.

Many dealers, especially the smaller ones, say, "We sell everything under Gibbons' prices"; but many of them when they get a stamp not priced think they have struck a gold reef, and I have seen the most fancy prices asked—ah, and sometimes paid too!—for stamps we have on sale at a few shillings. It does not at all follow that because Gibbons does not affix a price the stamp is rare. It may be that when we price that country we happen to be sold out, and we put no price in the Catalogue until we see what the next parcel of these stamps that we buy may cost.

Having now mentioned some of the pitfalls in front of the investor, I will turn to the other side of the picture and see in what branch of collecting he can best combine study, amusement, and a sound investment.

Twenty, nay, even ten years ago, one could start a general collection of the stamps of the world, and with the exception of a few of the great rarities could hope to make the same fairly complete. Ten years have altered things immensely, and it is now only a wealthy man who can get a really nice collection of the world's postage stamps. As an investment a poor *general* collection is a failure, and I do not advocate the attempt to collect everything, and to do that badly and incompletely.

(Continued on page 340.)

TRADE COLUMN.

Under this head we will print exchange, want and for sale notices, business announcements, 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.

One four-line notice free with each subscription, providing copy accompanies the subscription.

THREE Consecutive Insertions of SAME ad in this Column for PRICE OF TWO.

Free! Free! Free! \$2 green and black, \$2 gray, for all who send ref. for our app. sheets. \$1 green, carmine, green and black, olive, \$1 olive, \$5 orange, \$5 gray; 8 fine stamps for only 15 cts.; \$3 brown, gray, 5c each; \$10 gray, 20 cts.; \$10 gray, 20 cts.; \$10 black, 20 cts. POSTAL STAMP CO., 15 Lake St., White Plains, N.Y. [30]

Try my fine approval sheets, 50% com. Want lists solicited: medium class 50%; scarcer ones 40% disc. Collections and loose stamps bought for cash. W. S. CRITTENDEN, 847 Jersey Ave., Elizabeth, N. J. [29]

Wanted: Best offer in stamps (collection or British Colonials preferred) for a fine fire-proof safe with combination lock, size 30x28x24 in. outside, 21½x16½x12 in. inside. J. W. WITTY, Box 1352, Springfield, Mass. [30]

U. S. Pre-Cancelled postage stamps. I will pay a good price in cash or exchange for any not in my collection. F. L. SMITH, 40 Exchange Pl., N. Y. [47]

A snap. \$1 Passage Ticket, \$1 Mortgage, unused beauties, the two for \$1.25 cash. Satisfaction guaranteed. KING & CO., 141 East 19th St., N. Y. City. [29]

Stamp Album space for 4700 stamps and 1000 hinges, 35¢; First Issue Spec. Delivery, 0 g., 15c; 3rd Dfutch error, 20c. Agents wanted 60% per cent. on approval sheets. FRANK McCHESNEY, Elkton, Md. [29]

Fine used copies 1890 U. S. 3c, 40 cts.; 90c, 24 cts.; 1895 \$1.00, 19 cts.; 1903 8c, 2 cts.; 13c, 4 cts.; 90c, 15 cts.; or above 3 for 19 cts. U. S. Rev. on app. at 60% disc. F. B. Kirby, 227 Arnold St., New Bedford, Mass. [29]

To exchange: Hawaii stamps for United States, Scott's Nos. 182, 533, 2830, 2858. JNO. J. STEELE, Mexico, Mo. [31]

Foreign Postage Stamps, 110 var., postage free, 10c. HENRY P. DAY, Box 762, Peoria, Ill. [29]

Wanted: To exchange U. S. for B. N. A. GRANT PIERCE, Brunswick, Me. [31]†

Hawaii, entire, unused o. g. sheets: 1893, 1c purple, one stamp without period, 50 for \$6; 1893, 2c rose, one stamp without period, 50 for \$4.00; 1893, 1c green, 50 for \$1.10; 1893, 2c brown, 50 for \$6; 1893, 1c blue, 50 for \$4.25; 1895, 2c brown, 50 for \$4.75; 1882, 2c blue, 50 for \$2.75. C. F. RICHARDS, 326 W. 20th St., N. Y. [28]

Fine U. S. and Foreign stamps to exchange for Tags, Coupons and American Cigar Co.'s bands. ED. M. VOSS, Bloomington, Indiana. [28]

The new U. S. stamps, 4, 5, 8, 10c, for the names of two collectors and a 2c stamp for return postage. U. S. STAMP CO., 101 W. Fayette St., Baltimore, Md. [28]

Fine stamps on approval 50% to 75% discount from standard catalogue. W. C. ESTES, Omaha, Neb. [28]

To complete your United States: Fine perfect copies, 1857-60, 90 cents, unused, \$12.00 each; 1860, 24 cents, \$3.00 each; 90 cents, \$8.50 each; 1895, \$5 green, \$1.12 each; \$2 blue, \$1.05 each.

To complete your Hawaii: 1859-65 type-set series, Scott's Nos. 10 to 26. Nearly all varieties at 30 to 50 per cent. below Scott's quotations. All later issues at extremely low prices. Selections sent.

Thousands of bargains in old United States, British and Colonial stamps. Fine approval selections at 25 to 50% discount. No common rubbish but only fine copies of desirable stamps sent out. Write stating wants and send reference. I can save you hundreds of dollars. Established 1880. [33]†
FREDERICK GINN, 143 Strand, London, England.

Is your collection for sale? I will buy it or any odd lots of good stamps. No cheap stuff wanted. Send on approval with lowest cash offer. Immediate returns guaranteed. HOWARD C. BECK, City Controller's Office, Detroit, Mich. [31]†

Pre-cancelled not in my collection wanted. Best cash or trade price. E. R. ALDRICH, Benson, Minn. [1†]

Try an Ad in this Column. It Pays.

American Philatelic Association.

(INCORPORATED.)

THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA—OFFICIAL JOURNAL.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

ALEXANDER HOLLAND, President,
40 Grace Court, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Board of Vice-Presidents.
FRANK H. BURT, Chairman,
Room 1046, Tremont Building, Boston, Mass.
GORDON IRELAND, Secretary,
Holyoke House 21, Cambridge, Mass.
EDWIN F. SAWYER,
101 Washington St., Brighton, Mass.

H. E. DEATS, Secretary,
Flemington, N. J.
E. DOEBLIN, International Secretary,
Box 736, Pittsburg, Pa.
C. L. ANNAN, Treasurer,
Copper Range R. R., Houghton, Mich.
H. B. PHILLIPS,
1311 Grove St., Berkeley, Cal.
F. W. CONING,
350 George St., New Brunswick, N. J.

RESIDENT VICE-PRESIDENTS.

BOSTON, MASS.—M. H. LOMBARD, Winchester, Mass.
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.—W. E. LOV, 2431 Ellsworth St., Berkeley, Cal.
NEW YORK CITY.—W. F. GREGORY, 71 Nassau St.
PITTSBURG, PA.—E. DOEBLIN, Box 736.
CHICAGO, ILL.—A. F. MERELL, 432 Marquette Building.
MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.—EMERY S. MARTIN, 3244 First Avenue, South.
WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS—ROBERT D. MAYNARD, 36 Oak Grove Ave., Springfield.

APPOINTEE OFFICERS.

E. H. ANDERSON, Librarian,
Carnegie Library, Pittsburg, Pa.
H. D. WATSON, Collecting Agent,
64 Cedar St., New York City.
JOHN J. OESCH, Superintendent of Sales Dept.,
34 Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill.

H. E. DEATS, Assistant Librarian,
Flemington, N. J.
W. F. GREGORY, Auction Purchasing Agent,
71 Nassau St., New York City.
P. M. WOLSIEFFER, Auction Purchasing Agent,
1000 Atwood Bldg., Chicago, Ill.
A. W. BATCHELDER, Auction Purchasing Agent,
21 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass.

EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION
AT CLAYTON, NEW YORK,
AUGUST 11, 1903.

Committee on Credentials.

P. M. Wolsieffer, Chicago, Ill., Chairman.
D. T. Eaton, Muscatine, Iowa.
G. W. Rode, Pittsburg, Pa.
W. F. Gregory, New York, N. Y.
Geo. L. Toppan, Racine, Wis.

Committee of Arrangements.

I also appoint the following members as
Committee of Arrangements:
Dr. J. H. Stebbins, Jr., New York, N. Y.
John N. Luff, New York, N. Y.
P. F. Bruner, New York, N. Y.

NOMINATIONS.

For President: Alexander Holland, of
New York.
For Board of Vice-Presidents: F. H.
Burt, Boston, Gordon Ireland, Boston,
Willard O. Wylie.
For Treasurer: C. L. Annan, Houghton,
Mich.
For International Secretary: E. Doeblin.
For Secretary: E. R. Aldrich, Benson,
Minn.
For Directors: F. W. Coning, New
Jersey, H. B. Phillips, California.

REPORT OF SECRETARY

For the Week Ending June 27, 1903.

Applications for Membership.

ADAMS, W. H., 205 LaSalle St., Chicago,
Ill.; age, 26; Stenographer, National
Biscuit Co. References: R. Robinson,
J. J. Oesch; Res'dent Vice-President, A.
F. Merell.
COWAN, JAMES H., 312 Jackson Ave.,
Knoxville, Tenn., of Claiborne, Tate
and Cowan. References: Chas. War-
ring, David C. Gaut.
JENSEN, J. C., Box 100, St. Paul, Minn.;
age 50; Bookkeeper, Water Board. Re-
ferences: J. M. Anderson, F. M. Cable;
Resident Vice-President, E. S. Martin.

Application for Re-instatement.

1682. KNOTH, JOHN V., Homestead,
Pa.

Resignation Received.

649. HOWE, DR. JAMES S., Brookline,
Mass.

Change of Address.

1530. BARTLETT, J. D., from East
Jamaica, Vt., to 332 Main St., Springfield,
Mass.

Membership Summary.

Total Membership June 27th..... 554

H. E. DEATS, Secretary.

ON TO CLAYTON.

A large representation seems assured at
the coming Convention. Among those
that expect to be present are the following.
If you intend to go please drop a postal to
us to that effect.

Alex. Holland, New York, N. Y.
P. M. Wolsieffer, Chicago, Ill.
Wm. C. Stone and wife, Springfield,
Mass.

D. T. Eaton, Muscatine, Ia.
John J. Oesch, Chicago, Ill.
Geo. W. Rode, Pittsburg, Pa.
W. F. Gregory, New York, N. Y.
Dr. James H. Stebbins, Jr., New York,
N. Y.
John N. Luff, New York, N. Y.
P. F. Bruner, New York, N. Y.
A. W. Batchelder and wife, Boston,
Mass.
W. O. Wylie and wife, Beverly, Mass.
J. D. Bartlett, Springfield, Mass.
R. D. Maynard, Springfield, Mass.
E. M. Carpenter and wife, Boston, Mass.
E. F. Sawyer and wife, Brighton, Mass.
H. E. Deats, Flemington, N. J.
F. W. Coning, New Brunswick, N. J.
J. M. Bartels, Boston, Mass.
H. W. Legg, Boston, Mass.
Wm. A. McDonnell, New York, N. Y.
A. Herbst, New York, N. Y.
R. R. Bogert, wife and two daughters,
Brooklyn, N. Y.
E. Doeblin and wife, Pittsburg, Pa.
Gordon Ireland, Cambridge, Mass.

Chicago Branch 1 Bulletin No. 3.

J. W. SCOTT SAYS

If the A. P. A. had a dozen such ener-
getic members as P. M. Wolsieffer and
John J. Oesch it would soon double its
membership list. The Chicago Branch
was as usual first in the field and nomi-
nated a ticket for the coming year. The
list of names is a good one. It was pub-
lished in last week's *Metropolitan* and
those who cannot attend the convention
in person cannot do better than appoint
one of the Chicago gentlemen we have
named to act for them. Clayton is a
delightful place and every stamp collector
who can spare the time should endeavor
to meet his brother philatelists next August.
—Editorial from *Metropolitan Phila-
telist*, May 30th, 1903.

Now is the time to act on above unsol-
icited suggestion and endorsement of our
delegates.

CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE,
A. P. A. BRANCH NO. 1,
CHICAGO.

Wm. v. d. Wettern, Jr.,

WHOLESALE DEALER IN

POSTAGE & STAMPS.
411 W. Saratoga St., Baltimore, Md.

New special list just issued, sent free on application
to dealers only.

The New England Philatelic Association.

Organized February, 1895.

Board of Officers:

President, CHARLES H. SMITH, Dedham, Mass.
Vice President, J. FAVILL CAPRON, 22 Bromfield
St., Boston, Mass.
Secretary and Treasurer, H. W. LEGG, 26 Hancock
St., Boston, Mass.
Sales Department, CHARLES H. STONE, 91 Antrim
St., Cambridgeport, Mass.
Information Bureau, MRS. WALLACE DANA SMITH,
20 Wilbur St., Portsmouth, N. H.
Counterfeit Detector, WILLIS D. KING, Nashua, N.H.
Attorney, HORACE S. BACON, 107 Stevens St., Low-
ell, Mass.
Governing Board, CHARLES H. STONE, Chairman,
91 Antrim St., Cambridgeport, Mass., JOHN J. CONE,
New Dorchester, Mass., FRANK A. WILSON, 165 High-
land Ave., Somerville, Mass.
Official Organ, THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA.

IF YOU WISH TO

BUY, SELL OR EXCHANGE

Stamps, Desired Results can
be had through

AN AD IN THE WEEKLY ERA,

(Continued from page 338.)

I think I cannot do better than quote here from Mr. Nankivell's *Stamp Collecting as a Pastime*, chapter xiii., on "Investments in Stamps":—

"When a stamp collector is charged with being extravagant, with spending money lavishly and foolishly on a mere hobby, he may very justifiably reply that even his most extravagant spendings may be regarded as an investment.

"The ordinary investor in, say, industrial securities is fairly content if he can, with a little risk, secure a steady six or seven per cent. If he launches out into more speculative shares, yielding higher rates of interest, he must be content to face a much greater risk of the capital invested. Now, the severest test of an investment is the yield of interest over a series of years covering periods of depression as well as periods of prosperity. The stamp collector who has used ordinary discretion in his purchases may confidently submit his investment to this test."

Now, in looking at an investment, one naturally looks at what has been done in the past in order to guide him in forming his ideas as to what to do in the future.

We can do the same thing in stamps, and looking back on the thirteen years during which I have carried on the business of our publishers, I have made a number of notes on collections that have been sold during that time. Many have been purchased by our publishers, the rest by our *confreres* in the trade. In quite a number of cases I have been able to get roughly the cost price and the cash realised, and I find that in the *very great* majority of cases—certainly in over 90 per cent.—substantial profits have been made on specialised collections of one or more countries, but very seldom has a profit been made on general collections, either large or small, because as a rule the sellers of general collections have accepted anything in the shape of a stamp, and paid more attention to filling spaces than to condition.

Below I give a few examples, for which I can vouch. I cannot quote names for obvious reasons. I give the cost price, the net price realised, and about the time occupied in making the collection.

EXAMPLES IN SMALL INVESTMENTS IN ONE COUNTRY ONLY.

No.	Cost. £	Sold for. £	Years making.
1	50	100	8
2	140	300	5
3	300	450	1½
4	420	485	10
5	450	1,250	8
6	650	2,250	15
7	1,100	2,300	4
8	840	1,630	6

EXAMPLES WITH GROUPS OF TWO TO SEVEN COUNTRIES.

No.	Cost. £	Sold for. £	Years making.
20	500	1,400	6
21	5,500	10,000	14
22	2,800	6,000	7

I could give *many* more examples if necessary, but these are sufficient to make my point, and the mere string of figures, without names of countries or owners,

which I cannot divulge, would not be of much interest.

My firm for the past few years has purchased postage stamps to the value of some £30,000 on an annual average, and the *bulk* of such purchases have been specialised collections of one or more countries. The number of general collections that we have bought has been relatively small, as the general collections offered to us, as a rule, contain but very little of which we are really short in our stock.

On the contrary, in special collections one always finds many stamps that one wants, and after such collections have been picked over the balance usually forms a handsome addition to our stock books.

All this goes to prove that a good investment may be made by the collector who is willing to give the time to make such a collection.

In selecting a "field of operation" the investing collector must be to a large extent guided by his means.

Another point is that he must not let *fashion* influence him too much. At the present time the fashion is for Africans and Australians, and prices in these groups are high, but they are certainly debenture stocks.

A few years ago Europeans were the fashion, before that West Indies and North Americans; but I have noticed that almost every country has a turn, and, although in stamps, as on the Stock Exchange, one cannot forecast the future, yet I have no doubt that in a few years' time the now despised South and Central Americans, etc., will all be in demand, and those who have patiently acquired fine special collections will reap a rich harvest.

For investment purposes, then, I advise the formation of special collections of one or more countries; but to make a success the collector must not only accumulate a large mass of material, but must study all that has been written on this particular country, and then study the stamps themselves, and endeavour to find out more than is known by any other collector about his particular subject.

To do this successfully his mass of material must be of good quality. In some cases entire panes are necessary to show the full watermarks, such as the "Arm" in recent Roumanians; in other cases large blocks, or even rows of stamps are useful to show the methods of perforation, the number of machines used, etc. Dated copies, stamps on letters, bisected stamps used for a moiety of their value—all have their use and all tend to increase the commercial value of a special collection. Generally speaking, I find that unused stamps pay best, and a special collection should be chiefly of unused stamps, with a judicious admixture of used stamps, etc., as named above.

In considering the selection of a country

a Guatemala Jubilee Newspaper Wrapper Stamps, (cat. value 30c) sent for only 2 cents to any collector who has never written to us before, no others. Only one lot to each. NEW ENGLAND STAMP CO., 21-27 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass. [1f

TWELVE SCARGE STAMPS

\$3.27 for 50c.

Twelve unused o. g. foreign postage stamps all different, catalogued \$3.27, for 50c. Post Free.

These stamps are all fine and this offer is made at about one-half wholesale price as we want your trade.

HOLTON STAMP COMPANY,
60 Devonshire St., BOSTON, MASS.

The FORTNIGHTLY COLLECTOR

contains something of interest to every Philatelist. Splendid articles and entertaining stamp gossip. At the low price it is offered no collector can afford to be without it.

ONLY 10c A YEAR.

Send ten cents today for a whole year's subscription. If not perfectly satisfied your money refunded without question. Address

THE FORTNIGHTLY COLLECTOR,
The J. L. Morrison Co., Publishers,
(P.) Smethport, Pa.

KITCHEN MECHANICS.

The next girl we had was a "Canuck," so I can offer bargains in British North America.

Canada 1852, 3p.	\$0.15	Canada Jubilee 50c.	\$0.13
" 1859, 1c.	.03	" 1c.	.05
" 1864, 3c, part gum.	.05	" 2c.	.05
" 1864, 12½c.	.17	" 3c.	.05
" 1870, 10c.	.22	" 4c.	.05
" 1868, ½c.	.08	" 5c.	.05
" 1c.	.15	" 6c.	.10
" 2c.	.05	" 7c.	.10
" 3c.	.05	" 8c.	.10
" 4c.	.10	" 9c.	.10
" 5c.	.10	" 10c.	.10
" 6c.	.10	" 11c.	.10
" 7c.	.10	" 12c.	.10
" 8c.	.10	" 13c.	.10
" 9c.	.10	" 14c.	.10
" 10c.	.10	" 15c.	.10
" 11c.	.10	" 16c.	.10
" 12c.	.10	" 17c.	.10
" 13c.	.10	" 18c.	.10
" 14c.	.10	" 19c.	.10
" 15c.	.10	" 20c.	.10
" 16c.	.10	" 21c.	.10
" 17c.	.10	" 22c.	.10
" 18c.	.10	" 23c.	.10
" 19c.	.10	" 24c.	.10
" 20c.	.10	" 25c.	.10
" 21c.	.10	" 26c.	.10
" 22c.	.10	" 27c.	.10
" 23c.	.10	" 28c.	.10
" 24c.	.10	" 29c.	.10
" 25c.	.10	" 30c.	.10
" 26c.	.10	" 31c.	.10
" 27c.	.10	" 32c.	.10
" 28c.	.10	" 33c.	.10
" 29c.	.10	" 34c.	.10
" 30c.	.10	" 35c.	.10
" 31c.	.10	" 36c.	.10
" 32c.	.10	" 37c.	.10
" 33c.	.10	" 38c.	.10
" 34c.	.10	" 39c.	.10
" 35c.	.10	" 40c.	.10
" 36c.	.10	" 41c.	.10
" 37c.	.10	" 42c.	.10
" 38c.	.10	" 43c.	.10
" 39c.	.10	" 44c.	.10
" 40c.	.10	" 45c.	.10
" 41c.	.10	" 46c.	.10
" 42c.	.10	" 47c.	.10
" 43c.	.10	" 48c.	.10
" 44c.	.10	" 49c.	.10
" 45c.	.10	" 50c.	.10
" 46c.	.10	" 51c.	.10
" 47c.	.10	" 52c.	.10
" 48c.	.10	" 53c.	.10
" 49c.	.10	" 54c.	.10
" 50c.	.10	" 55c.	.10
" 51c.	.10	" 56c.	.10
" 52c.	.10	" 57c.	.10
" 53c.	.10	" 58c.	.10
" 54c.	.10	" 59c.	.10
" 55c.	.10	" 60c.	.10
" 56c.	.10	" 61c.	.10
" 57c.	.10	" 62c.	.10
" 58c.	.10	" 63c.	.10
" 59c.	.10	" 64c.	.10
" 60c.	.10	" 65c.	.10
" 61c.	.10	" 66c.	.10
" 62c.	.10	" 67c.	.10
" 63c.	.10	" 68c.	.10
" 64c.	.10	" 69c.	.10
" 65c.	.10	" 70c.	.10
" 66c.	.10	" 71c.	.10
" 67c.	.10	" 72c.	.10
" 68c.	.10	" 73c.	.10
" 69c.	.10	" 74c.	.10
" 70c.	.10	" 75c.	.10
" 71c.	.10	" 76c.	.10
" 72c.	.10	" 77c.	.10
" 73c.	.10	" 78c.	.10
" 74c.	.10	" 79c.	.10
" 75c.	.10	" 80c.	.10
" 76c.	.10	" 81c.	.10
" 77c.	.10	" 82c.	.10
" 78c.	.10	" 83c.	.10
" 79c.	.10	" 84c.	.10
" 80c.	.10	" 85c.	.10
" 81c.	.10	" 86c.	.10
" 82c.	.10	" 87c.	.10
" 83c.	.10	" 88c.	.10
" 84c.	.10	" 89c.	.10
" 85c.	.10	" 90c.	.10
" 86c.	.10	" 91c.	.10
" 87c.	.10	" 92c.	.10
" 88c.	.10	" 93c.	.10
" 89c.	.10	" 94c.	.10
" 90c.	.10	" 95c.	.10
" 91c.	.10	" 96c.	.10
" 92c.	.10	" 97c.	.10
" 93c.	.10	" 98c.	.10
" 94c.	.10	" 99c.	.10
" 95c.	.10	" 100c.	.10

Postage extra. Satisfaction guaranteed or money refunded.

E. C. Dodd, 259 So. Hermitage Ave., Chicago.

or group to take up, the question of the amount to be invested is of the first importance, and I think that, broadly speaking, we can divide collectors who wish to invest money in stamps, combined with study and relaxation from other affairs, into three classes:—

First. The collector who can spend from £50 to £200 per annum.

Second. The collector who can spend from £200 to £500 per annum.

Third. The collector who can spend from £600 to £x per annum.

(Continued next week.)

The Postal Card Society of America.

Officers for 1902-3.
President, HORACE E. CARPENTER, JR., Care N. B. Bradley & Sons, Bay City, Mich.
Vice-President, J. T. ALBERT HOSBACH, 1422 North 53rd St., Philadelphia, Pa.
Secretary, W. P. AGEE, Hope, Ark.
Treasurer, JOHN N. MORSE, 105 Devonshire St., Boston, Mass.
Executive Committee, GUY A. BRYANT, Princeton, Ill.; W. D. ARNOLD, The Portland, Broadway, St. Paul, Minn.; N. HASKELL WITMER, 230 S. 9th St., La Crosse, Wis.
Exchange Superintendent, J. T. A. HOSBACH, 1422 No. 53rd St., Phila., Pa.
Purchasing Agent, ADOLPH LOHMEYER, 923 N. Gilmore St., Baltimore, Md.
International Secretary, E. DOEBLIN, P. O. Box 736, Pittsburg, Pa.
Official Journal, THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA.

The Weekly Philatelic Era

A PAPER DEVOTED TO STAMP NEWS.

50c PER YEAR.

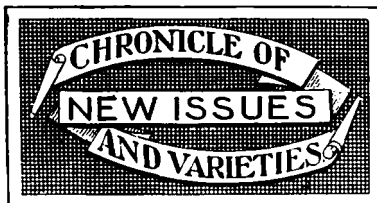
ENTERED AT PORTLAND POST OFFICE AS SECOND CLASS MATTER JAN. 10, 1890.

2c PER COPY.

VOL. XVII. No. 41.

PORTLAND, ME., SATURDAY, JULY 4, 1903.

WHOLE No. 529.



BY HENRY A. KIDDER.

Friends of the ERA are invited to send to the editor of this department any information regarding new issues or varieties that may prove of interest. Such information will be suitably acknowledged. Address, HENRY A. KIDDER, 17 Addison Street, Arlington, Mass.

Exchanges will please send Mr. Kidder a copy of each issue to the foregoing address, and an extra copy of the ERA will be gladly sent whenever desired.

UNITED STATES.—We are informed that the Boston Post Office is entirely sold out of \$5 stamps of the old series, and that there are on sale only a few \$2 stamps.

BRITISH SOMALILAND.—A recent somewhat hysterical condemnation (see No. 526) of the surcharged Queen's Head Indian stamps, in recent English publications, some recent developments show that all statements in regard to their lack of authenticity and postal value were erroneous. The Holton Stamp Co., Boston, have recently received direct from Berbera a consignment of stamps of the disputed issue. The lot includes stamps of ½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 6, 8 and 12 annas, and 1, 2, 3 and 5 rupees. The cover containing the consignment was postmarked Berbera and bore four stamps—2a, 4a and two 2½a. All were regular postal issues, with no "specimen" sets.

After writing the above Mr. J. H. Lyons showed us another cover postmarked Berbera, bearing three British Somaliland stamps, 1a, 2a and 4a.

Ewen's Weekly has a long list of imperfections and minor varieties, the most pronounced being the disappearance of the second "I" in "British" on the ½a, 1a and 2a.

Mr. J. H. Lyons shows in addition a variety where first "L" in "Somaliland" appears to be an inverted figure "1".

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.—Mr. H. W. Legg of J. M. Bartels Co. shows us the 6d violet chronicled in No. 520.

COREA.—Mr. J. M. Bartels has shown us the 1, 2 and 3 cheun surcharges, the first two on 25 poon and the last one on 50 poon of the 1895 issue. There appears to be as many varieties as there were stamps in the sheets overprinted, to say nothing of the variations in color of the original stamps. These stamps were chronicled in No. 518.

ECUADOR.—Miss Stearns of the New England Stamp Co. shows us sheets of the Unpaid letter stamps of 1896. Though catalogued some years since the remainders are just coming on the market. The seven values are printed in one sheet, in blocks of 25 of each value.

ERITREA.—Mr. Charles de Grave Sells, Cornigliano, Ligure, Italy, has mailed us a copy of the new reply card surcharged "Colonia Eritrea" in black. The card is red on rose each part having a 7½c stamp, and curiously enough, Mr. Sells says, is issued for the colony before the unsurcharged one is in use in Italy. The reply portion of the card does not bear the overprint. The single card was reported by Mr. Lohmeyer in No. 523.

Post Card (Regular):
7½x7½c red and black on rose, 91x145mm.

GIBRALTAR.—A New York correspondent informs us that the highest value of the new set should be £1 not 20sh and that the colors should be brown on red, value in green, instead of the colors given in No. 525.

Mr. C. A. Howes writes: "I note your query about '2½ pence' and '2½ penny' in the ERA. Remember that the English always say 'tuppence ha'penny' and you have the reason for the '2½ penny' form. Either '2½ pence' or 'two and a half pence' is grammatically correct, but '2½ penny' corresponds more nearly to colloquial use."

INDIA.—The 2a King's head stamp has appeared, printed in violet.

Adhesive (Regular):
2a violet.

MOROCCO AGENCIES.—*Ewen's Weekly* reports having seen a specimen set of new King's Head Gibraltar stamps with overprint "Morocco—Agencies" in two lines in black, the values being changed to centimos and pesetas.

Adhesives (Regular):
5c grey green and green.
10c lilac on red.
20c green and carmine.
25c lilac and black on blue.
50c lilac and violet.
1p black and carmine.
2p black and ultramarine.

NIUE.—The 1sh stamp with correct surcharge—"Taha e Silent"—has appeared here and in New York. It is watermarked single-lined N. Z. and star. The color of the stamp is bright red.

WEST AUSTRALIA.—A New York correspondent informs us that he has received the 4d brown, 8d green, 9d red brown and 10d red recently issued. All but the 9d were chronicled in No. 526. The stamps are in the Swan type, watermarked V and crown. The 8d is of a new type similar to Scott's A9 but with oval instead of octagonal frame.

Adhesive (Regular):
9d red brown.

A Newspaper Clipping.

KING TO APPEAR ON STAMPS
FRIDAY.

FIVE DENOMINATIONS ONLY WILL BE
SOLD.

OTTAWA, Ont., June 30.—At the different post offices throughout Canada tomorrow the first issue of King's head stamps will take place. For the present only five denominations will be offered to the public, namely, one, two, five, seven and ten cents, and after a month's circulation the sale will be suspended until the present issue of Queen's head stamps is disposed of.

The new stamps are regarded by philatelists as the most artistic that have ever appeared in Canada. The King's face is turned to the left. He is represented without the Crown, and a portion of his coronation robes is shown. Under the rules of the Berne convention the same colors are used as in the issue which will soon be obsolete. There is, however, a slight change in the color of the seven-cent stamp, the yellow having given place to a pronounced olive color.

Specimen sheets of the new stamps were mailed to the High Commissioner some days ago, and tomorrow Lord Strathcona will deliver a sheet of each of the five denominations respectively to His Majesty the King and to the Prince of Wales. It is said His Majesty was asked to select the photograph to be placed in the hands of the designer, and the King cannot but therefore be pleased with the efforts put forth to produce an artistic stamp.—*Mail and Express*.

I WANT TO BUY

U. S. POSTAGE
U. S. DEPARTMENTS
U. S. REVENUES.

THE CASH IS READY.

FRED G. JONES,

2013 Brook St., LOUISVILLE, KY.

CHAPTER XLII.

Four years devoted to the main idea of making

Osgood's Famous Big Selections

better than any other approvals is bound to count. I don't claim perfection but I am gaining on it at every jump. Reference.

Precancels are the most popular side line ever known. I am the leading dealer in this line.

D. W. OSGOOD,

ALAMOSA, Conejos Co., COLO.

[To be Continued.]

2 Guatemala Jubilee Newspaper Wrapper Stamps, (cat. value 30c) sent for only 2 cents to any collector who has never written to us before, no others. Only one lot to each. NEW ENGLAND STAMP CO., 21-27 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass. [if

CUBA

1c on 3c Provisional, fine unused copies at 10c each.
Blocks of Four same rate.

NORTH BORNEO

Surcharged British Protectorate 1c to 24c, 10 varieties, cancelled, 35c per set.

Postage extra on above offers.

COLUMBIAN STAMP CO.,
ARLINGTON, MASS.

WHEN YOU THINK OF SELLING

WRITE TO

B. L. DREW & CO.,

7 WATER ST., (Room 501), BOSTON, MASS.

[root

The Leading Auction Firm in America.

Chicago Notes.

R. E. Baldwin will leave next week for a two weeks' trip to Boston and vicinity.

At last the depression of trade, caused by the hot weather, is beginning to be felt by the dealers. They all say, however, that both counter and mail trade was unusually good during June, so they are not complaining.

In spite of the warm weather quite a number of collectors gathered in the club room to bid on bargains in Wolsieffer's Mid-Summer Sale. "Hot air" bargains were few and far between, as nearly everything brought fair prices. We note a few of them below:

	Cat. price.	Sale price.
Newbauer & Co., 4c, No. 3239, pink,	\$5.00	\$2.00
Wise & Co., 1c, No. 3280, o.g.,	15.00	8.10
Brandreth 1c, No. 3312,	3.00	1.30
\$1.00 Manifest, imp. hor. strip of 5,	7.50	3.05

\$25.00 Mortgage, perf.,	4.00	2.10
\$10.00, 2nd issue,	3.00	2.05
\$25.00, "	20.00	8.10
\$10.00, 3rd issue,	3.00	1.80
\$30.00 1898,	—	4.30
\$100.00 1898,	—	2.80

5c, No. 34, with 10c, No. 35, and 2 of No. 33, all on cover,	10.69	7.20
10c white env., No. 1370, unused,	25.00	12.60
10c amber env., No. 1382, unused,	25.00	12.65
5c, No. 34, used,	10.00	8.25
5c, No. 34, strip of 3,	30.00	13.20
5c, No. 46,	6.00	3.30
30c, No. 53, o. g.,	10.00	5.00
3c scarlet, No. 74, o. g.,	80.00	38.50
90c, 1869,	15.00	6.60
6c, No. 148, o. g.,	3.50	2.00
24c, No. 164,	4.00	2.45
\$1.00 Columbian, unused,	2.50	1.35
Comp. set " o. g.,	22.09	16.50
1c Buffalo, invert, No. 294a,	—	13.20
15c Agriculture, o. g.,	3.50	1.85
90c Justice, "	37.50	12.60
12c State, "	4.00	2.20
24c " "	8.50	3.35
\$2.00 " "	22.50	11.00

Canada, 12d, No. 3, surcharge "Specimen"	—	5.00
10d, No. 7,	7.50	3.05
\$5.00 Jubilee, o. g.,	7.00	5.75
Set of " " "	23.70	13.10

Denmark, 16sh, No. 10, rouletted,	5.00	1.85
Germany, No. 64, o. g.,	3.00	2.00
Hawaii 2c, No. 28,	6.00	2.85
" 50c, No. 48,	7.00	3.75
Ionian Islands, set of 3,	3.75	1.90
Newfoundland 2d, No. 11, unused,	10.00	4.00
Nova Scotia 1sh, No. 7,	150.00	35.20
Servia 10p, No. 11, horiz. pair, o. g.,	5.00	2.40
Transvaal — Rustenberg, 1/2d, No. 193,	—	2.20
Id, No. 194,	—	4.10
W. Australia, 1d, No. 1,	1.75	1.25

The combination lots were very fine, consisting chiefly of unused specimens, and with one or two exceptions brought good prices.

CLIFFORD.

Detroit Paragraphs.

Herman Seagrave of Pontiac was the successful bidder for an immense lot of card board proofs etc. at an auction held recently in the East. The amount of the bid on them was nearly \$1000.00.

There will be a poor show for us Detroiters to get any new 15c stamps. The clerk at the window tells me they have enough of the old ones here to last nearly six months yet.

C. P. McCann of Buffalo, N. Y., was a visitor here last week. Both he and his



Make your money go further than you expected it to. Get my priced-lists. They cost nothing but save a lot. Read on!

UNITED STATES.		Cat. Price.	My Price.
* Means unused.			
Cat. No.	Newspaper 30c carmine.....	\$2.50	\$1.25
*1135	48c carmine.....	4.00	2.00
*1056	60c carmine.....	4.00	2.00
*1057	60c carmine, punched	4.00	1.00
*1058	82c carmine.....	6.00	3.00
*1059	96c carmine.....	10.00	4.50
*1060	94, 2c black.....	.50	.25
*1061	2c black.....	.50	.25
*1062	4c black.....	1.00	.40
*1063	24c pink.....	4.00	2.00
*1067	'95, 1c black.....	.75	.12
*1075	2c black.....	.20	.20
*1076	5c black.....	.20	.20
*1077	10c black.....	.20	.20
*1078	10c black.....	.20	.20
*1087	\$2 scarlet, bottom strip of 3 with imprint and plate No.	15.00	15.00
*1088	1c black.....	.05	.03
*1089	2c black.....	.08	.03
*1089 to 1098	set wknd.....	4.50	4.50
*1090	5c black.....	.12	.06
*1091	10c black.....	.20	.09
*1092	25c carmine.....	.50	.30
*1093	50c carmine.....	1.00	.60
*1094	\$5.00 original, used.....	9.00	9.00
*1096	\$3.00 slate.....	1.50	.30

Prices of following are for New, Used.	
1201	Postage Due, 1c yellow brown .. .25
1202	2c yellow brown .. .35
1203	3c yellow brown .. .18
1204	5c yellow brown .. .65
1205	10c yellow brown .. .75
1206	30c yellow brown .. 12.00
1207	5c red brown .. .1.50
1208 to 1214	1879, brown, set .. 2.50
1208	1c brown .. .10
1209	2c brown .. .10
1210	3c brown .. .07
1211	5c brown .. .15
1212	10c brown .. .35
1213	30c brown .. .40
1214	50c brown .. 1.50
1215 to 1221	1889 set Postage Due .. 1.40
1215	1c red brown .. .06
1216	2c red brown .. .05
1217	3c red brown .. 1.00
1218	5c red brown .. .22
1219	10c red brown .. .40
1220	30c red brown .. .35
1221	50c red brown .. 2.00
1222	1c bright claret .. .02
1223	2c bright claret .. .03
1224	3c bright claret .. .07
1225	5c bright claret .. .07
1226	10c bright claret .. .12
1227	30c bright claret .. .50
1228	50c bright claret .. .60
1229	1c vermilion .. .15
1230	2c deep claret .. .02
1231	3c deep claret .. .03
1232	5c deep claret .. .20
1233	10c deep claret .. .22
1234	30c deep claret .. .40
1235	50c deep claret .. .60
1236	1c light claret .. .75
1237	50c light claret .. 1.00
1238	1c deep claret .. .02
1239	2c deep claret .. .03
1240	3c deep claret .. .04
1241	5c deep claret .. .10
1242	10c deep claret .. .15
1243	30c deep claret .. .15
1244	50c deep claret .. .15
1245	1c deep claret .. .15
1246	2c deep claret .. .15
1247	3c deep claret .. .15
1248	5c deep claret .. .15
1249	10c deep claret .. .15
1250	30c deep claret .. .15
1251	50c deep claret .. .60

PHILATELIC MSS. WANTED.
We pay highest cash prices for good Philatelic MSS. Correspondents wanted in Chicago, Boston, New York, San Francisco and Philadelphia to furnish local fortnightly notes. Address The Fortnightly Collector, The J. L. Morrison Co., Publishers, Smethport, Pa. [if

KITCHEN MECHANICS at 10% Off Cat.

Our next girl was a "Greaser," so I can quote Mexicans at above figure. Send want list—402 var. on hand.

Mexico No. 1,	\$0.05	Mexico No. 66,	\$0.07
" " 2,	.03	" " 96,	.30
" " 3,	.03	" " 98, o. g.,	.65
" " 7,	.03	" " 93,	.04
" " 8,	.03	" " 94,	.03
" " 9,	.45	" " 95,	.03
" " 10,	.75	" " 102,	.45
" " 13,	.07	" " 122,	.04
" " 21,	.05	" " 127,	.03
" " 30,	.30	" " 128,	.04
" " 31,	.17	" " 129, sur.,	.37
" " 32,	.30	" " 130,	.50
" " 43,	1.40	" " 151,	.04
" " 46,	.17	" " 152, o. g.,	.05
" " 53,	.09	" " 168,	.24
" " 53, o. g.,	.09	" " 169,	.13
" " 62,	.24	" " 170,	.04

Postage extra. Satisfaction guaranteed.
E. C. Dodd, 259 So. Hermitage Ave., Chicago.

U. S. OFFICIAL STAMPS.

All are more or less damaged. If you wish to beautify the looks of some I will furnish pieces to repair those that need repairing. These damaged stamps at my very low prices have always been quick sellers.

USED.

	Cat. Price.	My Price Per 1.	Per 20
Agriculture 3c.....	\$0.25	\$0.07	\$0.50
Agriculture 6c.....	.75	.20	1.50
Interior 6c.....	.05	.02	.10
Interior 12c.....	.40	.10	.50
Justice 3c.....	.75	.20	1.50
Navy 3c.....	.45	.05	.25
Navy 6c.....	.50	.10	.50
Navy 12c.....	1.50	.20	1.50
Navy 15c.....	3.00	.50	3.75
Navy 30c.....	3.00	.50	3.75
Post Office 1c.....	.40	.10	.75
Post Office 6c.....	.15	.03	.20
Post Office 12c.....	.75	.15	1.00
Post Office 30c.....	1.00	.25	2.00

Cat. No. Post Office Seal Stamps.
 751 1872, Registered, green25 .05 .35
 753 1879, brown10 .03 .20

100 Mixed U. S. Stamps, Damaged, 15 Cents, Catalogue Price Over \$2.00.

Please remit by Bills or Money Order.

C. F. ROTHFUCHS 38 Munroe St., ROXBURY, MASS.

Please mention the ERA when writing advertisers.

brother D. C. are collectors. C. P. makes a specialty of U. S. only, while D. C. has a general collection of nearly 7000. Stamp interest is pretty good in Buffalo with a lot of collectors they report.

Nearly all the prominent federal officials were present in the U. S. District Court Room, when Andrew P. Ducq was arraigned before Judge Swan on a charge of embezzling from the U. S. mail. He was sentenced to serve a term of three years in the Detroit house of correction.

The arrest of Ducq several weeks ago was a sensational one. Some of the largest firms of the city had from time to time missed mail containing money, the losses aggregating many hundreds of dollars. Mr. Larmour, after many vigils, watching from the postoffice gallery, was rewarded by seeing Ducq place several letters in his pocket while "night routing." When Ducq returned from his midnight lunch he was invited to the inspector's room and handed over to the authorities on the following day.

Gus Jones of Chicago and A. Smith of Belleville were here this week.

Howard C. Beck was a visitor to Cleveland, Ohio, last week as a guest of H. C. Crowell. Howard made several goods deals while there.

If there are any readers of the ERA that are delegates to the Epworth League Convention, that will be held here about the middle of July, I would be pleased to meet them. If you have a kodak or some stray stamps you have no use for fetch them along and perhaps we can make a swap. You can find me at "Black's," 156 Woodward.

HERMAN W. BOERS.

The Postal Card Society of America.

Officers for 1902-3.

President, HORACE E. CARPENTER, JR., Care No. B. Bradley & Sons, Bay City, Mich.
 Vice-President, J. T. ALBERT HOSBACH, 1422 North 53rd St., Philadelphia, Pa.
 Secretary, W. P. AGEE, Hope, Ark.
 Treasurer, JOHN N. MORSE, 103 Devonshire St., Boston, Mass.
 Executive Committee, GUY A. BRYANT, Princeton, Ill.; W. D. ARNOLD, The Portland, Broadway, St. Paul, Minn.; N. HASKELL WITMER, 230 S. 9th St., La Crosse, Wis.
 Exchange Superintendent, J. T. A. HOSBACH, 1422 No. 53rd St., Phila., Pa.
 Purchasing Agent, ADOLPH LOHMEYER, 922 N. Gilmore St., Baltimore, Md.
 International Secretary, E. DOEBLIN, P. O. Box 736, Pittsburg, Pa.
 Official Journal, THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

New Members.

No. 69. Edward W. Heusinger, 133 W. Commerce St., San Antonio, Texas.

The following gentleman has been proposed for Corresponding member:
 C. GEORGE, Consul of the Netherlands at Lisbon, Portugal; proposed by A. Lohmeyer, seconded by W. P. Agee.

Since my last report I have collected dues Nos. 2, 3, 20, 27, 61, 68, 69, total \$7.00, which has been duly forwarded to the Treasurer. Those who have not yet forwarded me their dues for 1903 will please do so at once, so that I can get my books in good shape.

I am indebted to Corresponding Member Chas. de Grave Sells, Cornigliano, Ligure, Italy, for a specimen of the new design, 5 cent green Italian letter card, and also to member No. 43, Waldemar Hoffman, Cassilla, Correo 362, Buenos Aires, for a beautiful Argentine Celebration card, 5 cent brown on buff issued in commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the constitution.

Respectfully submitted,
 W. P. AGEE, Secy.

HOPE, ARK., June 2nd, 1903.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Bal. on hand April 1, '03,	\$122.22
Rec'd from W. P. Agee, Sec'y, (dues),	7.00
	\$129.22
Paid W. W. Jewett for ERA to No. 542,	8.85
Bal. on hand,	\$120.37

J. N. MORSE, Treasurer.
 BOSTON, June 16, '03.

PURCHASING DEPARTMENT.

I have received the following renewals of subscriptions since my last report: N. H. Withee, \$4.48; John N. Morse, \$1.95; Edward H. Buehler, \$3.02; Alfred Michael, \$3.02; Paul Lazarus, \$3.02; Siegfried Schachne, \$3.02; W. P. Agee, \$5.00; J. Oakley Hobby, \$3.02; Nicholas Adler, \$3.02; M. P. Heavenrich, \$9.65; Allan Forbes, \$5.00; W. Dormitzer, \$3.02; Dr. Paul Rossberg, \$3.02; Rudolph Neeser, \$3.02.

Distribution No. 68 was sent to members of this department on May 27th, containing the following new issues: Iceland, surcharged "I GILDI—'02-'03" 8, 10 and 10x10 aur, and the complete permanent set of eight varieties; New Zealand, 1d letter card; Orange River Colony, 1/2d "V. R. I."; Argentine, 4 centavos, New Years card on white; France, Pneumatic Letter cards, 30 centimes, black, and 30 centimes, carmine; Rhodesia, 1d; Italy "902" 10 centesimi, new stamp; Sweden, 5x5 ore; Western Australia, letter card, 2d blue;

1903 PORTUGUESE COLONIAL CARDS.

Angola, Cape Verde, Guinea, Mozambique, and St. Thomas and Prince, 7 varieties for each, set \$0.38
 Portuguese India, 12 varieties, set50
 Macau, 10 varieties, set45
 Timor, 9 varieties, set40

The 66 varieties for \$3.80 postpaid. A superb addition to our collections. ADOLPH LOHMEYER, 922 N. Gilmore Street, Baltimore, Md.

JULY BARGAINS.

*1882-94 Peru, 25 varieties, cat. \$2.46, my price \$1.20
 1901-02 British Protectorate, 14 varieties, cat. \$1.98, my price \$1.00
 *1892 Mozambique Co., 5r to 300r, cat. \$1.68, my price 75c
 *1898 Nyassa 2 1/2r to 300r, cat. \$1.88, my price 80c
 1867 North Borneo, 1c to 24c, cat. \$1.08, my price 50c
 *1884-88 Mexico, 13 varieties, cat. \$1.21, my price 60c
 * Unused. All others used. Cash with order.

Theo. Mainhart, Johnstown, Pa.

URUGUAY.

	Cat. Price.	Our Pr.
1897 1 peso	\$1.25	\$0.60
1900 5c on 10c (scarce) . . . . .	. . . . .	.08
1901 7c . . . . .	.15	.10
" 25c . . . . .	.30	.15
" 50c . . . . .	.75	.35
" 1 peso	1.25	.60

Or the six varieties for \$1.75. All are fine used copies.

J. M. BARTELS CO., BOSTON, MASS.

IF YOU WISH TO

BUY, SELL OR EXCHANGE

Stamps, Desired Results can be had through

AN AD IN THE WEEKLY ERA.

Bavaria, "03" 2x2 pf, old type; 2 and 5 pf, new type; Germany, new type, 2, 2x2, 5, 10x10 and letter card 10 pfennig; Bulgaria, 5 stot on thin green; Malta, 1d (King); St. Vincent, 1d (King); Tasmania, 1d local print; Hayti provisional, 1x1c; Roumania, 10 bani and letter card 15 bani; Natal 1/2 and 1d (King); Mexico, 2 centavos, emerald green.

I have since received other new type cards from Bavaria, cards from France, Monaco, Italy and Argentine, and the Seychelles provisionals, except the 3 on 4c, which has been sold out. King type colonials from Cyprus, Lagos, Sierra Leone, Jamaica, British India and Orange River Colony, some of them ordered more than five months ago, have not yet arrived.

Respectfully submitted,
 ADOLPH LOHMEYER,
 Purchasing Agent.
 BALTIMORE, June 19th, 1903.

The Boston Philatelic Society.

M. H. LOMBARD, President, Winchester, Mass.
 C. F. ROTHFUCHS, Vice-President, Boston.
 C. A. HOWES, Secretary, 55 Kibley St., Boston.
 L. L. GREEN, Treasurer, 47 Tremont St., Boston.
 J. H. LYONS, Supt. of Auctions, 9 Bromfield St., Boston.
 J. H. LYONS, Supt. of Sales, 9 Bromfield St., Boston.
 THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA, Official Journal.

THE Weekly Philatelic Era.

W. W. JEWETT, - Editor and Publisher.

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

U. S., Canada or Mexico, 50c. per year. To other countries in Postal Union, \$1.00 per year. All subscriptions MUST commence with current number. Back numbers cannot be supplied at subscription rates.

ADVERTISING RATES:

A special reduced rate of 60c per inch on transient advertising is in force during the summer months. Good until Sept. 1st.

PUBLICATION OFFICE,

502 Congress St., Portland, Me.

YOUR SUBSCRIPTION EXPIRES with this issue if a (X) appears in the margin opposite this paragraph. The paper is not abruptly discontinued on the expiration of subscriptions, unless expressly so ordered. We shall highly appreciate an early renewal from you, or an order to have your paper discontinued.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS. In notifying us of any change of address subscribers should be sure to give their old as well as new address

Notes and Comment.

The ERA is indebted to Mr. H. L. Hart, the Halifax, N. S., stamp dealer, and Mr. A. McKechnie of Ottawa, for complete unused sets of the new King's head stamps as far as issued. The values are 1, 2, 5, 7 and 10c. The design is similar to the maple leaf type, only having a crown in each of the upper corners instead of a leaf. Further description will be found elsewhere in this number.

If you expect to be one of the favored ones who attend the Clayton Convention please drop us a card that we may add your name to the list.

Mr. W. Kelsey Hall of Peterboro, Ontario, sends us a postal card received from one Arthur A. Gilman of New York City, requesting stamps on approval and giving the Metropolitan Tobacco Co. as his employers and reference. Mr. Hall sends us the letter given below, received in reply to his inquiry.

NEW YORK, June 22, 1903.
MR. W. KELSEY HALL,
Peterborough, Ontario.

Dear Sir: Replying to inquiry through your letter of the 19th inst., in reference to a letter addressed to Metropolitan Tobacco

Stamps for Approval Sheets.

Good mixtures for dealers to retail on sheets. Large variety.

	Per 100	Per 1000
To catalogue 1c each,	\$0.25	\$1.75
" " 2c "	.45	4.00
" " 3c "	.75	7.00
" " 4 and 5c,	1.20	11.00
" " 6c to 25c each,		
(will cat. over \$10 per 100),	3.00	..

Only a limited lot on hand. These mixtures are made up partly from our own approval sheets that have been returned and we are selling them at these prices rather than sort them out. Far superior to ordinary wholesale mixtures.

NEW ENGLAND STAMP CO.,
9 and 21 Bromfield St., BOSTON, MASS.

Co., No. 62 Water Street, which has been delivered to us, we supposed that we were the only concern in New York doing business under the name of "Metropolitan Tobacco Co."

We have no office at No. 62 Water Street, and there is no such person as Arthur A. Gilman in our employ.

Respectfully yours,
H. BENDHEIM, Treas.

Items from the Hub.

Tuesday, June 30th.

Mr. Annan and Mr. Aldrich both of the State of Minnesota are nominated for the Board of Directors of the American Philatelic Association. Under the By-laws no two directors can come from the same State, therefore both gentlemen cannot be elected. Mr. Annan has already filled the office of Treasurer very acceptably, and it seems to many it would not be wise to elect both a new Secretary and Treasurer this year if it can be avoided. There are many who feel that it would be wiser to elect Mr. Annan and let Mr. Aldrich wait until another time before being elected to the board. This is a friendly contest, however, and no doubt many would like to see both Mr. Annan and Mr. Aldrich elected if the interests of the Association would best be served thereby.

Mr. Victor M. Berthold, the envelope expert, has been made manager of the envelope department of the J. M. Bartels Co.

All the stamp dealers of this city are closing their offices at one o'clock on Saturday afternoons and will continue to give their clerks the benefit of the half-holiday until October.

Mr. Geo. E. Varney of Dover, N. H., Mr. K. N. Pepper and Mr. Wm. Thorne of New York City, and Mr. Wm. C. Stone of Springfield, were all in Boston last week.

The 20th auction sale by the J. M. Bartels Co. was held Saturday afternoon, June 20th. I append a few prices:

	Bid.
Newspaper set 1879, surcharged	
Specimen,	\$35.00
1890, 2c lake, horizontal imperf. pair, mint,	3.60
2c carmine, No. 220a, horizontal imperf. pair, mint,	2.90
1895 2c, No. 267a, vertical imperf. pair, mint,	3.30
Third issue 30c, inverted medalion,	18.50
British Protectorate, 1/2p, S. G. No. 52a,	2.90
Danish West Indies 1902, 2c on 3c, perf. 14,	10.00
Transvaal 1900, V. R. I., 1/2p, surcharge inverted, No. 178a, mint,	4.90
1p, No. 179a, mint,	5.25
2p, No. 180a, used,	7.20
2 1/2p, No. 181a, used,	8.25
6p, No. 184a, used,	8.70
1sh, No. 185a, used,	11.75

WM. D. ELDRIDGE.

BEAUTIES! LIBERIA.

No. 47	5c carmine and black, pair, new	\$.20
51	5c " " " " new	.08
53	15c slate, " " " " "	.22
57	20c brown and black, new	.65
61	5c gray and black, new	.08
151	and 152 1 and 2c, " " " "	.05
153	and 154 4 and 6c, " " " "	.15
155	8c brown and black, new	.10
156	12c rose red, new	.18
161	5c on 6c green, new	.10
168	8c brown and black, new	.12
169	12c rose red, new	.18
170	16c lilac, new	.25
171	24c olive green, new	.35
172	32c greenish blue, new	.45
173	1d blue and black, new	1.35
174	2d brown, new	2.50
175	5d carmine and black, new	6.00
176	5c violet and green, (pair) new	.25
187, 188 and 189	1, 2 and 5c, new	.14

All in fine condition.

Postage extra on orders less than 50c.

D. T. EATON,
MUSCATINE, IOWA.

SPECIAL!

Nicaragua, 1898 issue, 1c, 2c, 4c, 4c, 5c, 10c, 15c, 20c, Set for only 10c. Cat. value 49c. Postage extra.

ECONOMIST STAMP CO.,
2113 Third Ave., New York City.

60% DISCOUNT.

U. S. Postage, Revs., etc. and Foreign Postage on approval. Ref. required.
Cash paid for Unused U. S. Postage. [if C. B. MERRILL, 102 E. 90th St., New York.]

60% Discount.
Fill Your Spaces while you have the chance.

Send For Our Large List.

E. F. GAMBS CO.,
P. O. Box 2631, SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

Are you thinking of Selling your stamps at Auctions?

If so write us.

Now is the time to make dates for next season.

CHAS. H. STONE & CO.,

19 Washington St., BOSTON, MASS.

TWELVE SCARGE STAMPS

\$3.27 for 50 cents.

Twelve unused o. g. foreign postage stamps, all different, catalogued \$3.27, for 50c post free.

FOREIGN ENVELOPES

\$3.37 for 70 cents.

To start your collection of foreign envelopes we offer 48 varieties unused, cut square, large margins. catalogued \$3.37, for 70c post free.

These offers are made simply to make new customers and only one packet will be sold to a customer. No sheets sent on approval unless requested and a reference is given if you are unknown to us.

HOLTON STAMP CO.,
60 Devonshire St., Boston, Mass.

FREE! FREE! FREE!!!

Victoria 1883, 3d bistre.....Cat \$0.12
 Col. Rep. 1902, 2cc brown*..... ".12
 Japan 1883, 50s brown..... ".20
 Dutch Indies 1902, 25 on 25c..... ".10
 Greece 1902, 1, 5, 10, 20l..... ".08
 If you haven't received my 1903 price list send for same and choose one of above. I'll give it to you just to get acquainted. List of fine big premiums given to purchasers also sent gratis.

Here are a few extracts.
Premiums.
 With a purchase of \$1.00 to \$2.00 (your choice):
 Queensland 188, 2 1/2d, No. 115.....Cat. \$1.00
 U.S. Rev. \$1 Mortgage, Imp. (hole punched) " 1.50
 Tobago 1879, 1p rose..... " 1.25
 With a purchase of \$2.00 to \$3.00:
 Tobago 1879, 3d blue..... " 2.50
 With a purchase of \$5.00 to \$10.00:
 \$1.00 Passage Ticket, Imp. (hole punched).. " 8.00
 Many others have not space to list here.
W. C. PHILLIPS, GLASTONBURY, CT.

DEALERS' MIXTURES.

A fine assortment cat. 2 to 3c each, including Salvador, Paraguay, Guatemala new issues, Surch. D. Indies, Tasmania Views, 75c per 100.
 Bolivia, various issues, 62c per 100.
 Nicaragua, well assorted, inc. high values, 82c per 100. 130*
CARL YOUNG, 112 N. 5th St., Phila., Pa.

BARGAINS.

U. S. 1890, 9cc orange..... \$0.25
 " 1895, \$1.00 black..... ".25
 " Dues, 30 and 50c, the two..... .40
 Dutch Indies 1870, 2 1/2 gl, fine..... .18
 " 1892, 2 1/2 gl, "..... .40
 " 1890, 10-50c, fine set, only..... .30
 Philippines 1898, 1 peso, green, o. g..... .70
 Spain 1900, 4 pesetas, fine..... .20
L. N. HERBERT, [119] 1520 Washington Ave., NEW YORK.

GUATEMALA.

Complete Sets, Used, 1902 Issue.
 1c to \$2.00 Postally Cancelled,
ONLY \$1.00.
FERRIN & CO.,
 106 East 23rd St., NEW YORK, N. Y.
 Headquarters for Unused Current Guatemalas at wholesale.

CELEBRATE

the 4th by ordering at once a set of Canada, King Edwards 1, 2, 5, 7 and 10c, for 30c.
 The above will be issued July 21st, Dominion Day. Will supply well centered copies, in blocks of 4 for \$1.10 \$3.00 worth or more 6¢, \$5.00 worth or more at 5¢ above face.
 Are you interested in the following?
 Newfoundland 4d lake, used..... \$2.75
 " 6d " "..... 2.00
 " 6 1/2d " "..... 6.00
 " 1 shilling, lake, used..... 7.00
 " 2c Cabot, block of 25..... 1.00
 New Brunswick 2c, block of 25, fine..... 1.00

H. L. HART,
 71 Gottingen St., HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA.

PEELABLE HINGES

NOT ENGLISH		NOT GERMAN
1000		5000
12c.		50c.

POST FREE. STRONG PAPER—TASTELESS GUM
W. F. GREGORY, 66 NASSAU ST., NEW YORK.

From Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal.
Stamp Collecting as an Investment.

BY CHARLES J. PHILLIPS.

(Continued from page 340.)

The first-named class [those who can spend from £50 to £200 per annum] is naturally by far the most numerous, and I give below a list of countries, in the order of our Catalogues, in which I think good investments might, at the present time, be made on the lines I have suggested.

Great Britain, used.—In fine condition are not common, are *always* in demand and practically sure to show a steady advance in value.

Bechuanaland.—Great demand for these from Africa. When business becomes good there, prices will rise materially. Many interesting varieties in the native-printed surcharges still to be listed and studied.

British Central, East, and South Africa, and Zanzibar.—All popular groups. Many varieties still to be classed, but great care to be exercised in buying surcharges, as quantities of forged surcharges come from India, and many such have been sold in London auctions and dispersed by small dealers.

Canada, especially the issues prior to 1880, in *unused* condition, I consider bound to increase in value.

Falkland Islands.—A small lot, but old issues scarce and good, and sale easy.

Hong Kong.—A nice little group; undervalued at present, both used and unused.

Chamba, Gwalior, Patiala, etc.—A nice little group; many unlisted varieties, and worthy of more attention than they receive. The Queen's Head stamps should show a good increase in value in next few years.

Jamaica.—Used and unused prior to 1872 certainly undervalued.

Labuan.—To 1893 safe stock, and worthy of more study than they have received. The picture issues should be ignored by an investor.

New South African Republic.—Much rarer stamps than most people think, and well worth getting, if you can find any. I

SEVERAL RECENT STAMPS.

*Argentine 1902, (commemorative) 5c..... \$0.04
 Bolivia 1901, 1c, 2c, 5c, 20c, used..... .15
 " " 2B, No. 77, used..... .60
 *Bulgaria 1902, (commemorative) 5 and 10s... .06
 *Peru, Postal Packet 1c, No. 301..... .03
 Salvador 1903, 5 var., used..... .12

This is the season of the year when you will appreciate the merits of Wolsieffer's Approval Cards 20 cts. per doz. or \$1.50 per 100. Also Wolsieffer's Pocket Edition Stock Book cloth bound at 25c each postpaid.

UNITED STAMP CO., 1149 Marquette, Chicago.
 N. B. Don't overlook our Summer Season Bargain Sale No. 5.

1903 PRICE-LIST.

Our 1903 Red Cover Catalogue is out—free. The price-list gives our net prices on U.S. Postage, Department, Dues, Telegraphs, Cut Square Envelopes, Confederate, Revenues, packets, sets, supplies, albums, wholesale lots, etc., etc. You can save money by buying from it. The prices are 40 to 60 per cent. discount from Scott's.
J. T. STARR STAMP CO., Coldwater, Mich.

Owing to Land Interests

in Oklahoma I have been unable to properly attend to my stamp business: Hence I would like to either sell out or transfer orders and future correspondence to some large firm; or I will buy a part interest in some company and conduct a larger business. Write immediately.

WESTERN STAMP CO., Newton, Kans.

have been trying for two years to get a set together, and have had but little success.

Prince Edward Island.—Well worthy of attention; many minor varieties, several varieties of perfs., and not at all properly listed or valued at present.

Seychelles.—A safe little country in which to put a small sum. The obsolete stamps *must* rise *considerably* in next few years.

Tonga.—Popular stamps, and pretty safe to invest in; at present cheap prices.

Argentine Republic, up to 1890 and omitting the officials, is an interesting lot of stamps with a ready sale.

Belgium and Luxemburg.—Unused especially well worth present prices and likely to give good returns.

China.—In great demand, and safe for a good increase in value.

Iceland.—Ditto, ditto.

Holland and Colonies.—A very interesting group, worthy of more study than they get here, and unused especially getting quite scarce.

Liberia, prior to 1892, wants a lot of studying. There is much to be found out about the early issues and few of them to be had. (No purchases of stamps later than 1892 should be made for investment purposes; the supply *fully* equals the demand.)

Siam.—Much to study here; a small investment should pay well.

In Class II., for collector prepared to invest, say, from £200 to £500 per annum, I can recommend a selection from the following groups:—

Great Britain, unused, mint. Our own stamps in perfect condition are bound

Mekeel's Stamp Collector

PUBLISHED WEEKLY.

FULL of information and news valuable to stamp collectors. Once a month large magazine editions are issued. Over one thousand pages guaranteed during the year.

Subscription \$1.00 per year. (On trial for three months, 25 cents.) No stamp man can afford to be without it. Volume sixteen commenced January 1, 1903.

C. H. Mekeel Stamp and Publishing Co.
 St. Louis, Mo.

to advance in value. The supply is gradually becoming smaller and smaller, and the demand increases year by year.

Barbados, unused especially, becoming rare, and show an increasing demand.

Cape of Good Hope.—Debenture stock, always a safe seller, and always increasing in value. Triangular stamps, especially unused, getting scarce; the issues of 1864 to 1883 much undervalued, and stocks in dealers' hands very poor.

Ceylon.—First-class standard stock, safe for steady sale, and good, safe rises. The issues of 1867 to 1885, unused, much undervalued at present.

Fiji Islands.—Much to learn here. A fine subject for study, and more worthy of advanced collectors' attention than it has received.

Indian, unused, getting scarce, and used fine copies of early issues are desirable stock.

Natal.—Undervalued at present; not easy to get, either used or unused, and in good steady demand.

St. Vincent, Trinidad and Turks Islands are all sound countries, both used and unused, if selected copies are taken.

Straits Settlements and Native States are rarer than people think; much still to be learnt about them, and a nice group for an advanced specialist.

France and French Colonies, mint, unused. French are much rarer than supposed in this country. See how few fine copies any dealer has got. The French Colonies are neglected here, but good collections sell readily in Paris and will in time here. A good handbook is wanted on these stamps. Great care must be exercised in purchasing surcharges. Many good forgeries of Obock, Nossi-Be, etc., come from Marseilles and even to London auctions from unsuspected sources.

Germany and States.—Seem under a cloud at present, and now should be a good time to buy. Be particular about condition. Don't buy Oldenburgs without margin such as are offered at one-third catalogue and dear at any price.

Avoid the German colonial stamps. With few exceptions they are little used, and 90 per cent. are sold in Berlin and never see the countries whose names they bear.

Italy, with Tuscany, Modena, Sicily Naples, etc., forms a fine group to specialize. There are few fine copies amongst English dealers, and I think a few years will find a marked appreciation in values.

United States.—Seem rather under a cloud, but unused fine copies are rare and well worth present rates. Avoid Departmentals, Periodicals, and Dues. The old postal issues are sound stock.

In Class III., for collectors of considerable means, the question of a sound investment is perhaps not so important as that of taking up a country or a group in which they are really interested, but all the same, it is this class that eventually makes the

most money when they want to dispose of their collections. The reason, no doubt, is that wealthy collectors get the "pick of the market," and practically absorb the really fine and rare stamps, and it is this class of stamp that, if kept for a considerable time, shows a very large profit.

The last few years have seen a great rise in value of all first-rate goods in prints, furniture, china, silver, etc., and in a smaller degree the same thing is applying to really rare stamps. The demand increases, the supply diminishes, through absorption by museums, etc., and prices of the very best stuff are bound to advance.

Investors of considerable means will be able to select the cream of the market, and while putting large sums in rare stamps, will be practically certain of large increases in values of the rarer stamps of such countries as British Guiana, New South Wales, New Zealand, Queensland, Tasmania, South Australia, Transvaal, Victoria, Western Australia, etc.

In conclusion, I want my readers to bear in mind that my remarks are made on behalf of the investor in postage stamps, in contradistinction to the collector, and taking this point of view, I have naturally found it necessary to advise those, who seek investments only in stamps, to abstain from many classes that our publishers find it necessary to keep in stock in order to supply the demands of all their customers. For with the true collector the money he spends he devotes to his amusement, and he is not always thinking of the time when he can get it all back with compound interest.

The New England Philatelic Association.

Organized February, 1895.

Board of Officers:

President, CHARLES H. SMITH, Dedham, Mass.
Vice President, J. FAVILL CAPRON, 22 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass.
Secretary and Treasurer, H. W. LEGG, 26 Hancock St., Boston, Mass.
Sales Department, CHARLES H. STONE, 91 Antrim St., Cambridgeport, Mass.
Information Bureau, MRS. WALLACE DANA SMITH, 20 Wiburd St., Portsmouth, N. H.
Counterfeit Detector, WILLIS D. KING, Nashua, N. H.
Attorney, HORACE S. BACON, 107 Stevens St., Lowell, Mass.
Governing Board, CHARLES H. STONE, Chairman, 91 Antrim St., Cambridgeport, Mass., JOHN J. CONK, New Dorchester, Mass., FRANK A. WILSON, 185 Highland Ave., Somerville, Mass.
Official Organ, THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA.

TRADE COLUMN.

Under this head we will print exchange, want and for sale notices, business announcements, 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.

One four-line notice free with each subscription, providing copy accompanies the subscription.

THREE Consecutive Insertions of SAME ad in this Column for PRICE OF TWO.

Is your collection for sale? Get your dealer to make a price on it, add 20% to his offer, and send book to me. It's 10 to 1 I buy it. F. W. PICKARD, 2427 Ingleside, Cincinnati, O. [11*]

Good Arrowheads at 25 cts. per dozen. Not so good, 1 cent each. Outlines of other relics for a 2 cent stamp. MRS. J. M. BROWNE, Denver, S. C. [31]

Eight (8) old Match, Med. & Play Card stamps for 15c. LINCOLN STAMP & COIN CO., Lincoln, Nebr. [31]

British Colonies, etc., on approval 50% disc. Refs. BEDFORD STAMP CO., 702 Duff St., Pittsburg, Pa. [31]

Approval sheets 60% disc. Net sheets for advanced collectors at equally low prices. 9000 var. in stock. F. W. PICKARD, 2427 Ingleside, Cincinnati, O. [11*]

WM. COURTENAY SMITH, Director Rest Haven Sanitarium, Middle Harbour, Sydney, N. S. W., will be pleased to forward private price-list of Australian and Oceanian stamps. Prices low. Proceeds for charity. [31]

Exchange U. S. Entire Envelopes. Send list and receive mine. Have some scarce ones all in fine condition. A. BUECHNER, 176 E. 93d St., New York City.

Would like to exchange with advanced collectors. Send sheets and receive mine. SIMON BLUM, 1016 N. E. Main St., Minneapolis Minn., U. S. A.

Complete set 1903 Envelopes, 61 varieties, mint condition, only \$1.80. S. B. FISH, Butler, Ill. [31]

Free! Free! Free! \$2 green and black, \$2 gray, for all who send ref. for our app. sheets. \$1 green, carmine, green and black, olive, \$1 olive, \$5 orange, \$5 gray; 8 fine stamps for only 15 cts.; \$3 brown, gray, 5c each; \$10 gray, 20 cts.; \$10 gray, 20 cts.; \$10 black, 22 cts. POSTAL STAMP CO., 15 Lake St., White Plains, N. Y. [30]

Try my fine approval sheets, 50% com. Want lists solicited: medium class 50%, scarcer ones 40% disc. Collections and loose stamps bought for cash. W. S. CRITTENDEN, 847 Jersey Ave., Elizabeth, N. J. [29]

Wanted: Best offer in stamps (collection or British Colonials preferred) for a fine fire-proof safe with combination lock, size 29" x 28 1/2" in. outside, 21 1/2" x 16 1/2" x 12 in. inside. J. W. WITTY, Box 1352, Springfield, Mass. [30]

U. S. Pre-Cancelled postage stamps. I will pay a good price in cash or exchange for any not in my collection. F. L. SMITH, 40 Exchange Pl., N. Y. [47]

A snap. \$1 Passage Ticket, \$1 Mortgage, unused beauties, the two for \$1.25 cash. Satisfaction guaranteed. KING & CO., 141 East 19th St., N. Y. City. [29]

Fine used copies 1890 U. S. 3cc, 40 cts.; 90c, 24 cts.; 1895 \$1.00, 19 cts.; 1905 8c, 13c, 23c, 4 cts.; 50c, 15 cts.; or above 3 for 19 cts. U. S. 10c. on app. at 60% disc. F. B. Kirby, 227 Arnold St., New Bedford, Mass. [29]

To exchange: Hawaii stamps for United States, Scott's Nos. 122, 533, 2830, 2838. JNO. J. STEELE, Mexico, Mo. [31]

Foreign Postage Stamps, 100 var., postage free, 10c. HENRY P. DAY, Box 762, Peoria, Ill. [29]

Wanted: To exchange U. S. for B. N. A. GRANT PIERCE, Brunswick, Me. [31]*

To complete your United States: Fine perfect copies, 1857-60, 90 cents, unused, \$12.00 each; 1860, 24 cents, \$3.00 each; 90 cents, \$8.50 each; 1895, \$5 green, \$1.12 each; \$2 blue, \$1.15 each.

To complete your Hawaii: 1859-65 type-set series, Scott's Nos. 10 to 26. Nearly all varieties at 30 to 50 per cent. below Scott's quotations. All later issues at extremely low prices. Selections sent.

Thousands of bargains in old United States, British and Colonial stamps. Fine approval selections at 25 to 50% discount. No common rubbish but only fine copies of desirable stamps sent out. Write stating wants and send reference. I can save you hundreds of dollars. Established 1880. [33*] FREDERICK GINN, 143 Strand, London, England.

Is your collection for sale? I will buy it or any odd lots of good stamps. No cheap stuff wanted. Send on approval with lowest cash offer. Immediate returns guaranteed. HOWARD C. BECK, City Controller's Office, Detroit, Mich. [31]*

Pre-cancels not in my collection wanted. Best cash or trade price. E. R. ALDRICH, Benson, Minn. [11]

Try an Ad in this Column. It Pays.

WE HAVE MONEY

To Buy Collections, Rarities and Stocks.

We buy unused 1c and 2c stamps for mercantile value at a discount from 3 to 5 per cent. according to quantities. Higher denominations at a greater discount. [11*]

UNITED STAMP COMPANY, Incorporated,
1149 Marquette Bldg., CHICAGO, ILL.

American Philatelic Association.

(INCORPORATED.)

THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA—OFFICIAL JOURNAL.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

ALEXANDER HOLLAND, President,
40 Grace Court, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Board of Vice-Presidents.
FRANK H. BURT, Chairman,
Room 1046, Tremont Building, Boston, Mass.
GORDON IRELAND, Secretary,
Holyoke House 21, Cambridge, Mass.
EDWIN F. SAWYER,
101 Washington St., Brighton, Mass.

H. E. DEATS, Secretary,
Flemington, N. J.
E. DOEBLIN, International Secretary,
Box 735, Pittsburg, Pa.
C. L. ANNAN, Treasurer,
Dept. Public Works, St. Paul, Minn.
H. B. PHILLIPS,
1311 Grove St., Berkeley, Cal.
F. W. CONING,
350 George St., New Brunswick, N. J.

RESIDENT VICE-PRESIDENTS.

BOSTON, MASS.—M. H. LOMBARD, Winchester, Mass.
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.—W. E. LOV, 2431 Ellsworth St., Berkeley, Cal.
NEW YORK CITY.—W. F. GREGORY, 71 Nassau St.
PITTSBURG, PA.—E. DOEBLIN, Box 736.
CHICAGO, ILL.—A. F. MERELL, 432 Marquette Building.
MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.—EBEN S. MARTIN, 3344 First Avenue, South.
WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS—ROBERT D. MAYNARD, 36 Oak Grove Ave., Springfield.

APPOINTEE OFFICERS.

E. H. ANDERSON, Librarian,
Carnegie Library, Pittsburg, Pa.
H. D. WATSON, Collecting Agent,
64 Cedar St., New York City.
JOHN J. OESCH, Superintendent of Sales Dept.,
34 Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill.

H. E. DEATS, Assistant Librarian,
Flemington, N. J.
W. F. GREGORY, Auction Purchasing Agent,
71 Nassau St., New York City.
P. M. WOLSIEFFER, Auction Purchasing Agent,
1000 Atwood Bldg., Chicago, Ill.
A. W. BATCHELDER, Auction Purchasing Agent,
21 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass.

EXPERT COMMITTEE.

JOHN N. LUFF, Chairman, 18 East 23rd St., New York, N. Y.
J. M. ANDREINI, J. C. MORGENTHAU.

EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

AT CLAYTON, NEW YORK,
AUGUST 11, 1903.

Committee on Credentials.

P. M. Wolsieffer, Chicago, Ill., Chairman.
D. T. Eaton, Muscatine, Iowa.
G. W. Rode, Pittsburgh, Pa.
W. F. Gregory, New York, N. Y.
Geo. L. Toppan, Racine, Wis.

Committee of Arrangements.

I also appoint the following members as
Committee of Arrangements:

Dr. J. H. Stebbins, Jr., New York, N. Y.
John N. Luff, New York, N. Y.
P. F. Bruner, New York, N. Y.

NOMINATIONS.

For President: Alexander Holland, of
New York.

For Board of Vice-Presidents: F. H.
Burt, Boston, Gordon Ireland, Boston,
Willard O. Wylie.

For Treasurer: C. L. Annan, Houghton,
Mich.

For International Secretary: E. Doeblin.

For Secretary: E. R. Aldrich, Benson,
Minn.

For Directors: F. W. Coning, New
Jersey, H. B. Phillips, California.

REPORT OF SECRETARY

For the Week Ending July 4, 1903.

New Stockholders.

1816. MINNEAPOLIS BRANCH.
1817. WEDELL, O. B., 2320 Fifth Ave.,
South, Minneapolis, Minn.

Changes of Address.

1653. BOEHM, ADOLPH F., from 116
Dearborn St. to 145 Dearborn St., Chica-
go, Ill.

1607. DONCYSON, S. T. S., from 730
W. 64th St., to 3314 Dearborn St., Chi-
cago, Ill.

86. STERLING, E. B., from 1580 Penn
Ave., Denver, Colo., to 36 North Over-
brook Ave., Trenton, N. J.

Membership Summary.

Total Membership June 27th..... 554
New Stockholders..... 2

Total Membership July 4th..... 556

H. E. DEATS, Secretary.

REPORT OF SALES DEPARTMENT.

CHICAGO, June 1st, 1903.

590 books in circulation accord-
ing to last report, valued at \$17,179.35
410 books received since last re-
port, valued at..... 12,911.57

1000 books valued at.... \$30,090.92
187 books retired since last re-
port, valued at 4,792.45

813 books in circulation June 1,
1903, valued at..... \$25,298.47

Sales from 187 books retired,
(about 30%) \$1,419.63

Credit to Supt.'s Commission
thereon..... 141.96

Credit to Supt.'s Commission
previous report..... 33.46

Total Superintendent's Com-
mission.... \$175.42

¼ of 1% of value of books re-
ceived last report..... \$88.95

½ of 1% of value of books since
received 64.57

Total due Insurance Fund \$153.52

Chicago Branch 1 Bulletin No. 3.

J. W. SCOTT SAYS-

If the A. P. A. had a dozen such ener-
getic members as P. M. Wolsieffer and
John J. Oesch it would soon double its
membership list. The Chicago Branch
was as usual first in the field and nomi-
nated a ticket for the coming year. The
list of names is a good one. It was pub-
lished in last week's *Metropolitan* and
those who cannot attend the convention
in person cannot do better than appoint
one of the Chicago gentlemen we have
named to act for them. Clayton is a
delightful place and every stamp collector
who can spare the time should endeavor
to meet his brother philatelists next August.
—*Editorial from Metropolitan Phila-
telist, May 30th, 1903.*

Now is the time to act on above unsoli-
cited suggestion and endorsement of our
delegates.

CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE,
A. P. A. BRANCH NO. 1,
CHICAGO.

Credit Insurance Fund last re- port.....	3.06
---	------

Balance due Insurance Fund ...	\$150.46
Check sent to C. L. Annan, Treas., June 16, 1903	\$27.02
Check sent to C. L. Annan, Treas., June 23, 1903	126.50

Total Insurance Fund remitted.	\$153.52
Cash paid owners on account since last report.....	\$1,390.64
Cash on hand June 1st, 1903...	\$1,315.83

J. J. OESCH, Supt.

Accepted by the Board of Vice-Presi-
dents, June 30, 1903.

GORDON IRELAND,
Secretary, Board of Vice-Presidents,
American Philatelic Association.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION.

GENTLEMEN:

The undersigned Joint Committee of
Pittsburg Branch No. 5, A. P. A., and the
Twin City Philatelic Society, has been in-
structed to extend a courteous invitation to
the Association to hold its Convention for
1904 in this city.

In case we are honored in being chosen,
we will assure the visiting members a very
pleasant time, and promise to do every-
thing in our power to make their visit en-
joyable.

Hoping you will support us in this mat-
ter, we remain,

Very faithfully,
E. DOEBLIN,
A. PLATZ,
GEO. W. RODE.

Wm. v. d. Wettern, Jr.,
WHOLESALE DEALER IN
* POSTAGE + STAMPS. *
411 W. Saratoga St., Baltimore, Md.

New special list just issued, sent free on application
to dealers only.

ON TO CLAYTON.

A large representation seems assured at the coming Convention. Among those that expect to be present are the following. If you intend to go please drop a postal to us to that effect.

- Alex. Holland, New York, N. Y.
- P. M. Wolsieffer, Chicago, Ill.
- Wm. C. Stone and wife, Springfield, Mass.
- D. T. Eaton, Muscatine, Ia.
- John J. Oesch, Chicago, Ill.
- Geo. W. Rode, Pittsburg, Pa.
- W. F. Gregory, New York, N. Y.
- Dr. James H. Stebbins, Jr., New York, N. Y.
- John N. Luff, New York, N. Y.
- P. F. Bruner, New York, N. Y.
- A. W. Batchelder and wife, Boston, Mass.
- W. O. Wylie and wife, Beverly, Mass.
- J. D. Bartlett, Springfield, Mass.
- R. D. Maynard, Springfield, Mass.
- E. M. Carpenter and wife, Boston, Mass.
- E. F. Sawyer and wife, Brighton, Mass.
- H. E. Deats, Flemington, N. J.
- F. W. Coning, New Brunswick, N. J.
- J. M. Bartels, Boston, Mass.
- H. W. Legg, Boston, Mass.
- Wm. A. McDonnell, New York, N. Y.
- A. Herbst, New York, N. Y.
- R. R. Bogert, wife and two daughters, Brooklyn, N. Y.
- E. Doebelin and wife, Pittsburg, Pa.
- Gordon Ireland, Cambridge, Mass.
- Eben S. Martin, Minneapolis, Minn.
- D. H. Bacon, Derby, Ct.

Bridgeport Philatelic Club.

The Bridgeport Philatelic Club held its annual meeting at the club rooms on the evening of June 25th, 1903. Besides electing officers for the ensuing year the Club took several actions which will greatly boom philatelic matters in the fall. President W. S. Wilmot presided and called the meeting to order at 8.25 o'clock. After the roll call and reading and approving of the minutes of the Club's last regular meeting the reading of the reports of the Secretary and Treasurer were listened to. They showed the Club in excellent condition financially, and a good gain in membership during the year. The committee on annual banquet make its report and the Club voted to hold the same at a near shore resort on the evening of July 9th, 1903.

Election of officers for 1903-04 followed and the Club was so well satisfied with their present officers that a unanimous vote was cast for their re-election. These officers are: W. S. Wilmot, President; A. D. Lewis, 1st Vice-President; O. H. Hall, 2nd Vice-President; H. Kempe, 3rd Vice-President; O. C. Cole, Secretary and Treasurer. Another new feature in the philatelic line was then introduced, that was the making of our postmaster, Hon. W. H. Marigold, an honorary member. Those interested in this work can see what this means for the Bridgeport Philatelic Club. There being no further business to come before the Club it was voted to adjourn, all expressing a hope to meet again at the annual dinner on July 9th, 1903.
O. C. COLE, Sec. and Treas.



You want my priced-lists because they offer a good deal of what you want and at best prices.

Special Cuban Bargains.

	Unused.	Used		Unused.	Used
1 1855, 1/4 r p blue green.....	..	\$0.03	115 1883, 5c gray blue.....	.02	.05
2 1r p green.....	..	.08	116 10c olive bistre.....	.05	.15
3 2r p carmine.....	..	.40	117 5c gray blue.....	.10	.30
4 " " b. c.....	..	.07	118 1c olive bistre.....	.08	.10
5 2p orange red, p. c.....	..	.03	119 1883-86, 2 1/2c olive bistre.....	.06	.07
6 1856, 1/4 r p greenish blue.....	..	.03	120 2 1/2c red lilac.....	.06	.07
7 1r p green.....	..	.40	121 5c gray blue.....	.08	.08
8 2r p orange red.....	1.00	.40	122 10c brown.....	.08	.06
9 " " p. c.....	..	.20	123 10c pale brown.....	.15	.05
10 1857, 1/4 r p blue.....	.02	.02	124 20c olive bistre.....	.10	.25
11 1r p gray green.....	.04	.06	125 1888, 2 1/2c red brown.....	.05	.03
12 1862, 1/4 r p black.....	..	.35	126 1cc blue.....	.20	..
13 1/4 r p green.....	.02	.02	127 20c lilac gray.....	.10	..
14 1/4 r p green; lilac rose.....	.25	..	128 1890, 1c gray brown.....	.05	.03
15 1r p blue, salmon.....	.02	..	129 2c slate blue.....	.05	..
16 2r p vermilion, flesh.....	..	.40	130 2 1/2c emerald green.....	.08	.02
17 1866, 1/4 r p buff.....	.60	..	131 5c olive gray.....	.04	.01
18 5c lilac.....	.40	..	132 10c brown violet.....	.06	.08
19 1c blue.....	.01	.04	133 20c dark violet.....	.03	..
20 20c green.....	.02	.15	134 1891, 1c olive gray.....	..	.02
21 40c rose.....	..	2.40	135 5c emerald green.....	.01	..
22 1867, 5c lilac.....	..	1.15	136 10c claret.....	.05	.04
23 10c blue.....	..	.05	137 20c ultramarine.....	.70	.45
24 1868, 10c blue.....	..	.04	138 1894, 1c violet blue.....	.02	.02
25 40c rose.....	..	.18	139 2c rose.....	.03	.05
26 1869, 10c red brown.....	..	2.50	140 2 1/2c lilac.....	.02	.04
27 40c dull violet.....	.60	..	141 20c red brown.....	.06	..
28 1870, 10c green.....	.02	.03	142 1896, 1c dark violet.....	.01	.02
29 20c red brown.....	.02	.08	143 2 1/2c rose.....	.01	.03
30 40c rose.....	5.00	.60	144 5c slate blue.....	.01	.01
31 1871, 25c ultramarine.....	.02	.02	145 10c emerald green.....	.01	.04
32 50c gray green.....	.02	.03	146 20c violet.....	.10	..
33 1p pale brown.....	.40	.25	147 1897, 40c orange brown.....	.25	..
34 50c gray.....	.03	.02	148 80c lilac brown.....	.50	..
35 1873, 25c brown.....	.02	.07	149 1898, 1m orange brown.....	..	.02
36 5c brown.....	.02	.02	150 2m orange brown.....	.30	..
37 1p red brown.....	1.75	1.25	151 4m orange brown.....	.02	..
38 1874, 25c ultramarine.....	.01	.02	152 1c black violet.....	..	.02
39 50c purple.....	.03	.15	153 2c dark blue green.....	..	.03
40 50c gray.....	.02	.07	154 3c dark brown.....	..	.02
41 10c carmine.....	.65	1.50	155 4c orange.....	.40	..
42 1875, 12 1/2c light purple.....	.03	.25	156 4c orange, p. c.....	..	.25
43 25c ultramarine.....	.02	.02	157 3c carmine rose.....	..	.06
44 5c blue green.....	.01	.05	158 8c dark blue.....	..	.05
45 1p brown.....	.15	1.60	159 20c maroon.....	..	.10
46 1876, 12 1/2c green.....	.02	.15	160 40c dark lilac.....	..	.18
47 25c gray.....	.02	.03	161 1898-99, 3c on 1c bl. violet.....	6.00	..
48 50c ultramarine.....	.02	.15	162 1899, 1c on 1c yellow green.....	.03	.01
49 1p black.....	.20	.70	163 2c on 2c carmine.....	.04	.01
50 1877, 10c light green.....	3.00	..	164 2c on 2c red.....	.10	.03
51 12 1/2c gray.....	.04	.30	165 2 1/2c on 2c carmine.....	.40	.12
52 25c dark green.....	.02	.03	166 3c on 3c purple.....	.06	.05
53 50c black.....	.02	.05	167 5c on 5c blue.....	.09	.03
54 1p yellow brown.....	.20	..	168 10c on 10c light brown.....	.18	.07
55 1878, 5c blue.....	.01	.00	169 1c yellow green.....	.03	.01
56 12 1/2c brown bistre.....	.05	..	170 3c carmine.....	.04	.01
57 2c deep green.....	.01	.02	171 3c purple.....	.06	.03
58 50c dark blue green.....	.02	.04	172 5c blue.....	.10	.02
59 1p carmine.....	.50	.65	173 10c brown.....	.18	.03
60 1879, 5c slate black.....	.01	.25	174 1c deep claret.....	..	.03
61 12 1/2c rose.....	.10	.15	175 2c deep claret.....	..	.05
62 25c ultramarine.....	.01	.01	176 3c deep claret.....	..	.10
63 50c gray.....	.01	.02	177 1888, 1 1/2m black.....	.01	..
64 1p olive bistre.....	.35	.55	178 1m black.....	.02	..
65 1880, 5c green.....	.02	.03	179 2m black.....	.03	..
66 12 1/2c lilac gray.....	.03	.15	180 4 7 1/2m red b.own.....	.01	.02
67 25c gray blue.....	.01	.02	181 1m red brown.....	.01	.02
68 50c brown.....	.01	.04	182 3m red brown.....	.03	..
69 1881, 1c green.....	.01	.08	183 1892, 1 1/2m violet.....	.01	.02
70 2 1/2c olive bistre.....	.03	.05	184 1m violet.....	.01	..
71 5c gray blue.....	.01	.01	185 2m violet.....	.03	.05
72 10c red brown.....	.01	.03	186 1894, 1 1/2m rose.....	.01	.02
73 20c brown.....	.08	.25	187 1m rose.....	.01	.02
74 1882, 1c green.....	.02	.02	188 2m rose.....	.03	..
75 2c lake.....	.03	.06	189 3m rose.....	.04	..
76 2 1/2c dark brown.....	.03	.10	190 1894, 8m rose.....	.05	..
77 5c gray blue.....	.03	.01	191 1896, 1 1/2m bl e green.....	.01	..
78 10c olive bistre.....	.02	.04	192 3m blue green.....	.02	..
79 1883, 5c gray blue.....	.05	..	193 1c green, oriental buff.....	.12	..
80 10c olive bistre.....	.02	..	194 2c green, amber.....	.25	..
81 20c brown.....	.30	.50	195 1c green, blue.....	.12	..
82 5c gray blue.....	.02	..	196 2c red, blue.....	.12	..
83 20c brown.....	.02	..	197 1899-1900, 2c carmine, white.....	..	.01
84 1c olive bistre.....	..	.85	198 2c carmine, amber.....	..	.02
85 5c gray blue.....	.02	..			
86 10c olive bistre.....	.05	..			
87 20c brown.....	..	.60			

STAMPS

AT

One-Half and One Cent Each.

A postal card with your name will bring you the lists by return mail.

COLUMBIAN STAMP CO.,
ARLINGTON, MASS.

The FORTNIGHTLY COLLECTOR

contains something of interest to every Philatelist. Splendid articles and entertaining stamp gossip. At the low price it is offered no collector can afford to be without it.

ONLY 10c A YEAR.

Send ten cents today for a whole year's subscription. If not perfectly satisfied your money refunded without question. Address

THE FORTNIGHTLY COLLECTOR,
The J. L. Morrison Co., Publishers,
Smethport, Pa.

The Weekly Philatelic Era

A PAPER DEVOTED TO STAMP NEWS.

50c PER YEAR.

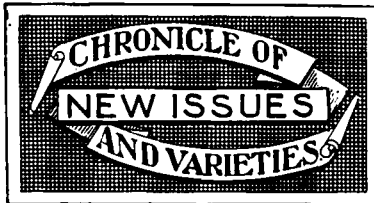
ENTERED AT PORTLAND POST OFFICE AS SECOND CLASS MATTER JAN. 10, 1890.

2c PER COPY.

VOL. XVII. No. 42.

PORTLAND, ME., SATURDAY, JULY 11, 1903.

WHOLE No. 530.



BY HENRY A. KIDDER.

Friends of the ERA are invited to send to the editor of this department any information regarding new issues or varieties that may prove of interest. Such information will be suitably acknowledged. Address, HENRY A. KIDDER, 17 Addison Street, Arlington, Mass.

Exchanges will please send Mr Kidder a copy of each issue to the foregoing address, and an extra copy of the ERA will be gladly sent whenever desired.

AUSTRIAN LEVANT.—The *Monthly Circular* says that the two stamps chronicled in No. 518 as intended for use in Crete are in use in all the Levant postoffices.

BAVARIA.—*Der Philatelist* furnishes further information on the subject of the 5pf deep green, watermarked vertical wavy lines. According to this authority, 480 sheets of the paper, either manufactured by error or possibly left over from the 1881 issue, were made use of, 48,000 stamps being thus printed. They were sold at various postoffices, but at the general post-office all knowledge of the stamp is disclaimed.

BRITISH CENTRAL AFRICA.—*Ewen's Weekly* chronicles the new issue, which has been issued in specimen sets. The design is said to be similar to the current 1d Great Britain except that the value at the bottom gives place to "British Central African Protectorate," and the value of the new stamp appears at top in place of "Postage & Revenue." The shilling values are of larger size. The second color in each stamp is that in which the King's head is printed.

Adhesives (Regular):

1d carmine and gray.
2d mauve and lilac.
4d black and gray-green.
6d buff and gray.
2sh 6d green and gray-green.
4sh mauve and lilac.
10sh black and gray-green.
1s carmine and gray.
2s blue and gray.

CANADA.—Mr. Herman W. Boers of Detroit has sent us for inspection five de-

nominations of the new King's head issue for the Dominion. They were issued Dominion Day. In general design the new stamps very much resemble the set which has just become obsolete, though there are many points of difference, not to mention the portrait itself. The appearance of the stamp is lighter owing to the fineness of the engraving. The band which surrounds the portrait is slightly wider and is engraved in crossed lines under the legends "Canada Postage" at the top and "Two Cents" at the bottom. At the sides the engraving in the band is simple horizontal lines. In each of the upper corners is placed a crown, while at the bottom, four maple leaves appear, one at each side of the tablets containing the figures of value, in a space that was empty in the old series. The tablets by the way seem to be more cut into by the band. The outside margin is marked by a narrow solid line, which in the old series was composed of three fine lines. The result is to more strongly define the border of the stamps. The portrait is beautifully engraved and is easily the most satisfactory portrait of the King that has yet appeared on any series of stamps. The King's face is seen facing more to the front than in the English stamps, in fact nearly a three-quarters' view. Every feature is clear cut and the portrait as a whole gives the King much more character, not to mention a younger and handsomer look. The collar of the ermine coronation robe shows, and is perhaps the least satisfactory portion of the stamp. The background is formed of diagonal straight lines; in the Queen's head stamps these were horizontal with fine crossed lines.

We have also been shown these stamps by the New England Stamp Co. and others.

Adhesives (Regular):

1c green.
2c carmine.
5c blue.
7c olive yellow.
10c brown violet.

DANISH WEST INDIES.—A new stamp of the same design as the 1c and 5c of the issue of 1902. An 8c stamp of the same design is also reported printed, but will not be issued until the old stock is exhausted.

Adhesive (Regular):

2c carmine.

ITALY.—Mr. Charles de Grave Sells again places us under obligation by mailing early copies of 10c claret on buff regular

card, and 7½c claret on rose reply card. Both have "03" instead of "902" the "9" being dropped. The reply card is the same as was chronicled last week as surcharged for Eritrea.

Post Cards (Regular):

10c claret on buff, 90x140mm.
7½x7½c on rose, 90x140mm.

NABHA.—Several values of the King's head Indian stamps have been overprinted in black as usual for use in this state. These were overprinted according to the *Philatelic Journal of India*, 96,000 ¼a 48,000 ½a, 24,000 1a, 12,000 2a and 6000 3a stamps.

Adhesives (Regular):

¼a gray.
½a green.
1a carmine.
2a violet.
3a buff.

ST. HELENA.—We have been shown a set of pictorial stamps from the island. They are handsomely printed in two colors, and are of the size of the Great Britain high values. There are two types. The ½d, 2d and 1sh are in type I which shows a view of the Government House, and the 1d, 8d and 2sh are in Type II, which has a view of the wharf at St. Helena. The view occupies the bottom part of the stamp, the head of King Edward being in an oval above. The view is printed in the second color. These are very striking, handsome stamps, though their necessity is not clear, when the small King's head stamps recently issued are considered.

Adhesives (Regular):

½d green and brown.
1d carmine and black.
2d sage green and black.
8d brown and black.
1sh yellow buff and brown.
2sh violet and black.

SALVADOR.—The *Illustriertes Briefmarken Journal* completes the official set partially noted in the ERA No. 521 on the authority of *Mekel's Weekly*. The words "Franqueo Oficial" are printed in small capitals diagonally across the stamps. The words are said not to be overprinted, but engraved on the plate, and consequently printed in the same colors as the stamps. They are said to have been issued at the same time as the ordinary set in January.

Adhesives (Official):

1c dark green.
5c red.
3c orange.
5c dark blue.
10c dull lilac.
12c slate.
13c red brown.
24c red.
26c yellow brown.
50c yellow.
100c light blue.

I WANT TO BUY

U. S. POSTAGE
U. S. DEPARTMENTS
U. S. REVENUES.

THE CASH IS READY.**FRED G. JONES,**

2013 Brook St., LOUISVILLE, KY.

CHAPTER XLIII.

Four years devoted to the main idea of making

Osgood's Famous Big Selections

better than any other approvals is bound to count. I don't claim perfection but I am gaining on it at every jump. Reference.

Pre-cancelleds are the most popular side line ever known. I am the leading dealer in this line.

D. W. OSGOOD,

ALAMOSA, Conejos Co., COLO.
[To be Continued.]

Some "Specimen" New Zealand.

(AND OTHER ITEMS OF STAMP NEWS.)

By A. HAMILTON.

When in Sydney some months ago I was fortunate enough to obtain from one of the leading Sydney dealers a very interesting set of the New Zealand issue of 1874.

They were overprinted with the word "Specimen" in thin block letter. They were, however, not "Specimen" stamps as usually understood, but were really "Colour Proofs," as with the exception of the 1sh value all are different in colour from those actually used. The penny is red-brown, the two-pence blue, the three-pence violet, the fourpence rose-carmine, the sixpence bistre-brown, the one shilling green, and all are perforated 12, with the watermark N. Z. and star.

I am not aware of any other set in any New Zealand collection. Several of the colours look very well and in some cases are an improvement on those eventually selected.

Speaking of this issue of 1874 I see by a wholesale catalogue recently issued in England that a dealer offers the 6d and 4d at 1½d and 2d each. Judging by the current catalogues and the rarity of the stamps in New Zealand 1sh or 1sh 6d would be cheap for the 6d and 4sh or 5sh for good copies of the 4d.

In another catalogue or list I see the recently issued 4d on single line Star and N. Z. paper, perforated 11, offered at 4½d each. I expect to see that same stamp touch 4sh, as it already is in demand at 2sh 6d to 3sh. English dealers and collectors do not understand how limited the supply is of some of the pictorial values above 1d and have hardly yet discovered the result of the introduction of our 1d postage rate. Values above 1d are much less used than formerly and the higher values of the Colonially printed series on unwatermarked paper will eventually be scarcer than those of the London prints.

The separate issues of the overprinted stamp for New Zealand's outlying tropical Islands will comprise the full series. It is said that the necessity for distinguishing the stamps of the various islands is to keep the revenue accounts separate.

Several stamp dealers have suggested that the Postal Authorities of N. Z. are making the frequent issues of stamps for revenue purposes, but you may be assured that nothing of the kind is happening or likely to happen. Every change or addition has been made for some good reason.

Every weekly describes some specimens of stamps surcharged diagonally O.P.S.O. These are surcharged by the Officials of the General Post Office, Wellington, and are used only for matter mailed out of New Zealand by the General Post Office. All values as required are liable to be so surcharged. The lower values are surcharged in sheets. They are not often seen and cannot be procured at any Office. They have been used since 1891.—*Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly.*

A Plea for a Printed Album for the Private Proprietary Issue of the United States.

It is a lamentable fact that one of the most interesting branches of the Fiscal Department of Philately is so sadly neglected, viz: Match and Medicine Stamps. There is no doubt of this, and there is also a reason for it. Let anyone look in the albums containing the collections of the philatelist in various parts of the country and they will find that the majority use printed albums, and not a single album to my knowledge contains spaces or that class of stamps, yet all of the albums used contain spaces for the regular revenue issue. Why the distinction? We were all beginners once and can well remember when we hailed with delight the time when we removed our stamps from the memoranda or scrap book and placed them in a 30 cent "album" with many illustrations, and blank spaces for stamps, and how we longed to be the possessor of an International Album, Scott or Mekeel's, and how we felt an inward thrill of satisfaction when we secured what we considered to be our ideal of an album—an International and but few of us collectors, have gotten beyond the printed album. It supplies most of our needs but not all. If we secured a private proprietary stamp we had no place to put it. If we possessed an album with blank pages in it we felt a delicacy about placing Match and Medicine stamps promiscuously in it on those blank pages. They were too sacred, we reserved them for the time when we would be able to fill them with new issues of the country after which they followed and for which purpose they were intended. Under those conditions which was and is an almost universal

60 % DISCOUNT.

U. S. Postage, Revs., etc. and Foreign Postage on approval. Ref. required.
Cash paid for Unused U. S. Postage. [if
C. B. MERRILL, 102 E. 90th St., New York.

ABYSSINIA

Postage 1894, 7 varieties, unused, 35c per set.
Unpaid 1896, 7 varieties, unused, 35c per set.
Both Sets, 68c.

NORTH BORNEO

Surcharged British Protectorate 1c to 24c
10 varieties, cancelled, 35c per set.

Postage extra on above offers.

**COLUMBIAN STAMP CO.,
ARLINGTON, MASS.**

condition with the beginner. He made no special effort to add them to his collection, hence they are neglected and largely for the same reason he continues to neglect them. The albums ignored them. Most collectors after passing the stage of "beginner" collect them only in a passing way. Why collect something to have lying around loose, or else mar the look of a bright page that was intended for others and perhaps fairer stamps.

These and other reflections were often considered by the collector when the question of collecting them was brought face to face with him. Generally he decided against them with the result that not one collector in twenty (in so far as my knowledge goes) gives them more than a secondary consideration in his collection; in fact, many ignore them altogether, simply because the album makers have left them out.

In so far as I know, there is not a printed album for match and medicine stamps in existence. Why ignore them any longer? Let our album makers give that branch of philately a "boost" by getting out an album for them, one of the most fascinating departments of collecting. But I hear someone say that their variety in sizes and shapes would be the great drawback in their being spaced properly in an album. One has only to turn to the pages of Colombian Republic, Great Britain, Greece, Obock, etc., and they will readily see that objection cast to the four winds. There is a chance for the album maker to display his ingenuity and artistic taste as to the proper arrangement of the spaces in order to show them off to the best effect.

To sum it all up let me say that the greatest boon to the collecting of Match and Medicine stamps is the issuing of a printed album with spaces for the different varieties of paper. This may be in conjunction with the regular Revenue issue, or it may be in an album especially designed for that purpose which latter might be the best as our albums are now getting pretty large to meet the demands of the constantly increasing numbers of stamps issued almost daily. But above all let me say now and forever let us have a printed album for the Private Proprietary issues of the United States of America.—J. M. Brooks, M. D., in the *Perforator*..

U. S. OFFICIAL STAMPS.

All are more or less damaged, some are repaired. Many collectors prefer these stamps at my very low prices to fine copies at high prices.

USED.

	Cat. Price.	My Price for 1.	for 10
State 2c.....	\$5.00	\$1.00	\$6.50
Treasury 1c.....	.15	.04	.25
Treasury 6c.....	.10	.03	.20
Treasury 7c.....	1.50	.25	2.00
Treasury 10c.....	.25	.05	.30
Treasury 12c.....	.15	.04	.20
Treasury 15c.....	.25	.05	.40
Treasury 24c.....	3.00	.65	5.00
Treasury 30c.....	.25	.05	.40
War 2c.....	.05	.02	.10
War 6c.....	.05	.02	.10
War 10c.....	.25	.05	.35
War 12c.....	.20	.04	.25
War 15c.....	.20	.04	.30
War 30c.....	.50	.08	.40
War 90c.....	1.00	.25	2.00

I will supply pieces for some that need repairing to beautify them.

100 Mixed U. S. Stamps, Damaged, 15 Cents, Catalogue Price Over \$2.00.

Please remit by Bills or Money Order.

C. F. ROTHFUCHS 38 Munroe St., ROXBURY, MASS.

The New England Philatelic Association.

Organized February, 1895.

Board of Officers:

President, CHARLES H. SMITH, Dedham, Mass.
 Vice President, J. FAWCETT CAPRON, 22 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass.
 Secretary and Treasurer, H. W. LEGG, 26 Hancock St., Boston, Mass.
 Sales Department, CHARLES H. STONE, 91 Antrim St., Cambridgeport, Mass.
 Information Bureau, MRS. WALLACE DANA SMITH, 20 Wilder St., Portsmouth, N. H.
 Counterfeit Detector, WILLIS D. KING, Nashua, N. H.
 Attorney, HORACE S. BACON, 107 Stevens St., Lowell, Mass.
 Governing Board, CHARLES H. STONE, Chairman, 91 Antrim St., Cambridgeport, Mass.; JOHN J. CONE, New Dorchester, Mass.; FRANK A. WILSON, 185 Highland Ave., Somerville, Mass.
 Official Organ, THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA.

The Seventh Annual Convention of the New England Philatelic Association will be held on Saturday, August 1st, 1903, at Bass Point, Nahant, Mass.

Steamers leave Union Wharf, Commercial St., Boston, at 9.30 and 11 A. M. Round trip tickets including admission to theatre 50 cents.

Members preferring to go by train may take Boston, Revere Beach and Lynn trains at Rowe's Wharf to Lynn and from there by barge to Bass Point.

Headquarters at Bass Point will be at the Relay House where dinner will be served at 1 P. M. (Price \$1.00 per plate.)

The business meeting will be held directly after the dinner.

The following list of nominations has been received and will be balloted for at the Convention:

For President: John J. Cone, Jr., New Dorchester, Mass.

For Vice-President: Gardner R. Kennedy, Boston, Mass.

For Secretary and Treasurer: Frank A. Wilson, Somerville, Mass.

For Sales Department: Chas. H. Stone, Cambridgeport, Mass.

For Information Bureau: Mrs. W. D. Smith, N. H.

For Counterfeit Detector: H. W. Legg, Boston, Mass.

For Attorney: Horace S. Bacon, Lowell, Mass.

For Governing Board: J. F. Capron, chairman, Boston, Mass.; Geo. M. Frame, Boston, Mass.; Geo. F. Waldron, Somerville, Mass.

Members unable to attend the Convention are requested to send their proxies to Frank A. Wilson, 185 Highland Ave., Somerville, Mass.

H. W. LEGG, Sec'y
Per W.

Quasi Collectors.

We need not close our eyes to the fact that stamp collecting as an investment accounts to a large extent for the spread of philately in Australia. Many go in for the hobby on the ground that they are "saving up." Some persons of moderate means cannot afford to lock up their spare cash unless on the assumption that it will yield a satisfactory return, and people of this class put money into stamps believing that one day in the near future they will be able to sell at an enhanced price. Many have facilities for procuring stamps for which they have little or nothing to pay, and these form the nucleus of a collection; the idea is then conceived of adding to it and increasing the scope of their operations. The numerous catalogues published from time to time are responsible for the disposition on the part of most collectors to consider the collecting of stamps as a means to an end, that end being a future profit. Large numbers derive pleasure from the occupation, and in surmounting difficulties in procuring specimens to fill certain blanks; some collectors adopt a method of procuring additions by exchanging with others, on a catalogue basis, but when the task is accomplished the inclination on the part of a number is to sell and begin again, while others are content to hold on, feeling that they have a realizable asset. How few are there who purchase or exchange a stamp without considering its price or referring to some one or more of the catalogues which they consider reflect its market value? We will grant that all this is permissible, and it goes to prove our assertion at the beginning, but, when those who pose as collectors go hunting about for bargains and are prepared to buy today anything they consider cheap and sell at a higher price tomorrow, if they can, it cannot be wondered if the legitimate dealer will kick. Collectors as such get certain considerations from regular dealers such as books of stamps on appro. and access to their stocks, privileges which would be denied one dealer by another. The latter have to pay rent of business premises, employees' wages, advertising expenses and all the incidentals of a business concern, besides which they have to carry a general stock to meet the requirements of all customers. This the "quasi collector" need not do, and he is consequently placed at an advantage. He may not be wholly dependent upon his living by his profits on sales, as most dealers are; not being under any office expenses he can afford to pay more and sell for less than a regular dealer and yet make a bigger profit in the long run. If it were not for legitimate dealers collectors would experience much more difficulty in filling many gaps in their albums, and the question arises should the "quasi collector" be tolerated to the detriment of the regular dealer. We say most emphatically—No! If piratical amateur traders are en-

1903 PORTUGUESE COLONIAL CARDS.

Angola, Cape Verde, Guinea, Mozambique, and St. Thomas and Prince, 7 varieties for each, set..... \$0.38
 Portuguese India, 12 varieties, set..... .50
 Macau, 10 varieties, set..... .45
 Timor, 9 varieties, set..... .40

The 66 varieties for \$3.00 postpaid.
 A superb addition to our collections.
ADOLPH LOHMEYER,
 922 N. Gilmore Street, Baltimore, Md.

TWELVE SCARCE STAMPS

\$3.27 for 50 cents.

Twelve unused o. g. foreign postage stamps, all different, catalogued \$3.27, for 50c post free.

FOREIGN ENVELOPES

\$3.37 for 70 cents.

To start your collection of foreign envelopes we offer 48 varieties unused, cut square, large margins, catalogued \$3.37, for 70c post free.

These offers are made simply to make new customers and only one packet will be sold to a customer. No sheets sent on approval unless requested and a reference is given if you are unknown to us.

HOLTEN STAMP CO.,
 60 Devonshire St., Boston, Mass.

PEELABLE HINGES

NOT ENGLISH		NOT GERMAN
1000 12c.		5000 50c.
POST FREE		POST FREE

STRONG PAPER—TASTELESS GUM
W. F. GREGORY, 65 NASSAU ST., NEW YORK.

STAMPS

AT

One-Half and One Cent Each.

A postal card with your name will bring you the lists by return mail.

COLUMBIAN STAMP CO.,
 ARLINGTON, MASS.

Please mention the E.K.A. when writing advertisers.

couraged a time may arrive when dealers will consider it necessary to form in this country a Trade Protection Society as has been done in England. Collectors owe a duty to dealers, and should support them. They are supposed to be men who have studied the subject of philately and are qualified to unravel many knotty points connected therewith. When a collector is in doubt and wants information or advice he flies to a dealer who is always willing to enlighten his customer.

Dealers have a reputation to maintain, they cannot very well sell a stamp as genuine, and plead ignorance if it turns out different to what it was represented to be, collectors should recognize these facts and act accordingly.

We wish it to be distinctly understood that we are not directing these remarks at any person or persons in particular, and we are sure when we point out to "quasi collectors" as a class the anomaly of their position, they will either recede from it or come out into the open and enter into fair competition with the regular dealer on level terms.—*Australian Journal of Philately.*

THE Weekly Philatelic Era.

W. W. JEWETT, Editor and Publisher.

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

U. S., Canada or Mexico, 50c. per year. To other countries in Postal Union, \$1.00 per year. All subscriptions MUST commence with current number. Back numbers cannot be supplied at subscription rates.

ADVERTISING RATES:

A special reduced rate of 60c per inch on transient advertising is in force during the summer months. Good until Sept. 1st.

PUBLICATION OFFICE,

502 Congress St., Portland, Me.

YOUR SUBSCRIPTION EXPIRES with this issue if a (X) appears in the margin opposite this paragraph. The paper is not abruptly discontinued on the expiration of subscriptions, unless expressly so ordered. We shall highly appreciate an early renewal from you, or an order to have your paper discontinued.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS. In notifying us of any change of address subscribers should be sure to give their old as well as new address

Notes and Comment.

While the ERA does not intend to enter into politics yet it feels that to remain silent under some circumstances would be unpardonable. As an instance, the present conditions in the American Philatelic Association election occasioned by the removal of our present efficient and popular Treasurer to the State of Minnesota endangers the chances of election of one who has been a friend of the ERA from its infancy, a charter member of the Association and one always willing to give time and energy to the advancement of our hobby. In our last issue our Boston correspondent made references to this matter which we sincerely believe are far from the universal opinion of the members. The office of Secretary is one difficult to fill, as it requires a person that can give the work an immense amount of time and Mr. E. R. Aldrich, who has been nominated for this important position, is a man fully able and capable of doing it justice, and we sincerely hope that some way may be found to elect both of the nominees at present residents of the State of Minnesota, and would urge all members to instruct their proxies to this end.

GERMANY OFFICIAL SET!

A few used sets of 5 varieties just received. According to the official decree, these stamps are to be in use but one year. Price for the set of 5 varieties, (5, 10, 20, 25, 40 pf.)

ONLY 10 CENTS.

ECUADOR 1896 SETS. COMPLETE, UNUSED, FINE.

1896 First issue, 1c to 5s, 8 var... \$0.40
1896 Unpaid, 1c to 100c, 7 var... .40
1896 Official, 1c to 5s, 8 var..... .40

NEW ENGLAND STAMP CO.,
9 and 21 Bromfield St., BOSTON, MASS.

COMING AUCTION SALES.

Boston.—The 114th sale of B. L. Drew & Co., Saturday afternoon at 2.30, July 25, in Elk's Hall. 616 lots.

Chicago Notes.

Ben. G. Green, a stamp and coin dealer, with offices in the Masonic Temple, will hold his 6th mail auction sale of coins July 18th. About 650 lots are listed.

The torrid weather accounted for the small attendance at the C. P. S. meeting last Thursday evening. The attendance will doubtless be rather slim until fall, as this is the season for vacations.

E. L. Warner is in town again after his trip, which covered a period of three weeks. He has with him a couple of fine collections, and the stock of three small dealers, which he acquired during his absence from the city.

At the last meeting the Chicago Philatelic Society was the recipient of a present, both appropriate and beautiful, the gift being a large frame in which a complete set of proofs of the Columbian issue of '93 reposed in small encasements made from the wood taken from different buildings at the World's Fair. A key in a corner of the frame describes the different woods. The frame was designed and made by Mr. Simon Straus, one of the C. P. S. members. It is needless to say that this rare bit of workmanship was keenly appreciated by all the members present at the meeting.

CLIFFORD.

From San Francisco.

Philately is being advertised in the San Francisco daily newspapers, as a Bowling Club has been organized in San Francisco by members of the local stamp societies, and prominent stamp collectors. The club is called the "Philatelists" and they hold matches, etc., twice a week and good scores are made, the results being given in the daily papers. Members of other bowling clubs are very much mystified as to what the name of the club means. The Philatelist have beaten several other teams, and now have several challenges on hand. Their captain, Bert Hollis, the well known stampman, is one of the champion bowlers of the State, and E. Northrup, a prominent collector, is also a very fine bowler. The names of the following local collectors are on the Club's roll: E. Northrup, L. Barhyte, B. Hollis, A. Webb, R. O'Shaughnessy, C. M. Hackmeir, J. Young, A. Sylvester, C. Bachmann.

YOUR CHOICE.

Servia No. 49, 1d blue green, new.....	\$0.10
Spain " 43, 2r brown violet, used.....	.10
" " 43, 2r " (pairs), used.....	.20
" " 47, 2r red lilac, used.....	.12
" " 47, 2r " (pairs), used.....	.25
" " 86, 20c de e lilac, used.....	.12
" " 87, 20c violet, used.....	.12
" " 108, 10c de e brown, used.....	.05
" " 170, 400m de e green, ".....	.20
" " 171, 60m lilac, (Ct. \$7 50), used.....	1.25
" " 181, 2c de e brown, used.....	.10
" " 182, 40c yellow brown, used.....	.28

All of above in good condition
Postage extra on orders less than 50c.

61 varieties 1903 envelopes, entire.....	2.00
25 " one of each, entire.....	.75
5 " 19c3 old die, ".....	.25

D. T. EATON,
MUSCATINE, IOWA.

SNAPS!

N. Borneo 1c, '93, cat. .25, .10	30 var. Sweden, .11
" 1-2c, '97, " 29, .11	8 " Spain, .02
Antioquia 2c, '99, " .25, .08	10 " Turkey, .04
New Brunswick 5c, 1860, .02	14 " Roumania, .06
Perak 2c, 1892, .01	6 " Luxemburg, .03
2 var. Tasmania, Pic., cat 9c, .03	20 ass'd Mexico, .04
100 Mixed, .01	20 " Holland, .03
50 var., all different, .04	20 " Russia, .03
10 " Mexico, cat. 35c, .10	20 " Servia, .07
10 " Japan, .01	20 " Argentine, .05
5 " Uruguay, fine, .05	20 " C. & So. Am., .05

Postage 2c under 25c orders
W. H. FECK, E. B. NORWALK, OHIO.

MUST BE SOLD!
STAMPS.

Hundreds of the rarer stamps you need. Rich in old German, Br. Colonies, old European and U. S.

FINE APPROVAL BOOKS

From 50 to 75 % Off Scott's Catalogue. WANT LISTS PRICED. Selections sent on approval on receipt of first class references.

Bargains!

U. S. Executive Dept. complete, marked "Specimen", 5 var., fine condition.....	\$4.50
Transvaal 1887, 5sh steel blue, 6 g.....	2.00
Roumania 1869, 2sh, mint, cat. \$1.25.....	.50
Tuscany 1853, 1q black, white paper.....	1.00

W. H. PLANK,
DECATUR, ARKANSAS.

60% Discount.
Fill Your Spaces while you have the chance.

Send For Our Large List.

E. F. GAMBS CO.,
P. O. Box 2631, SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

UNITED STATES REVENUES

82c for 27c.

A packet of 21 varieties of Civil War revenues, 1st, 2nd and 3rd issues, all perforated and fine, catalogued at 82c only 27c. This is a big bargain.

UNITED STATES ENVELOPES

\$2.23 for 52c.

To start your collection we offer 12 varieties of U. S. envelopes, all unused, cut square, large margins and catalogued at \$2.23 for 52c, post free. The same entire for 60c post free.

HOLTON STAMP CO.,
60 Devonshire St., Boston, Mass.

NOTHING LIKE IT!

My packet No. 25, "The Flood City Special" contains fifty stamps, some very rare ones, and is positively the best value in the market. It has gained a wide reputation, and is quite liberally bought by advanced collectors. No two packets alike. Catalogue value from \$4 to \$6. My Price **ONE DOLLAR.**

Theo. Mainhart, Johnstown, Pa.

For July Buyers!

The following stamps are in the best of condition:

	Catalogue Price	My Price
Barbados 1882-85, 3d, unused.	\$0.35	\$0.20
Bermuda 1865, 2d, used	.35	.20
Canada 1892-93, 50c, used	.25	.15
Cyprus 1886, 1/2p, surch., used	.35	.20
Ceylon 1883-84, 4c, unused	.50	.30
New Brunswick, set 1c to 17c, unused	.65	.50
P. E. Island, set of 6, unused	1.04	.75
Turks Island 1882-84, 4d, un'd	1.00	.75

Please do not send unused postage stamps for remittance.

C. D. PIPER, WOLFEBORO, N. H.

BARGAINS!

U. S. 1895, \$2.00 blue, good copies	\$1.15
" \$5.00 green, "	1.50
" Agriculture, 10c, o. g., fine	2.50
" " 30c, "	2.25
" Executive, 3c, used	2.00
" Treasury, 24c, used, fine	1.15
Württemberg 1851, 18 kr violet, scarce	2.50

L. N. HERBERT, 1520 Washington Ave., NEW YORK.

DEALERS' MIXTURES.

A fine assortment cat. 2 to 3c each, including Salvador, Paraguay, Guatemala new issues, Surch. D. Indies, Tasmania Views, 75c per 100.

Bolivia, various issues, 62c per 100.
Nicaragua, well assorted, inc. high values, 82c per 100.

CARL YOUNG, 112 N. 5th St., Phila., Pa.

GUATEMALA.

Complete Sets, Used, 1902 Issue. 1c to \$2.00 Postally Cancelled, ONLY \$1.00.

PERRIN & CO., 106 East 23rd St., NEW YORK, N. Y. Headquarters for Unused Current Guatemalas at wholesale.

Are you thinking of Selling your stamps at Auctions? If so write us.

Now is the time to make dates for next season.

CHAS. H. STONE & CO., 19 Washington St., BOSTON, MASS.

Items from the Hub.

Tuesday, July 7th.

Mr. I. B. Good of Chicago, Ill., has been attending the Teachers' Convention.

The idea of a special car for the Boston contingent to ride in to the Convention at Clayton has proved a great success and at this writing there are only two or three places left in the car, so hurry up if you want to get aboard.

Mr. A. W. Batchelder of the New England Stamp Co. has gone to Sugar Hill, Franconia, N. H., for a ten days' vacation.

Mr. J. M. Bartels is enjoying a well earned rest at Lake Winnepesaukee and vicinity.

The Annual Convention of the New England Philatelic Association will be held at the Relay House, Bass Point, on Saturday afternoon, August 1st. A large attendance is expected.

Mr. Warren H. Colson spent the 4th and Sunday on a yachting trip as the guest of one of his customers.

The Teachers' Convention has brought many thousand people to Boston, and many seem interested in stamps, as they have been seen in many of the stamp stores examining and purchasing stamps.

Mr. H. L. Southwick, late with the J. M. Bartels Co., has been engaged by Mr. Frank P. Brown.

WM. D. ELDRIDGE.

The Boston Philatelic Society.

M. H. LOMBARD, President, Winchester, Mass.
C. F. ROTHFUCHS, Vice-President, Boston.
C. A. HOWES, Secretary, 55 Kilby St., Boston.
L. L. GREEN, Treasurer, 47 Tremont St., Boston.
J. H. LYONS, Supt. of Auctions, 9 Bromfield St., Boston.
J. H. LYONS, Supt. of Sales, 9 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass.
THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA, Official Journal.

\$200.00 Second Issue No. 2932

This is what can be described as "a perfection copy" and only... \$93.00

1902, \$50.00 No. 3039, green and black, perforated cancellation, fine	21.00
50c Second Issue, Invert No. 2940, fine	7.50
1862, 3c scarlet, No. 74, pen canceled, very fine	55.00
1875, 30c Re-issue No. 131, fine without gum	9.00

Price List Free.

UNITED STAMP CO., 1149 Marquette, Chicago.

N. B. We have an extra copy of the Advanced Collector's Catalogue for sale for only \$15.00.

Holland and Surinam.

Holland, 1c black, 1860-70, used	\$0.25
" 2g1 50c, used, 1891-94	.25
Surinam, 1873, 3c, used	.20
" 1885-89, 1g1, used	.65
" 1893, 1 1/2c, used	.08
" 1900, 1g1 on 1g1, used	.60
" 1900, 50c on 1g1, used	.60
" 1900, 50c on \$2.50, used	2.00
" 1900, \$2.50 on \$2.50, used	1.40
" 1885-89, 40c, used	.35
" 1892, 2 1/2c, used	.02
" 1892, 2 1/2c on 50c, used	.35

J. T. STARR STAMP COMPANY,

COLDWATER, MICH.

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.]

ROCKY HILL, CONN., July 13.

Editor of the ERA:

In your issue of July 4th, your Boston correspondent thinks that, as there are two gentlemen nominated from Minnesota for directors, Mr. Aldrich should step down and out. He fails to state that Mr. Annan has just moved to Minnesota, and it would seem to me that in view of the fact that Mr. Aldrich has long been a resident of Minnesota, also that as Mr. Aldrich is one of our charter members, any shelving of him would be a very unfair act. Mr. Eldredge does not interpret the rules correctly when he says "Under the by-laws no two directors can come from the same state, therefore both gentlemen cannot be elected." Has Mr. E. lost sight of the fact that three directors are from Massachusetts, besides two resident vice-presidents and a purchasing agent? Also that three directors are nominated from Massachusetts? I for one have never believed in the "locality" idea anyway, and think in this case it would be the best idea possible to elect Mr. Aldrich as Secretary and Mr. Annan Treasurer, i. e., get around it some way, as Mr. Deats has declined to longer act as Secretary. Let some one else get out if necessary to carry out the rule that at least seven directors shall be residents of different states.

HENRY A. CHAPMAN, A. P. A. 1495.

Mekeel's Stamp Collector

PUBLISHED WEEKLY.

FULL of information and news valuable to stamp collectors. Once a month large magazine editions are issued. Over one thousand pages guaranteed during the year.

Subscription \$1.00 per year. (On trial for three months, 25 cents.) No stamp man can afford to be without it. Volume sixteen commenced January 1, 1903.

C. H. Mekeel Stamp and Publishing Co. St. Louis, Mo.

WE HAVE MONEY

To Buy Collections, Rarities and Stocks.

We buy unused 1c and 2c stamps for mercantile use at a discount from 2 to 5 per cent, according to quantities. Higher denominations at a greater discount. [14*

UNITED STAMP COMPANY, Incorporated,
1149 Marquette Bldg., CHICAGO, ILL.

SUMMER BARGAINS.

Summer bargains and some are not bargains. As a joke this is poor, but the stamps are good. All U. S.	
3c No. 43, o. g., \$3.40	9cc Interior, o. g., 1.45
" 33, " .50	1c Justice, o. g., .55
3c " 79, un d, sm, tear, 7.15	2c " " 1.00
3c " 79, used, off cen., 3.85	3c " " .34
3c No. 86, " .55	10c " used, 1.00
" 68, " .33	12c " o. g., 1.00
10c " 130, " 2.75	15c " " trifling
7c " 149, o. g., 1.75	off centre, 1.65
6c " 186, " .80	12c Navy, o. g., .65
9cc " 191, o. g., 2.80	24c " " 1.85
30c " 190, " .68	1c State, " 1.00
1c Agri, o. g., 1.35	7c " used, .85
2c " .35	10c " o. g., 1.25
12c " used, 2.40	12c " used, 1.50
24c " o. g., 1.50	15c " o. g., 1.80
30c " used, 1.35	30c " " 2.05
3c Executive, o. g., 2.75	9cc " " 4.00

Postage extra. Satisfaction guaranteed.
E. C. Dodd, 259 So. Hermitage Ave., Chicago.

The Editor's Bears.

We are indebted to Mr. John A. Klemann, the energetic secretary of The Philatelic Society, for the first sight of some dangerous counterfeits of the first Imperial issue of Germany. The counterfeit is produced by pressing out the arms on the 2k 1871 and embossing a counterfeit impression of the 1872 eagle in its place. The work is very well done and remained undetected for some time, but now that the fraud is published it is not likely that any careful buyer will be deceived. The same fraud has been practised on the 18k 1872, which has been altered to the small eagle of 1871. With these two dies in the possession of the forgers it is probable that all the scarce values have been altered. If collectors will study their stamps instead of hoarding them for a rise in price there is but small chance to get swindled. The most expert counterfeiter leaves some little point imperfect and careful comparison will usually show the defect. We cannot all be great experts capable of detecting every false stamp at a glance. But there are few collectors who are not competent to become experts on the rare stamps they have in their own collections, and if each new acquisition is studied as received, the average amateur will soon be master of a large stock of valuable stamp lore.—*Metro-politan Philatelist.*

BUTTONS.

There have recently appeared in philatelic journals a number of articles advocating the wearing of a button, by which philatelists might know one another. We usually regard a button as an article of use, though people have occasionally attempted to make it an ornament. More than half the buttons on a policeman's coat serve no useful purpose—though they may not point a moral, some of them adorn a tail. But the button in question, the philatelic button is to be of the ornamental class—something to be worn in the

lapel of one's coat, where no button has any excuse for being.

The button of the Legion d'Honneur is a coveted decoration and the right to wear the button of the Grand Army of the Republic is a noble privilege, but a philatelic button would be child's play. It would make its wearer ridiculous and the self-respecting philatelist will have none of it. The people who wear club and society pins would probably be pleased by a philatelic button, and those who enjoy adorning themselves with campaign badges and advertising buttons (usually a youthful and callow lot) would welcome it with unfeigned delight; but the men who are more thoroughly developed and whose taste has outgrown glass beads and imitation jewelry can scarcely be expected to display much enthusiasm for the project.

A button for philatelists should naturally suggest stamps. The question then arises, whose "image and superscription" shall it bear? A reproduction of a King Edward stamp would not satisfy collectors in this country, nor would an American emblem please our British cousins; the German eagle would not be acceptable in France nor the Chinese dragon in Japan. It would not be easy to give this button an international character. It would also be difficult to make it characteristic of philately and not absurd.

Attempts have occasionally been made to produce philatelic jewelry, in the shape of scarf pins, watch charms and cuff buttons, made by imprisoning a stamp under a bit of glass. These products have always been clumsy and ugly; they are startlingly conspicuous but entirely devoid of charm or beauty. They are the sort of freaks that conservative people always shun.

The button idea is not by any means new. It does not appear to be generally known, but the thing was tried a number of years ago. The button then used was rectangular and made of bronze; it was not so "wide as a church door" but it suggested a miniature reproduction of one.

Men who are sound and well-balanced dislike gewgaws and prefer not to attract attention to themselves. This class will not wear philatelic buttons and what they reject will meet only a passing favor from others. If philatelists of standing will not adorn themselves with buttons, it is of small moment whether others do or not.—*Editorial in Amer. Journal of Philately.*

The Postal Card Society of America.

Officers for 1902-3.

- President, HORACE E. CARPENTER, JR., Care N. B. Bradley & Sons, Bay City, Mich.
 - Vice-President, J. T. ALBERT HOBSACH, 1422 North 53rd St., Philadelphia, Pa.
 - Secretary, W. P. AGRE, Hope, Ark.
 - Treasurer, JOHN N. MORSE, 105 Devonshire St., Boston, Mass.
 - Executive Committee, GUY A. BRYANT, Princeton, Ill.; W. D. ARNOLD, The Portland, Broadway, St. Paul, Minn.; N. HASKELL WITMER, 230 S. 9th St., La Crosse, Wis.
 - Exchange Superintendent, J. T. A. HOBSACH, 1422 No. 53rd St., Phila., Pa.
 - Purchasing Agent, ADOLPH LOHMEYER, 922 N. Gilmer St., Baltimore, Md.
 - International Secretary, E. DOEBLIN, P. O. Box 736, Pittsburg, Pa.
- Official Journal, THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA.

TRADE COLUMN.

Under this head we will print exchange, want and for sale notices, business announcements, 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.

One four-line notice free with each subscription, providing copy accompanies the subscription.

THREE Consecutive Insertions of SAME ad in this Column for PRICE OF TWO.

Cuba 1899, 5 var., 1 set, 8c; 10 sets, 42c.
Cuba 1899, (U. S.) 6 var., 1 set, 20c; 10 sets, \$1.35.
100 well assorted foreign, including Salvador, Nicaragua, etc., cat. 2 to 8c each, \$1.00. [35
CARL YOUNG, 112 N. 5th St., Phila., Pa.

100 mixed Mexico, postage or revenue 10c. FELIPE NAVEDA, Urbina 8, Toluca City, Mexico. [32

Is your collection for sale? Get your dealer to make a price on it, add 20% to his offer, and send book to me. It's 10 to 1 I buy it. F. W. PICKARD, 2427 Ingleside, Cincinnati, O. [14*

Good Arrowheads at 25 cts. per dozen. Not so good, 1 cent each. Outlines of other relics for a 2 cent stamp. MRS. J. M. BROWNE, Denver, S. C. [31

Eight(8) old Match, Med. & Play, Card stamps for 15c. LINCOLN STAMP & COIN CO., Lincoln, Nebr. [31

British Colonies, etc., on approval 50% disc. Refs. BEDFORD STAMP CO., 702 Duff St., Pittsburg, Pa. [31

Approval sheets 60% disc. Net sheets for advanced collectors at equally low prices. 9000 var. in stock. F. W. PICKARD, 2427 Ingleside, Cincinnati, O. [14*

WM. COURTENAY SMITH, Director Rest Haven Sanitarium, Middle Harbour, Sydney, N.S.W., will be pleased to forward private price-list of Australian and Oceanian stamps. Prices low. Proceeds for charity. [31

Complete set 1903 Envelopes. 61 varieties, mint condition, only \$1.80. S. B. FISH, Butler, Ill. [31

Free! Free! Free! \$3 green and black, \$2 gray, for all who send ref. for our app. sheets. \$1 green, 2 orange, green and black, olive, \$1 olive, \$5 orange, \$5 gray; 8 fine stamps for only 15 cts.; \$3 brown, gray, 2c each; \$10 gray, 20 cts.; \$10 gray, 20 cts.; \$10 black, 20 cts. POSTAL STAMP CO., 15 Lake St., White Plains, N.Y. [30

Wanted: Best offer in stamps (collection or British Colonials preferred) for a fire-proof safe with combination lock, size 30" x 28" x 14 in. outside, 21 1/2" x 16 1/2" x 12 in. inside. J. W. WITTY, Box 1352, Springfield, Mass. [30

U. S. Pre-Cancelled postage stamps. I will pay a good price in cash or exchange for any not in my collection. F. L. SMITH, 40 Exchange Pl., N. Y. [47

To exchange: Hawaii stamps for United States, Scott's Nos. 122, 533, 2830, 2898. JNO. J. STEELE, Mexico, Mo. [31

Wanted: To exchange U. S. for B. N. A. GRANT PIERCE, Brunswick, Me. [251*

To complete your United States: Fine perfect copies, 1857-60, 90 cents, unused, \$12.00 each; 1860, 24 cents, \$3.00 each; 90 cents, \$8.50 each; 1895, \$5 green, \$1.12 each; \$2 blue, \$1.05 each.

To complete your Hawaii: 1859-65 type-set series, Scott's Nos. 10 to 26. Nearly all varieties at 30 to 50 per cent. below Scott's quotations. All later issues at extremely low prices. Selections sent.

Thousands of bargains in old United States, British and Colonial stamps. Fine approval selections at 25 to 50% discount. No common rubbish but only fine copies of desirable stamps sent out. Write stating wants and send reference. I can save you hundreds of dollars. Established 1880. [33*
FREDERICK GINN, 143 Strand, London, England.

Is your collection for sale? I will buy it or any odd lots of good stamps. No cheap stuff wanted. Send on approval with lowest cash offer. Immediate returns guaranteed. HOWARD C. BECK, City Controller's Office, Detroit, Mich. [51*

Pre-cancels not in my collection wanted. Best cash or trade price. E. R. ALDRICH, Benson, Minn. [14

Try an Ad in this Column. It Pays.

American Philatelic Association.

(INCORPORATED.)

THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA—OFFICIAL JOURNAL.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

ALEXANDER HOLLAND, President,
40 Grace Court, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Board of Vice-Presidents.
FRANK H. BURT, Chairman,
Room 1046, Tremont Building, Boston, Mass.
GORDON IRELAND, Secretary,
Holyoke House 21, Cambridge, Mass.
EDWIN F. SAWYER,
101 Washington St., Brighton, Mass.

H. E. DEATS, Secretary,
Flemington, N. J.
E. DOEBLIN, International Secretary,
Box 736, Pittsburg, Pa.
C. L. ANNAN, Treasurer,
Dept. Public Works, St. Paul, Minn.
H. B. PHILLIPS,
1311 Grove St., Berkeley, Cal.
F. W. CONING,
350 George St., New Brunswick, N. J.

RESIDENT VICE-PRESIDENTS.

BOSTON, MASS.—M. H. LOMBARD, Winchester, Mass.
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.—W. E. LOV, 2431 Ellsworth St., Berkeley, Cal.
NEW YORK CITY.—W. F. GREGORY, 71 Nassau St.
PITTSBURG, PA.—E. DOEBLIN, Box 736.
CHICAGO, ILL.—A. F. MARELL, 430 Marquette Building.
MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.—EBEN S. MARTIN, 3344 First Avenue, South.
WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS—ROBERT D. MAYNARD, 36 Oak Grove Ave., Springfield.

APPOINTEE OFFICERS.

E. H. ANDERSON, Librarian,
Carnegie Library, Pittsburg, Pa.
H. D. WATSON, Collecting Agent,
64 Cedar St., New York City.
JOHN J. OESCH, Superintendent of Sales Dept.,
34 Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill.

H. E. DEATS, Assistant Librarian,
Flemington, N. J.
W. F. GREGORY, Auction Purchasing Agent,
71 Nassau St., New York City.
P. M. WOLSIEFFER, Auction Purchasing Agent,
1009 Atwood Bldg., Chicago, Ill.
A. W. BATCHELDER, Auction Purchasing Agent,
21 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass.

EXPERT COMMITTEE.

JOHN N. LUFF, Chairman, 18 East 23rd St., New York, N. Y.
J. M. ANDREINI,
J. C. MORGENTHAU.

Chicago Branch 1 Bulletin No. 3.

J. W. SCOTT SAYS

If the A. P. A. had a dozen such energetic members as P. M. Wolsieffer and John J. Oesch it would soon double its membership list. The Chicago Branch was as usual first in the field and nominated a ticket for the coming year. The list of names is a good one. It was published in last week's *Metropolitan* and those who cannot attend the convention in person cannot do better than appoint one of the Chicago gentlemen we have named to act for them. Clayton is a delightful place and every stamp collector who can spare the time should endeavor to meet his brother philatelists next August. —*Editorial from Metropolitan Philatelist, May 30th, 1903.*

Now is the time to act on above unsolicited suggestion and endorsement of our delegates.

CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE,
A. P. A. BRANCH NO. 1,
CHICAGO.

EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION AT CLAYTON, NEW YORK, AUGUST 11, 1903.

Committee on Credentials.

P. M. Wolsieffer, Chicago, Ill., Chairman.
D. T. Eaton, Muscatine, Iowa.
G. W. Rode, Pittsburg, Pa.
W. F. Gregory, New York, N. Y.
Geo. L. Toppan, Racine, Wis.

Committee of Arrangements.

I also appoint the following members as Committee of Arrangements:
Dr. J. H. Stebbins, Jr., New York, N. Y.
John N. Luff, New York, N. Y.
P. F. Bruner, New York, N. Y.

NOMINATIONS.

For President: **Alexander Holland**, of New York.

For Board of Vice-Presidents: **F. H. Burt**, Boston, **Gordon Ireland**, Boston, **Willard O. Wylie**.

For Treasurer: **C. L. Annan**, Houghton, Mich.

For International Secretary: **E. Doeblin**.

For Secretary: **E. R. Aldrich**, Benson, Minn.

For Directors: **F. W. Coning**, New Jersey, **H. B. Phillips**, California.

REPORT OF SECRETARY

For the Week Ending July 11, 1903.

Applications for Membership.

CONVERSE, WILLIAM P., 44 South 12th St., Minneapolis, Minn.; age 38; Letter Carrier. References: **F. M. Cable**, **J. L. Mayer**; Resident Vice-President, **Eben S. Martin**.

FEICK, GEORGE, 513 Sheridan Ave., Pittsburg, Pa.; age, 47; President Feick Bros. Co. References: **Geo. W. Rode**,

H. E. Wilson; Resident Vice-President, **E. Doeblin**.

WIRTH, FRED., 2408 Bryant Ave., South, Minneapolis, Minn.; Student. References: **John L. Mayer**, **F. M. Cable**; Resident Vice-President, **E. S. Martin**.

ZUGSMITH, JOS. L., 2113 Webster Ave., Pittsburg, Pa.; age, 41; Salesman. References: **G. W. Rode**, **H. E. Wilson**; Resident Vice-President, **E. Doeblin**.

Resignation Received.

1759. **BARTELS, WALTER**, Hamburg, Germany. (Late of Boston, Mass.)

Resignation Accepted.

1268. **HARTSHORNE, EDW. C.**, New York, N. Y.

New Stockholder.

1818. **KIRK, FRANK R.**, 138 Superior St., Toledo, Ohio.

Change of Address.

1493. **MOHN, N. C.**, from 13 Sotheby Road, Highbury Park, to 19 Woodland Gardens, Muswell Hill Road, London, N., England.

Membership Summary.

Total Membership July 4th.....	556
Resignation accepted.....	1
.....	555
New Stockholder.....	1
.....	556
Total Membership July 11th.....	556

The Committee on Arrangements notify me that the headquarters of the Association will be at the Hubbard House, and that the Chairman of the Committee, **Dr. J. H. Stebbins, Jr.**, is now at Clayton, where members desiring rooms reserved may address him on the subject. Reservations, if desired, should be made promptly.

H. E. DEATS, Secretary.

ON TO CLAYTON.

A large representation seems assured at the coming Convention. Among those that expect to be present are the following. If you intend to go please drop a postal to us to that effect.

Alex. Holland, New York, N. Y.
P. M. Wolsieffer, Chicago, Ill.
Wm. C. Stone and wife, Springfield, Mass.

D. T. Eaton, Muscatine, Ia.
John J. Oesch, Chicago, Ill.
Geo. W. Rode, Pittsburg, Pa.
W. F. Gregory, New York, N. Y.
Dr. James H. Stebbins, Jr., New York, N. Y.

John N. Luff, New York, N. Y.
P. F. Bruner, New York, N. Y.
A. W. Batchelder and wife, Boston, Mass.

W. O. Wylie and wife, Beverly, Mass.
J. D. Bartlett, Springfield, Mass.
R. D. Maynard, Springfield, Mass.

E. M. Carpenter and wife, Boston, Mass.
E. F. Sawyer and wife, Brighton, Mass.
H. E. Deats, Flemington, N. J.
F. W. Coning, New Brunswick, N. J.

J. M. Bartels, Boston, Mass.
H. W. Legg, Boston, Mass.
Wm. A. McDonnell, New York, N. Y.
A. Herbst, New York, N. Y.

R. R. Bogert, wife and two daughters, Brooklyn, N. Y.
E. Doeblin and wife, Pittsburg, Pa.
Gordon Ireland, Cambridge, Mass.

Eben S. Martin, Minneapolis, Minn.
D. H. Bacon, Derby, Ct.

Wm. v. d. Wettern, Jr.,

WHOLESALE DEALER IN

POSTAGE + STAMPS.

411 W. Saratoga St., Baltimore, Md.

New special list just issued, sent free on application to dealers only.



Here is a brief mention of some Envelopes I have for sale—they represent economy—
have scores of other stamps equally attractively priced.

CUT SQUARE U. S. ENVELOPES.

Catalog Number.	My Price.	Catalog Price.	Catalog Number.	My Price.	Catalog Price.	Catalog Number.	My Price.	Catalog Price.
1301	1853	3c red, die 1	1407	1874	3c green, die B	1535	1886	4c green
1302	3c "	2	1408	6c carmine	40	1538	30c black	5.00
1303	3c "	3	1408	6c "	15	1539	90c carmine	10.00
1303	3c "	4	1420	10c brown, die A	3.00	1542	4c green, die A	.25
1305	3c "	5	1411	10c die B	.30	1543	4c " B	.25
1307	6c green	5.00	1413	15c orange	1.50	1545	30c black	5.00
1308	10c die 2	20.00	1414	30c purple	7.50	1546	30c carmine	10.00
1308	10c "	8.00	1415	30c black	1.50	1548	2c green, die B	.50
1309	10c "	8.00	1416	90c carmine	2.00	1549	2c " B	.05
1310	3c red, die 1	1.50	1417	2c vermilion, die C	.15	1550	4c carmine	.10
1311	3c "	.75	1417	2c "	.10	1551	5c blue, die A	.10
1312	3c "	2.00	1418	2c pink, die C	5.00	1552	30c chocolate	1.25
1314	3c "	.40	1419	5c blue, " A	.40	1553	90c purple	2.50
1315	6c "	2.50	1420	5c " B	.25	1554	2c green, die A	1.00
1316	6c green	4.00	1421	3c red	.60	1555	2c " B	.05
1317	10c die 2	3.00	1421	3c "	.50	1556	30c chocolate	1.25
1318	10c "	4.00	1422	3c green	.30	1560	1c blue	3.50
1318	10c "	3.00	1423	3c "	.25	1561	2c green, die A	12.00
1319	3c red	.75	1425	3c die C	4.00	1562	2c " B	.05
1320	1857-1861	4c blue and red	1426	5c brown	.20	1563	4c carmine	.05
1321	6c red, reprint	5.00	1427	1c blue, die A, amber	5.00	1566	90c purple	3.00
1322	10c green, reprint	5.00	1428	1874, 1c dark blue, die B, amber	1.50	1568	2c green, die B	.05
1323	3c red	.50	1429	1c light blue	.08	1569	4c carmine	.15
1324	4c blue and red	10.00	1431	2c brown	1.00	1570	5c dark blue, die A	.15
1325	6c red, reprint	4.00	1432	2c "	.30	1574	2c green, die A	10.00
1326	10c green	35.00	1433	2c die C	3.00	1574	4c carmine	.20
1326	1c reprint	25.00	1435	3c green, die A	.30	1578	90c purple	3.00
1327	1c blue	15.00	1436	3c die B, amber	.10	1581	2c green, die B	.05
1328	1c "	1.00	1437	6c carmine	.20	1582	4c carmine	.20
1328	1c "	.75	1438	7c vermilion	4.00	1583	30c chocolate	1.50
1330	1861, 3c pink, white	.15	1439	10c brown, die A	3.50	1584	90c purple	2.50
1331	6c "	7.50	1440	10c die B	.30	1586	1893, 2c violet	.04
1332	3c buff	.10	1441	12c plum	3.50	1587	3c chocolate	.10
1336	10c green, white	1.00	1443	24c purple	10.00	1588	10c slate brown	.20
1337	10c buff	1.00	1444	30c black	3.50	1590	1895, 1c dark blue, white	.10
1338	12c brown and red	5.00	1445	9c carmine	7.00	1600	4c brown, die B	3.00
1339	20c blue and red	7.00	1446	1875, 2c vermilion, die C	.20			
1340	24c green and red	7.00	1447	5c blue, die A	.40			
1341	40c red and bl.	8.00	1448	5c die B	.25			
1342	1863, 2c black, buff	1.25	1450	1880-82, 3c green, die C	10.00			
1342	2c "	1.25	1451	3c "	5.00			
1346	1864, 2c black, die 1, buff	.50	1453	5c brown	.20			
1347	2c " 2	.40	1454	1874, 2c brown, die A	8.00			
1347	2c " 3	.50	1455	3c green	.50			
1348	2c " 2	.40	1456	3c " B	.35			
1348	2c " 3, orange	.50	1458	3c carmine	.75			
1349	2c " 2	2.00	1459	15c orange	10.00			
1350	3c pink, white	.20	1460	24c purple	6.00			
1351	6c "	.75	1462	30c black	10.00			
1352	3c buff	.20	1463	1875, 1c blue, die B	.20			
1353	6c "	.60	1464	2c vermilion, die C	1.50			
1354	9c yellow	6.00	1465	5c blue, die A	3.00			
1356	12c brown	5.00	1466	1874, 1c dark blue, die A	.35			
1357	12c red brown	3.00	1467	1c light blue, " A	1.00			
1358	18c red	2.00	1468	1c dark blue, " B	.15			
1359	24c blue	2.00	1469	1c light blue, " B	.10			
1360	30c green	2.00	1470	2c brown, die B	1.50			
1361	40c rose	2.00	1471	3c green, die B	.15			
1362	3c brown, white	1.00	1472	5c blue, die A	.50			
1363	6c purple	.75	1473	5c " B	.40			
1364	6c brown, buff	.75	1474	1880-81, 1c blue, " B	.25			
1366	6c purple	.75	1477	5c vermilion, die C	1.00			
1367	1870, 1c blue, white	.40	1478	5c brown	5.00			
1368	2c brown	.30	1479	1875-79, 1c blue, die B	.15			
1368	3c green	.10	1480	2c vermilion, die C	.05			
1369	6c carmine, white	.50	1481	3c green, die B	.15			
1370	10c black	25.00	1482	5c blue, " A	12.00			
1371	10c brown	2.50	1483	5c " B	4.00			
1372	12c plum	3.00	1485	6c carmine	2.00			
1373	15c orange	4.00	1486	1880-82, 5c brown	15.00			
1374	24c purple	4.00	1487	1883, October, 2c red, white	.10			
1375	30c black	3.00	1488	2c " amber	.15			
1376	90c carmine	5.00	1489	2c " blue	.25			
1377	1c blue, amber	1.50	1490	1883, November, 2c red, white	.10			
1378	2c brown	.50	1491	2c " amber	.20			
1379	3c green	.15	1492	2c " fawn	.25			
1380	6c carmine	1.50	1493	2c " blue	.25			
1381	7c vermilion, amber	1.50	1494	1883, 4c green, die A	.15			
1382	10c brown	2.00	1495	4c " B	.15			
1383	15c orange	3.00	1496	1884, May, 3c brown, white	.15			
1385	30c black	4.00	1498	2c " fawn	.20			
1387	90c carmine	6.00	1500	2c " blue	.25			
1388	3c green, cream	5.00	1501	1884, June, 2c red, white	.20			
1389	6c carmine	.75	1502	2c " amber	.20			
1391	12c plum	4.00	1504	2c " fawn	.75			
1391	15c orange	6.00	1504	Round o in two	1.50			
1393	24c purple	5.00	1505	1884, June, 2c red, blue	.75			
1394	30c black	7.50	1506	2c brown, white	.10			
1395	90c carmine	5.00	1509	2c " blue	1.00			
1396	1c blue, orange	.50	1510	1884, July, 2c brown, die A	.05			
1397	2c brown	.25	1512	2c " A	.05			
1398	1874, 1c blue, die A	3.00	1514	2c " A	.10			
1399	1c dark blue, die B	2.50	1515	2c " B	1.00			
1400	1c "	.08	1516	2c " A	.10			
1401	1c light blue	3.00	1518	1886, 5c brown	10.00			
1402	2c brown, die A	2.25	1519	10c "	3.00			
1403	2c die B	5.00	1520	30c black	10.00			
1403	2c die C	1.50	1522	90c carmine	5.00			
1406	3c green, die A	.15	1534	2c brown, die A	.08			

Wrappers.

Official Envelopes.

The Weekly Philatelic Era

A PAPER DEVOTED TO STAMP NEWS.

50¢ PER YEAR.

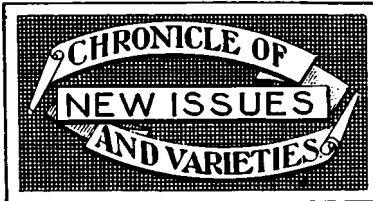
ENTERED AT PORTLAND POST OFFICE AS SECOND CLASS MATTER JAN. 10, 1890.

2¢ PER COPY.

VOL. XVII. No. 43.

PORTLAND, ME., SATURDAY, JULY 18, 1903.

WHOLE No. 531.



BY HENRY A. KIDDER.

Friends of the ERA are invited to send to the editor of this department any information regarding new issues or varieties that may prove of interest. Such information will be suitably acknowledged. Address, HENRY A. KIDDER, 17 Addison Street, Arlington, Mass.

Exchanges will please send Mr Kidder a copy of each issue to the foregoing address, and an extra copy of the ERA will be gladly sent whenever desired.

ABYSSINIA.—According to *L'Echo de la Timbrologie* the sets overprinted "Ethiopie" and "Posta", the latter in Amharic characters, have been superseded by a new set overprinted with "Ethiopie" in Amharic characters.

AFGHANISTAN.—The *Philatelic Journal of India* says that the old issue of stamps has again appeared upon letters from Kabul, after having been superseded by a seal for a short time.

ARGENTINE.—Mr. Lohmeyer reports having received the "Memorandum Postal," bearing the new type stamp, not embossed. Also another commemorative card, issued May 23, on the occasion of the visit of the Chilean Delegation to Buenos Aires. It is printed on white Bristol Board, inscribed, in two lines, "TARJETA POSTAL"—"23 DE MAYO DE 1903" The face of the card is tinted, the bottom being pale pink, shaded to white and to pale ultramarine at the top. The stamp of the value of 5 centavos, 35x74mm. in size, is at the left side, occupying about one-fourth of the card, and is printed in grey-blue, while the inscriptions (Tarjeta, etc.) and the four address lines are in red-brown. The reverse shows scenic representations in blue-black, there being, in all, 27 varieties for the picture card collector.

Post Card (Commemorative):

5c gray blue and red brown on pink to blue shaded, 92x145mm.

Letter Card (Regular):

5c brick red on cream 95x144mm., folded.

AUSTRIA.—*Smith's Monthly Circular* reports that while the 10 heller carmine is the only envelope sold at Austrian post offices, other values are impressed to order. The following are chronicled.

Envelopes (Regular):

3h pale brown.
5h blue green.
6h orange.
10h carmine.
23h brown.
25h blue.

BAHAMAS.—*Ewen's Weekly* gives the following figures of the number of stamps printed of the Queen's staircase set: 1d, 4115 sheets of 60, 246,900 stamps; 5d, 188 sheets of 60, 11,280 stamps; 2sh, 91 sheets of 60, 5460 stamps; 3sh, 102 sheets of 60, 6120 stamps.

BRITISH SOMALILAND.—It is reported that the surcharged Indian stamps, over which there has been so much dispute, are to be replaced at once by a regular issue. The colony was admitted into the Postal Union, June 1, the same day on which the new postal service was inaugurated.

BULGARIA.—Mr. Lohmeyer has received the double cards of 5 and 10 stotinki, which were issued recently, although chronicled more than six months ago. They have the stamp of the Prince Ferdinand type.

Post Cards (Regular):

5x55 green on cream, T. 3, 92x140mm.
10x105 red on cream, T. 3, 92x140mm.

CEYLON.—Mr. J. H. Lyons of the New England Stamp Co. has shown us the 4c and 30c of the new King's head set. Both are handsome and striking stamps. The 30c was chronicled in No. 521. We give the full list for convenience:

Adhesives (Regular):

3c green.
4c orange brown and blue.
5c dull lilac.
6c carmine.
12c olive green and carmine.
15c blue.
25c buff.
30c dark lilac and green.

COLOMBIA.—Mr. Foulon has sent Mr. Lohmeyer a copy of the permanent 5 centavos card, to the issue referred to in the chronicle on page 333, No. 528. The stamp forms the upper right corner of the frame, while the figure "5", in different forms, in ornamental circles and an oval, serves as the other three corner pieces. The frame is inscribed "UNION POSTALE UNIVERSELLE" at top, "UNION POSTAL UNIVERSAL" at bottom, "CARTE POSTALE" and "TARJETA POSTAL" at the left and right sides respectively. The inscription in the upper

center of the card is "REPUBLICA DE COLOMBIA" and the customary instruction to write the address on this side and the message on the other. There are four dotted address lines, two long and two short, the first being preceded by "A", the third by "en" in script.

Post Card (Regular):

5c black on dull orange, 89x130mm.

CRETE.—*L'Annuaire Timbrologique* says that the following quantities only were issued of the unsurcharged issue: 50c, 1200; 1 fr, 750; 2 fr, 450; 5 fr, 375. These are now quoted at 100 francs for the set of four by Parisian dealers.

ERITREA.—Mr. Lohmeyer reports the 7½x7½c reply card chronicled in No. 529.

FRANCE.—Mr. J. H. Lyons has shown us the 20c and 30c of the "Sower" series. The denominations previously issued were 10c, 15c and 25c.

Adhesives (Regular):

20c brown violet.
30c violet.

HUNGARY.—Mr. Lohmeyer reports the Telegraph Letter Card with the color of the stamp changed to yellow-brown, the "62" in stamp, and the inscriptions remaining the same, blue.

Letter Card:

6c filler, yellow-brown and blue on white, perf. I, B, 97x155mm.

ICELAND.—A kind friend has favored Mr. Lohmeyer with the missing link in the provisional set, surcharged "I GILDI -'02-'03", completing the set.

Post Cards (Provisional):

5c blue, black and gray on white, 92x146mm.
5x28 " " " " " " T. 3, 92x146mm.
8x28a mauve and black on white, T. 3, 91x140mm.

ITALY.—Mr. Lohmeyer has received from Dr. Diens a copy of the 7½x7½ centesimi card of the new type and control number "03" chronicled last week, also the regular 10 centesimi card, bearing an impression, in blue, in the upper left corner of the message side, of the Arms of Savoy with "CAMERA DEI DEPUTATI" in a semi-circle under it, destined for the use of Deputies. The card shows no indication of its official character on its face.

Post Card (Official):

10c red on cream, reverse with arms in blue, 90x140.

JAMAICA.—Mr. Lohmeyer reports the ½d reply card of the new Colonial type, King's head, the single card not having been placed on sale as yet.

Post Card (Regular):

½x½d green on cream, T. 3, 74x121mm.

CHAPTER XLIV.

Four years devoted to the main idea of making

Osgood's Famous Big Selections

better than any other approvals is bound to count. I don't claim perfection but I am gaining on it at every jump. Reference.

Pre-cancelled are the most popular side line ever known. I am the leading dealer in this line.

D. W. OSGOOD,

ALAMOSA, Conejos Co., COLO.
[To be Continued.]

Are you thinking of Selling your stamps at Auctions? If so write us.

Now is the time to make dates for next season.

CHAS. H. STONE & CO.,

19 Washington St., BOSTON, MASS.

JOHORE—Mr. Frank P. Brown has shown the two provisionals 3c on 4c and 10c on 4c chronicled in No. 525. The line with which the old values were obliterated appears to have been made with pen and ink.

NATAL—Mr. Frank P. Brown has received the 2½d, 4d, £1 and £10 stamps of the King's head set. They have been chronicled for months, but have just been seen here.

ST. HELENA—Mr. Lyons has shown us the full set of stamps (large size) chronicled last week.

SERVIA—The 10 para letter card is now printed in one color, carmine, according to Mr. Lohmeyer. There are many rumors regarding a new issue of stamps for this country but nothing definite is yet known.

Letter Card (Regular):

10 para, carmine on pearl gray, perf. IV, T., 87x144mm.

SAN MARINO—The report that a 25c express letter stamp was to be issued has been denied officially.

SEYCHELLES—The King's head set, so long expected, has at last arrived and has been shown the ERA by Mr. J. H. Lyons of the New England Stamp Co. and by Mr. Frank P. Brown.

Adhesives (Regular):

2c oia 1/2c brown and green.
3c green.
6c carmine.
12c olive gray and green.
15c blue.
18c olive green and carmine.
30c purple and green.
45c brown and carmine.
75c yellow and purple.
R1.50 gray and carmine.
R2.25 violet and green.

SENEGAMBIA—A new set of French Colony stamps of the type so long familiar has been issued with the inscription in the lower tablet reading "Senegambie et Nigei." Mr. J. H. Lyons has shown us a full set from 1c to 1fr.

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.]

"MUCH BETTER POSTED."

SOUTH FRAMINGHAM, MASS.,
July 16, 1903.

MR. W. W. JEWETT,
Editor THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA,
Portland, Maine.

Dear Sir: My attention has been attracted by your editorial, in the current number of the ERA, in re the complications existing in the coming election of Directors of the American Philatelic Association which has been caused by the removal of our present Treasurer to Minnesota.

Being, probably, much better posted regarding the true facts of the case than either yourself or Mr. Chapman, whose letter I have also noted, I desire to submit the following presentation of it and to request its publication in the next number of the ERA.

1st. At the time of Mr. Annan's nomination by the Chicago Branch he had no idea of changing his location.

2nd. As soon as Mr. Annan decided to remove to St. Paul, the fact was communicated to both yourself and Mr. Deats and, in due time, the same was announced in the Secretary's report under the heading of "Changes of Address," but, notwithstanding your official notice from Mr. Deats, the address still appears as "Houghton, Mich." in the list of Officers at the head of the official page in the ERA. This was, without doubt, an oversight on your part, but, at all events, the change should have been made and your omission to do so has been rather sharply criticized by several of my correspondents.

3rd. As soon as Mr. Annan's change of address was published, as above, he was requested to "Change your address back to Michigan until after the Convention." This he very properly refused to do; preferring to withdraw from the ticket, which he did in a letter to the Secretary of the Chicago Branch.

4th. The above facts came to my knowledge and believing it a very injudicious move for the Association to attempt to install new and inexperienced men in the important offices of Secretary and Treasurer at one and the same time, I immediately communicated with Mr. Annan; placed the matter before him as I saw it and, after considerable persuasion, induced him to retract his letter of withdrawal and, continuing in the race, to abide by the result of the election.

There is, nor has there been, not an iota of personal feeling in the matter. Both Mr. Annan and myself know Mr. Aldrich personally and have only the kind-

WE HAVE MONEY

To Buy Collections, Rarities and Stocks.

We buy unused 1c and 2c stamps for mercantile use at a discount from 3 to 5 per cent. according to quantities. Higher denominations at a greater discount. [1fr

UNITED STAMP COMPANY, Incorporated,
1149 Marquette Bldg., CHICAGO, ILL.

ABYSSINIA

Postage 1894, 7 varieties, unused, 35c per set.
Unpaid 1896, 7 varieties, unused, 35c per set.
Both Sets, 65c.

NORTH BORNEO

Surcharged British Protectorate 1c to 24c
10 varieties, cancelled, 35c per set.

Postage extra on above offers.

COLUMBIAN STAMP CO.,
ARLINGTON, MASS.

WHEN YOU THINK OF SELLING

WRITE TO

B. L. DREW & CO.,

7 WATER ST., (Room 501), BOSTON, MASS.

[reot

The Leading Auction Firm in America.

lest feelings and regards for him in every way. It is simply a friendly contest to see which one of the two Minn. candidates will win out as both cannot be elected under the present By-Laws, and, further, as the election takes place before the Convention, no action taken by the proxy holders, or persons there present, can alter its result or in any way affect the rules now governing the case.

Another potent reason for my advocacy of Mr. Annan's re-election, for, of course, I promised him my active support if he would consent to run, is that he has served the Association well and faithfully for the past few years and has a record which proves his fitness and ability for the duties of the office and should, of itself, entitle him to the consideration of the members at large. On the other hand, Mr. Aldrich, or any other new man, is, at best, an unknown quantity at the present time.

As to the points made by Mr. Chapman I must first state that, owing to my own change of location, I did not receive the ERA of July 4th, and have not, therefore, seen the remarks of the Boston correspondent to which he refers. I will, however, state most emphatically that, as far as Mr. Annan or myself are concerned, such a suggestion as Mr. Aldrich's "stepping down and out" was never for a moment thought of, much less suggested.

I would, also, call to his attention the fact that while it is true that "Mr. Annan has just moved to Minnesota," it is equally true that it was from that very State that he was originally elected to the office which he now holds.

Mr. Chapman has evidently a very slight acquaintance with the By-Laws, as he

All Unused. In Fine Condition.

No.	Reduced from Cat. Price	To
18	Siam 1890, 1a on 3a.....	\$2.50 \$0.50
25a	Cyprus 1882, 1a.....	3.00 1.15
48	St. Vincent 1883, 4d.....	2.50 1.15
2a	Surinam 1873, 3c.....	2.50 1.15
261	U. S. 1894, \$1 black.....	1.50 1.15
The above five reduced from.....		12.00 5.00
U. S. ENVELOPES, CUT SQUARE, LARGE MARGINS.		
1555	1897, 2c on amber, die A.....	1.00 .50
1561	" " 2c on o. buff, die A.....	12.00 4.95
1834	War 1873, 3c on cream.....	5.00 2.00
1863	War 1873, 2c on manila.....	6.00 2.75
1865	War 1875, 2c on manila.....	2.00 1.00

Please remit by bills or money order.

G. F. ROTHFUCHS 38 Munroe St., ROXBURY, MASS.**TWELVE SCARCE STAMPS****\$3.27 for 50 cents.**

Twelve unused o. g. foreign postage stamps, all different, catalogued \$3.27, for 50c post free.

FOREIGN ENVELOPES**\$3.37 for 79 cents.**

To start your collection of foreign envelopes we offer 48 varieties unused, cut square, large margins, catalogued \$3.37, for 79c post free.

These offers are made simply to make new customers and only one packet will be sold to a customer. No sheets sent on approval unless requested and a reference is given if you are unknown to us.

HOLTON STAMP CO.,

60 Devonshire St., Boston, Mass.

shows clearly by confusing the elective and appointive officers of the Association and the rules governing them, or their election. He, also, wants to attempt the impossible by amending the By-Laws and making the amendment retroactive.

Very truly yours,

GEO. L. TOPPAN.

[The italics used above in the fourth paragraph are ours—see the editorial page for comment etc.—ED.]

WOLLASTON, MASS., July 16, 1903.

MR. W. W. JEWETT,

Editor WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA.

Dear Sir: I am in favor of Mr. C. F. Richards' amendment to the Article 7 Section 8, as outlined in the ERA of May 30th, and shall instruct my proxy to vote for it or for some arrangement for examining ordinary stamps at a cost not exceeding ten cents each. Hoping that you may find space for this in the ERA and that it will serve to draw out the opinions of other members, I am,

Yours truly,

RICHARD L. HARPER,
A. P. A. 1501.**The New England Philatelic Association.**

Organized February, 1895.

Board of Officers:

President, CHARLES H. SMITH, Dedham, Mass.
Vice President, J. FAVILL CAPRON, 22 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass.
Secretary and Treasurer, H. W. LEGG, 36 Hancock St., Boston, Mass.
Sales Department, CHARLES H. STONE, 91 Antrim St., Cambridgeport, Mass.
Information Bureau, MRS. WALLACE DANA SMITH, 20 Wibird St., Portsmouth, N. H.
Counterfeit Detector, WILLIS D. KING, Nashua, N. H.
Attorney, HORACE S. BACON, 107 Stevens St., Lowell, Mass.
Governing Board, CHARLES H. STONE, Chairman, 91 Antrim St., Cambridgeport, Mass., JOHN J. COWE, New Dorchester, Mass., FRANK A. WILSON, 185 Highland Ave., Somerville, Mass.
Official Organ, THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA.

Albums.

I was much pleased with the article in your issue of July 11, 1903, entitled "A Plea for a Printed Album for the Private Proprietary Issues of the United States." I see but one fault with it—too long a name. The Doctor says "insofar as I know, there is not a printed album for Match and Medicine stamps in existence."

I would say for his benefit that I have a "National Stamp Album" containing specially designed spaces for all United States Postage and Revenue Stamps." It was published by J. Walter Scott in 1886, and is the only album I have ever seen containing spaces for Match and Medicine stamps. It is printed on one side of the paper only, and there is a blank leaf after each printed leaf; gilt edges and Morocco bound and cost me a five dollar William when published. I have another \$5.00 bill in my inside pocket for another just like it brought up to date. It isn't exactly what the Doctor calls for, but for myself I had as soon have it as to have one exclusively for Match and Medicine Stamps. Not one collector in ten thousand who does not collect Postage stamps if they collect Match and Medicine. The publishers of our stamp albums seem to think that as the printed-on-both-sides-of-the-paper Album has always sold at \$1.50 for the cheapest grade and \$6.00 for the two volume edition printed on one side of the paper only that they must always continue to sell at that price. They seem to prefer to have something to "sell at a price," rather than to have an Album that is complete and charge an extra half a dollar or more if necessary. I don't know as I use very good United States, but look over the oldest album you have and compare it with the latest and you will see what I mean. I have at hand an album issued in 1893; it contains 6 printed pages for Afghanistan, the last one I have (1899) has 2 blank pages for the same country. My '93 edition contains 29 printed pages for India and the Protected States, the 1899 edition contains 4 printed pages for India and 5 blank pages for the States. There are very many similar cases you will find by comparison. Why do they do it? The only reason I can see for it is to enable them to sell their books at the old price. For my part I had rather pay a dollar or two more for my album, and when I get a new stamp, no matter where it comes from, have a printed space in which to place it.

My Match and Medicine stamps are in my old National Album, the balance of my collection is in two volumes, 1899 edition.

I would like a three volume Album: the first volume to contain spaces for United States stamps—Postage, Revenue, Match, Medicine, everything catalogued; the other two volumes to contain space for all foreign postage stamps both adhesive

POSTAL CARD CATALOGUE, 1903.

The only catalogue for Card Collectors, to be issued this Fall, is Senf's (German), and I will have them in stock as soon as issued.

PRICE 35c POSTPAID.

As the issue will be limited, I would advise collectors to send me their order, accompanied by remittance, without delay.

ADOLPH LOHMEYER,
922 N. Gilmor Street, Baltimore, Md.

STAMPS

AT

One-Half and One Cent Each.

A postal card with your name will bring you the lists by return mail.

COLUMBIAN STAMP CO.,
ARLINGTON, MASS.

and envelopes mentioned in the catalogue. A three volume album could be published and sold for probably \$10 or even less, and would be just what the general collector wants. If one only collects U. S. he could buy the 1st volume, and if there was a demand for U. S. Postage without the Revenues and Match and Medicine, or the Match and Medicine without the Postage, it would be an easy matter to print the required number of albums from the same plates used in the complete edition. In this way one could buy just what he wanted.

JOHN M. HUBBARD.

CHICAGO'S IMMENSE POSTAL BUSINESS.

The daily increasing volume of mail matter handled at the Chicago postoffice has compelled the postal department to hasten the work upon the new federal building and complete it without further delay.

It is not without good reason the Washington authorities have become alarmed at the possibility of serious trouble in handling the postal business of Chicago. Despite the limited space allotted for the prompt transmission of this city's mail matter, there has been no serious trouble as yet; it is the rapidly increasing business and the immediate future that has caused the Washington officials to become active.

Every business day there are received at the postoffice to be forwarded 1,500,000 letters and circulars and 100 tons of second-class matter, such as newspapers, etc. Between 65 and 70 tons of third and fourth-class matter, and with the handling of the incoming mails for local delivery every inch of space in the old postoffice, which measures 240x523 feet, does double duty. Yet were it not for the assistance furnished by station U, at Canal and Adams streets, and the additional advantage derived by establishing submailing stations at a number of the larger mail order concerns it would prove utterly impossible to promptly move these mountains of mailable matter. During February, the latest postal statement showed a business increase at the New York postoffice of 12 per cent. For the same period an increase of 15 per cent was met with and successfully handled at the Chicago postoffice.—Chicago Tribune.

THE Weekly Philatelic Era.

W. W. JEWETT, - Editor and Publisher.

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

U. S., Canada or Mexico, 50c. per year.
To other countries in Postal Union, \$1.00 per year.
All subscriptions MUST commence with current number. Back numbers cannot be supplied at subscription rates.

ADVERTISING RATES:

A special reduced rate of 60c per inch on transient advertising is in force during the summer months. Good until Sept. 1st.

PUBLICATION OFFICE.

602 Congress St., Portland, Me.

YOUR SUBSCRIPTION EXPIRES with this issue if a (X) appears in the margin opposite this paragraph. The paper is not *abruptly* discontinued on the expiration of subscriptions, unless expressly so ordered. We shall highly appreciate an early renewal from you, or an order to have your paper discontinued.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS. In notifying us of any change of address subscribers should be sure to give their *old* as well as *new* address

Notes and Comment.

Under the "Correspondence" heading in this issue we publish an explanation from an *authority* on American Philatelic Association matters, in fact from a past President, yet perhaps of no more importance or "better posted" on its affairs than many other members—to speak plainly and assuring our readers that we intend no personal disrespect, and have in view only the idea of correcting false impressions conveyed and which same has caused us to be so "sharply criticized."

In the first place as to the italics. We wish to state in direct contradiction to Mr. Toppan's assertion that, to our best knowledge and belief, we had never received any "official" notification from *anyone* to change Mr. Annan's address in the Association's standing heading, up to within five days before it was changed. That his address was ordered changed on our mailing list we admit, but that did not signify that it was a *permanent* change of address and we were in no way bound to *presume* and alter the official heading. As to any underhand method of getting around the complication occasioned by Mr. Annan's removing to Minnesota, as implied by the insertion of the quotation

U. S. ENVELOPES.

We have some of the Greatest Rarities in U. S. Envelopes in stock.
What do you need?

Low and Medium Priced Envelopes.

A splendid stock of all issues. Send us your want list. On most envelopes cataloging up to \$10.00 each we can allow a straight discount of 50 per cent. from catalogue.

Or let us send you an approval book of envelopes at this discount.

NEW ENGLAND STAMP CO.,
9 and 21 Bromfield St., BOSTON, MASS.

of a request made to Mr. Annan, we wish emphatically to deny all knowledge of any such request or suggestion being made.

This disposes of the point most directly affecting us, and illustrates one of the several instances which prompted us to make the reference we did on this page in No. 528 re independence and to which the present aspirant for the position of official organship, in blissful ignorance of the servile service heretofore required, speaks editorially so lightly of in the last issue.

Now a word concerning suggestions made by Mr. Chapman and the writer regarding a way out of the complication occurring by two nominees being residents of the same state. Mr. Toppan shows how blind a man can be "when he won't see." His concluding sentence is unworthy so capable and experienced parliamentarian and politician. He would have members believe an easy matter "impossible." To be brief we will suggest one way that the end referred to could be attained. Let the nominations stand as made by the Chicago Branch and the votes cast in accordance. The Committee on Credentials will receive the votes and announce the result of the ballot—of course being obliged to debar from the list of Directors elected the name of one of the two from the same state receiving the smaller vote. This would make eight members of the Board elected and a vacancy of one member—which the Directors would, in accordance with the By-Laws and precedence, have the power to fill. This vacancy would not have to be filled till after the by-laws *could* be altered when the Directors could elect the other member to the Board, and the will of the members carried out—and the "impossible" accomplished.

Springfield, Mass., Notes.

Mark Steffan of Memphis, Mo., who is with Walter Main circus, has notified several of us that he will be here July 18th ready to exchange stamps. We are to look for him near the dressing rooms or the red lemonade stand.

Another of our Club, Mr. Robert Maynard, has taken quite a fancy to the Mexican stamps.

As trade drops off how fast the price lists etc. come flowing through the mails. I suppose the dealers have time to get them out.

Those of us who can't go to Clayton would like a picture of the bunch and hope it will be a good one. I understand the same signs are to be used that we had in our picture. The ones we pushed up to Mountain Park on front of the car.

SOME GEMS.

Gibraltar (Kings), ¼ to 1sh, new.....	\$c-.75
Hong Kong " " 1c, 8c and 12c, new.....	.80
Southern Nigeria (Kings), ¼ to 1sh, new.....	.75
Transvaal (Kings), 3p, 4p and 1sh, new.....	.60
Uganda 1r ultramarine, used.....	.50
" " 5r brown, used.....	2.00
Victoria No. 204, 5sh blue, used.....	.35
" " 205, 5sh red, ".....	.75
Virgin Islands Nos. 21 to 27 ¼ to 1sh, new....	1.00
Zanzibar No. 56 to 61b, fine, used.....	1.25
" " " 49, 2r green, used.....	.75

D. T. EATON,
MUSCATINE, IOWA.

GUATEMALA.

Complete Sets, Used, 1902 Issue.

1c to \$2.00 Postally Cancelled.

ONLY \$1.00.

PERRIN & CO.,

106 East 23rd St., NEW YORK, N. Y.
Headquarters for Unused Current Guatemalas at wholesale.

Scarce Stamps.

Argentine 1899, 5 peso, orange, mint	\$2.90
" " 1898, 10 " green, " "	5.80
" " 20 " red, " "	11.60
Natal, King, 2½d blue, mint.....	.08
Uganda 1r rupee, blue, ".....	.55
" " 5 " " ".....	2.60
Fiji, King, 5sh, mint.....	1.62
" " 1£, " ".....	6.30
France 1853, 25c blue, used.....	.55
Gibraltar, King, 2sh, mint.....	.66
" " 4sh, ".....	1.32
Cuba, Special, new spelling "in"....	.15
Cook Island, crown surcharge, (one copy only).....	3.50

I am giving the best new issue service in the United States. If you want prompt service at fair prices

WHY NOT WRITE ME?

FRANK P. BROWN,

339 Washington St., BOSTON, MASS.

60% DISCOUNT.

U. S. Postage, Revs., etc. and Foreign Postage on approval. Ref. required.
Cash paid for Unused U. S. Postage. [if
C. B. MERRILL, 102 E. 90th St., New York.

60% Discount.

Fill Your Spaces
while you have
the chance.

Send For Our Large List.

E. F. GAMBS CO.,

P. O. Box 2631, SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

UNITED STATES REVENUES

82c for 27c.

A packet of 21 varieties of Civil War revenues, 1st, 2nd and 3rd issues, all perforated and fine, catalogued at 82c only 27c. This is a big bargain.

UNITED STATES ENVELOPES

\$2.23 for 52c.

To start your collection we offer 12 varieties of U. S. envelopes, all unused, cut square, large margins and catalogued at \$2.23 for 52c, post free. The same entire for 60c post free.

HOLTON STAMP CO.,

60 Devonshire St., Boston, Mass.

Hawaii.

Condition: Ext-a Fine.	Catalogue Price.	Net Price.
1874-81 2c vermilion, unused.....	\$0.75	\$0.50
" 18c dull rose, unused.....	1.25	.65
1875 2c brown, used.....	.10	.06
1882 1c blue, unused.....	.10	.06
1883-86 10c brown, used.....	.15	.12
" 2c red lilac, unused.....	2.25	1.75
1886 2c rosy vermilion, unused.....	.35	.25
1889-91 5c black blue, unused.....	1.50	1.15
1893 1c purple, unused.....	.20	.15
" 2c purple, unused.....	.20	.15
" 2c brown, unused.....	.30	.22
" 5c ultramarine, unused.....	.20	.15
" 10c black, unused.....	.40	.30
" 2c rose, unused.....	.75	.08
" 18c dull rose, unused.....	.60	.45
1894 2c green, unused.....	.15	.10
" 25c blue, unused.....	.60	.45

Please do not send postage stamps in payment for any of the above.

C. D. PIPER, WOLFEBORO, N. H.

BARGAINS!

U. S. 1895, \$2.00 blue, good copies.....	\$1.15
" " \$5.00 green, ".....	1.50
" Agriculture, 20c, o. g., fine.....	2.50
" " 30c, ".....	2.25
" Executive, 3c, used.....	2.00
" Treasury, 24c, used, fine.....	1.15
Wurttemberg 1851, 18 kr violet, scarce.....	2.50

L. N. HERBERT,

1520 Washington Ave., NEW YORK.

QUEEN HEADS, All Unused, Original Gum.

Bahamas 1884-90, 4d yellow.....	\$0.11
Bahamas 1884-90, 6d violet.....	.16
Br. Honduras 1888, 3c on 3c brown.....	.04
Falkland Islands 1886, 1d claret.....	.10
Seychelles 1897, 13c slate and black.....	.11
Straits Settlements 1887-91, 3c on 3c violet.....	.04
Tobago 1885-94, 1/4d green.....	.02
Virgin Island 1881-88, 1/4d green.....	.05

Blocks at same rate. Postage extra.
Economist Stamp Co., 2113 Third Ave., N. Y.

15,000 Circulation, \$5.00.

A Page ad in the "West" costs only \$5.00, or in "Adhesive" for \$2.80. Cash with order.

Clarence P. DeKay, Florida, New York.

A RARE TREAT,

such stamps as these at the prices quoted.

1892 Canada 50c, cat. 25c, my price 12c.
1897 Canada Jubilee 50c, cat. 30c, my price 15c.
1897 Canada Jubilee \$2.00, cat. \$1.50, my price 65c.
1897 Turkey, error, scanique, cat. \$2.00, my price 75c.
*1902 Germany 3pf, error Dfutsches, at 20c.

*Unused, all others used. Cash with order.

Theo. Mainhart, Johnstown, Pa.

The Postal Card Society of America.

Officers for 1902-3.

President, HORACE E. CARPENTER, JR., Care N. B. Bradley & Sons, Bay City, Mich.
Vice-President, J. T. ALBERT HOSBACH, 1422 North 53rd St., Philadelphia, Pa.
Secretary, W. F. AGES, Hope, Ark.
Treasurer, JOHN N. MORSE, 105 Devonshire St., Boston, Mass.
Executive Committee, GUY A. BRYANT, Princeton, Ill.; W. D. ARNOLD, The Portland, Broadway, St. Paul, Minn.; N. HASKELL WITHEE, 230 S. 9th St., La Crosse, Wis.
Exchange Superintendent, J. T. A. HOSBACH, 1422 No. 53rd St., Phila., Pa.
Purchasing Agent, ADOLPH LOHMEYER, 922 N. Gilmer St., Baltimore, Md.
International Secretary, E. DOEBLIN, P. O. Box 736, Pittsburg, Pa.

Official Journal, THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA.

Items from the Dub.

July 15th.

J. M. Bartels Co. have the new Seychelles King's Heads 2c to \$2.25 complete. It is a very beautiful set, the colors being well selected, and one of the handsomest King's head Colonial set I have seen.

Mr. A. L. Schuyler of Clinton, Iowa, and Mr. Geo. L. Toppan of Racine, Wisconsin, were in our city last week.

The following decree has been handed me by the J. M. Bartels Co.

COPY OF THE DECREE published in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Cuba, Havana, Monday, 22nd June, 1903, changing the name of Puerto Principe to that of Camaguey.

TOWN COUNCIL OF PUERTO PRINCIPE, OFFICE OF THE MAYOR.

Notice is hereby given that the town council, of which I am president, in accordance with the power given by Section I of Article 105 of the Constitution of the Republic, agreed in session on the 9th inst. that at the expiration of the date given in the official journal of this township, the name of Camaguey shall supersede that of Puerto Principe, and in compliance with this agreement announcement is hereby made for general recognition.

PUERTO PRINCIPE, June 15th, 1903.
ANGEL MARTINEZ.

Referring to my note in the July 4th issue relating to the election of Mr. Annan and Mr. Aldrich I would say that I am only spokesman for Boston and vicinity and as such I am confident that I have correctly voiced the sentiments of the A. P. A. members here. Outside of this locality I pretend to know nothing whatever of the sentiments of the members. If Mr. Chapman will again read the by-laws of the American Philatelic Association he will find that I have correctly interpreted them. As the by-laws stand now both gentlemen cannot be elected, however desirable it may be to put them in the office for which they have been nominated.

WM. D. ELDRIDGE.

Just Out!

NEW GUATEMALA SURCHARGES.

1903 25c on 1c green.....	\$0.10
1903 25c on 2c carmine.....	.10
1903 25c on 6c light green.....	.12

All three for 30 cents.

ECUADOR SPECIAL.

1896 8 var., unused, comp. set.....	.40
1896 8 var. *Official, " ".....	.40
1896 7 var. *Unpaid, " ".....	.40

We are revising our auction buyers list and weeding out such as have not been active and also adding new buyers' names. If you wish to get catalogues regularly drop us a card.

UNITED STAMP CO., 1149 Marquette, Chicago.

50c 1903, Used,

7c Each, Post Paid.

Only one to a customer. We offer the Imperial Stamp Album that holds 3500 stamps, 100 varieties of stamps and 500 stamp hinges for 35 cents. Three lots for \$1.00.

J. T. STARR STAMP COMPANY, COLDWATER, MICH.



This week 25 cents will buy \$1.68 worth of stamps as follows: No. 43 Newfoundland, Nos. 46, 57, 58 Bolivar, No. 155 Colombian Rep., No. 680 Ecuador.

Chicago Notes.

The new King's head issue of Canada has appeared here. E. C. Dodd shows the 1, 2, 5, 7 and 10c. He received them the first week in July.

F. N. Massoth will hold an auction under the auspices of the Chicago Philatelic Society about the first of August, the exact date of which will appear later.

"Charlie" Arndt, of Arndt & Co., is in northern Michigan at present on a fishing trip. If there are any old trunks full of stamps stored away in garrets in the section he is visiting, he will bring them to light, and later to Chicago.

Local collectors will regret to learn of the departure of Reginald Robinson, manager of the Randolph Stamp Co. of this city, for Winnepeg, Man., where he will be attached to the staff of a local newspaper. Rob carries the best wishes of philatelic Chicago with him, as he made many friends while in this city.

King Peter of Servia has fortunately been able to create a fresh and extremely valuable source of income for his government, the treasury of which was in a sadly depleted condition at the time of his succession. For one of his first acts was to issue a decree prohibiting the use of postage stamps bearing King Alexander's effigy and providing for the issue of a set of provisional stamps for use until time has been found to replace them with stamps bearing his own portrait. This step has caused a stir among philatelists

Mekeel's Stamp Collector

PUBLISHED WEEKLY.

FULL of information and news valuable to stamp collectors. Once a month large magazine editions are issued. Over one thousand pages guaranteed during the year.

Subscription \$1.00 per year. (On trial for three months, 25 cents.) No stamp man can afford to be without it. Volume sixteen commenced January 1, 1903.

C. H. Mekeel Stamp and Publishing Co.
St. Louis, Mo.

all over the world. The sales of the provisional stamps already reach large figures, and they represent practically all profit for the government. For 90 per cent. of the provisional stamps are purchased for collectors, and therefore no labor is expected in return for the value received.

It is stated that the post office authorities at Belgrade are unable to meet the enormous demands which are reaching them from all quarters of the globe, in connection with the matter.—*Chicago Tribune.*

All local dealers note the large demands for Servian stamps lately, especially by the younger collectors.

CLIFFORD.

Detroit Paragraphs.

The new issue of King Edwards for Canada were put on sale at the Windsor Post Office on Dominion Day, July 1st. Celebrating the fourth by myself I took a trip over the river and got a number of sets for myself and friends. The post-mistress says she sold a good many sets evidently for collectors.

Speaking of the new Canadian sets, for myself I think they are a splendid design. There is one noteworthy improvement, that is the color of the 7c is a darker yellow than the Queen's head stamp.

Herman Seagrave of Pontiac was here this week as usual full of stamps, amongst what he showed me was a \$200.00 U. S. Revenue of 1865 shifted plate, a block of four double paper 2c issue, and "a few others." During the past ten days he has added many new specimens to his collection.

A. Leonard of the Leonard Stamp Co. is spending his Summer camping at Lake Orion.

The information that reached *Meeke's Weekly* regarding the 2c issue of King's heads of Canada being purple is away off. Their informant evidently made a guess at it. Judging from the report he had not seen the issue at all when he wrote. The color of the 2c is *carmine* and not "purple." Isn't it about time he knew it?

A collector here who wishes his name withheld swooped down on a lot of stamps recently that were just the kind a collector wants. The price was so small that he could hardly wait to settle. There was a 7c Navy, 90c State, 24c Justice, 90c 1869, 24c Treasury and a lot of others. The party from whom he got them had them for years and knew nothing of stamps.

Aint it strange "When the Band Starts a Playing"!

Several of the new U. S. envelopes have been put on sale here the past week. Strange so few collectors take to envelopes. From a collector's standpoint envelopes are interesting. I have nearly 150 U. S. in my collection and am adding more all the time.

HERMAN W. BOERS.

The Collectors Club,

351 FOURTH AVE., NEW YORK.

The 95th meeting of the Board of Governors was held at the club house on Monday evening, July 13, 1903.

Present: Messrs. Luff, Rich, Scott and Perrin.

In the absence of both the President and Vice-President the meeting was called to order at 8.30 P. M., with Mr. Rich in the chair.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's reports, showing a cash balance in bank of \$155.03 exclusive of reserve fund, was approved as read.

The report of the House Committee was read and received.

The following application for membership was received and posted on the bulletin board:

L. N. Herbert, New York City.

Adjourned at 9.45 P. M.

ALBERT PERRIN, Secretary.

The Boston Philatelic Society,

M. H. LOMBARD, President, Winchester, Mass.
C. F. ROTHFUCHS, Vice-President, Boston.
C. A. HOWES, Secretary, 55 Kilby St., Boston.
L. L. GREEN, Treasurer, 47 Tremont St., Boston.
J. H. LYONS, Supt. of Auctions, 9 Bromfield St., Boston.
J. H. LYONS, Supt. of Sales, 9 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass.
THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA, Official Journal.

TRADE COLUMN.

Under this head we will print exchange, want and for sale notices, business announcements, 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.

One four-line notice free with each subscription, providing copy accompanies the subscription.

THREE Consecutive Insertions of SAME ad in this Column for PRICE OF TWO.

A \$25 Banjo to exchange for U. S. Stamps and Envelopes. H. M. COOK, 21 N. 2nd St., Vincennes, Ind.

Shoes and Men's Furnishings store in a lively city between Boston and Portland for sale or exchange for real estate near Boston. Would take a good collection or stock of stamps in part payment. SHOE STORE, ERA Office. 133

Wanted: Blocks of four late revenues—Three Dollar red, Ten Dollar black, Three Dollar gray, Five and Ten Dollar green. H. E. WILSON, 314 Fitzsimmons Bldg., Pittsburg, Pa. 133

Cuba 1899, 5 var., 1 set, 8c; 10 sets, 49c
Cuba 1899, (U. S.) 6 var., 1 set, 20c; 10 sets, \$1.35.
100 well assorted foreign, including Salvador, Nicaragua, etc., cat 2 to 8c each, \$1.00. 135
CARL YOUNG, 112 N. 5th St., Phila., Pa.

Original Covers 5c and 10: U. S. 1847 used on covers, fine copies cat. \$4.70, the pair postpaid for \$9.00. BEDFORD STAMP CO., 702 Duff St., Pittsburg, Pa.

Exchange: Stamps, curios and souvenir postal cards. Join the American Card Ex. Club. Blanks on application. R. W. GEAUQUE, Sec'y, 96 Wall St., New York, N. Y.

Wanted: Late issue Documentary and Proprietary stamps with plate numbers attached. Will exchange. H. E. WILSON, 314 Fitzsimmons Bldg., Pittsburg, Pa. 133

Harris celebrated 100 varieties Packages of used and unused postage stamps; every stamp in fine condition, cataloguing over \$4.00, for \$1.00 cash. LOUIS HARRIS, Belfast, Maine. 135

Big Bargain! 2c Certificate, blue, imperf., cat. 20 cents. 10 copies postpaid, 50 cents. BEDFORD STAMP CO., 702 Duff St., Pittsburg, Pa.

100 mixed Mexico, postage or revenue 10c. FELIPE NAVEIDA, Urbina 8, Toluca City, Mexico. 132

Is your collection for sale? Get your dealer to make a price on it, add 20% to his offer, and send book to me. It's 10 to 1 I buy it. F. W. PICKARD, 2427 Ingleside, Cincinnati, O. 140

Good Arrowheads at 25 cts. per dozen. Not so good, 1 cent each. Outlines of other relics for a 2 cent stamp. MRS. J. M. BROWNE, Denver, S. C. 131

Eight (8) old Match, Med. & Play Card stamps for 15c. LINCOLN STAMP & COIN CO., Lincoln, Nebr. 131

British Colonies, etc., on approval 50% disc. Refs. BEDFORD STAMP CO., 702 Duff St., Pittsburg, Pa. 131

Approval sheets 60% disc. Net sheets for advanced collectors at equally low prices. 9000 var. in stock. F. W. PICKARD, 2427 Ingleside, Cincinnati, O. 140

WM. COURTENAY SMITH, Director Rest Haven Sanitarium, Middle Harbour, Sydney, N. S. W., will be pleased to forward private price-list of Australian and Oceanian stamps. Prices low. Proceeds for charity. 132

Complete set 1903 Envelopes. 61 varieties, mint condition, only \$1.80. S. B. FISH, Butler, Ill. 131

U. S. Pre-Cancelled postage stamps. I will pay a good price in cash or exchange for any not in my collection. F. L. SMITH, 40 Exchange Pl., N. Y. 147

To exchange: Hawaii stamps for United States, Scott's Nos. 122, 133, 1830, 2898. JNO. J. STEELE, Mexico, Mo. 131

Wanted: To exchange U. S. for B. N. A. GRANT PIERCE, Brunswick, Me. 131

To complete your United States: Fine perfect copies, 1857-60, 90 cents; unused, \$1.20 each; 1869, 24 cents; \$3.00 each; 90 cents; \$3.50 each; 1895, \$5 green, \$1.10 each; \$2 blue, \$1.05 each.

To complete your Hawaii: 1859-65 type-set series, Scott's Nos. 10 to 26. Nearly all varieties at 30 to 50 per cent. below Scott's quotations. All later issues at extremely low prices. Selections sent.

Thousands of bargains in old United States, British and Colonial stamps. Fine approved selections at 25 to 50% discount. No common rubbish but only fine copies of desirable stamps sent out. Write stating wants and send reference. I can save you hundreds of dollars. Established 1880. 133
FREDERICK GINN, 143 Strand, London, England.

Is your collection for sale? I will buy it or any odd lots of good stamps. No cheap stuff wanted. Send on approval with lowest cash offer. Immediate returns guaranteed. HOWARD C. BECK, City Controller's Office, Detroit, Mich. 130

Pre-cancels not in my collection wanted. Best cash or trade price. E. R. ALDRICH, Benson, Minn. 141

Try an Ad in this Column. It Pays.

Please mention the ERA when writing advertisers.

American Philatelic Association.

(INCORPORATED.)

THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA—OFFICIAL JOURNAL.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

ALEXANDER HOLLAND, President,
40 Grace Court, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Board of Vice-Presidents.

FRANK H. BURT, Chairman,
Room 1046, Tremont Building, Boston, Mass.GORDON IRELAND, Secretary,
Holyoke House st., Cambridge, Mass.EDWIN F. SAWYER,
101 Washington St., Brighton, Mass.H. E. DEATS, Secretary,
Flemington, N. J.E. DOEBLIN, International Secretary,
Box 736, Pittsburg, Pa.C. L. ANNAN, Treasurer,
Dept. Public Works, St. Paul, Minn.H. B. PHILLIPS,
1311 Grove St., Berkeley, Cal.F. W. CONING,
350 George St., New Brunswick, N. J.

RESIDENT VICE-PRESIDENTS.

BOSTON, MASS.—M. H. LOMBARD, Winchester, Mass.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.—W. E. LOV, 2431 Ellsworth St., Berkeley, Cal.

NEW YORK CITY.—W. F. GREGORY, 71 Nassau St.

PITTSBURG, PA.—E. DOEBLIN, Box 736.

CHICAGO, ILL.—A. F. MERKEL, 438 Marquette Building.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.—EBEN S. MARTIN, 3344 First Avenue, South.

WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS—ROBERT D. MAYNARD, 36 Oak Grove Ave., Springfield.

APPOINTEE OFFICERS.

E. H. ANDERSON, Librarian,
Carnegie Library, Pittsburg, Pa.H. D. WATSON, Collecting Agent,
64 Cedar St., New York City.JOHN J. OESCH, Superintendent of Sales Dept.,
34 Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill.H. E. DEATS, Assistant Librarian,
Flemington, N. J.W. F. GREGORY, Auction Purchasing Agent,
71 Nassau St., New York City.P. M. WOLSIEFFER, Auction Purchasing Agent,
1009 Atwood Bldg., Chicago, Ill.A. W. BATCHELDER, Auction Purchasing Agent,
21 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass.

EXPERT COMMITTEE.

JOHN N. LUFF, Chairman, 18 East 23rd St., New York, N. Y.

J. M. ANDREINI, J. C. MORGENTHAU.

EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION AT CLAYTON, NEW YORK, AUGUST 11, 1903.

Committee on Credentials.

P. M. Wolsieffer, Chicago, Ill., Chairman.

D. T. Eaton, Muscatine, Iowa.

G. W. Rode, Pittsburgh, Pa.

W. F. Gregory, New York, N. Y.

Geo. L. Toppan, Racine, Wis.

Committee of Arrangements.

I also appoint the following members as
Committee of Arrangements:

Dr. J. H. Stebbins, Jr., New York, N. Y.

John N. Luff, New York, N. Y.

P. F. Bruner, New York, N. Y.

NOMINATIONS.

For President: Alexander Holland, of
New York.For Board of Vice-Presidents: F. H.
Burt, Boston, Gordon Ireland, Boston,
Willard O. Wylie.For Treasurer: C. L. Annan, Houghton,
Mich.

For International Secretary: E. Doeblin.

For Secretary: E. R. Aldrich, Benson,
Minn.For Directors: F. W. Coning, New
Jersey, H. B. Phillips, California.

REPORT OF SECRETARY

For the Week Ending July 18, 1903.

Applications for Membership.

DAUM, ADAM E., 421 Wood St., Pittsburg,
Pa.; age, 32; Manager, Pope Cement
and Brick Co. Ref.: Geo. W. Rode,
H. E. Wilson; R. V. P., E. Doeblin.KIRCHENBOWER, WM. G., 6744 Simen
Ave., Pittsburg, Pa.; age, 40; Diamond
dealer. Ref.: G. W. Rode, A. Platz;
R. V. P., E. Doeblin.LORING, GEO. F., 53 State St., Boston,
Mass.; age, 53; Architect (Loring &
Phipps). Ref.: Chas. H. Stone, A. W.
Batchelder; R. V. P., M. H. Lombard.WILSON, J. HULL, 6807 Thomas St., Pitts-
burg, Pa.; Clerk (Wilson Bailey & Co.)
Ref.: A. G. Burgoyne, Edwin L. Porter;
R. V. P., E. Doeblin.

Resignation Accepted.

1740. MARX, GEORGE E.

Changes of Address.

1812. FARRELL, F. H., from 184 Racine
Ave., Chicago, to Box 26, Edison, Ill.222. TOPPAN, GEORGE L., from Racine,
Wisconsin, to 18 East 23rd St., New York,
after August 15th. (Temporary address
till that date, Care Col. Charles Pfaff,
South Framingham, Mass.)

Membership Summary.

Total Membership July 11th..... 556

Resignation accepted..... 1

Total Membership July 18th..... 555

H. E. DEATS, Secretary.

PITTSBURGH BRANCH NO. 5.

A regular meeting of Pittsburgh Branch
No. 5, American Philatelic Association,
was held Friday, July 12th, 1903, President
Doeblin presiding. Six members were
present. The Minutes of the previous
meeting were read and approved. The
report of the Secretary, showing a mem-
bership of 16, was read and ordered on file.The Annual Election resulted in the
unanimous selection of the following offi-
cers, viz.:

President—E. Doeblin.

Secretary-Treasurer—Geo. W. Rode.

Exchange Manager—Anton Platz.

The President and Secretary were

authorized to cast the ballot of the Branch
at the coming election for Directors of the
Association.Mr. Geo. W. Rode was elected as dele-
gate to the Convention. After the trans-
action of some routine business, the meet-
ing adjourned.GEO. W. RODE,
Secretary-Treasurer.

ON TO CLAYTON.

A large representation seems assured at
the coming Convention. Among those
that expect to be present are the following.
If you intend to go please drop a postal to
us to that effect.

Alex. Holland, New York, N. Y.

P. M. Wolsieffer, Chicago, Ill.

Wm. C. Stone and wife, Springfield,
Mass.

D. T. Eaton, Muscatine, Ia.

John J. Oesch, Chicago, Ill.

Geo. W. Rode, Pittsburg, Pa.

W. F. Gregory, New York, N. Y.

Dr. James H. Stebbins, Jr., New York,
N. Y.

John N. Luff, New York, N. Y.

P. F. Bruner, New York, N. Y.

A. W. Batchelder and wife, Boston,
Mass.

W. O. Wylie and wife, Beverly, Mass.

J. D. Bartlett, Springfield, Mass.

R. D. Maynard, Springfield, Mass.

E. M. Carpenter and wife, Boston, Mass.

E. F. Sawyer and wife, Brighton, Mass.

H. E. Deats, Flemington, N. J.

F. W. Coning, New Brunswick, N. J.

J. M. Bartels, Boston, Mass.

H. W. Legg, Boston, Mass.

Wm. A. McDonnell, New York, N. Y.

A. Herbst, New York, N. Y.

R. R. Bogert, wife and two daughters,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

E. Doeblin and wife, Pittsburg, Pa.

Gordon Ireland, Cambridge, Mass.

Eben S. Martin, Minneapolis, Minn.

D. H. Bacon, Derby, Ct.

Wm. v. d. Wettern, Jr.,

WHOLESALE DEALER IN

✻ POSTAGE + STAMPS. ✻

411 W. Saratoga St., Baltimore, Md.

New special list just issued, sent free on application
to dealers only.

IF YOU WISH TO

BUY, SELL OR EXCHANGE

Stamps, Desired Results can
be had through

AN AD IN THE WEEKLY ERA.

Federal Prospects.

UNIFORM POSTAGE STAMPS.

There is much agitation over an announcement which was made in the Federal Parliament last week to the effect that the Postmaster-General has in contemplation the issue of a uniform set of postage stamps but they will bear a distinguishing mark for each State, and this will continue to the end of the book keeping period three years hence. The design has already been submitted to the Postmaster-General by an Australian artist, said to be Mr. D. Souter, of this city. Mr. Drake says that finer drawings might be had by going abroad, but prefers to have the stamp designed, engraved and printed in Australia, so that it might be in every sense Australian. The particulars of the design have not yet been made public, but it is understood that it will be emblematic of the Commonwealth, and that only one design will be issued for all the values. Rumour says that it is the figure of a female and will be something of the nature of "Australia facing the dawn." Beneath the symbol the name of the State in which the stamp will have currency and its value will be printed. The new stamps will not be interchangeable between the States, and therefore the Constitution will be observed. Those now in use will not be withdrawn, but no more will be printed, and as they are exhausted Federal stamps will be sold instead.

A local morning paper has the further startling announcement that the first set of Federal postage stamps is now being printed in Melbourne. If this is so it will be found that the design has been locally engraved on wood. Estimates are being invited from the Government printers in the States as to the cost of printing, and if they can be done as cheaply there as in Melbourne, each State will have its stamps printed in its own capital.

This surely is intended to mean that only a set for use in Victoria is being printed in Melbourne. Up to the time of going to press we are unable to get any information as to the accuracy of the above, but as it is not intended to issue a new set simultaneously in all the States there will be plenty of time to make arrangements, so that each State will print its own stamps. While we should like to see the new set uniform in every respect both in regard to the quality of the printing and the colours employed, still we think that until such time as the postal department becomes really the property of the Federal authorities, the different States should have their share of work. We are satisfied that the Government printing office in Sydney is fully capable, if not more so, of turning out as good an article as that produced in Melbourne, and at less cost. This subject will be a bone of contention, and while we have every desire to act in a Federal spirit, still we must fight for equal State rights.

We should not be surprised to find the announcement that the stamps are being printed is premature. It certainly seems to us an act of partiality issuing a new set for Victoria first without giving any of the other States a chance to participate. We shall be pleased to learn that the report is incorrect. As to the stamps themselves, while the Postmaster-General committed an error of judgment in not having them issued long ago, we are afraid he has committed a similar error on the other side now in rushing them out so hastily. From enquiries made in Sydney at headquarters up till last Saturday nothing whatever had been heard of the Postmaster-General's intentions as above mentioned.

The new stamps should be issued simultaneously in all the States on the same date, and the old ones withdrawn from sale the same day and destroyed.

Philatelists are now faced with the likelihood of having to collect six new sets of stamps, of from twelve to fifteen varieties in each, not to speak of varieties of perforation or errors. The new issue is, however, a step in the right direction. The pity is that the Postmaster-General did not take it two years ago, and it will be a matter of regret if the stamps are not uniformly creditable productions, and of which there is a possibility if undue haste is permitted. The suddenness of their appearance will probably cause an increased demand for those at present in use, and the postal department will no doubt reap a considerable benefit. It is difficult to please everybody, and philatelists will therefore be called upon to exercise their patience for another three years. The question may be asked will the new issue be Commonwealth stamps, if so, then the argument might equally hold good that all those stamps in use in the various States from the 1st January, 1901, are equally so, Mr. Basset Hull contends they are. The subject is a very debatable one, but our disposition is to class the new stamps as a Commonwealth issue, and place the different State names as varieties.

It is quite possible that the book keeping period will have expired before all the States have been supplied with the new design. Some may never have certain values at all. In this connection therefore it will be important to reckon the sets not complete until all the States have received the same values as those in use in any other State.


Information has just reached us as we go to press that in all probability the 9d stamp will be the first issued.

The *Argus* (Melbourne), of 11th June, says—"sample sheets of the proposed new issue of Federal stamps are now being printed at the Government Printing Office."

Mr. Drake intends to make things hum.

We have received from Mr. W. A. Weymouth specimens of the 4d, 5d and 6d Tasmanian stamps, perforated with the

PEELABLE HINGES

<p>NOT ENGLISH 1000 12c. POST FREE.</p>		<p>NOT GERMAN 5000 50c. POST FREE</p>
--	--	--

STRONG PAPER—TASTELESS GUM
W. F. GREGORY, 65 NASSAU ST., NEW YORK.

IF YOU BUY AT CATALOGUE DON'T READ THIS.
A patron writes as follows:
I don't see how you do it, but you do, do, do!
No other dealer sells as low, as you, you, you!
Your stamps are just as quoted, condition o. k., too!
Your books are priced below 1/2 cat. so send me on a few.

U. S. Revenues.

<p>\$5 Charter Party, \$0.10 \$5 Manifest, .06 \$5 Mortgage, .06 \$5 Probate, .38 \$5 Conveyance, .04 \$5 Probate, .42 \$5 Manifest, .25 \$5 Life Insurance, .05 \$5 P. of Attorney, .04 \$5 Lease, .04 50c " .16 50c Surety, .01 50c Passage Ticket, .c8 50c Probate, .30</p>	<p>50c Foreign Exch., \$0.20 25c Ware. Receipt, .23 25c Protest, .10 25c Life Insurance, .08 25c Entry Goods, .04 70c Foreign Exch., .05 20c " .38 15c " .22 10c " .16 5c Playing Cards, .30 5c Proprietary, .30 6c 1878, .14 3c 1871-75, .50 6c " .40 5c " offcen., cat. \$4, .85</p>
--	--

Postage extra. Satisfaction guaranteed.
E. C. Dodd, 259 So. Hermitage Ave., Chicago.

letter T for official service, and we are not certain that we have chronicled them before. Indeed we have almost made up our minds to ignore these perforations altogether, as there is likely to be great confusion arising therefrom. The stamps used by the New South Wales Government railways are now officially perforated with the letters G. R. Up to the present the only States which have used perforations for official use are New South Wales, Victoria, and Tasmania. It is somewhat amusing to read from time to time in *Mekel's Weekly* chronicles of New South Wales stamps officially perforated with the letter "T," with an explanatory note after it that these are used mostly for printed matter. No such perforation exists officially, but it is supposed that the stamps in question have been perforated by the proprietors of a local newspaper called *Truth* for their private use only. We really think it is carrying philately to the height of absurdity to take any notice of stamps of this character at all.

When dealing with the subject of postage dues in last month's issue, we were unable to give the values of the complete set which may be had in West Australia, postmarked to order, at face value. We have since had a communication from the Federal Postmaster-General which states that the values in West Australia are the 1d, 2d, 3d, 4d, 5d, 6d and 1sh. It will be noted therefore that the 10d value has up to the present been issued for use only in Queensland, and the 8d value for use only in Tasmania. The former is the completed type, but the latter has the blotch at foot. It would be interesting to know how many of each value of those with the blotch at foot were printed. At the present moment we are unable to inform our readers, but hope to be able to do so at a later date. We understand that all values have now been printed in the completed types and are being put in circulation.—*Australian Journal of Philately.*

The Weekly Philatelic Era

A PAPER DEVOTED TO STAMP NEWS.

50c PER YEAR.

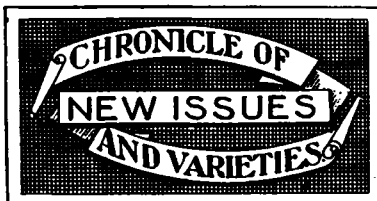
ENTERED AT PORTLAND POST OFFICE AS SECOND CLASS MATTER JAN. 10, 1890.

2c PER COPY.

VOL., XVII. No. 44.

PORTLAND, ME., SATURDAY, JULY 25, 1903.

WHOLE No. 532.



BY HENRY A. KIDDER.

Friends of the ERA are invited to send to the editor of this department any information regarding new issues or varieties that may prove of interest. Such information will be suitably acknowledged. Address, HENRY A. KIDDER, 17 Addison Street, Arlington, Mass.

Exchanges will please send Mr Kidder a copy of each issue to the foregoing address, and an extra copy of the ERA will be gladly sent whenever desired.

ABYSSINIA.—Mr. Harry W. Legg calls our attention to the fact that there are two printings of the overprint on the Unpaid set of 1896. The difference is in the shape of the Amharic characters, and is quite apparent when the two sets are compared. Mr. Legg also reports having received the 4, 8 and 16 guerche in type I, but without the Unpaid surcharge.

CANADA.—Mr. F. P. Brown rejoices in the possession of a full set of the new King's head stamps on cover, in combination with the surcharged 2c on 3c and other combinations.

CHAMBA.—The *Philatelic Journal of India* says that the following quantities of King Edward stamps were overprinted and supplied to the state at the beginning of April: 3p gray, 24,000; ½a pea green, 24,000; 1a carmine, 12,000.

CEYLON.—Miss Stearns of the New England Stamp Co. has shown us the 3c green of the King's head series, previously chronicled.

COREA.—Mr. Harry W. Legg of the J. M. Bartels Co. has shown us a pair of the 1 cheun on 25 poon Imperforate vertically.

DANISH WEST INDIES.—A correspondent at St. Croix informs *Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal* that he has seen a used specimen of an error of the provisional 10c of 1895, namely the 1c surcharged instead of the 50c. He was told that only one sheet was thus overprinted in error.

FRANCE.—Mr. Legg reports having received the 40c stamp of the current issue without the colored center. The paper appears to be not so highly calendered. The color is more that of a vermilion than the earlier printings.

GOLD COAST.—In addition to the "Judicial" stamps chronicled in No. 519, *Ewen's Weekly* reports having seen four values of the King's head series printed in new colors and surcharged in black, "Judicial" in block letters. The 2sh 6d does not appear in the postage series.

Adhesives (Official):

1sh lilac and green on yellow.
2sh lilac and red on yellow.
2sh 6d lilac and violet on yellow.
5sh lilac and black on yellow.

GUATEMALA.—*Le Timbrophile Belge* reports that the following quantities of the 25c provisionals, chronicled in Nos. 525 and 526, were overprinted: 25c on 1c, 110,000; 25c on 2c, 58,000; 25c on 6c, 31,000; 25c on 10c, 8,000; 25c on 75c, 6,200; 25c on 150c, 6,200; 25c on 200c, 5,700.

The type set series of official stamps, chronicled in No. 512, now has a regular 25c stamp, according to *Ewen's Weekly*. Its predecessor was printed 20c, presumably by mistake, a "5" being afterwards printed on the "0" in black.

Adhesive (Official):
25c orange vermilion.

MOROCCO AGENCIES.—We have been shown the Gibraltar surcharged. Morocco Agencies with value changed to 25 centimos by Miss Stearns of the New England Stamp Co.

NEW ZEALAND.—The *Australian Philatelist* describes a new ½d wrapper with King's head stamp. The head is contained in a small oval within an elongated oval, in solid color with the words "New Zealand Postage" in white letters in the smaller oval. The value, "½d" appear in a shield with scrolls on each side, in the bottom space of the larger oval, while a crown joins the two ovals at the top.

The 2sh green is reported to have been seen on laid paper.

Wrapper (Regular):
½d dark green on white.

NIUE.—The 1sh "Taha e Sileni" has been seen overprinted on both the bright red and orange red printings.

NORTH BORNEO.—*Mekel's Weekly* reports that two Unpaid Letter stamps have

been created by the surcharging of two values of the "British Protectorate" set. The 2c and 5c have been overprinted vertically with the words "Postage Due."

PERSIA.—Mr. Frank P. Brown has shown us the 10 kran and 50 kran surcharged Lion in scalloped frame in red. These are originals and have the word "Krans" printed in Roman capitals.

PACKHOT.—*Ewen's Weekly* reports having seen the current set of Indo-China, overprinted "Packhot", with Chinese characters beneath. Most of the values have only two characters, but the 4c has six, the 1c and 2c four each, and 30c and 40c three each. The overprint is in black.

ST. KITTS-NEVIS.—Sir William Laird Clowes writes to *Ewen's Weekly*: "On some of the values of the new St. Kitts-Nevis stamps Columbus is shown in the act of sighting land through a telescope. Those who are responsible for the issue might have discovered, had they chosen to make enquiries, that the telescope was not invented until after Columbus's time. The error is as anachronistic as that of the artist who depicted Abraham as about to shoot Isaac with a pistol."

SERVIA.—Rumors continue as to the new issues to be made attendant upon the change of rulers. We await more definite information before chronicling the new issues. *Ewen's Weekly* says that "collectors need not be surprised at philatelic developments as Mr. Otto Bickel announces his departure for Belgrade, July 1. This gentleman is a well known German dealer, whose business it is to do for small European states what the late Mr. Seebeck did for the Central American Republics. Mr. Bickel was behind most of the issues of San Marino and Montenegro during the last decade of the 19th century. In his circular he already invites orders for three new sets—Alexander, type of 3 dinars, 15, 20, 25 and 50p, and 1d; arms, to be issued July 8; Peter I, expected shortly. Clients can have any of the stamps postmarked on payment of 1sh 8d per 1000 extra.

SPAIN.—The ¼ cent de peseta has been surcharged "Correo Espanol—Marruecos", in red in two diagonal lines for use in Morocco. The New England Stamp Co. has shown us copies.

CHAPTER XLV.

Collecting is Fun

all the year round—if you get

OSGOOD'S FAMOUS BIG SELECTIONS!

References.
20c olive, Canatia Queen's Head..... \$o.20
Precaricels hold the attention of many. Write me if interested.

D. W. OSGOOD,
ALAMOSA, Conejos Co., COLO.
[To be Continued.]

ABYSSINIA

Postage 1894, 7 varieties, unused, 35c per set.
Unpaid 1894, 7 varieties, unused, 85c per set.
Both Sets, 65c.

NORTH BORNEO

Surcharged British Protectorate 1c to 24c
10 varieties, cancelled, 35c per set.

Postage extra on above offers.

COLUMBIAN STAMP CO.,
ARLINGTON, MASS.

Stray Notes on Sheets of Stamps.

R. R. THIELE.

Postage-due stamps seem to be particularly subject to curious sheet arrangements; I have already described those of Chile in a former note and now have some similar curiosities to record. One is found in the postage-due stamps of Nicaragua of the 1899 vintage. These were printed in large sheets of 300 stamps in 10 horizontal rows of 30 each. All values were represented on the same sheet. If you begin counting the vertical rows at the right hand end of the sheet, there are first five vertical rows of the 1c, then five of the 2c and so on, five vertical rows of each value, there being six values in the set.

The 1891 official issue of Nicaragua is also arranged in a peculiar manner. The 1c and 2c of this issue each had a plate of its own, containing 100 stamps each, 10x10. Besides these two plates there were two others which contained all the other values, for which there was less occasion, presumably. Plate No. 3 contained 130 stamps in 13 horizontal rows of 10 each. The thirty lower stamps were also of the 1c value; the rest of the plate contained twenty-five each of the 20, 50c, 2 pesos and 10 pesos, arranged in this manner:

50	50	50	50	50	20	20	20	20	20
50	50	50	50	50	20	20	20	20	20
50	50	50	50	50	20	20	20	20	20
50	50	50	50	50	20	20	20	20	20
50	50	50	50	50	20	20	20	20	20
2p	2p	2p	2p	2p	10p	10p	10p	10p	10p
2p	2p	2p	2p	2p	10p	10p	10p	10p	10p
2p	2p	2p	2p	2p	10p	10p	10p	10p	10p
2p	2p	2p	2p	2p	10p	10p	10p	10p	10p
2p	2p	2p	2p	2p	10p	10p	10p	10p	10p
1c	1c	1c	1c	1c	1c	1c	1c	1c	1c
1c	1c	1c	1c	1c	1c	1c	1c	1c	1c
1c	1c	1c	1c	1c	1c	1c	1c	1c	1c

Plate No. 4 also contained 130 stamps in 13 horizontal rows of 10. Thirty of these, the lower three horizontal rows, were of the 2c value; the rest of the plate con-

tained twenty-five each of the 5 and 10c, 1 and 5 pesos, arranged in the following manner:

10c	10c	10c	10c	10c	5c	5c	5c	5c	5c
10c	10c	10c	10c	10c	5c	5c	5c	5c	5c
10c	10c	10c	10c	10c	5c	5c	5c	5c	5c
10c	10c	10c	10c	10c	5c	5c	5c	5c	5c
10c	10c	10c	10c	10c	5c	5c	5c	5c	5c
5p	5p	5p	5p	5p	1p	1p	1p	1p	1p
5p	5p	5p	5p	5p	1p	1p	1p	1p	1p
5p	5p	5p	5p	5p	1p	1p	1p	1p	1p
5p	5p	5p	5p	5p	1p	1p	1p	1p	1p
5p	5p	5p	5p	5p	1p	1p	1p	1p	1p
2c	2c	2c	2c	2c	2c	2c	2c	2c	2c
2c	2c	2c	2c	2c	2c	2c	2c	2c	2c
2c	2c	2c	2c	2c	2c	2c	2c	2c	2c

The regular set of this issue was engraved in the usual style of the Hamilton Bank Note Company (the Seebeck concern), but these officials are lithographed. I cannot tell whether this was done by the Hamilton Company or locally.

Another kind of stamps whose sheets offer interesting peculiarities, is found on the Porte de Mar (See Postage) issues of Mexico. They are not postage-due stamps as is often said, even by collectors who might be supposed to know better. They were used for checking up the extra postage which had to be paid on mail transported by the British and French mail steamers from Vera Cruz to Europe, South and Central America. The extra postage was paid in at the various post offices and Porte de Mar stamps stuck to the letters to correspond, these not being sold to the public but serving as vouchers to the office at Vera Cruz for the payments to the steamer agents.

The first of these issues is that excessively plain one on yellow paper. These were never placed in circulation, although they were duly ordered and prepared, the Postmaster-General at the time did not fancy their boldness and crude color and had them retired before issue. These stamps were printed in sheets of 56, 8 rows of 7 each; all values were on the same sheet together, arranged in this manner:

10	10	25	35	50	60	85
10	10	25	35	50	75	100
10	10	25	35	50	60	85
10	10	25	35	50	75	100
10	10	25	35	50	60	85
10	10	25	35	50	75	100
10	10	25	35	50	60	85
10	10	25	35	50	75	100

It is also stated that sheets of 49, 7x7, occur, the last horizontal row being absent. As these stamps were not satisfactory the 10c die was taken and altered to suit, the numerals being made thinner, corner ornaments being added and the entire ground lined horizontally. A new stone was then made from this die, the 10c value being transferred direct. The other values were produced from the 10c, either or both figures of value being erased and others inserted; this can easily be seen on the stamps by the breaks in the ground work. This is the issue listed by Scott's under Nos. 559-570. The word CENTAVOS is placed on these so that the C is over the R of PORTE and the S over the M of MAR. Not all such stamps, however, show the

WE HAVE MONEY

To Buy Collections, Rarities and Stocks.

We buy unused 1c and 2c stamps for mercantile use at a discount from 3 to 5 per cent. according to quantities. Higher denominations at a greater discount. [15¢]

UNITED STAMP COMPANY, Incorporated,
1149 Marquette Bldg., CHICAGO, ILL.

Please mention ERA when answering ads.

break in the groundwork; in fact one can make sets not showing it at all. The sheets of this set are exactly like those of the yellow stamps already described: 56, 8 rows of 7, all values on the same sheet. But the 2, 5, 12 and 20c (the 5 is not mentioned by Scott) came on sheets by themselves, in full sheets of each value and Lindenberg's Handbook states that all the values 10, 25, 35, 50, 60, 75, 85 and 100c have also been printed on separate sheets, each value by itself. Later printings have larger figures of value; the word CENTAVOS is spaced more, so that the C stands over the space between O and R of PORTE, while the S stands over the space between A and R in MAR. These are Scott's Nos. 571 to 576. Of these various sheets are known. First there are small sheets—probably only proof sheets—containing 12 stamps, 3 rows of 4. These sheets contain more values than are listed by Scott; the 2, 10, 12, 20, 75 and 85c were, it seems, not placed in circulation. They are arranged as follows:

2	20	50	85
10	25	60	100
12	35	75	5

Then there are other sheets which contain only the values from 25 up. These contain 56 stamps, 8 rows of 7; the values are arranged as follows:

25	35	50	60	60	85	85
25	35	50	75	75	100	100
25	35	50	60	60	85	85
25	35	50	75	75	100	100
25	35	50	60	60	85	85
25	35	50	75	75	100	100
25	35	50	60	60	85	85
25	35	50	75	75	100	100

In his monograph on the stamps of Mexico, J. Escalante gives the composition of these sheets slightly different; according to him the third horizontal row is like this:

25	35	50	50	60	85	85
----	----	----	----	----	----	----

The fourth horizontal row

25	35	50	75	75	85	100
----	----	----	----	----	----	-----

and the sixth and eighth horizontal rows similar to the fourth. I do not know whether this is an error or a different setting of the stone. Finally the 5, 25, 35, 50, 60 and 100c came in separate sheets, each value in a sheet by itself. These sheets also consisted of 56 stamps, 8 rows of 7 each.

These large stamps were again superseded by the colored issue in smaller size, Scott's Nos. 577 to 582. The sheets of this issue were more conventional; they contained 100 stamps, 10x10.—*The Adhesive.*

Special Summer Bargains.
U. S. STAMPED ENVELOPES.

Cat. No.	CUT SQUARE.	Cat. Price.	My Price for 1st.	2nd.	3rd.
1301	1853; 3c red, used.....	\$0.20	\$0.10	\$0.05	\$0.02
1302	" 3c red, used.....	1.25	.75	.35	.02
1303	" 3c red, used.....	25.00	15.00	10.00	..
1304	" 3c red, used.....	7.50	5.00	3.75	1.50
1305	" 3c red, used.....	.05	.03	.02	.01
1310	" 3c red, used.....	.15	.07	.03	.02
1311	" 3c red, used.....	.75	.50	.30	.10
1312	" 3c red, used.....	2.00	1.75	.90	.30
1313	" 3c red, used.....	10.00	10.00	6.50	1.50
1314	" 3c red on buff .....	.25	.10	.05	.02
1314	" 3c red, used.....	.05	.03	.02	.01
1316	" 6c green, used.....	3.00	2.00	1.00	..
1317	" 10c green on buff.....	6.00	4.00	2.00	.50
1317	" 10c green, used.....	2.00	1.00	.50	.10
1318	" 10c green.....	4.00	3.00	1.50	.50
1318	" 10c green, used.....	2.00	1.50	.75	.20
1319	1857; 5c red on white....	.75	.50	.25	.10
1319	" 3c red, used.....	.20	.15	.08	.03
1320	" 4c blue and red.....	10.00	..	6.00	2.00
1321	" 3c red on buff.....	50	35	20	05
1321	" 3c red, used.....	15	10	05	02
1326	" 1 c green, used.....	25.00	15.00	..	4.00
1328	" 1c blue on buff.....	1.00	.50	.35	.10
1328	" 1c blue, used.....	.75	.40	.25	.05
1330	1861; 3c pink on white....	.50	.4	.25	.1
1330	" 3c pink, usd.....	.15	.10	.05	.02
1331	" 6c pink on white....	7.50	5.00	3.00	..
1332	" 3c pink on buff.....	35	0	.17	.05
1332	" 3c pink, usd.....	20	.07	.04	.02
1333	" 6c pink on buff.....	2.00	1.50	.75	.25
1334	" 3c pink on blue.....	1.50	.75	.50	..
1336	" 10c green on white....	1.00	.75	.45	.15
1336	" 10c green, used.....	1	00	.40	.20
1337	" 10c green on buff.....	1.00	.75	.45	.15

All are unused unless described as U or used
1st are extra five copies with large margins
2nd are in good condition with fair margins, but not large enough to cover the whole space in the latest International Album, but as large as the envelopes in most collections

3rd are cut round or to shape.
Postage extra on orders under \$1.00.
Please remit by Hills or Money Order.

Special! Any envelope not entirely satisfactory can be returned within two days after receipt and money will be promptly refunded if so desired.

C. F. ROTHFUCHS 38 Munroe St., ROXBURY, MASS.

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.]

SOUTH FRAMINGHAM, MASS.,
July 25, 1903.

MR. W. W. JEWETT,
Editor THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA,
Portland, Maine.

Dear Sir: Your editorial comment upon my communication of the 16th inst., both appearing in the ERA for July 18th, is not only amusing but very instructive to me as well, so much so, in fact, that I cannot refrain from again begging your indulgence to a somewhat limited extent in reply thereto.

First, then, I desire to express to you my hearty appreciation of the honor which you have bestowed upon me by referring to me as an "authority upon American Philatelic Association matters." It is, I assure you, entirely unexpected and much more than I should ever have thought of claiming for myself.

Your next deduction, i. e. that I was "better posted on its affairs than many other members," shows conclusively that either you did not read my communication intelligently or that you wilfully misunderstood that section; as the text reads plainly: "Belng, probably, much better posted regarding the true facts of the case

than either yourself or Mr. Chapman." Thereby strictly limiting the phrase "better posted" to the single case under consideration and not to the general affairs of the Association, the perverted meaning which you have seen fit to put upon it.

Note, also, that, even in this instance, my assertion as to being "better posted" applied, not to "many other members" as you put it, but solely to yourself and Mr. Chapman.

Now as to the italics which you inserted: For that I am truly grateful to you. Indeed, I had that sentence italicised originally, but finally concluded to alter it as I feared that, if I did not do so, you would refuse to publish it.

And now, admitting that a change of address for your mailing list was not official, and that it did not signify that it was to be "permanent," allow me to ask you if you did not publish the said change of address in the Secretary's Report? If so that was all the "official notification" that should have been necessary to have had the same change made in the list of officers. Besides this Mr. Annan wrote me that he had written to you twice before he requested Mr. Deats to do so. [We still deny having received instructions from anyone to make the change in the heading. It is not our business to make any changes therein without express orders to do so.—Ed.]

Now, my dear sir! I had not the slightest intention of implying that you knew anything of any request having been made of Mr. Annan; either underhanded or otherwise. I knew that you had no knowledge of it; simply stated it as a fact and, thereby, prove my assertion that I was "better posted" upon this matter than either Mr. Chapman or yourself.

Again, just to point out to you "how blind a man can be when he won't see," allow me to call your attention to Article VI, Section 1, of the By-Laws, the second paragraph, as follows: "At all such elections a plurality of the votes cast shall elect" etc. Not majority, but plurality.

The election is for nine directors; therefore, the nine eligible persons receiving the highest number of votes will be elected regardless of whether or not they receive a majority of the total number of votes cast.

I grant you that if it should chance that only nine persons were voted for, one of whom was ineligible, a vacancy would exist, but, can you tell me of an election where no scattering votes have been registered? I know of no such case. Furthermore, Article IV, Section 6, beginning at the tenth line, reads: "fill any vacancy in their own number arising from any cause except removal by stockholders, as provided by statute," etc. The "Statute" clearly refers us to Article VI, Section 4, and means the "Statutes of the State of Minnesota." In other words, a vacancy could not "arise in their own number" when such vacancy was due to failure to elect as, in that event, it would exist at the

POSTAL CARD CATALOGUE, 1903.

The only catalogue for Card Collectors, to be issued this Fall, is Senf's (German), and I will have them in stock as soon as issued.

PRICE 35c POSTPAID.

As the issue will be limited, I would advise collectors to send me their order, accompanied by remittance, without delay.

ADOLPH LOHMEYER,
922 N. Gilmor Street, Baltimore, Md.

All Full Gum, Any Flavor. All Bargains!

No.	Cat.	No.	Cat.
U. S. 31,	\$2.50 \$0.50	Newfoundland 1,	\$1.75 \$0.80
33,	1.50 .50	2,	2.00 .85
35,	4.00 1.50	20,	.60 .25
94,	1.00 .35	21,	1.25 .60
112,	1.25 .50	27,	.60 .27
113,	1.00 .45	28,	1.00 .47
114,	.75 .27	29,	.70 .30
146,	1.50 .50	30,	1.00 .45
179,	2.00 .70	54,	.35 .17
2c Treas.,	.35 .14	Venezuela 47,	06 .03
3c "	.10 .04	48,	.08 .04
6c "	.20 .08	50,	.25 .11
7c "	2.50 1.00	51,	.25 .11
24c "	12.50 4.50	53,	.50 .23
7c Navy, 1500	5.00 .75	San Marino '94, set 3,	.15
15c P. Q., 1.50	.60	Brazil '00, 1-2-5-7-00c,	.35

Satisfaction guaranteed or money refunded.
Postage Extra.

E. C. Dodd, 250 So. Hermitage Ave., Chicago.

time of the coming into existence of the new Board, which would render a special election by the stockholders necessary to complete the Directorate.

However, as an example let us take last year's election figures: Nine directors were to be elected but thirty-three persons were voted for. One hundred and two votes were cast (the statement that "52 were necessary for a choice" was not true, that would have been majority, not plurality). Had any of the nine persons receiving the largest number of votes been ineligible the tenth man (Mr. Lombard, with sixteen votes) would have been elected. Mr. Lombard, however, was in conflict with the Vice-Presidents, so Mr. Deats, with thirteen votes, would have been the man, and so on.

I should be pleased to have you inform me where you find the precedent for the course which you advocate as I am totally unable to find it.

I greatly regret having to point out to so well posted a man as I know you to be the fallacy of your easy way of accomplishing the "impossible," but I feel sure that, as we both have only the interest of the Association in view, you had no intention of giving any false advice and will, therefore, gladly embrace the opportunity of explaining your misunderstanding of the matter.

I regret, for your own sake, your reference to the "servile service" required of you. Certainly during my five years of official connection with the Association, and with you as its official editor, so to speak, I can recall nothing even verging upon the unpleasant. In fact I always had an idea that everything was as harmonious as possible and used my best endeavor to keep it so and to favor you whenever possible. You know how prone people are to cry: "Sour Grapes!" and I cannot but think that you have laid yourself open to the accusation, and very unnecessarily, too.

Very truly yours,
GEO. L. TOPPAN.

THE Weekly Philatelic Era.

W. W. JEWETT, - Editor and Publisher.

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

U. S., Canada or Mexico, 50c. per year. To other countries in Postal Union, \$1.00 per year.

All subscriptions MUST commence with current number. Back numbers cannot be supplied at subscription rates.

ADVERTISING RATES:

A special reduced rate of 60c per inch on transient advertising is in force during the summer months. Good until Sept. 1st.

PUBLICATION OFFICE,

502 Congress St., Portland, Me.

YOUR SUBSCRIPTION EXPIRES with this issue if a (X) appears in the margin opposite this paragraph. The paper is not abruptly discontinued on the expiration of subscriptions, unless expressly so ordered. We shall highly appreciate an early renewal from you, or an order to have your paper discontinued.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS. In notifying us of any change of address subscribers should be sure to give their old as well as new address

Notes and Comment.

Inasmuch as we have manifestly injured the feelings of America's great "authority" we feel that we owe him space to "square himself" and consequently publish in this issue another dissertation.

The manner in which he misconstrues statements made and the lengthy but skillful handling of the case decides us that the shortest and best course is to acknowledge that we were misled by the reports of the Credential Committees of 1898 and last year as to election. However we still maintain that "where there is a will there is a way." Mr. Toppan is correct in his references as to the pleasant relations between himself and the ERA during his five years as the executive officer of the Association. Our remarks as to unpleasantness referred to other members and officers whom it is unadvisable and of no benefit to name. We care nothing for the viney fruit he mentions, and assure all that we have nothing but the best interests of the Association at heart, and our only regret is that we have so ruffled the customary serenity of so great a person.

Major J. M. T. Partello, 7th U. S. Infantry, for many years a well known stamp

\$15.00 for \$1.00.

We have accumulated a lot of damaged stamps which will be sold while they last in packets of 200 varieties, catalogue value over \$15.00, for \$1.00.

No two packets alike and small fragments of stamps not counted. Dealers who have time to do repair work can make money on these, and collectors can obtain many space fillers at a nominal price. The lot is limited and nothing can be sent on approval at this rate, which is ridiculously cheap.

Damaged stamps on approval at 80 per cent. discount.

NEW ENGLAND STAMP CO.,
9 and 21 Bromfield St., BOSTON, MASS.

collector and valued contributor to the philatelic press, writes us that he has just returned from the Philippines on the U. S. A. Transport "Thomas" and hopes now to have an opportunity of being in closer touch with stamp people. His new address is Presidio, San Francisco, Calif.

Mr. Geo. A. Hunt of Woburn, Mass., "the man that repairs torn and damaged stamps," paid the ERA office a brief call a few days ago.

Items from the Dub.

Tuesday, July 21.

Mr. J. H. Lyons manager of the store department of the New England Stamp Co. is on his vacation, which he is spending at various seaside resorts along the coast.

Mr. Alexander Holland of New York made a flying trip to Boston this week.

I have seen very pronounced new shades of the ten and fifteen cent Philippines.

Miss Gaffney, assistant to Mr. J. M. Bartels, is taking a well earned rest at Boothbay Harbor, Maine.

Mr. A. L. Schuyler of Clinton, Iowa, attracted by the beauties of our rugged north shore, will spend a few weeks in that vicinity.

Mrs. Stoddard, for fifteen years with Mr. E. A. Holton, has accepted an engagement with the J. M. Bartels Co., to take effect in the fall. Probably no other woman in America has had so long an experience in the stamp business.

All the Boston dealers agree on one point at least and that is that the year past has been the most profitable in their experience, and has continued farther into the heated term than ever before, and with the outlook for the coming year most bright. As an indication that there is something still doing a firm showed me a selection valued at \$1700 net, just being sent out on approval to one of their customers.

WM. D. ELDRIDGE.

The Boston Philatelic Society.

M. H. LOMBARD, President, Winchester, Mass.
C. F. ROTHEFUCHS, Vice-President, Boston.
C. A. HOWES, Secretary, 55 Kilby St., Boston.
L. L. GREEN, Treasurer, 47 Tremont St., Boston.
J. H. LYONS, Supt. of Auctions, 9 Bromfield St., Boston.
J. H. LYONS, Supt. of Sales, 9 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass.
THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA, Official Journal.

NEW ARRIVALS.

Cyprus No. 11, 1/2 p green, new.....	\$0.35
Natal No. 64, 1/2 p green, ".....	.12
Trinidad No. 61, 1/2 p black and lilac, new.....	.40
Torres Island No. 41, 1/2 p blue green, ".....	.15
Guadeloupe No. 1, 20 on 30 brown, ".....	.35
" 2, 25 on 35 black, ".....	.30
Martinique No. 21, 1 on 2c (black of four) new.....	.15
Br. New Guinea, 1/2 to 1sh, complete, new.....	.85
" 1/2 to 6p, ".....	.50

Above are all in fine condition. Postage extra on orders less than 50c.

A word of warning to entire envelope collectors. The official catalogue is about ready for fixing prices, and many varieties of the 1899 and 1900 issue will advance to many times the price that has been asked for them, and all prices and price lists heretofore offered by me regarding these issues, are hereby cancelled, but shall be pleased to make price on a set of these envelopes.

D. T. EATON,

MUSCATINE, IOWA.

60% DISCOUNT.

U. S. Postage, Revs., etc. and Foreign Postage on approval. Ref. required.

Cash paid for Unused U. S. Postage. [if C. B. MERRILL, 102 E. 90th St., New York.]

A JUBILEE!

Brazil, 1900 Jubilee set, complete, unused....	\$0.50
Venezuela, 1896 Miranda issue, complete, unused.....	.25

If you did not see my last week's offer of Hawaiian stamps, look it up and have

A JUBILEE OF YOUR OWN!

The stamps, like all those I offer, will suit the most particular collector.

C. D. PIPER, WOLFEBORO, N. H.

GOOD STAMPS AT LOW PRICES.

Old Porto Ricans this time, and every one a bargain.

1873, 50c brown, fine, at 25c.	
1875, 5 c green, superb, at 40c.	
1877, 5c brown, fine, at 3 c.	
1877, 10c carmine, scarce, at 75c.	
1877, 15c green, very rare, at \$1.25.	

All of the above used. Cash with order.

Don't let these bargains get away from you.

Theo. Mainhart, Johnstown, Pa.

BARGAINS!

U. S. 1895, \$2.00 blue, good copies.....	\$1.15
" " \$5.00 green, ".....	1.50
" Agriculture, 10c, o. g., fine.....	2.50
" " 30c, ".....	2.25
" Executive, 3c, used.....	2.00
" Treasury, 24c, used, fine.....	1.15
Württemberg 1851, 18 kr violet, scarce.....	2.50

L. N. HERBERT,
1520 Washington Ave., NEW YORK.

60% Discount.

Fill Your Spaces
while you have
the chance.

Send For Our Large List.

E. F. GAMBS CO.,

P. O. Box 2631, SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

FOUR BARGAINS FOR \$2.00.

(1) 12 unused, o. g., foreign postage stamps, all different, cat. \$3.27 only 50c, post free.

(2) 48 varieties foreign envelopes, cut square, cat. \$3.37, only 79c, post free.

(3) 21 varieties of Civil War, perforated revenues, cat. 82c only 27c, post free.

(4) 12 varieties U. S. envelopes unused, cut square, cat. \$2.23 only 52c, post free.

All four big bargains, cat. \$9.69, for \$2.00 post free. If buying write us. We can save you money.

HOLTON STAMP CO.,
60 Devonshire St., Boston, Mass.


GUATEMALA.
Complete Sets, Used, 1902 Issue.
1c to \$2.00 Postally Cancelled,
ONLY \$1.00.
PERRIN & CO.,
106 East 23rd St., NEW YORK, N. Y.
Headquarters for Unused Current Guatemalas at wholesale.

Are you thinking of Selling your stamps at Auctions? If so write us.

Now is the time to make dates for next season.

CHAS. H. STONE & CO.,
19 Washington St., BOSTON, MASS.

PERFECTIBLE HINGES

NOT ENGLISH		NOT GERMAN
1000 12c.		5000 50c.
POST FREE		POST FREE

STRONG PAPER—TASTELESS GUM
W. F. GREGORY, 65 NASSAU ST., NEW YORK.

GO TO HALIFAX,
Nova Scotia, for your summer trip, take in its beautiful gardens (public), its fine park and cool evenings. Also take home some of its fine stamps. Get the Canada King's Head, 1, 2, 5, 7 and 10c or I will send the set for..... \$0.30

Nova Scotia 3d, on original.....	1.00
" 1d, 3 on one envelope.....	15.00
" 1c, on original.....	.50
" 2c, ".....	.40
" 5c, ".....	.18
" 8 1/2c, ".....	12.00
" 12 1/2c, ".....	9.00

Lots of other B. N. A. Send for list.
H. L. HART,
71 Gottingen St., HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA.

The Postal Card Society of America.

Officers for 1902-3.
President, HORACE E. CARPENTER, JR., Care N. B. Bradley & Sons, Bay City, Mich.
Vice-President, J. T. ALBERT HOSBACH, 1422 North 53rd St., Philadelphia, Pa.
Secretary, W. P. AGEE, Hope, Ark.
Treasurer, JOHN N. MORSE, 105 Devonshire St., Boston, Mass.
Executive Committee, GUY A. BRYANT, Princeton, Ill.; W. D. ARNOLD, The Portland, Broadway, St. Paul, Minn.; N. HASKELL WITNES, 230 S. 9th St., La Crosse, Wis.
Exchange Superintendent, J. T. A. HOSBACH, 1422 No. 53rd St., Phila., Pa.
Purchasing Agent, ADOLPH LOHMEYER, 922 N. Gilmer St., Baltimore, Md.
International Secretary, E. DOEBLIN, P. O. Box 736, Pittsburg, Pa.
Official Journal, THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA.

The Ideal Catalogue.

Our old friend the Ideal Catalogue, compiled, arranged, and priced by Collectors for Collectors, has been lying low for so long that we feared he had been given up as a hopeless case, but we gather from remarks in recent numbers of some of our contemporaries that he has only been taking a little rest, and that he will be ready to be trotted out again when the Gigantic Gooseberry season comes on.

We have no desire whatever to throw cold water upon any practical proposals for producing a work which, we acknowledge, is greatly required as a guide not so much to prices as to the relative importance of the different classes of varieties which are discovered by close study. We have more than once pointed out in these columns that a dealer's catalogue (even so excellent a one as that of our publishers!) should not be regarded as a guide to what everyone must collect, but rather as a list, and not always a complete or consistent one, of the varieties which exist, and which the collector may collect or not as he chooses. If such a catalogue becomes a Standard and a Guide, it is because collectors use it as such.

A dealer's price list is not published from purely philanthropic, or even from purely philatelic motives; its object is to enable its publishers to sell the stamps that they have in stock, and to sell as many of them as possible. So long as specialism and microscopic study are in vogue, it will answer the dealer's purpose to make his lists of minor varieties as full and complete as possible, and our own opinion is that this should be the case, believing as we do that all varieties should be noted, and that the simplest method of noting them is to put them in the lists. It is nonsense to talk, as one of esteemed contemporaries does, of "dealer-made varieties." Varieties either exist or do not exist; if they exist they are not "dealer-made," if they do not exist—well, one cannot collect what does not exist, so it does not matter. We are not altogether disinclined to agree with those who think that the tendency of the last few years has been too much in the direction of over-elaboration; but what are editors and publishers to do when their correspondence is filled, not with sugges-

DANISH WEST INDIES.

Scott No.	Cat. Price.
10 1901, 4c brown and blue, unused, fine	\$0.20 \$0.09
13 1873, 50c bright purple, " "	1.25 .80
13a 1873, 50c dull purple, " "	2.50 1.20
11 1873, 12c green & red lilac, " "	.25 .18
10a 1873, 10c blue & black brown, unused	1.50 .50
53 Finland 1801, 20k, used.....	.. .15
68 Finland 1901, 1M, used.....	.. .10
7 Curacao 1873, 2gld 50c, used, fine....	.. 1.50

UNITED STAMP CO., 1149 Marquette, Chicago.

N. B. The next C. P. S. Sale will be held during the week of the P. S. of A. Convention. Match and Medicine and original covers will be the attraction of this Sale.

50c 1903, Used,

7c Each, Post Paid,
Only one to a customer.
We offer the Imperial Stamp Album that holds 3500 stamps, 200 varieties of stamps and 500 stamp hinges for 35 cents. Three lots for \$1.00.
J. T. STARR STAMP COMPANY,
COLDWATER, MICH.

tions for the curtailment of lists, but with descriptions of varieties which their discoverers or resuscitators "cannot find in the Catalogue"? We certainly believe, as we stated above, that the only thing that a dealer can do, under present circumstances, is to make his lists as complete as he can, and leave it to collectors to exercise their own common sense as to the scope of their collections.

The Catalogues thus compiled will not always be consistent and uniform throughout; the compiling and publishing of full and detailed lists involve a considerable amount of labour and expense, and these are likely to be devoted, in the first instance at all events, to cases where the labour and expenditure are not likely to be entirely unremunerative. Still, we believe that a little extra attention bestowed upon lists of stamps that were unpopular and supposed to be uninteresting has not always had a deterrent effect.

In regard to Ideal Prices we have expressed an opinion upon previous occasions, and although we are assured by one who ought to know better, "that the collector's head is under the heel of the dealer, both as to varieties listed and prices affixed," we would again venture to draw attention to the fact that the dealer must sell his stamps to gain his livelihood, while the collector is under no obligation to buy if he does not like the prices; and further, that, if a dealer fixes his prices too high, there are plenty of others who will be delighted to undersell him, and thus, except in the case of extreme rarities, prices are influenced by the ordinary laws of supply and demand. In exceptional cases, of course, the holder of the stamp (some rarity that numbers of collectors want and that seldom comes into the market) has the advantage, and he will get as long a price as he can; and we understand that this is apt to be the case even if the holder is not a dealer, but a collector pure and not too simple to be aware of the circumstances. At any rate, we fail altogether to see how prices-affixed by a Committee of

Mekeel's Stamp Collector

PUBLISHED WEEKLY.

FULL of information and news valuable to stamp collectors. Once a month large magazine editions are issued. Over one thousand pages guaranteed during the year.

Subscription \$1.00 per year. (On trial for three months, 25 cents.) No stamp man can afford to be without it. Volume sixteen commenced January 1, 1903.

C. H. Mekeel Stamp and Publishing Co.
St. Louis, Mo.

Collectors, who are not prepared either to supply the stamps or to purchase them, can ever be made effective, even temporarily. The fact is that prices of stamps are bound to vary, like those of coins, books, engravings, china, etc. Those of the rarer items have a tendency to increase as times go on, but even they have their vicissitudes, due to fashion and the eccentricities of collectors. And in all these cases it is the dealer who names his price, like the dealer in butter and tea, and the customer can pay it or not as it suits him.

Apart from this question of prices, which we honestly believe that the compilers of a Collectors' Catalogue would do well to let alone, as their inclusion would at once destroy the permanent usefulness of the work, there is the important question of expense of production. The editor of *The London Philatelist* seems to think that it would run into thousands of pounds, and if the work were carried out on the very magnificent scale there suggested the book would be a very costly one, and probably ruinous to its publishers. Who would buy it? Not the collectors who grumble at paying a few shillings every year for a new edition of a price list. It is notorious that even comparatively inexpensive works on Philately have a very limited sale, and the Syndicate or Company, Limited, which undertook the production of the monumental work that appears to be contemplated, would probably find that, after a vast expenditure of time, labour, and money, it was necessary to follow the example of a leading daily paper and start a scientific competition, in order to get rid of the surplus copies of the *Encyclopedia Philatelia*!

Under these circumstances it is not perhaps surprising that a certain amount of reluctance is displayed in regard to the actual starting of the work. Everyone seems to be convinced that, in the best interests of Philately, it should be undertaken—by somebody else. In fact, to use a not altogether inappropriate expression, there seems to be a uniform unwillingness to "bell the cat." Our own belief is that something less unwieldy and expensive than *Encyclopedia* would be more practical and more practicable. What is really wanted is a classified catalogue, distinguishing the principal from the minor varieties, and affording a guide to those collectors who do not want to go too deeply into the subject, as well as a list of all known varieties, for the benefit of the specialist. Prices may be added, if anyone is rash enough to attempt it, and if this part of the work is carefully and conscientiously done it will give some idea of the relative rarity of the older stamps and their approximate market value at the date of publication. But as far as we can see at present, we fancy that if the *Ideal Catalogue* for collectors ever materialises, it will be the production not of the Idealists, but of one of the much-abused Dealers.—*Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal.*

Chicago Notes.

P. M. Wolsieffer is out of the city, enjoying a well earned vacation.

At the last meeting of the C. P. S. the resignation of Vice-President A. F. Merell was accepted. Otto Von Schaezler was elected to fill the vacancy.

Among a lot of 20,000 U. S. envelopes, which he purchased at a very low price, F. J. Lefevre had the good fortune to find several rare dies when sorting them over.

E. C. Dodd will leave next week for Michigan, where he will enjoy a two weeks' rest.

Dave Taussig, of the Imperial Stamp Co., had the good luck to secure the contents of the vaults of two large Board of Trade concerns. While there were quite a number of revenues of large denominations they were all cut.

CLIFFORD.

The Chinese Stamps Sur-charged "B.R.A."

We have obtained, from an officer who was in a position to know the real facts of the case, the history of the issue of the "B.R.A." stamps, and the details given below seem to show that they were issued under British authority, and that this issue was not only justified but necessary under the circumstances obtaining at the time.

"When the Allies occupied Chihli, after the suppression of the Boxer rising in 1900, the Peking Shanhaikwan Railway was divided up between the English, Japanese, Germans, and Russians. In January, 1901, the Russians handed over their length to the Germans, and at the end of the following month the whole line was handed over to the British. As regards internal administration and civil traffic the British were unfettered; but in order to secure the convenience of the troops of all the Allies being equally met, it was laid down that the directorate of the line to look after the interests of the military traffic was to consist of a board of three, a British Director and two Deputy-Directors, one of whom was to be a German officer and one a Japanese. The Allies then had some one hundred thousand men in Chihli.

"As the railway was being worked by the British, all the military posts of defence at the thirty odd stations on the line were occupied by British troops, and, to facilitate the quick delivery of their letters, the postal superintendent of that force asked for a sorting van to be attached to the trains, to enable letters to be sorted and delivered en route. In reply it was pointed out that no concession could be given to the British which was not also given to all the other forces, seven in number, who also had troops scattered all along the line,

TRADE COLUMN.

Under this head we will print exchange, want and for sale notices, business announcements, 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.

One four-line notice free with each subscription, providing copy accompanies the subscription.

THREE Consecutive Insertions of SAME ad in this Column for PRICE OF TWO.

Shoes and Men's Furnishings store in a lively city between Boston and Portland for sale or exchange for real estate near Boston. Would take a good collection or stock of stamps in part payment. SHOE STORE, ERA Office. [33]

Is your collection for sale? Get your dealer to make a price on it, add 20% to his offer, and send book to me. It's 10 to 1 I buy it. F. W. PICKARD, 2427 Ingleside, Cincinnati, O. [19]

Wanted: Blocks of four late revenues—Three Dollar red, Ten Dollar black, Three Dollar gray, Five and Ten Dollar green. H. E. WILSON, 314 Fitzsimmons Bldg., Pittsburg, Pa. [33]

Cuba 1899, 5 var., 1 set, 8c; 10 sets, 42c
Cuba 1899, (U. S.) 6 var., 1 set, 20c; 10 sets, \$1.35.
10 well assorted foreign, including Salvador, Nicaragua, etc., cat. 2 to 8c each, \$1.00. [35]
CARL YOUNG, 112 N. 5th St., Phila., Pa.

Wanted: Late issue D. commentary and Proprietary stamps with plate numbers attached. Will exchange. H. E. WILSON, 314 Fitzsimmons Bldg., Pittsburg, Pa. [33]

Harris celebrated 100 varieties Packages of used and unused postage stamps; every stamp in fine condition, cataloguing over \$4.00, for \$1.00 cash. LOUIS HARRIS, Belfast, Maine. [35]

10 mixed Mexico, postage or revenue 10c. FELIPE NAVEDA, Urbina 8, Toluca City, Mexico. [32]

Approval sheets for direct. Net sheets for advanced collectors at equally low prices. 5000 var. in stock. F. W. PICKARD, 2427 Ingleside, Cincinnati, O. [19]

U. S. Pre-Cancelled postage stamps. I will pay a good price in cash or exchange for any not in my collection. F. L. SMITH, 40 Exchange Pl., N. Y. [47]

Wanted: To exchange U. S. for B. N. A. GRANT PIERCE, Brunswick, Me. [251]

To complete your United States: Fine perfect copies, 1857-60, 90 cents, unused, \$12.00 each; 1869, 24 cents, \$3.00 each; 90 cents, \$8.50 each; 1895, \$5 green, \$1.25 each; \$5 blue, \$1.05 each.

To complete your Hawaii: 1859-65 type-set series, Scott's Nos. 10 to 26. Nearly all varieties at 90 to 50 per cent. below Scott's quotations. All later issues at extremely low prices. Selections sent.

Thousands of bargains in old United States, British and Colonial stamps. Fine approval selections at 25 to 50% discount. No common rubbish but only fine copies of desirable stamps sent out. Write stating wants and send reference. I can save you hundreds of dollars. Established 1880. [33]
FREDERICK GINN, 143 Strand, London, England.

Is your collection for sale? I will buy it or any odd lots of good stamps. No cheap offer wanted. Send on approval with lowest cash offer. Immediate returns guaranteed. HOWARD C. BECK, City Controller's Office, Detroit, Mich. [51]

Pre-cancels not in my collection wanted. Best cash or trade price. E. R. ALDRICH, Benson, Minn. [1]

and that as the service was then restricted to one train a day, such a concession would result in a great part of the trains consisting of mail vans. But to meet the general convenience the railway authorities stated that, if the British postal authorities would receive and deliver the letters of all nationalities posted at stations or in a box attached to the van, thus making the service international, one van could be placed at their disposal. This was finally agreed to, and the travelling post office brought into force from the 20th April, 1901.

"All the Allies were then enabled to post letters in the train, the British using 'C.E.F.' stamps, and the other nations their own stamps, French, German, etc.,

as the case might be. This travelling post office was in addition to the ordinary mail service, under which letters of each nationality were sorted in the local offices and conveyed in closed bags in charge of their own officials.

"At the smaller intermediate stations it was considered that the travelling post office would not be overburdened, but to prevent it being flooded at those places where the troops were chiefly concentrated, it was decided to charge a late letter fee, and this postal fee was levied at PEKING, TIENTSIN, TONGKU, TONSHAN, and SHAN-HAIKWAN. As the stamps of no one nationality could be used for this purpose, the 'B.R.A.' stamp was issued, and for convenience the ½ cent Chinese stamp was employed, surcharged 'B.R.A.',—5—Five Cents."

"The travelling post office was therefore used in this way. At intermediate stations all letters, whatever their destination, whether in China or beyond seas to Europe, etc., could be posted, with the stamp of any nationality, in the letter-box attached to the van, and the letter was handed over by the British officials, who were working the service, for delivery or further despatch to the nearest post office of the nationality concerned. At the five stations named above, all letters had, in addition, to have affixed to them a 'B.R.A.' stamp.

"As the ½ cent was surcharged 5 cents, special procedure had to be adopted to prevent forgeries being used. This special procedure consisted in the 'B.R.A.' stamp being affixed to the letter by the selling official, postmarked at once by him, and the letter put in the letter-box in the presence of the sender.

"All genuine 'B.R.A.' stamps bear a circular postmark, in purple ink, inscribed 'RAILWAY POST OFFICE' above, and with name—Peking, Tientsin, Tongku, Tonshan, or Shanhaikwan—below. In some cases the 'B.R.A.' stamp has also a portion of the British postmark on it, but more often not, while the offices of the other forces usually added their postmark to the stamp when the letters came into their hands.

"After a short time it was found that the number of letters posted in the train was comparatively small, and the 'B.R.A.' stamp was tentatively withdrawn on the 20th May, 1901, and the travelling post office made free at all stations. All the unused 'B.R.A.' stamps were subsequently withdrawn and burnt. There are no genuine copies without the purple cancellation mentioned above.

"Some two thousand were used in all, and the surcharge exists in two colours. It was first in black, and then, as a further safeguard against fraud, the colour was altered to green."

[We have seen copies of official correspondence fully confirming the account given above, and it seems to us that the stamps were used quite legitimately for collecting a Late Letter Fee, levied by the British Railway Administration, in much the same way as that fee is collected on letters posted in a special box at railway stations in this country. Had Indian stamps, overprinted "C.E.F.", been surcharged and used in this way (which, we believe, would have been permitted by the British Military Post Office), no question could ever have been raised as to their status; but the service being an international one, it is evident that the use of the stamps of any one of the allied nations would have aroused jealousies, hence the use of the lowest value obtainable of the Chinese stamps, which were purchased at face value for the purpose.]—Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal.

American Philatelic Association.

(INCORPORATED.)

THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA—OFFICIAL JOURNAL.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

ALEXANDER HOLLAND, President,
40 Grace Court, Brooklyn, N. Y.H. E. DEATS, Secretary,
Flemington, N. J.
E. DOEBLIN, International Secretary,
Box 736, Pittsburg, Pa.

Board of Vice-Presidents.

FRANK H. BURT, Chairman,
Room 1046, Tremont Building, Boston, Mass.GORDON IRELAND, Secretary,
Holyoke House 21, Cambridge, Mass.EDWIN F. SAWYER,
101 Washington St., Brighton, Mass.C. L. ANNAN, Treasurer,
Dept. Public Works, St. Paul, Minn.H. B. PHILLIPS,
1311 Grove St., Berkeley, Cal.F. W. CONING,
350 George St., New Brunswick, N. J.

RESIDENT VICE-PRESIDENTS.

BOSTON, MASS.—M. H. LOMBARD, Winchester, Mass.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.—W. E. LOV, 2421 Ellsworth St., Berkeley, Cal.

NEW YORK CITY.—W. F. GREGORY, 71 Nassau St.

PITTSBURG, PA.—E. DOEBLIN, Box 736.

CHICAGO, ILL.—A. F. MERELL, 432 Marquette Building.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.—ELEN S. MARTIN, 3244 First Avenue, South.

WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS—ROBERT D. MAYNARD, 36 Oak Grove Ave., Springfield.

APPOINTIVE OFFICERS.

E. H. ANDERSON, Librarian,
Carnegie Library, Pittsburg, Pa.H. D. WATSON, Collecting Agent,
64 Cedar St., New York City.JOHN J. OESCH, Superintendent of Sales Dept.,
34 Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill.H. E. DEATS, Assistant Librarian,
Flemington, N. J.W. F. GREGORY, Auction Purchasing Agent,
71 Nassau St., New York City.P. M. WOLSEIFFER, Auction Purchasing Agent,
1009 Atwood Bldg., Chicago, Ill.A. W. BATCHELDER, Auction Purchasing Agent,
21 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass.

EXPERT COMMITTEE.

JOHN N. LUFF, Chairman, 18 East 23rd St., New York, N. Y.

J. M. ANDREINI.

J. C. MORGENTHAU.

EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

AT CLAYTON, NEW YORK,

AUGUST 11, 1903.

Committee on Credentials.

P. M. Wolseiffer, Chicago, Ill., Chairman.

D. T. Eaton, Muscatine, Iowa.

G. W. Rode, Pittsburgh, Pa.

W. F. Gregory, New York, N. Y.

Geo. L. Toppan, Racine, Wis.

Committee of Arrangements.

I also appoint the following members as
Committee of Arrangements:

Dr. J. H. Stebbins, Jr., New York, N. Y.

John N. Luff, New York, N. Y.

P. F. Bruner, New York, N. Y.

NOMINATIONS.

For President: Alexander Holland, of
New York.For Board of Vice-Presidents: F. H.
Burt, Boston, Gordon Ireland, Boston,
Willard O. Wylie.For Treasurer: C. L. Annan, Houghton,
Mich.

For International Secretary: E. Doeblin.

For Secretary: E. R. Aldrich, Benson,
Minn.For Directors: F. W. Coning, New
Jersey, H. B. Phillips, California.

The New England Philatelic Association.

Organized February, 1895.

Board of Officers:

President, CHARLES H. SMITH, Dedham, Mass.

Vice President, J. FAVILL CAPRON, 22 Bromfield
St., Boston, Mass.Secretary and Treasurer, H. W. LEGG, 26 Hancock
St., Boston, Mass.Sales Department, CHARLES H. STONE, 91 Antrim
St., Cambridgeport, Mass.Information Bureau, MRS. WALLACE DANA SMITH,
20 Wibold St., Portsmouth, N. H.

Counterfeit Detector, WILLIS D. KING, Nashua, N. H.

Attorney, HORACE S. BACON, 107 Stevens St., Lowell,
Mass.Governing Board, CHARLES H. STONE, Chairman,
91 Antrim St., Cambridgeport, Mass., JOHN J. CONE,
New Dorchester, Mass., FRANK A. WILSON, 185 High-
land Ave., Somerville, Mass.

Official Organ, THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA.

REPORT OF SECRETARY

For the Week Ending July 25, 1903.

Applications for Membership.

BLAIR, A. D., JR., 600 West Church St.,
Elmira, N. Y.; age, 20; Private Secre-
tary. References: Willard O. Wylie,
H. E. Deats; Guarantor, Patrick Fean,
724 West First St., Elmira, N. Y.SAXBY, S. VALENTINE, Rockford, Ill.;
age, 26; Treasurer, The Weyburn Com-
pany, Rockford, Ill. References: S. J.
Caswell, M. D., Edward L. Warner.

New Stockholders.

1819. BAKER, F. L., 907 West Frank-
lin St., Minneapolis, Minn.1820. OSGOOD, EDWARD DANA, 221
Beacon St., Boston, Mass.

Membership Summary.

Total Membership July 18th..... 555
New Stockholders..... 2

Total Membership July 25th..... 557

H. E. DEATS, Secretary.

STAMPS

AT

One-Half and One Cent Each.

A postal card with your name will bring
you the lists by return mail.COLUMBIAN STAMP CO.,
ARLINGTON, MASS.

Wm. v. d. Wettern, Jr.,

WHOLESALE DEALER IN

* POSTAGE + STAMPS. *

411 W. Saratoga St., Baltimore, Md.

New special list just issued, sent free on application
to dealers only.

Entire Envelopes and Postal Cards.

By B. W. WARHURST.

The collecting of adhesive stamps on the original covers as sent by mail has been increasing of late years, but is entirely distinct from what is meant by collecting "entires," which word, as previously explained, is applied only to officially issued cards and covers on sale to the public at post offices, each piece having the franking stamp impressed thereon ready for postal transmission. Original covers may be, in fact are, decidedly interesting with adhesives on, especially so if they are such as the Bordeaux school-boy recently found among some old letters from Mauritius, with both the penny and two-penny "Post Office" stamps on, which have just been resold for the nice little sum of 65,000 francs, or close on \$13,000. Such covers are not only interesting but profitable in every sense.

The practice of getting old covers may be regarded as a revival of the older fashion of collecting *used* stamps, a habit which is decidedly on the increase in England if with only a piece of original, as a double protest against the manufacture of new issues of which 80 to 90 per cent. are never used postally, and against the obliging ways of postal officials who cancel these new issues in sheets. In a general way, these original covers are unnecessary, and nobody can expect with any amount of dollars at command to obtain full sets of the stamps of any country, excepting Poland, Wadhwan, and a few others whose issues do not exceed in number the fingers of one's hand.

With stamped cards or envelopes there is not much need to go in for used specimens as an evidence of genuineness, as no State yet has been convicted of making these articles merely for sale to collectors, though there might be exceptions taken to the Seebeckized States and such an incorrigible offender as Portugal with its St. Anthony preaching to the dancing fishes, and the Vasco de Gama series for its colonies, which are seldom to be found used. An "awful example" of this latter kind is useful occasionally, just as the temperance people find the wretched drunkard to be, if only to point out the sort of thing to avoid by letting severely alone. If a collector of cards happens to be a student of calligraphy as well, he may find something to interest if not to instruct him, and many others will certainly find plenty to amuse them in the messages written on these postals. Lovers' appointments, records of family ailments and troubles, orders for groceries, soap and candles, with demands for payment of accounts or return of goods supplied, are occasionally diverting, though they are not strictly philatelic, or specially worth preserving. Indian,

Japanese, Persian or Roumanian and some others have one merit, they may be looked at either end up with equal facility and advantage, so far as a discovery of the glowing periods transcribed thereon is desirable.

It mostly happens, then, that unused entires are collected, being as low-priced as a rule as the used copies (except in the country of their origin), for unused cards can be sent in dozens by book-post, but if written upon would have to go as letters or by parcel-post if supplied in quantity to a dealer or buyer. Newsbands or envelopes being frequently torn open anyhow, present a ragged or untidy appearance which does not look well when mounted in a nice book. Various methods of keeping entires are practiced, my own being kept on edge in drawers four inches deep with partitions, but can not well be exhibited to friends in this form; some have books made with shallow pockets or bands pasted across the pages, others use plain scrap books in which a dab of paste at the corners secures the cards, or they may be held by strong stamp hinges. One of the simplest methods is to have a book, the leaves of which are of tough paper, cut across in five to six-inch wide slits at seven-eighths of an inch apart; the card is slipped under a slit and brought to the front again at next slit, thus being held in position as with a band across lower half—the next card in same way half overlapping the first one, and so again at the back of the leaf. Cards so mounted can easily be removed for examination and be replaced as if in a pocket.

Modern collectors are so used to adhesive stamps on envelopes for franking letters by mail that they can hardly realize the time when stamps and envelopes were unknown to our grandfathers. Yet previously to 1840 in Great Britain, as in most other civilized parts of the world, letters were written on large sheets of paper, then folded and tucked in in such a way that one wafer or a bit of sealing wax secured the inside from prying eyes. The cost of conveying the letter was usually paid by the receiver, so anyone disposed to gossip could do so to his or her dearest friend without having to consider the cost of postage. Now it happens that so long ago as 1818, such sheets of paper were supplied by order of the Italian (or Sardinian) Government as described in the following:

ROYAL DECREE

Whereby His Majesty adds certain facilities to those granted by the Edict of 12th August last, for the transmission of the correspondence of the public by means other than those of the Post Office; ordains the use of a species of paper denominated "*Carta Postale-Bollanta*" (Postage-stamped paper), and makes other provisions relative thereto.

Under date of the 7th November, 1818.

Then follows the particulars: "Vittorio Emanuele, by the Grace of God King of Italy, of Cyprus, and of Jerusalem; Duke

of Savoy and of Genoa; Prince of Piedmont," etc., etc., authorizing the size and design of the special paper and its watermark, with the different rates according to distance. Article 5 says: "For the letters intended to travel a distance not exceeding 15 miles a 15 centesimi sheet must be used; for those traveling a greater distance than 15 miles but not more than 35 miles, 25 centesimi, and for any greater distance, 50 centesimi (or 10 soldi). The letters written upon the said paper may be conveyed by any person whatsoever, provided they are single, that is, of one sheet only, and folded so that the stamp may appear on the outside, and that they bear upon the address the information prescribed," etc.

The special paper could not be manufactured quickly, so plain sheets were issued impressed with the different stamps in blue, provisionally, and a fresh proclamation made on 13th November, 1819, that from the 1st of January, 1820, the new paper must be used, which is thus described: "The new Paper will have a design in its substance, or a watermark, depicting a Shield, within which is drawn an Eagle with the Royal Crown upon its head, bearing a Cross on its breast, and to the left of the said Shield is the indication of the value of the three classes of Paper, surrounding the inscription: Direzione generale delle Regie Poste, corrispondenza autorizzata in corso particolare per pedoni, ed altre occasioni."

The size of the sheet before me is barely 16½ by 11 inches, the watermark being a frame all round at one inch from edges of sheet, bearing the latter part of above inscription in outlined capitals, the first five words being in larger script letters surrounding the large eagle in center. The stamp of 50c is embossed (no color), representing a small child blowing a horn, riding on a large horse at full gallop, enclosed in a beaded octagonal frame with the value below. The other values were in circular and oval frames, otherwise exactly the same. The present values of these sheets are rather higher, and it is questionable whether replacing centesimi by dollars or even pounds sterling would secure a transfer of these sheets now.

Though these sheets formed an item of postal revenue, it is curious to note that the letters were *not* to be carried by the postal carriers, and if deposited at a post office, would be charged the full postal rate. It was because so many persons evaded the government monopoly of carrying and charging for letters that this legal permission was granted to private people to carry letters to or for their friends, so long as they were written on or enclosed in these sheets, and so far their use may be considered as the formation of an auxiliary service.—*Meeke's Stamp Collector*.

Please mention the ERA when writing advertisers.

The Weekly Philatelic Era

A PAPER DEVOTED TO STAMP NEWS.

50c PER YEAR.

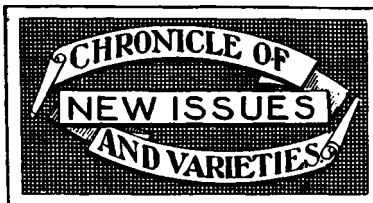
ENTERED AT PORTLAND POST OFFICE AS SECOND CLASS MATTER JAN. 10, 1890.

2c PER COPY.

VOL. XVII. No. 45.

PORTLAND, ME., SATURDAY, AUGUST 1, 1903.

WHOLE No. 533.



BY HENRY A. KIDDER.

Friends of the ERA are invited to send to the editor of this department any information regarding new issues or varieties that may prove of interest. Such information will be suitably acknowledged. Address, HENRY A. KIDDER, 17 Addison Street, Arlington, Mass.

Exchanges will please send Mr Kidder a copy of each issue to the foregoing address, and an extra copy of the ERA will be gladly sent whenever desired.

AITUTAKI.—*La Cote Reelle* reports having received the 1d New Zealand surcharged "Aitutaki", according to the advance announcement in No. 519 of the ERA.

AUSTRALIA.—The *Victoria Argus* has the following regarding the impending issue of Federal stamps for all the Australian states:

"For some reason, not yet explained, the Postmaster General intends to shortly issue complete sets of Federal stamps in all the states. It was suggested that this should be done last year, but the central postal authorities explained that the idea was impracticable in view of the bookkeeping provisions of the Constitution Act. At the present time each state postal department is carried on as a separate institution so far as its revenue and expenditure are concerned. If a Federal stamp, exchangeable throughout the Commonwealth, was sold in Melbourne and used in Sydney, Victoria would gain the revenue, and New South Wales would have to perform the service of transmission and delivery. This would not be in consonance with the bookkeeping sections, and consequently the suggestion made over twelve months ago was not entertained.

"Since then some of the state premiers, fearing that the central administration might be tempted to introduce uniform stamps, have protested against the idea, and pointed out how their interests might suffer by such a departure. Senator Drake,

however, sees his way not to interfere with state rights and yet to introduce what he describes as 'Australian stamps.' Designs have not yet been called for publicly, nor for that matter departmentally, but a design has been received by the Postmaster General, and it will probably be accepted. 'It is the work of an Australian,' he remarked recently. 'We might get finer draughtsmanship by going abroad, say to the United States, but I prefer to have the stamp designed, engraved and printed in Australia, so that it may be in every sense Australian.'

"It is understood that the King's head which at present figures on all state stamps, will not appear on the Federal stamps, but that something symbolical of the Commonwealth will be substituted. Beneath this symbol the name of the state within which the stamp will have currency, and its value, will be printed. By this device of issuing sets for each state separately, the Federal stamps will not be interchangeable, and therefore the constitution will be observed. The stamps now sold in the various states will not be withdrawn, but no more will be printed, and as the sheets are exhausted Federal stamps will be sold instead."

According to the *Australian Journal of Philately* the Victoria set is already being printed. The 9d will be the first to be issued.

COSTA RICA.—Referring to his report of a 2 centimos provisional, in No. 528, Mr. Lohmeyer says the rumor of a 4 centimos has been confirmed by the receipt of his usual supply from that Republic. The 3 centavos card of 1890 has likewise been utilized for this provisional, the stamp being surcharged, in black, "EXTERIOR—4 centimos".

Post Card (Provisional):
4c black on 3c red on buff.

CURACAO.—*Le Cote Reelle* chronicles the first of the new series for this colony in the new type of the Dutch Indies, described in No. 502, except the necessary change in the name of the colony.

Adhesive (Regular):
2½c blue.

DANISH WEST INDIES.—Mr. Harry W. Legg has shown us the new 2c carmine (type A5) chronicled in No. 530, and also the 8c brown of the same type, mentioned in the same type. Mr. Legg also calls our

attention to the 4c in a new printing, the colors being deeper and brighter, and the gum different.

Adhesive (Regular):
8c brown.

FERNANDO POO.—In No. 519 we chronicled a partial list of the new 1903 set. The *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly* now publishes the full list. The new stamps are exactly of the same design as those of 1902, but the inscription at the top and right side have been altered, that across the top reading "Fernando Poo," and at the right, "Para 1903", the word "Telegrafos" being omitted.

Adhesives (Regular):

½c violet.
½c blk.ck.
1c red.
2c green.
3c blue-green.
4c lilac.
5c lake.
10c yellow.
15c blue green.
25c red brown.
50c olive brown.
75c carmine.
1p purple brown.
2p bronze green.
3p claret.
4p dark blue.
5p dark blue.
10p orange.

GREECE.—Mr. Legg shows the 20l, 25l and 1dr of the 1901 set, on thin paper, imperforate.

GWALIOR.—The *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly* chronicles the ½a yellow green Indian stamp, Queen's head, surcharged for use in Gwalior. The issue is understood to be very limited.

ICELAND.—Mr. Frank P. Brown has shown us the 100a violet and brown, surcharged "I Gildi", with the surcharge inverted.

Mr. H. W. Legg of the J. M. Bartels Co. shows the 3a and 5a Official, surcharged "I Gildi", perforated 14 instead of 12½.

IVORY COAST.—*La Cote Reelle* has an exhaustive chronicle of the new parcels post, partially listed in No 513 of the ERA. It seems that there were three separate surcharges, all on the Unpaid letter stamps.

Adhesives (Parcels Post):

- a. Surcharged "Colis-Postaux", in thin black letters,—only 75 copies of each being surcharged: 50c violet.
1fr rose on buff.
- b. Surcharged "Colis Postaux—Cote d'Ivoire," in thick black letters, in two lines, 3000 copies of each being printed: 50c violet.
1fr rose on buff.
- c. Surcharged "Colis Postaux—Cote d'Ivoire" in dark blue, 1200 50c and 1800 1fr being printed. 50c violet.
1fr rose on buff.

CHAPTER XLVI.

I Strive to Please

collectors and give them good value for their money in

OSGOOD'S FAMOUS BIG SELECTIONS!

Big books of good medium to rare stamps at right prices. Reference: sec. olive, Canada Queen's Head..... 10c Precancels on approval.

D. W. OSGOOD,
ALAMOSA, Conejos Co., COLO.
[To be Continued.]

Please mention ERA when answering ads.

NATAL.—The note in No. 531 regarding late issues received by Mr. F. P. Brown, should have read £1.10 instead of £10.

NEW ZEALAND.—Mr. J. M. Bartels has received the 2½d, 5d, 9d and 2sh stamps perforated 11, printed on the new water-marked paper.

ROUMANIA.—According to *La Cote Reelle* the color of 15b lilac gray has been changed to mauve, by decree of the Director General of Posts dated June 13.

Adhesive (Regular):
15 bani, mauve.

SERVIA.—Mr. Lohmeyer reports having received two postal cards and one letter card from this country which are not only interesting, but also mark an epoch in the history of this kingdom. The stamp, an entirely new design, much larger than on previous issues, measuring 20x26mm., has the portrait of the murdered King Alexander in an oval, surrounded by an oak and olive branch. "SERVIA" (in Russian) appears on a ribbon scroll above, the figures of value in the two lower corners with "PARA" (in Russian) between. The postal cards, 5 para, yellow-green, and 10 para, carmine, are on white, while the letter card, 5 para, yellow-green, is on pale rose. So much for the description of the cards as prepared for issue prior to the tragic death of the late King. They have since been overprinted with the Coat of Arms of Servia, in black on the postal cards and in blue on the letter card, completely covering, and rendering unrecognizable, the head of the murdered King. This provisional issue is likely to have a short career, a new, permanent issue, with portrait of the new King, being in preparation.

Post Cards (Provisional):

5 para, yellow-green and black on white, 90x139.
10 para, carmine and black on white, 90x139.

Letter Card (Provisional):

5 para, yellow-green and blue on pale rose, perf. III, T. 80x139.

SIAM.—According to the *Daily Express* (London) a new set of stamps has been ordered on account of a recent change in the postal tariff of the kingdom.

WEST AUSTRALIA.—The *Australian Journal of Philately* says that a rumor is current to the effect that owing to the unsatisfactory color of the 8d, and the similarity of the shades of the new 9d and 4d, further changes are likely to be made.

Stray Notes on Sheets of Stamps.

R. R. THIELE.

Few countries have attracted so much attention by their stamps as the Australian Colonies of Great Britain and foremost among these are the issues of New South Wales. Few stamps have had more research devoted to their history and have in general more fascinated collectors than the famous "Sydney Views." Few of my readers may be able to plate these, but it is nevertheless of interest to know something of their sheet arrangement.

The first two issues of New South Wales were of local production. Three engravers were employed on the Sydney Views, as the plates were urgently required. The sheet of the 1 penny contained 25 stamps, in five rows of five; the plate of this value was engraved by Robert Clayton. The plate of the 3 pence was engraved by H. C. Jervis and contained the same number of stamps: 25, 5x5. But the 2 pence was arranged differently; it contained only 24 stamps, arranged in two horizontal rows of twelve each. This value was engraved by John Carmichael. All these plates were repeatedly retouched, as wear necessitated it; but these various stages of the plates are not within the scope of these notes. The 2 pence sheet fits sterling currency, being worth 4 shillings, but the 1 and 3 pence do not. This was no doubt a minor consideration at the time.

The 1851 issue, the so-called Laureated, is also of local origin. The plate of the 1d was engraved by John Carmichael, as well as the first plate of the 2d and the plates of the 3 and 6d, while the plate of the 8d and the second and third plates of the 2d were engraved by H. C. Jervis. The sheets of all values except the 6 pence contain 50 stamps in 5 rows of 10 each; the plate of the 6d for some unknown reason contains only 25 stamps, 5x5. All of these sheets have odd face values, without relation to the currency.

The locally engraved stamps were rather unsatisfactory, after all, and the Colony turned to the Universal Providers of those days—Perkins, Bacon & Co. of London. Their first work for the colony is also among the best ever turned out by the famous firm; it is the large square series of 1853 (Scott types A11 to A14). All the plates of this set contain 100 stamps, 10x10. The 6d and 1sh were the first values of this set and the sheets were adapted to these values, that of the 6d having a face value of 50sh and that of the 1sh one of 5 pounds. When the 5d and 8d values were ordered later, they were obtained by altering the dies of the 6d and 1sh respectively (you can still see remnants of the original frames above the label with POSTAGE and under the label with the value on the 5d and 8d stamps). For the sake, I presume, of uniformity the plates of these

STAMPS

AT

One-Half and One Cent Each.

A postal card with your name will bring you the lists by return mail.

COLUMBIAN STAMP CO.,
ARLINGTON, MASS.

new values were made of the same size as those of the original values, though here the face value is an odd sum. The next issue made by Perkins, Bacon & Co. is the so-called Diadem issue, the 1, 2 and 3d of 1856, intended to supersede the same values of the Laureated issue. These three values are all in sheets of 120—that is, the plates are, but the 2d, at all events, seems to have been issued in half sheets of 60, 10 horizontal rows of 6, of a face value of 10sh, like the full sheet of the 1d. The circular 5sh stamp of 1860 is also a Perkins, Bacon & Co. product, but I cannot at this writing state its sheet arrangement. The original plate is still in use, as well as those of the 3d Diadem and 5d square—venerable antiquities, indeed.

In 1862 the Colony fell for a while under the all-conquering scepter of the De la Rue firm. Their first product was the 1d red of 1862 and later (Scott type A17); it was printed at first by the De la Rues, but later in the Colony. There have been several plates of this value, all containing 240 stamps, but the arrangement has not always been the same; some of the sheets have consisted of four panes of 60 each, others of only two panes, but of 120 each. The face value in either case is one pound. The same firm engraved and for a time printed the 2d blue (Scott type A18), of which also there has been a number of plates. I do not know how the earlier ones were arranged; the ones last in use printed sheets of 240, arranged in 4 panes of 60 each, the face value thus being 2 pounds. Next is the 4d brown of 1867. De la Rue & Co engraved this stamp and prepared the original—and only—plate; it contains 120 stamps, arranged in 10 rows of 12, as usual. The face value is 2 pounds. The 6d stamp of 1871 is also from the De la Rue engravers. This firm also furnished the original plate of 120, arranged as before, giving the sheet a face value of 3 pounds. This arrangement is presumably also that of the sheet of 7½d surcharged on the 6d in 1891. The same arrangement is found on the sheets of the 10d lilac of 1867 and the 1sh black of 1871 and later. They are both De la Rue products. Of course the 12½d surcharged on the 1sh red in 1891 shows the arrangement of the 1sh. The large revenue stamps of the values of 5sh, 10sh and £1 surcharged for postage in 1885 were engraved by the De la Rue firm, but printed in the Colony. The sheets of all the three values contained 100 stamps arranged in

Special Summer Bargains.

U. S. STAMPED ENVELOPES.

Cat. No.	CUT SQUARE.	Cat. Price.	1st. Price.	2nd. Price.	3rd. Price.
1342	1863, 2c black on buff...	\$1.25	\$.60	\$.30	\$.10
1342	" 2c black, used.....	1.25	.50	.30	.10
1346	1864, 2c black, die 1....	.50	.35	.20	.10
1347	" 2c black, die 2....	.50	.35	.20	.10
1347	" 2c black, used.....	.40	.30	.20	.05
1348	" 2c black, die 1....	.50	.35	.20	.10
1349	" 2c black, die 2....	2.00	1.00	.50	..
1349	" 2c black, used.....	2.00	.75	.40	..
1350	" 3c pink on white.....	.50	.15	.06	.02
1350	" 3c pink, used.....	.05	.03	.02	.01
1352	" 3c pink on buff....	.50	.15	.06	.02
1352	" 3c pink, used.....	.05	.03	.02	.01
1353	" 3c pink on buff....	2.00	1.50	.90	..
1353	" 3c pink, used.....	2.00	1.50	.90	..
1355	" 9c orange.....	2.00	1.50	.90	..
1357	" 12c red brown.....	3.00	2.25	1.25	..
1358	" 18c red.....	2.00	1.50	.75	.25
1359	" 24c blue.....	2.00	1.50	.75	..
1360	" 30c green.....	2.00	1.50	.75	..
1361	" 40c red.....	2.00	1.50	1.00	..
1362	" 3c brown on white....	1.00	.75	.40	.30
1363	" 6c purple on white....	.75	.50	.35	.15
1364	" 3 brown on buff....	.75	.50	.30	.15
1365	" 6c purple on buff....	.75	.50	.35	.15

All are unused unless described as U or used.
1st are extra fine copies with large margins.
2nd are in good condition with fair margins, but not large enough to cover the whole space in the latest International Album, but as large as the envelopes in most collections.

3rd are cut round or to shape.
Postage extra on orders under \$1.00.
Please remit by Bills or Money Order.
Special! Any envelope not entirely satisfactory can be returned within two days after receipt and money will be promptly refunded if so desired.

C. F. ROTHFUCHS 38 Munroe St., ROXBURY, MASS.

2 panes of 50 each, 5 horizontal rows of 10. The sheets thus have the following face value:

Sheet of 5sh = £25.
Sheet of 10sh = £50.
Sheet of £1 = £100.

In 1888, with the celebration of its Centennial, the Colony broke away from the leading strings of the De la Rue Co. and produced the Centennial issue (Scott types A25 to A32) by native talent entirely. The designs were all "home grown;" it is beyond our purpose in this series of articles to enumerate the artists responsible for them. The dies were all engraved by William Bell and the plates made by the Government Printer. Of the 1d violet there were two plates, both containing 240 impressions. One consisted of two panes of 120 each, the other of 4 panes of 60 each. The same is true of the 2d blue; of this also there were two plates, arranged like the two plates of the 1d. The 4d, 6d, 8d and 1s of this set were, I believe, all in sheets of 120. The larger square 5sh and 20sh stamps were printed in sheets of 50, 5 rows of 10, the face value of the sheet of 5sh being £12 10s—and that of the sheet of 20sh being £50.

In 1891 the Colony joined the Universal Postal Union and this necessitated two new values: a 2½d as the international rate and a ½d as complimentary stamp in making up combinations from the old stamps. The ½d was altered from the die of the old 1d of 1862 by William Bell. Its plate was arranged to print sheets of 240 in 4 panes of 60 each, making a face value of 10sh. The other value—the 2½d "Advance Australia"—was newly engraved by Bell; the plate as made by the Government Printer was arranged to print a sheet of 120 stamps, arranged as always. The face value thus is £1 5s. The ½d of this issue, altered to green in

1898, is now printed in sheets of 120, in two panes of 60 each.

The three values newly issued in 1897, the 1d rose, the 2d blue and the 2½d purple, are known as the "Record Reign" issue. They were all engraved by W. Amor, the plates being made by the Government Printer. The 1 and 2d, at least, are printed in sheets of 240, in 4 panes of 60 each, arranged in 10 horizontal rows of 6. I do not know whether the 2½d is now printed in sheets of this size also; at first it was printed in sheets of 120, arranged as usual. The paper now used is watermarked to correspond with the plate of the 1d; on the margin between the panes horizontally is the watermarked legend NEW SOUTH WALES POSTAGE. The old 5d green of the square issue is now also printed on this paper, but in sheets of 200, 20 rows of 10, the stamps being issued in halvesheets of 100, 10x10. It will be seen that this does not anywhere near fit the watermarks, hence a row often falls on the center inscription and the top and bottom rows are often unwatermarked.

The old registration stamps of 1853 were engraved by John Carmichael. They were printed in sheets of 50, 5 horizontal rows of 10 each. These registration stamps were printed in 1862 on the paper then in use for the large square 6d stamp. This paper was watermarked with a large double-lined numeral 6, repeated 100 times in the sheet to fit the plate of the 6d. Two impressions of the Registered plate were taken on each sheet of this paper; but, as the stamps are entirely different in size and shape, the watermarks do not always tally with the stamps.

The postage due stamps of 1892 are a local production, being a copy of our own postage due stamps of the old design. They were engraved (on wood!) by A. Collingridge and electrotyped by the Government Printer. The sheets of all values contain 120 stamps, arranged in 2 panes of 60 each.—*The Adhesive.*

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 my remarks to you in a previous ERA there was no intention to belittle Mr. Eldredge in any way, and as regards Mr. Toppan, any consideration of him did not enter my head at all, so if he felt called on to take to himself anything I said, I feel innocent in the matter. Although Mr. Eldredge still thinks he was correct regarding the by-laws and that I was not, I quote from what he said originally: "Under the by-laws, no two directors can come from the same state." etc. The by-laws make no such assertion. Of course we all know that when three vice-presi-

POSTAL CARD CATALOGUE, 1903.

The only catalogue for Card Collectors, to be issued this Fall, is Semf's (German), and I will have them in stock as soon as issued.

PRICE 35c. POSTPAID.

As the issue will be limited, I would advise collectors to send me their order, accompanied by remittance, without delay.

ADOLPH LOHMEYER,
922 N. Gilmore Street, Baltimore, Md.

dents come from one state, the other six officers must come from six different states. I am perfectly aware as to the meaning of the words "elective" and "appointive," and merely alluded to the six officers from Massachusetts to call attention to the preponderance of them from one state. With all due respect to Mr. Toppan as an "authority," I still feel that a person like myself can differ from him without being justly classed as having a "slight knowledge," etc. I consider any such insinuation as unjust, and others have told me so. As to any desire to change the by-laws, I did not think of it, nor to attempt the "impossible." I claim it is possible to elect a treasurer and secretary from the same state, under the by-laws. It isn't necessary for the three vice-presidents to come from one state. They could come from New Jersey and New York and be within the radius of thirty miles, and thus allow two other officers to come from Minnesota. In the interest of convenience, the nearer these two officers are to each other, the better for haste in all matters, and if the two offices are held by one person who is competent, better still. As to my "step-down-and-out" allusion, I had in my mind the following sentence from Mr. Eldredge's letter of July 4: "There are many who feel that it would be wiser to elect Mr. Annan, and let Mr. Aldrich wait." If that isn't an intimation to Mr. Aldrich to step aside, then I retract. I don't feel any more ignorant than I did last August, when Mr. Toppan placed me on the committee of rules, and certainly he should have known who he was choosing. Perhaps the selection was merely a nominal one. In any event, do not elect a secretary and treasurer as far apart as Arkansas and New Jersey.

H. A. C.

ROCKY HILL, July 25th.

The Boston Philatelic Society.

M. H. LOMBARD, President, Winchester, Mass.
C. F. ROTHFUCHS, Vice-President, Boston.
C. A. HOWES, Secretary, 55 Kilby St., Boston.
L. L. GREEN, Treasurer, 47 Tremont St., Boston.
J. H. LYONS, Supt. of Auctions, 9 Bromfield St., Boston.
H. LYONS, Supt. of Sales, 9 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass.
THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA, Official Journal.

The New England Philatelic Association.

Organized February, 1895.

Board of Officers:

President, CHARLES H. SMITH, Dedham, Mass.
Vice President, J. FAVILL CAPRON, 22 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass.
Secretary and Treasurer, H. W. LEGG, 26 Hancock St., Boston, Mass.
Sales Department, CHARLES H. STONE, 91 Antrim St., Cambridgeport, Mass.
Information Bureau, MRS. WALLACE DANA SMITH, 20 Wiberd St., Portsmouth, N. H.
Counterfeit Detector, WILLIS D. KING, Nashua, N.H.
Attorney, HORACE S. BACON, 107 Stevens St., Lowell, Mass.
Governing Board, CHARLES H. STONE, Chairman, 91 Antrim St., Cambridgeport, Mass.; JOHN J. CONE, New Dorchester, Mass.; FRANK A. WILSON, 185 Highland Ave., Somerville, Mass.
Official Organ, THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA.

THE Weekly Philatelic Era.

W. W. JEWETT, - Editor and Publisher.

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

U. S., Canada or Mexico, 50c. per year.
To other countries in Postal Union, \$1.00 per year.
All subscriptions MUST commence with current number. Back numbers cannot be supplied at subscription rates.

ADVERTISING RATES:

A special reduced rate of 60c per inch on transient advertising is in force during the summer months. Good until Sept. 1st.

PUBLICATION OFFICE,

502 Congress St., Portland, Me.

YOUR SUBSCRIPTION EXPIRES with this issue if a (X) appears in the margin opposite this paragraph. The paper is not *abruptly* discontinued on the expiration of subscriptions, unless expressly so ordered. We shall highly appreciate an early renewal from you, or an order to have your paper discontinued.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS. In notifying us of any change of address subscribers should be sure to give their *old* as well as *new* address

Notes and Comment.

Some of the members have taken our remarks relative to the independence of the official journal far more seriously than intended. Our reference was made in a broad sense, and the "servile service" mentioned not exacted by the majority of the members, but by a limited few who are prone to rule or "kick." The ERA has many kind friends and well-wishers in the Association and has had many requests to reconsider its determination not to enter the contest, and wishes to thank all such for their kind proffers of assistance.

There is one point concerning the official organ that we have not before been in a position to mention, and which now seems most opportune to present. We refer to the change in the By-Laws made a few years ago: omitting the name of the Official Organ and leaving the selection or possibility of a change open every year. This is hardly satisfactory to the publication chosen or the members individually. On the part of the former, the acquisition of the names of the members to its mailing lists means considerable work, then the publisher has the feeling that the benefit of any especial efforts

Special Summer Bargain Books!
AT 50 PER CENT. DISCOUNT.

We have some very good Approval Books including one album with about 4,000 varieties in it, on which we shall allow a straight discount of 50 per cent. from catalogue for summer trade only. Many bargains in this lot and the condition is as good as the average dealer's stock, (we will pay express charges one way on the album).

At 33 1-3 Per Cent. Discount.

One lot of about 6,000 varieties, the remains of a collection of over 15,000 different, broken up some time ago. Rather than put these into stock and to help along summer business we shall give 33 1/3 per cent. discount on anything in the lot. Many British Colonials in nice condition and other high grade stamps are included.

NEW ENGLAND STAMP CO.,
9 and 21 Bromfield St., BOSTON, MASS.

made to build up the Association may be taken away at the next convention and given to another. Then on the part of the individual member, they receive the Association's representative and subscribe to the other papers they desire. All goes well until a change is made when they find that they will possibly receive an extra subscription to some paper and to continue the paper previously supplied with the Association membership they have the trouble and expense of placing a personal subscription. And in a short year or two they may have to go through the same experience again.

Now would it not be well to have the contract made for a term of three or five years? Wouldn't it be liable to prove more satisfactory and beneficial to the publisher, to the Association and to the members? Our experience has fully settled the question in the affirmative in our mind, and we believe and hope that the matter will receive some consideration at the coming convention.

From Buffalo, N. Y., comes the announcement of the incorporation under the laws of the state of New York of The Raynor Hubbell Stamp Co. capitalized at \$10,000 to deal in stamps. The officers given are Raynor Hubbell, president and manager; F. B. Griffith, vice-president; Frank B. Warner, secretary and treasurer.

Items from the Dub.

Wednesday, July 29th.

Mr. Warren H. Colson of the New England Stamp Co. is camping at Lake Winnepesaukee, where for the time being stamps will be forgotten.

Mr. J. Delano Bartlett of Springfield paid Boston a visit this week.

The J. M. Bartels Co. have bought out the entire stock of envelopes and good will of the Chas. H. Stone Co. who have been so long prominent in this line. Mr. J. M. Berthold, the well known envelope expert, is in charge of this department. This firm has in preparation several important publications which will be placed on sale in due time, filling a want which has long been felt.

Mr. Moffat of Brooklyn, N. Y., was a recent visitor here.

Mr. J. H. Lyons, Manager of the store department of the New England Stamp Co., has returned from his vacation and hereafter can be found at his usual post of duty.

The Boston Stamp Co., for sometime at No. 22 Bromfield St., will remove on

1898-REVENUES-1902

No.	1c green, block of four, new	\$0.30
2992	1c " " " " " "	.08
2993	2c carmine, block of four, new	.12
2994	4c orange, " " " " " "	.25
3025	7c to \$1.00, 12 varieties, used	.15
3026	\$3.00 dark brown, used	.08
3038	\$1.00 orange red, " " " " " "	.12
3039	\$1.00 black, " " " " " "	.40
3040	\$50.00 bistre, " " " " " "	2.00
3042	\$1.00 carmine, " " " " " "	.15
3046	\$1.00 " " (pairs) used	.30
3047-48	\$1.00 and \$2.00 gray and black, used	.05
3055	\$1.00 green and black, used	.15
3056	\$1.00 " " " " " "	.15
3056	\$2.00 " " " " " "	.25

Above are all uncut and fine. If you need any of the scarce ones place your order-as I often have fine copies sent me at price on which I can save you money.

D. T. EATON,
MUSCATINE, IOWA.

GUATEMALA.
Complete Sets, Used, 1902 Issue.
1c to \$2.00 Postally Cancelled,
ONLY \$1.00.

PERRIN & CO.,
106 East 23rd St., NEW YORK, N. Y.
Headquarters for Unused Current Guatemalas at wholesale.



I have several thousand approval sheets that have been returned from customers. Rather than remount the stamps or place them in stock I will sell:

30 cents worth (catalog value) of stamps for 10 cents.	" " " " " "	15 "
\$1.00 " " " " " "	" " " " " "	25 "
\$2.25 " " " " " "	" " " " " "	50 "
\$4.65 " " " " " "	" " " " " "	\$1.00.

No two stamps are alike in a lot and no two lots are alike. The stamps range in price from 1c to \$1.00 each.

PEELABLE HINGES

NOT ENGLISH		NOT GERMAN
1000		5000
12c.		50c.
POST FREE.		POST FREE

STRONG PAPER-TASTELESS GUM
W. F. GREGORY, 66 NASSAU ST., NEW YORK.

60% Discount.
Fill Your Spaces while you have the chance.
Send For Our Large List.

E. F. GAMBS CO.,
P. O. Box 2831, SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

WORLD'S LARGEST STAMPS.

Scott No.	U. S. Newspaper.	Cat. Price.	Our Price.
1002	10c blue green	\$5.00	\$1.98
1002b	10c Pelure paper	7.50	2.98
1003	25c carmine red	5.00	1.98
1003b	25c Pelure paper	15.00	4.97
1004	5c dark blue	2.50	1.11
1004a	5c light blue	3.00	1.19

Each of the above stamps contains 9 square inches and our low prices are solely to gain new customers by offering genuine bargains.

Our prospectus of our approval department, free. We send out all kinds of stamps on approval. Try a lot. We give 50% discount on most everything. Reference, if unknown to us, absolutely essential.

HOLTON STAMP CO.,
60 Devonshire St., BOSTON, MASS.

Used versus Unused.

BY ERNEST HEGINBOTTOM, B. A.

The following remarks are penned in reference to the great question of "Used v. Unused Stamps." I have always been a keen supporter of used stamps in preference to the unused ones, although the latter seem to be the fashion among our leading Philatelists, and as most of my friends also are collectors of unused stamps, it follows I am somewhat in a "minority," but this fact makes me the more wishful to do my best to improve the "status" of the collectors of *Used Stamps*. At any rate I should like to see them placed more on a "par" with collectors of unused.

To confirm my opinion, I will refer to the various Exhibitions that are held from time to time, laying special stress upon those held in our own country, as those held abroad do give more encouragement to the collectors of used stamps. Taking our own exhibitions then, both public and private, is it not a fact that more attention is paid to unused stamps, not only by the Collectors themselves, but also by THE JUDGES APPOINTED, than to any used stamps shown? And I would here say, that it seems to me a great pity that our Judges all seem to give two-thirds at least of their attention to these unused rather than used stamps; ergo, collectors of used only have small chance of even gaining a favourable verdict as regards their exhibits, to say nothing as to any medals, etc.

In spite of this limit several medals have come my way, yet I feel sure that the collectors of postally used stamps seem to take a back seat somewhat when opposed to their fellow members, the collectors of unused stamps. Again, notice when any of our magazines refer to any exhibition, what preference they seem to give to unused, a preference almost "unfair" in my humble opinion.

Why should this be so? Putting aside the question entirely of which is the proper thing to collect in a philatelic light, surely the collector of used should at least be on a *par* with the collector of unused, in fact I go further and say that the two are *entirely separate* from one another and ought not to be compared at all, but I don't think the used should be so insignificantly treated as they seem to be. We are not all "Croesus," and granted that the majority of stamps are worth more unused than used, still I hold that a true philatelist may collect used only, as much as he who collects unused, hence both should have their right place in any exhibition or in any magazine, and not compete against each other.

As an illustration take one of our Colonies where unused are worth more than used, namely St. Vincent. At the present day the owner of a complete or nearly complete collection of unused stamps

would easily gain a medal or have his collection very highly thought of by many of our leading philatelists, while the owner of a collection also complete but of used stamps would find his chances very limited. Now why? Surely one is as complete as the other, besides, one is as much true "Philately" as the other, if not more so!

The time has certainly come when unused should be kept apart from used especially as regards exhibitions, and where medals are given some should be for used as well as unused, and the wealthy "Croesus" who collects both would be doubly fortunate.

This matter should be taken up, and collectors, like myself, of only postally used stamps should combine and try to strengthen their cause, because the "opposition" is an extremely powerful one. With regard to the latter remark, I would also say that with *combination* the collectors of used stamps could easily become a strong body, because it is a positive fact that many of our young collectors only collect used stamps, and though perhaps young now, in time they will probably develop into leading ones, and I think if some combination could be formed it would do good all round. For generally speaking (although there are exceptions and important ones too), unused cost more, the adherents of unused are wealthy and many of them our leading lights in Philately, yet that is *no reason* why collectors of *USED* should not also form themselves into a strong body. There is if anything more work in connection with these stamps than with unused mint ones, if only for the reason that the obliteration often causes a difficulty as to genuineness or not, hence it is a pity some of our leading philatelists don't give more of their attention and their valuable information as regards used stamps than they do. I consider too much philatelic work is devoted to stamps unused at the present day to the detriment of the used ones, and I should like some better pen than my own to take the matter up. Perhaps you will kindly open the pages of your journal to this question and see if we collectors of the humble "used stamp" cannot at least raise our position in Philately and make it more on a level with unused than it is. We have the numbers on our side, when the young collectors are taken into account, and if we have not the money or the leading philatelists, still we ought to make a better figure in the philatelic world than we do. One way to do this is to combine better together, and to have special medals at exhibitions for *used* stamps.

By earning these prizes Used collections also get the "admiration." The fact that Unused collections gain nearly all the prizes is a proof, to my mind, that our worthy Judges consider unused, generally speaking, better than used. Why they do I utterly fail to see, because unused may look cleaner and may be worth more,

why they should be better philatelically than used I am at a loss to know, and always have been. Rowland Hill brought out postage stamps for the *POSTAL USE*, and not to be placed in albums in mint state. Further, if anyone replied to me

TRADE COLUMN.

Under this head we will print exchange, want and for sale notices, business announcements, 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.

One four-line notice free with each subscription, providing copy accompanies the subscription.

THREE Consecutive Insertions of SAME ad in this Column for PRICE OF TWO.

I will buy good collection of stamps for spot cash. JOHN M. HUBBARD, Rochester, N. H. References: Bradstreet, Dun, Amer. Boot & Shoe Reporting Co. [25]

Set of 4 Nicaragua revenues, 8c; set 19 Spain revenues, 12c; Dominican Rep. 5 peso revenues, 10c. Foreign revenues on approval. A. W. CASTELLANOS, 93 Virginia Ave., Jersey City, N. J. [25]

Stamps at 1-7th Catalogue, the biggest bargain ever offered. 10 diff. foreign stamps, cat. at \$2.25, for only 75 cents, regular price \$3.00. If you get a packet you will never regret it. POSTAL STAMP CO., 15 Lake St., White Plains, N. Y. [35]

Shoes and Men's Furnishings store in a lively city between Boston and Portland for sale or exchange for real estate near Boston. Would take a good collection or stock of stamps in part payment. SHOE STORE, ERA Office. [33]

Is your collection for sale? Get your dealer to make a price on it, add 20% to his offer, and send book to me. It's 10 to 1 I buy it. F. W. PICKARD, 2427 Ingleside, Cincinnati, O. [17^a]

Wanted: Blocks of four late revenues—Three Dollar red, Ten Dollar black, Three-Dollar gray, Five and Ten Dollar green. H. E. WILSON, 314 Fitzsimmons Bldg., Pittsburg, Pa. [33]

Cuba 1899, 5 var., 1 set, 8c; 10 sets, 42c. Cuba 1899, (U. S.) 6 var., 1 set, 20c; 10 sets, \$1.35. 100 well assorted foreign, including Salvador, Nicaragua, etc., cat. 2 to 8c each, \$1.00. CARL YOUNG, 112 N. 5th St., Phila., Pa. [35]

Wanted: Late issue D commentary and Proprietary stamps with plate numbers attached. Will exchange. H. E. WILSON, 314 Fitzsimmons Bldg., Pittsburg, Pa. [33]

Harris celebrated 100 varieties Packages of used and unused postage stamps; every stamp in fine condition, cataloguing over \$4.00, for \$1.00 cash. LOUIS HARRIS, Belfast, Maine. [35]

Approval sheets 60¢ disc't. Net sheets for advanced collectors at equally low prices. 9000 var. in stock. F. W. PICKARD, 2427 Ingleside, Cincinnati, O. [17^a]

U. S. Pre-Cancelled postage stamps. I will pay a good price in cash or exchange for any not in my collection. F. L. SMITH, 40 Exchange Pl., N. Y. [47]

To complete your United States: Fine perfect copies, 1857-60, 90 cents, unused, \$12.00 each; 1869, 84 cents, \$3.00 each; 90 cents, \$8.50 each; 1895, \$5 green, \$1.12 each; \$2 blue, \$1.05 each.

To complete your Hawaii: 1850-65 type-set series, Scott's Nos. 20 to 26. Nearly all varieties at 30 to 50 per cent. below Scott's quotations. All later issues at extremely low prices. Selections sent.

Thousands of bargains in old United States, British and Colonial stamps. Fine approval selections at 25 to 25¢ discount. No common rubbish but only fine copies of desirable stamps sent out. Write stating wants and send reference. I can save you hundreds of dollars. Established 1880. [33^a]
FREDERICK GINN, 143 Strand, London, England.

Is your collection for sale? I will buy it or any odd lots of good stamps. No cheap stuff wanted. Send on approval with lowest cash offer. Immediate returns guaranteed. HOWARD C. BECK, City Controller's Office, Detroit, Mich. [51^a]

Pre-cancels not in my collection wanted. Best cash or trade price. E. R. ALDRICH, Benson, Minn. [17^a]

Try an Ad in this Column. It Pays.

that Hill did not intend used stamps either to be thus treated, I would reply he did not care one jot what became of stamps after they were obliterated, or in other words after they had done their work, namely franking letters, but I am not laying special stress upon this now, all I say is used stamps are as much *Philately* as unused, yet at present they don't seem so among the "upper ten" as it were. No one has greater respect for some of our leading philatelists than myself, but I think some "new blood" is required to work along with them, if they will have it, if not then the large and increasing number of used collectors must put themselves on a more satisfactory basis. At present the latter seem to be lying low for sake of some public champions of their cause. Now is a chance for these champions to come forward, there is plenty of room for them as well as for our present philatelic men. Let the present adherents of unused stamps by all means continue to flourish, but let there be some existing also of used stamps, because in the ordinary course of events philatelists of today must "retire" from this mortal strife, and naturally the present young generation of collectors will grow up, and from them it is hoped will be chosen some leaders who will take up the cause of used stamps, alongside their brethren of the unused order.

In other words that we may call the more humble collectors, those with limited means who collect used stamps should have their champions along with the wealthy who already have theirs out of all due proportion to the relative number of collectors of used and unused. There will always be more poverty than wealth especially in "stamp collecting." For this reason alone the collectors of used stamps should be thought of more than they are and encouraged more, and have more chances of showing their collections and further meet with much more encouragement than they do at present from our *leading philatelists*. Open up your columns for the free discussion of this question, without considering *which* is more *philatelic*, used or unused, this is not the point *HERE*, but simply to strengthen those who PREFER FOR VARIOUS REASONS TO COLLECT USED STAMPS, but who at the moment are somewhat backward as regards general philatelic support. If the collectors of used stamps would only make themselves known, I venture to say we could make a pretty bold show, even amongst our humble lot, and we have this fact to our credit that collectors of unused stamps cannot PROVE that their system is the only true philatelic one any more than we could do that ours is (putting aside my private opinions). Hence it follows, that both collecting differently, EACH OUGHT TO BE WELL REPRESENTED both by EXPERTS as well as by DUE RECOGNITION in exhibitions.—*Stamp Collector*.

American Philatelic Association.

(INCORPORATED.)

THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA—OFFICIAL JOURNAL.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

ALEXANDER HOLLAND, President,
40 Grace Court, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Board of Vice-Presidents.
FRANK H. BURT, Chairman,
Room 1046, Tremont Building, Boston, Mass.
GORDON IRELAND, Secretary,
Holyoke House 31, Cambridge, Mass.
EDWIN F. SAWYER,
101 Washington St., Brighton, Mass.

H. E. DEATS, Secretary,
Flemington, N. J.
E. DOEBLIN, International Secretary,
Box 736, Pittsburg, Pa.
C. L. ANNAN, Treasurer,
Dept. Public Works, St. Paul, Minn.
H. B. PHILLIPS,
1311 Grove St., Berkeley, Cal.
F. W. CONING,
350 George St., New Brunswick, N. J.

RESIDENT VICE-PRESIDENTS.

BOSTON, MASS.—M. H. LOMBARD, Winchester, Mass.
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.—W. E. LOY, 2431 Ellsworth St., Berkeley, Cal.
NEW YORK CITY.—W. F. GREGORY, 71 Nassau St.
PITTSBURG, PA.—E. DOBSON, Box 736.
CHICAGO, ILL.—A. F. MERRILL, 439 Marquette Building.
MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.—EARN S. MARTIN, 3244 First Avenue, South.
WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS—ROBERT D. MAYNARD, 36 Oak Grove Ave., Springfield.

APPOINTEE OFFICERS.

E. H. ANDERSON, Librarian,
Carnegie Library, Pittsburg, Pa.
H. D. WATSON, Collecting Agent,
64 Cedar St., New York City.
JOHN J. OESCH, Superintendent of Sales Dept.,
34 Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill.

H. E. DEATS, Assistant Librarian,
Flemington, N. J.
W. F. GREGORY, Auction Purchasing Agent,
71 Nassau St., New York City.
P. M. WOLSEFFER, Auction Purchasing Agent,
1009 Atwood Bldg., Chicago, Ill.
A. W. BATCHELDER, Auction Purchasing Agent,
21 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass.

EXPERT COMMITTEE.

JOHN N. LUFF, Chairman, 18 East 23rd St., New York, N. Y.
J. M. ANDREINI.
J. C. MORGENTHAU.



EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION
AT CLAYTON, NEW YORK,
AUGUST 11, 1903.

Committee on Credentials.

P. M. Wolsieffer, Chicago, Ill., Chairman.
D. T. Eaton, Muscatine, Iowa.
G. W. Rode, Pittsburgh, Pa.
W. F. Gregory, New York, N. Y.
Geo. L. Toppan, Racine, Wis.

Committee of Arrangements.

I also appoint the following members as
Committee of Arrangements:
Dr. J. H. Stebbins, Jr., New York, N. Y.
John N. Luff, New York, N. Y.
P. F. Bruner, New York, N. Y.

NOMINATIONS.

For President: Alexander Holland, of
New York.

For Board of Vice-Presidents: F. H.
Burt, Boston, Gordon Ireland, Boston,
Willard O. Wylie.

For Treasurer: C. L. Annan, Houghton,
Mich.

For International Secretary: E. Doeblin.
For Secretary: E. R. Aldrich, Benson,
Minn.

For Directors: F. W. Coning, New
Jersey, H. B. Phillips, California.

REPORT OF SECRETARY

For the Week Ending August 1, 1903.

Applications for Membership.

PIERCE, GRANT, 216 Main St., Bruns-
wick, Maine; age, 21; Student. Refer-
ences: W. W. Jewett, F. O. Conant.
ROBERTSON, J. S., Box 813, St. Thomas,
Ontario, Canada; age, 41; Barrister-at-
Law. References: P. M. Wolsieffer,
John J. Oesch.

New Stockholders.

1821. ADAMS, W. H., 205 La Salle
St., Chicago, Ill.
1822. COWAN, JAMES H., 312 Jackson
Ave., Knoxville, Tenn.

Re-instated.

1682. KNOTH, JOHN V., 332 Eighth
Ave., Homestead, Pa.

Resignation Accepted.

649. HOWE, DR. JAMES S., Brookline,
Mass.

Resignations Received.

1029. BANKS, WILLIAM, JR., 44 State
St., Boston, Mass.
1502. CARROLL, JAMES J., 212 W.
Saratoga St., Baltimore, Md.

Membership Summary.

Total Membership July 25th..... 557
New Stockholders..... 2
Re-instated..... 1

Total Membership August 1st..... 560

H. E. DEATS, Secretary.

MINNEAPOLIS BRANCH.

The second regular meeting of the Min-
neapolis Philatelic Society, branch of the
American Philatelic Association, was held
on Wednesday, July 8th, 1903; at 18 North
4th St. Ten were present.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Motion was made and carried that this branch society appoint Messrs. E. S. Martin and W. L. Downing delegates to the National A. P. A. Convention to be held in Clayton, N. Y., in August; both these gentlemen having stated that they expected to attend.

The following resolution was made and unanimously carried:

RESOLVED, That the Minneapolis Philatelic Society, Branch of the American Philatelic Association, appreciating the great advantages and opportunities afforded a community by the annual national convention of the Association; and believing that there is no other city in the country which can furnish so many attractions to the summer tourist, nor proportionately as large a company of enthusiastic stamp collectors who know how to make other collectors have a good time; does hereby unanimously and cordially invite the said Association to hold its annual convention of 1904 in the city of Minneapolis or its vicinity; and we further promise ample and abundant entertainment to those who attend.

After listening to an address by Mr. C. L. Annan, Treasurer of the national society, the meeting adjourned.

SECRETARY.

Our Claim to the 1904 Convention.

BY A PITTSBURG MEMBER.

At the coming convention of the American Philatelic Association, the representatives of Branch No. 5, of Pittsburg, Pa., who represent also the numerous members of the Twin City Philatelic Society, will submit a request that Pittsburg be chosen as the Convention City in 1904. Pittsburg has substantial claims to such recognition. As a Philatelic center, she occupies a distinct and important position. Few other cities in the United States harbor so many earnest students of Philately. The Twin City Philatelic Society, after an existence of 15 years, numbers today 42 members and renders splendid service to our pursuit in keeping alive the interest of old collectors, in engaging the interest of new ones, and, best of all, in giving to the pursuit, through the substantial personnel of the society, the weight and dignity properly belonging to it.

A strong society—strong in character as well as the extent of its membership—is a potent factor in the placing of Philately upon its proper plane. Pittsburg is also one of the few cities which maintains an active branch of the American Philatelic Association. Branch No. 5 has been in existence for many years and has always been a serviceable body. These proofs of Philatelic prosperity ought to be convincing. Considered from other view points, Pittsburg is one of the most interesting cities in the world. It is the National

STAMP CAT. \$1.25 FREE!

If you send at once for my 1903 20-page price list and agree to make a purchase of at least fifty (50) cents on receipt of list I will give you free a copy of Tobago 1879, 1p rose, cat. by Scott at \$1.25. I make this liberal offer to boom trade during the fall. My prices are just as low as other dealers and you get this premium besides. You are also entitled to premiums on premium list which will be sent you. Write at once. [17

W. C. PHILLIPS, GLASTONBURY, CT.

workshop—the great center of the iron, steel, glass, petroleum and coal industries. It was here that Carnegie, Phipps, Schwab, Corey and scores of other great captains of industry forged their fortunes. Here there is a constant and easy genesis of multi-millionaires. Here at the forks of the rivers, where the Allegheny meets to form the Ohio, where the French built old Fort Duquesne and where George Washington rendered his first distinguished military service, are assembled today more great mills and factories than are to be found grouped together anywhere else on earth. Nor are our industrial resources the only attraction. In the cultivation of the refined arts, Pittsburg takes a high rank. Our Carnegie Institute combines within its walls a vast library including the Library of the American Philatelic Association an art gallery of world-wide fame, a museum and a music hall in which a noble permanent orchestra, under the baton of Victor Herbert, renders all that is best in ancient and modern music. Our public parks are also well worthy of a visit, illustrating, as they do, in a delightful way, the resources of the modern "landscape architect." But why go on with the catalogue? Suffice it to say that Pittsburg can offer as much to charm the fancy and engage the intellect as any other American city, and perhaps more.

Concerning the matter of entertainment, ample guarantees are forthcoming. This question has been taken up by the local societies and full provision has been made regarding finances and kindred details. Pittsburg, therefore, is ready, and we say to the Convention:

COME, SEE AND BE CONVINCED.

—Perforator.

Fiscal Philatelic Society.

Meeting held July 2nd, 1903. Present Mr. Schwabacher (chair), Messrs. Cooper, Fulcher, Marsh, South, Thompson, Thomson and Kay.

Mr. E. J. Tome (Buenos Ayres) was duly elected a member.

The resignation of the Continental Secretaryship, by M. Verzijl, on account of ill health, was accepted with much regret. The Continental Exchange will necessarily be suspended until a successor is appointed. Applications for the post are invited, and should be addressed to the Hon. Secretary.

Notes on Indian fiscals were received from Messrs. Corfield and Crofton, and Mr. Marsh showed two types of overprint to the 1sh King's head "Registration of Title—Ireland."

The fiscals of Uganda, Victoria, West Australia, Zanzibar and Zululand were discussed and catalogued, thus bringing the task of cataloguing the British Colonial

FOUR BARGAINS FOR \$2.00.

(1) 12 unused, o. g., foreign postage stamps, all different, cat. \$3.27 only 50c, *post free.*

(2) 48 varieties foreign envelopes, cut square, cat. \$3.37, only 79c, *post free.*

(3) 21 varieties of Civil War, perforated revenues, cat. 82c only 27c, *post free.*

(4) 12 varieties U. S. envelopes unused, cut square, cat. \$2.23 only 52c, *post free.*

All four big bargains, cat. \$9.69, for \$2.00 *post free.* If buying write us. We can save you money.

HOLTON STAMP CO.,
60 Devonshire St., Boston, Mass.

WE HAVE MONEY

To Buy Collections, Rarities and Stocks.

We buy unused 1c and 2c stamps for mercantile use at a discount from 3 to 5 per cent. according to quantities. Higher denominations at a greater discount. [17

UNITED STAMP COMPANY, Incorporated,
1140 Marquette Bldg., CHICAGO, ILL.

ABYSSINIA

Postage 1894, 7 varieties, unused, 35c per set.
Unpaid 1896, 7 varieties, unused, 35c per set.
Both Sets, 65c.

NORTH BORNEO

Surcharged British Protectorate 1c to 24c
10 varieties, cancelled, 35c per set.

Postage extra on above offers.

COLUMBIAN STAMP CO.,
ARLINGTON, MASS.

WHEN YOU THINK OF SELLING

WRITE TO

B. L. DREW & CO.,

7 WATER ST., (Room 501), BOSTON, MASS.

[1807

The Leading Auction Firm in America.

fiscals to an end. It is hoped to have the priced and illustrated catalogue issued by the end of the year. Any additions or corrections to the M. S. lists should be sent in as soon as possible.

Received for library:

El Filatelico Espanol, June and July, 1903, (T. Remoli).

Filatelia, March, 1903, (Tome and Malaguzzi).

Revista de la S. F. Argentina, May, 1903, (R. Rosauer).

The Annual General Meeting will be held on October 1st next, and due notice of same will be given.

The Home Exchange packet will be circulated as usual, and members are particularly requested to inform the Secretary of change of address or absence from home, to save delays.

Any interested in fiscal stamps should apply for rules and particulars to the Hon. Sec., A. B. Kay, 2 Harlem Mansions, West Kensington, London W.

The Weekly Philatelic Era

A PAPER DEVOTED TO STAMP NEWS.

50c PER YEAR.

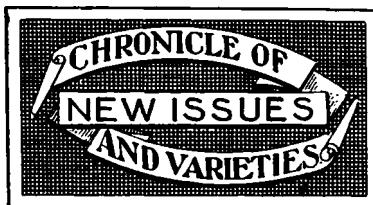
ENTERED AT PORTLAND POST OFFICE AS SECOND CLASS MATTER JAN. 10, 1890.

2c PER COPY.

VOL. XVII. No. 46.

PORTLAND, ME., SATURDAY, AUGUST 8, 1903.

WHOLE No. 534.



BY HENRY A. KIDDER.

Friends of the ERA are invited to send to the editor of this department any information regarding new issues or varieties that may prove of interest. Such information will be suitably acknowledged. Address, HENRY A. KIDDER, 17 Addison Street, Arlington, Mass.

Exchanges will please send Mr. Kidder a copy of each issue to the foregoing address, and an extra copy of the ERA will be gladly sent whenever desired.

AITUTAKI.—Mr. H. W. Legg of the J. M. Bartels Co. has shown us the new set of stamps for use in this Island. They are surcharged on New Zealand stamps similar to those for Niue and Penrhyn. There are six values. The ½d and 2½d are overprinted in red and the others in dark blue. The ¼d and 1d on stamps watermarked N. Z. and star, perforated 14, while the others are perforated 11. The overprints are different from either the Niue or Penrhyn surcharges owing to differences in the dialects, and show some curious variations. The overprints are: ½d, "Ava Pene"; 1d, "Tai Pene"; 2½d, "Rua Pene Ma Te Ava"; 3d, "Toru Pene"; 6d, "Ono Pene"; 1sh, "Tai Tiringi". It is noticeable that the fraction ½ is spelled out on both stamps, while on both the Niue and Penrhyn stamps it is printed in figures. *Ewen's Weekly* says the word "Ava", used for ½, cannot be found in the Maori dictionary, the nearest approach being "le ava" signifying "the entrance between two reefs," which may perhaps carry with it the idea of division. There are said to be very few minor varieties thus far discovered.

Adhesives (Regular):

- ¼d green and red.
- 1d carmine and dark blue.
- 2½d blue and red.
- 3d yellow brown and dark blue.
- 6d rose and dark blue.
- 1sh bright red and dark blue.

AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH.—The *Australian Philatelist* illustrates the first stamp to be issued of the Commonwealth series. From the illustration it appears to

be poorly designed and executed, and it is little wonder there is already much dissatisfaction expressed in the different states. The first denomination to be issued is the 9d and it is for the state of Victoria, but it is said that it will be issued in New South Wales and Queensland immediately. The color is brown. The design represents a woman with bare arms but draped sitting holding in one hand what appears to be a long torch, and with the other hand resting on a shield bearing the British arms. Her seat is under an arch which bears the word "Commonwealth" in white on a colored ground. The pillars on either side are formed of large square blocks upon which appear the abbreviated names of the six states and dates of founding. The bases bear at the left a pair of scales and at the right, a beehive. The value "9d" appears in two large white circles in the upper corners, and also in a single white circle at the bottom just above the centre of the tablet bearing the word "Victoria". The word "Postage" is printed at the top in a curved line between the circles containing the value. All the inscriptions except the word "Commonwealth" are in colored letters on white ground.

Adhesive (Regular):

- 9d brown, "Victoria".

The question of the issuing of pictorial postal cards is also being considered by the Australian Postmaster General, and several designs have already been submitted to him.

ANTIGUA.—The new set for St. Kitts-Nevis (chronicled in No. 528) is quickly followed by another set for another of the Leeward Islands. Evidently the officials of these coaling stations have just begun to realize the full revenue possibilities of individual sets of postage and revenue stamps. These new stamps are superior in appearance to some of the recent issues, but at the same time there is room for improvement. The size is the same as the English high values, the stamps being printed in two colors. The arms of the colony appears in a large circle, with a frame with conventional ornaments surrounding it. "Antigua" appears in the circle above the centre and the value in letters below while "Postage" and "Revenue" are printed at the right and left. The 5sh stamp is of different design. The 2sh 6d has not yet been seen here. Like the St.

Kitts-Nevis set the Antigua stamps were unheralded.

Mr. L. G. Barrett calls our attention to the fact that the seal of the colony which forms the centre piece of the stamp bears the inscription "Edwardus VII D. G. Britt." etc., instead of the old inscription.

Adhesives (Regular):

- ¼d blue green and black.
- 1d red and gray.
- 2d red brown and lilac.
- 2½d ultramarine and black.
- 3d orange brown and sage green.
- 6d gray and red lilac.
- 1sh lilac and blue.
- 2sh violet and sage green.

BOYACA (Colombian Republic).—

Ewen's Weekly chronicles a new set for this state. The 10c and 20c have arms in the centre; the 50c a portrait and the 1p a large figure "1" on ornamental ground. All are lithographed on thin white wove paper. All are perforated 12, though the 10 and 20c also come imperforate.

Adhesives (Regular):

- 10c gray.
- 10c black.
- 10c bluish gray.
- 20c brown.
- 20c red brown.
- 50c dark blue.
- 50c dark greenish blue.
- 1p dull lake red.
- 1p bright vermilion.

BRITISH SOMALILAND.—From the *Philatelic Journal of India* we learn that the provisional stamps now in use were printed in Calcutta in September, 1901. It was then proposed that the postal system for the Protectorate should be started in July 1902, but the expedition against the Mullah delayed the matter until June of this year. The numbers printed of the different denominations were as follows:

Ordinary Stamps.

½a,	200 sheets.
1a,	200 "
2a,	200 "
2½a,	200 "
3a,	200 "
4a,	200 "
6a,	100 "
8a,	100 "
12a,	100 "
1r,	100 "
2r,	50 "
3r,	50 "
5r,	50 "

Service Stamps, "On H. M. S."

½a,	30 sheets.
1a,	30 "
2a,	20 "
8a,	10 "
1r,	10 "

In addition to the above there were 722 sets printed for the Universal Postal Union. These latter were sent to the Indian Office in London and thence to the Postal Union

CHAPTER XLVII.

My Trade Mark

means something. Persistent advertising of a good thing has made

"OSGOOD'S FAMOUS BIG SELECTIONS"

mean just what it says. Now is the time to get acquainted before the rush sets in in the fall. References: 20c olive Canada Queen's Head..... 10c Precancel bought and sold.

D. W. OSGOOD,
ALAMOSA, Conejos Co., COLO.
[To be Continued.]

FOUR BARGAINS FOR \$2.00.

(1) 12 unused, o. g., foreign postage stamps, all different, cat. \$3.27 only 50c, *post free.*

(2) 48 varieties foreign envelopes, cut square, cat. \$3.37, only 79c, *post free.*

(3) 21 varieties of Civil War, perforated revenues, cat. 82c only 27c, *post free.*

(4) 12 varieties U. S. envelopes unused, cut square, cat. \$2.23 only 52c, *post free.*
All four big bargains, cat. \$9.69, for \$2.00 *post free.* If buying write us. We can save you money.

HOLTON STAMP CO.,
60 Devonshire St., Boston, Mass.

Danish West Indies.

2c Carmine and 8c Brown

JUST ISSUED!

Both Stamps for 15 Cents.

Postage Extra.

COLUMBIAN STAMP CO.,
ARLINGTON, MASS.

WE HAVE MONEY

To Buy Collections, Rarities and Stocks.

We buy unused 1c and 2c stamps for mercantile use at a discount from 3 to 5 per cent. according to quantities. Higher denominations at a greater discount. [17]

UNITED STAMP COMPANY, Incorporated,
1149 Marquette Bldg., CHICAGO, ILL.

Please mention ERA when answering ads.

Office at Berne, May 26, 1902. It is pointed out that some of these stamps are bound to be rare, as many of the stamps current in India in 1901 are not so now, and therefore an exact repeat order would be impossible.

The four lower values are on the stamps of the new colors, and all on Queen's head stamps.

ELOBEY, ANNOBEN Y CORISCO.—The set of stamps announced in No. 521 have at last appeared for use in these Islands, according to *L'Echo de la Timbrologie*. They are printed in the type of Fernando Poo 1899, dated 1903 and have control numbers on the back.

Adhesives (Regular):

¼ de c. carmine.
½c dark violet.
1c black.
2c vermilion.
3c dark green.
4c blue green.
5c violet.
1. c. claret.

15c orange.
25c dark blue.
50c red brown.
75c dark brown.
1p orange red.
2p violet brown.
3p olive.
4p garnet.
5p green.
10p blue.

ICELAND.—Mr. L. G. Barrett has a copy of the 10a blue official, surcharged "I Gildi—'02-'03," of which only the "L" of "I Gildi" shows. There is nothing to indicate that there were any other letters in the form, but the figures below are all right.

MEXICO.—Mr. J. H. Lyons of the New England Stamp Co. has shown us two of the current set in new colors. The design is not changed.

Adhesives (Regular):

5c orange yellow
10c blue and orange.

NEW ZEALAND.—Mr. F. P. Brown shows the 5th stamp with view of Mt. Cook (Type A31) in a much brighter and richer color, watermarked crown and N. Z. The earlier printing was pale and faded in appearance.

Ewen's Weekly chronicles a new provisional envelope, surcharged "ONE PENNY" in carmine on the 2d violet. This is said to have only been issued at Wellington and to be already obsolete.

The *Philatelic Journal of India* says that 28,000 of the 2d violet envelopes were surcharged in black. This was owing to a change in postage, and therefore less need for the 2d.

Envelopes (Provisional):

1d on 2d violet, carmine surcharge.
1d on 2d violet, black surcharge.

SERVIA.—Mr. Legg informs us that the new surcharged stamps were not overprinted upon the current stamps but upon an entirely new set which apparently had never been issued. These new stamps were the size of the dinar values of the current stamps, the portrait of the King being larger. The arms surcharge covers the King's head entirely. Definite information regarding the colors and values of the new set is lacking as yet. This set without the surcharge should be very valuable provided enough of the stamps had been actually issued to give them a postal standing.

SPANISH GUINEA.—*L'Echo de la Timbrologie* announces a new set dated "1903", with the inscription "Guinea Contial Espanola."

Adhesives (Regular):

¼ de c. black.
½c green.
1c garnet.
2c olive.
3c violet brown.
4c orange red.
5c dark brown.
10c red brown.
15c dark blue.
25c orange.
50c claret.
75c violet.
1p blue green.
2p dark blue.
3p vermilion.
4p blue.
5p dark violet.
10p carmine.

Items from the Hub.

Tuesday, August 4th.

The many friends of Mr. Alexander Holland will be sorry to hear that a serious accident befell him last Wednesday at Wyanno in Osterville this state. He was thrown from his bicycle and broke his arm and nearly lost the sight of one eye, being also badly bruised and severely shaken up. He is now in a private hospital in this city, where he is doing well. Mr. Holland hopes to be able to attend the Convention.

Mr. L. N. Skinner of San Diego, California, was in this city last week.

Mr. H. E. Deats will arrive in this city Wednesday and will remain here until he leaves for the Convention.

At the New England Stamp Co. the following clerks returned Monday from their vacation: Misses Eliot, Milne, Robertson and Cobb; and the following left this week for vacations: Misses Kramer, Stearns, Hobby, Wilson, Edith Norton, Pemberton and Wiggin. Mr. Warren H. Colson has returned from his New Hampshire vacation.

Mr. Toppan is in Boston and will remain here to go with the Boston contingent to Clayton.

The following persons have decided to go to the Convention with the Boston party in the special car: Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Carpenter, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Sawyer, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Stone of Springfield, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Batchelder, Messrs. J. M. Bartels, H. W. Legg, W. O. Wylie, F. H. Burt, Gordon Ireland, and J. D. Bartlett of Springfield. There are perhaps as many more who are unable to decide whether they can go or not until the latter part of the week. The special car leaves Boston via the Fitchburg R. R. at 4:30 P. M. and is due at Clayton at 6:00 A. M. the next morning.

Mrs. W. D. Smith of Portsmouth, N. H., and Mr. C. A. Peach of Akron, Ohio, were in Boston this week.

The many acquaintances and friends of Mr. E. P. Reynolds, Jr.—a gentleman's name which rarely gets into the stampic press by consent and never by request—will rejoice to know that after a very severe illness of several weeks he is now believed to be well on the road to recovery. Mr. Reynolds in a recent note remarks that "my correspondence has gotten so lamentably behind, I fear my collector friends will feel I am a hopeless defaulter in that respect. I am now permitted to take up a little each day and hope soon to have the

Special Summer Bargains.
U. S. STAMPED ENVELOPES.

Cat. No.	OUT SQUARE.	Cat. Price.	1st.	2d.	3rd.
1366	1870, 1c blue on white	\$.50	\$.20	\$.15	\$.05
1366	1c blue, used	.40	.15	..	..
1367	2c brown on white	.30	.25	.15	.05
1367	2c brown, used	.20	.15	.10	.03
1368	3c green on white	.20	.07	.04	.02
1368	3c green, used	.03	.03	.02	.01
1369	6c carnine	.50	.25	.15	.07
1369	6c used	.50	.20	.10	.05
1371	10c brown on white	2.50	1.75	..	..
1372	12c plum on white	3.00	1.40	.90	..
1373	15c orange on white	4.00	1.75	1.00	..
1374	24c purple on white	4.00	1.75	..	..
1375	30c black on white	3.00	1.35	..	..
1376	30c carnine on white	3.00	2.50	..	..

All are unused unless described as U or used.
1st are extra fine copies with large margins.
2nd are in good condition with fair margins, but not large enough to cover the whole space in the latest International Album, but as large as the envelopes in most collections.
3rd are cut round or to shape.
Postage extra on orders under \$1.00.
Please remit by Bills or Money Order.
Special! Any envelope not entirely satisfactory can be returned within two days after receipt and money will be promptly refunded if so desired.

C. F. ROTHFUCHS
38 Munroe St.,
ROXBURY, MASS.

ZANZIBAR 1896-1898.

Scott's Nos. 48 to 52 and 56 to 61b,
Both Inclusive.

15 Varieties Lightly Cancelled,
\$5.35 Post Paid.

COLUMBIAN STAMP CO.,
ARLINGTON, MASS.

enforced accumulation considerably reduced."

To the many readers of the ERA I must bid farewell. Other duties encroach so much upon my time that I am no longer able to give it the attention it deserves, and in consequence cannot fill the position of Boston correspondent with credit to myself. In such a case it is my duty both to the readers of the ERA and to myself to relinquish my post to some one else. During the three years that I have gathered the "Items from the Hub" my path has been in pleasant places, and many friendships have been made which otherwise would not have been. I would be remiss in my duty if I omitted to thank all for their uniform kindness and courtesy in helping to furnish the items of interest for the weekly letter. In reply to my letter of resignation to Brother Jewett I received a letter couched in terms which was a source of gratification to the recipient, impressing him thereby with the fact that his feeble efforts had been appreciated. In relinquishing my post it is easier when I feel that my successor is one who is so much better fitted than myself to perform the duties required of him as Boston correspondent. Mr. Henry A. Kidder of the Boston Herald is already well known to you all, and I bespeak for him the same courtesies and kindnesses as have been extended to me in the past.

WM. D. ELDRIDGE.

The New England Philatelic Association.
Organized February, 1895.

Board of Officers:
President, CHARLES H. SMITH, Dedham, Mass.
Vice President, J. FAVILL CAPRON, 22 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass.
Secretary and Treasurer, H. W. LEGG, 26 Hancock St., Boston, Mass.
Sales Department, CHARLES H. STONE, 91 Antrim St., Cambridgeport, Mass.
Information Bureau, MRS. WALLACE DANA SMITH, 20 Wibird St., Portsmouth, N. H.
Counterfeit Detector, WILLIS D. KING, Nashua, N.H.
Attorney, HORACE S. BACON, 107 Stevens St., Lowell, Mass.
Governing Board, CHARLES H. STONE, Chairman, 91 Antrim St., Cambridgeport, Mass., JOHN J. CONE, New Dorchester, Mass., FRANK A. WILSON, 185 Highland Ave., Somerville, Mass.
Official Organ, THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA.

The seventh annual convention of the N. E. P. A. was held at Bass Point, Nahant, on Saturday, Aug. 1, 1903. A few of the members took the 9.30 boat from Boston but the larger delegation left on the 11 a. m. steamer arriving at Bass Point at 12.15. Dinner was served at the Relay House at 1.30 and the members and friends partook of a generous shore dinner. The following is the menu handed to the Secretary after the dinner.

- Clam Chowder (First Issue).
- Radishes. Cucumbers. Tomatoes.
- Steamed Clams (Original Covers).
- Broiled Scrod (Grilled all Over).
- Fried Clams. Fried Lobster. Fried Perch. (Seconds.) (Superb.) (Herringbone Cancellation.)
- Potato Chips. Watermelon. (Molree on Back.) (Mammoth Margins.)
- Ice Cream. Cake. (Cut Square.) (Bi-colored.)
- Fruit (Imper. Pears).
- Coffee (Watermarked).

After the dinner had been disposed of the business meeting was held. The minutes of the June meeting were read and approved. The reports of the various officers were also read and accepted and letters of regret were read from several members who were unable to be present. It was voted to suspend the rules and accept the application for Associate membership of the following:

- REV. R. VON FIRCH, Berlin, Canada.
- The following members, having failed to pay their dues for the current year and having been notified that they were liable to have their names dropped for this reason, it was unanimously voted that they be dropped.
- 20. Mr. F. H. Pinkham, Newmarket, N. H.
- 59. Mr. Geo. F. Guernsey, Windsor, Vt.
- 79. E. M. Bartlett, Newton, N. H.
- 97. Clifford S. Drake, Roxbury, Mass.
- 106. Harrie M. Young, Manchester, N. H.
- 118. Julius P. Vasque, Roxbury, Mass.
- 130. Horace S. Hernan, Malden, Mass.
- 132. Chas. H. Langley, Boston, Mass.

The next business in order was the election of officers for the coming year. As there was but one ticket in the field the Secretary was instructed to cast one ballot for all and the following officers were declared elected:

POSTAL CARD CATALOGUE, 1903.

The only catalogue for Card Collectors, to be issued this Fall, is Senf's (German), and I will have them in stock as soon as issued.

PRICE 35c POSTPAID.
As the issue will be limited, I would advise collectors to send me their order, accompanied by remittance, without delay.
ADOLPH LOHMEYER,
922 N. Gilmor Street, Baltimore, Md.

Please mention the ERA when writing advertisers.

- President—John J. Cone, Jr., New Dorchester, Mass.
- Vice-President—Gardner R. Kennedy, Boston, Mass.
- Secretary and Treasurer—Frank A. Wilson, Somerville, Mass.
- Sales Department—Chas. H. Stone, Cambridgeport, Mass.
- Information Bureau.—Mrs. W.D. Smith, Portsmouth, N. H.
- Counterfeit Detector—H. W. Legg, Boston, Mass.
- Attorney—Horace S. Bacon, Lowell, Mass.
- Governing Board—J. F. Capron, Chairman, Boston, Mass.; Geo. M. Frame, Boston, Mass.; Geo. F. Waldron, Somerville, Mass.
- 1904 Convention Seat—Boston, Mass.

A vote of thanks was then extended to the retiring officers for their services during the past year.

The matter of a meeting place for next year was then discussed at some length and it was finally voted to hold all meetings during the coming season at the American House, Boston, and that the Secretary notify all members to that effect.

The retiring Secretary having called the attention of the Association to the fact that the supply of application blanks was exhausted, it was voted to instruct the Secretary to prepare and have printed a supply of new blanks.

It was then unanimously voted that a committee of two be appointed by the President to prepare a program of exhibitions for the ensuing year and to have charge of same. Also that they be instructed to publish this program in the official organ and to send a copy to each member of the Association at least two weeks before the September meeting.

In accordance with this vote the President appointed Messrs. Kennedy and Legg as an Exhibition Committee.

The Secretary was then instructed to renew the contract with the WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA as official organ of the Association on the same terms as heretofore.

In closing it should be stated that considerable enthusiasm was shown by members and the committee on exhibitions were able to secure silver and bronze medals for two exhibitions with no solicitation whatever.

The meeting finally adjourned at about 4 o'clock and the remainder of the day was spent in visiting various attractions.

FRANK A. WILSON, Sec'y.

THE Weekly Philatelic Era.

W. W. JEWETT, - Editor and Publisher.

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

U. S., Canada or Mexico, 50c. per year. To other countries in Postal Union, \$1.00 per year. All subscriptions MUST commence with current number. Back numbers cannot be supplied at subscription rates.

ADVERTISING RATES:

60c per inch on Transient Advertisements. 100 inches to be used within one year, 50c per inch. Special Rates quoted on application on 200 inches or over; also on large ads of a page or more.

PUBLICATION OFFICE,

502 Congress St., Portland, Me.

YOUR SUBSCRIPTION EXPIRES with this issue if a (X) appears in the margin opposite this paragraph. The paper is not abruptly discontinued on the expiration of subscriptions, unless expressly so ordered. We shall highly appreciate an early renewal from you, or an order to have your paper discontinued.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS. In notifying us of any change of address subscribers should be sure to give their old as well as new address

Notes and Comment.

A change that will doubtless be a surprise to our many readers is that of our regular Boston news correspondent. After several years of regular and punctual service Mr. Eldredge feels that his other business interests, which have for sometime been a great hindrance to his literary labors, makes it necessary for him to resign his position on the ERA staff and his letter this week is his final one. He has ever shown care and consideration in his contributed matter and evinced a deep personal interest in the paper's welfare, for which we shall ever feel grateful and assure him his assistance will be greatly missed.

Our new correspondent will be Mr. Henry A. Kidder, whose highly satisfactory work on our Chronicle during the past year makes it hardly necessary for us to make any extended reference. However we wish to say that we feel that in his able and willing hands matters philatelic of the Hub and vicinity will receive the representation it deserves as America's great and important stamp centre. It is not our wish that our readers expect

SCARCE U. S. DEPARTMENTS 50 Per Cent. Discount.

We have copies of the following U. S. Departments for sale at half catalogue prices. These stamps are in good condition, fully up to the average. Any not satisfactory may be returned. Agriculture 1, 10, 12, 15, 24, 30c; Executive 3c; Interior 24, 30, 90c; Justice 1, 2, 3, 6, 10, 12, 15, 24, 30c; Navy 1, 2, 6, 10, 12, 15, 24, 30, 90c; Post Office 10, 12, 15, 24, 30, 90c; State 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 10, 12, 15, 24, 30, 90c; Treasury 7, 24, 90c; War 7, 90c.

Absolutely fine, perfectly centered etc. Department stamps are scarce and can be supplied at smaller discounts.

NEW ENGLAND STAMP CO.,
9 and 21 Bromfield St., BOSTON, MASS.

too much, but Mr. Kidder is a professional literary man of no little experience and although his labors on one of Boston's foremost dailies leaves him but limited time to "dabble" in stamps, yet he has shown that he is deeply interested in them and in the ERA, and his acceptance of this position assures us that our readers will be given a service that will leave nothing to be longed for.

Absence on vacation accounts for the break in our regular Chicago notes, which will be resumed next week. We expect shortly to have a regular correspondent in New York City and have a Review department again.

Advertisers and correspondents will please have their copy in promptly on the first of the week to ensure appearance in issue of same week.

Random Notes.

The first signatures of the advance sheets of the new catalogue have arrived and show some remarkable changes in the prices of envelopes, especially unused. The price has been cut 40 per cent. in some cases and this reduction will make some of the specialists in envelopes groan. Opportunity was not given for a careful examination and comparison of prices but among those which have been reduced in price may be mentioned the 4c and 5c 1886, on oriental buff, and the 90c on oriental buff, blue, manila and amber manila papers. While some of the high priced envelopes have suffered severely, there has also been a scaling down in many of the cheaper varieties. For instance the Centennial issues are lower. The 5c slate brown of the Columbian issue is still given a place, while as an echo of recent newspaper controversy, three new shades appear under the 2c red of 1899. There is shown in the adhesives a disposition to mark up prices, especially on some of the cheaper varieties, that have been too low in late catalogues. This might have been carried still further with entire consistency and good judgment. One noticeable addition is the 3c carmine Executive. In the old catalogue this was priced at \$6.50 either used or unused. In the new list it is given as violet rose at the old prices, while the carmine is priced unused at \$15. This explains recent high prices paid for this stamp at auction sales. A casual examination seems to show little change in revenues. The signatures thus far received carry the book to page 66 among the Confederate locals.

1898-REVENUES-1902

No. 2992	12 green, block of four, new	\$0.30
2993	10 " " " "	.08
2994	2c carmine, block of four, new	.12
3024	1/2c orange, " " " "	.25
3025-37	1/2c to \$1.00, 12 varieties, used	.15
3038	\$3.00 dark brown, used	.08
3039	\$5.00 orange red, " " " "	.12
3040	\$10.00 black, " " " "	.40
3042	\$50.00 bistre, " " " "	2.00
3046	\$1.00 carmine, " " " "	.15
3046	\$1.00 " " (pairs) used	.15
3047-48	\$1.00 and \$2.00 gray and black, used	.05
3055	\$1.00 green and black, used	.15
3055	\$1.00 " " " "	.15
3056	\$2.00 " " " "	.15

Above are all uncut and fine. If you need any of the scarce ones place your order, as I often have fine copies sent me at prices on which I can save you money.

D. T. EATON, MUSCATINE, IOWA.

60% DISCOUNT.

U. S. Postage, Revs., etc. and Foreign Postage on approval. Ref. required. Cash paid for Unused U. S. Postage. [if C. B. MERRILL, 102 E. 90th St., New York.]

BEFORE THE BOOM!

The papers report that a new issue of stamps is in preparation for

SERVIA.

Fill your blanks before the "new issue" man gets after you.

1866	1p, No. 7, unused	\$0.85
2p, No. 8	" " " "	1.00
20p, No. 9	" " " "	.15
1868	1p, No. 16, " "	.75
1869	25p, No. 22, used	.05
35p, No. 23, unused	" " " "	.05
40p, No. 24, " "	" " " "	.05
50p, No. 25, used	" " " "	.08
10p, No. 19, used	" " " "	.25
Set of 10 different, catalogued 21c	" " " "	.12
1890	50p, used	.04
1894-96	1d, unused	.10

Now is the time to buy. Remember what has happened when other countries have been suddenly brought into notice. HISTORY REPEATS ITSELF.

Please do not remit by postage stamps.
C. D. PIPER, WOLFEBORO, N. H.

PEELABLE HINGES

NOT ENGLISH		NOT GERMAN
1000		500
12c.		50c.
POST FREE		POST FREE

STRONG PAPER-TASTELESS GUM
W. F. GREGORY, 65 NASSAU ST., NEW YORK.

60% Discount.

Fill Your Spaces while you have the chance.

Send For Our Large List.

E. F. GAMBS CO.,
P. O. Box 2631, SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

DEFECTIVE STAMPS.

We put no damaged stamps in any of our approval books, and consequently we have a quantity of defective stamps to dispose of.

We are prepared to send out selections of defective stamps cataloguing from 15c to \$25.00 each at from 80 to 90% discount.

If unknown to us, send references and state what country you desire to fill up.

SPECIAL!

Assorted lot damaged stamps (no refund),
Cat. \$20.00, for \$1.00 Net.

HOLTON STAMP CO.,
60 Devonshire St., Boston, Mass.

HERE THEY ARE!

The Biggest Stamp Bargains of the Season.
 1903 Paraguay 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 30 and 60c, all unused, the set for..... \$0.65
 Short set of four varieties, 1, 2, 5 and 10c, for... .15
 1901 Br. Protectorate, 1c to 50c, 14 var., fine, for 1.00
 1898 Nyassa, 2½ to 300r, complete, unused, for .75
 1892 Mozambique Co., 5r to 300r, fine, unused, for .70

Theo. Mainhart, Johnstown, Pa.

Baden 1864, 30 kr, unused..... \$0.09
 Br. Honduras 1888, 10 on 4, unused..... .12
 Canada 1868, ½c, used..... .09
 Great Britain 1883, 2sh 6d, used..... .04
 Hayti 1882, 6c, used..... .10
 Hawaii 1874, 6c, used..... .29
 Mauritius 1840, blue, unused..... .16
 Martinique 1886, 5 on 2c, unused..... .05
 New South Wales 1889, 8d O. S..... .17
 Netherland 1868, 1 gld, used..... .06
 Tasmania 1871, 9d, unused..... .35
 Zululand 1894, 3d, used..... .12
 The unused can be supplied in blocks. Postage extra.
Economist Stamp Co., 2113 Third Ave., N. Y.

GUATEMALA.

Complete Sets, Used, 1902 Issue.
 1c to \$2.00 Postally Cancelled,
ONLY \$1.00.

PERRIN & CO.,

106 East 23rd St., **NEW YORK, N. Y.**
 Headquarters for Unused Current Guatemalas at wholesale.

Are you thinking of Selling your stamps at Auctions? If so write us.

Now is the time to make dates for next season.

CHAS. H. STONE & CO.,

19 Washington St., **BOSTON, MASS.**

L. N. HERBERT,

1520 Washington Ave., **NEW YORK.**

Want Lists in U. S. and Br. Colonies a Speciality.

Highest prices paid for collections; the larger the better. Address as above.

STAMPS

AT

One-Half and One Cent Each.

A postal card with your name will bring you the lists by return mail.

COLUMBIAN STAMP CO.,
 ARLINGTON, MASS.

Mr. Frank P. Brown, the well known Washington street dealer, is spending his vacation at Boothbay, Maine, where he will remain until August 11th.

Recently an amateur collector of this city discovered among a batch of common envelopes, what appeared to be a variety hitherto uncatalogued and at the same time extremely valuable. With visions of a profitable sale and a trip to the beach or Clayton, or some other salubrious watering place where stamp men "do congregate" he took it to a dealer friend. The aforesaid d. f. gave the stamp a casual glance, held the envelope up to the light and pronounced it a genuine 2c red envelope current issue on wove unwatermarked paper. He advised the friend to hang on to it as it was undoubtedly of great value. The possibility of getting more of the envelopes was discussed, and it was agreed to make an effort. The same evening, the happy owner, in an effort to square himself with his wife, who does not always approve of cash "wasted" on philatelic gems, lugged out his discovery to show her. Unfortunately as he held it towards the light, its true character became plain. Contrary to the U. S. postal regulations, in such cases made and provided, an economical correspondent had carefully cut out and pasted an envelope stamp on a cheap wove envelope.

"Twas ever thus, our fondest hopes decay!"
 K.

BOSTON, August 4, 1903.

The Postal Card Society of America.

Officers for 1902-3.

President, HORACE E. CARPENTER, JR., Care N. B. Bradley & Sons, Bay City, Mich.
 Vice-President, J. T. ALBERT HOSBACH, 1422 North 53rd St., Philadelphia, Pa.
 Secretary, W. P. AGEE, Hope, Ark.
 Treasurer, JOHN N. MORSE, 105 Devonshire St., Boston, Mass.
 Executive Committee, GUY A. BRYANT, Princeton, Ill.; W. D. ARNOLD, The Portland, Broadway, St. Paul, Minn.; N. HASKELL WITHER, 230 S. 9th St., La Crosse, Wis.
 Exchange Superintendent, J. T. A. HOSBACH, 1422 No. 53rd St., Phila., Pa.
 Purchasing Agent, ADOLPH LOHMEYER, 922 N. Gilmor St., Baltimore, Md.
 International Secretary, E. DOEBLIN, P. O. Box 736, Pittsburg, Pa.
 Official Journal, THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA.

Please mention the ERA when writing advertisers.

SPECIAL BARGAINS.

No.	Description	Cat. Price	Our Price
16	Antioqua 1873, 50c, unused	\$0.50	\$0.30
39	" 1883, 10c, "	.35	.20
62	" 1886, 1P, "	.90	.45
3	Congo 1886, 25c blue, "	.50	.25
4	" " 50 reseda, "	.35	.21
5	Costa Rica 1863, 4r green, scarce used.....	.60	.30
49	Dom. Rep. 1880, 20c brown	.35	.18
50	" " " 25c violet	.25	.11
52	" " " 75c blue..	.75	.35

UNITED STAMP CO., 1149 Marquette, Chicago.
 N. B. The C. P. S. Catalogue is now out.

GERMANY

1902	1 mark.....	\$0.02
1902	2 " .....	.05
1902	3 " .....	.15
1902	5 " .....	.25

GERMANY OFFICIAL SET!

According to the official decree, these stamps are to be in use but one year.
 Price for the set of 5 varieties **Only 10 Cents.**

J. T. STARR STAMP COMPANY,
 COLDWATER, MICH.

MULTIPLICITY OF DENOMINATIONS.

Perhaps the question of unnecessary values in a set of postal issues has never seriously been considered by philatelists. From one standpoint only has the general body of collectors inveighed against it, and it related to the amount of money required to obtain all the values of a set. Up to 1860, speaking only of the British Empire, it was fairly easy to collect all values without it being too great a drain on one's pocket. Perhaps we can take exception to one colony—Ceylon—in the group. In 1859 it had 11 denominations, and it would be difficult to explain the reason why in such a small state, judged from a postal business point of view, such values as 8d, 10d, 1sh 9d and 2sh were needed. Coming to later years we find New South Wales the most eccentric in the issue of denominations, vide the 7½d and 12½d values, and as for multiplicity it is a question which of the two countries was, and is, the greatest offender. The general public seldom, if ever, require a higher value than the "one shilling," but even if they do the limit of five shillings should answer all purposes. If a higher value is required, and this even by financial institutions does not happen very often, the letter could be franked with additional lower values. The fault really lies in making postage stamps do duty for postal parcels, when, in fact, postage stamps were not intended for that purpose when the postal Acts were framed. It is even doubtful whether postage stamps used on parcels are legitimately collectable. Some countries chronicle postage labels as high as £10, yet every advanced collector knows fully well that such a value could not be required for a letter. So far philatelic societies have not threshed out this important question, and we suggest it as one that might engage the attention of members of the Sydney Philatelic Club at their next meeting.—*The Australian Philatelist.*

Mekeel's Stamp Collector

PUBLISHED WEEKLY.

FULL of information and news valuable to stamp collectors. Once a month large magazine editions are issued. Over one thousand pages guaranteed during the year.

Subscription \$1.00 per year. (On trial for three months, 25 cents.) No stamp man can afford to be without it. Volume sixteen commenced January 1, 1903.

C. H. Mekeel Stamp and Publishing Co.
 St. Louis, Mo.

"An Answer" — Correction.

The typos made sad work in an article entitled "An Answer"—(more or less) which appeared on page 335 of the ERA of June 27, No. 528.

The catalogue references therein was to Gibbons Inc. 2nd ("Second" NOT "mo.") Edition.

The style of the American corporation of Messrs. Gibbons is "Stanley Gibbons, Incorporated" while that of the English establishment is "Stanley Gibbons, Limited" the two institutions being entirely separate as to organization, though presumably a common ownership.

The American priced catalogue of their catalogue is imprinted upon its title page as the 15th Edition. The corresponding English priced catalogue is the 15th Edition but the American priced catalogue is as a matter of fact their 2nd Edition, the 1st Edition having been issued in 1902 in two volumes while that for 1903 is issued in one volume; the English priced Edition for 1903 is issued in two volumes as formerly.

As to why Messrs. Gibbons Inc. should have indicated the catalogue as their 15th Edition we are not advised.

Portraits on the Stamps of Argentine Republic.

BY CASPER FOURNIERS.

The stamps of Argentine Republic are both popular and fascinating. The numerous stamps of this Republic are of a distinctive character, not enjoyed by many other countries.

These stamps are not featureless, thereby causing them to become popular in the eyes of all classes of collectors.

A study of the portraits on these stamps will prove quite an interesting subject, and it will repay investigation.

From 1864 to 1894 over thirty years, the stamps of this popular South American country, bore the portraits of some of her most distinguished citizens. This has been the custom of several other countries as well, but I think that Argentine Republic holds the palm, for the most number of different portraits that is, not counting duplicates. In the following I shall enumerate these portraits, citing the date, the value of the stamp, and other descriptive matter so that collectors can follow me more intelligently. The first two issues of Argentine stamps were not of the portrait type. In 1864, a set of three varieties was issued of the following denominations: 5c, 10c and 15c; they all bear the portrait B. Rivadavia. In 1867 an issue of an entire new design appeared, containing the same number of values as the previous issue, as follows: 5c, containing the portrait of Rivadavia; 10c, that of Belgrano and the 15c, that of San Martin. The

next issue appeared in 1873, which according to all appearance was issued for the sole purpose of supplying intermediate values to the previous issue; the new values consists of a 1c, picturing the Senor Balcarce; a 4c, bearing the profile of Senor Moreno; a 30c, with the portrait of Senor Alveor; a 60c, with that of Senor Posadas, and a 90c bearing the portrait of Senor Saardra. The next issue, that of 1877, was apparently issued for the same identical purpose as the preceding issue, that is to supply needed values. Rivadavia, appears on the 8c; Belgrano on the 16c; Saarsfield on the 20c and San Martin on the 24c; the following year a 2c denomination was added, bearing the portrait of Lopez, thus completing the set of thirteen different values, viz: 1c, 2c, 4c, 5c, 8c, 10c, 15c, 16c, 20c, 24c, 30c, 60c and 90c.

The next issue bearing portraits was that of 1884 to 1888, comprising eleven denominations. The ½c contains the profile of Urquiza; the 2c, that of Lopez; the 3c, that of Celman; the 6c, that of Sarmiento; the 10c that of Avellaneda, the 15c, that of St. Martin; the 20c, that of Rosa; the 25c, that of Belgrano; the 30c, that of Dorrego; the 40c that of Moreno; the 50c that of Mitre.

In 1890, another issue appeared of a smaller design. On the ¼c we see the features of Paz; on the ½c, Urquiza; on the 1c, Saarsfield; on the 2c, Derqui; on the 3c, Celman; on the 5c, Rivadavia; on the 6c, Sarmienta; on the 10c, Avellaneda; on the 12c, Alberdi; on the 40c, Dorrego; on the 50c, Mitre, and on the 60c, Posadas.

The following year these values were issued, a 1c and an 8c, with the portrait of Rivadavia; a 1 peso, depicting the features of San Martin; a 5 pesos, with the picture of La Madrid, and a 20 pesos, bearing the portrait of W. Brown.

The new issue of 1892-1896, comprises a set of fourteen values, bearing the portraits of but three different subjects, they being Rivadavia on the ½ to 5c; Belgrano, on the 10c to 50c, and San Martin, on the higher denominations.

This ends the portrait type of this country, and of the issues that follow; one symbolizes an historical event, and the other represents the freedom of the country, i.e., Liberty seated.

To study these portraits one has not to look very long to discover that the head of Rivadavia appears on more stamps than any one of the others, although I am not exactly informed on the subject, I would judge that what George Washington is to this country, Rivadavia is to Argentine Republic. Belgravia and San Martin appeared to be next in favor.—Perforator.

Wm. v. d. Wettern, Jr.,
WHOLESALE DEALER IN
* POSTAGE & STAMPS. *
411 W. Saratoga St., Baltimore, Md.

New special list just issued, sent free on application to dealers only.

The Collectors Club,

351 FOURTH AVE., NEW YORK.

The ninety-sixth meeting of the Board of Governors was held at the club house on Monday evening, August 3, 1903.

Present: Messrs. Andreini, Dewing, Luff, Rich, Scott and Perrin. The meeting was called to order by the President at 8.10 P. M. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The Treasurer's report, showing a cash balance in bank of \$186.07, exclusive of reserve fund, was approved as read.

The report of the House Committee was read and received.

The resignation of Mr. Jos. B. Leavy was read, and was accepted with regrets.

The application of Mr. Maurice Herbert, having been posted the required length of time, was balloted upon, and he was declared to have been unanimously elected a subscribing member of the club.

The following application for membership was received and posted on the bulletin board:

Geo. L. Toppan, New York; proposed by A. Holland, seconded by John N. Luff. Adjourned at 9 P. M.

ALBERT PERRIN, Secretary.

TRADE COLUMN.

Under this head we will print exchange, want and for sale notices, business announcements, 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.

One four-line notice free with each subscription, providing copy accompanies the subscription.

THREE Consecutive Insertions of SAME ad in this Column for PRICE OF TWO.

For Sale: A general collection of 87 varieties, catalogued at about \$63.00 by Scott's 60th. Mounted in Scott's 2 volume cloth, 1899 edition, album. Price \$26.00. Description given. Address, E. E. SWESINGER, Ionia, Iowa.

I will buy good collection of stamps for spot cash. JOHN M. HUBBARD, Rochester, N. H. References: Bradstreet, Dun, Amer. Boot & Shoe Reporting Co. [35]

Stamps at 1-7th Catalogue, the biggest bargain ever offered. 100 diff. foreign stamps, cat. at \$5.25, for only 75 cents, regular price \$2.00. If you get a packet you will never regret it. POSTAL STAMP CO., 15 Lake St., White Plains, N. Y. [35]

Is your collection for sale? Get your dealer to make a price on it, add 20% to his offer, and send book to me. It's 10 to 1 I buy it. F. W. PICKARD, 2427 Ingleside, Cincinnati, O. [35]

Cuba 1899, 5 var., 1 set, 8c; 10 sets, 40c.
Cuba 1899, (U. S.) 6 var., 1 set, 20c; 10 sets, \$1.35.
100 well assorted foreign, including Salvador, Nicaragua, etc., cat. 2 to 8c each, \$1.00. [35]
CARL YOUNG, 122 N. 5th St., Phila., Pa.

Harris celebrated 100 varieties Packages of used and unused postage stamps; every stamp in fine condition, cataloguing over \$4.00, for \$1.00 cash. LOUIS HARRIS, Belfast, Maine. [35]

Approval sheets 60% disc. Net sheets for advanced collectors at equally low prices. 9000 var. in stock. F. W. PICKARD, 2427 Ingleside, Cincinnati, O. [35]

U. S. Pre-Cancelled postage stamps. I will pay a good price in cash or exchange for any not in my collection. F. L. SMITH, 40 Exchange Pl., N. Y. [47]

Is your collection for sale? I will buy it or any odd lots of good stamps. No cheap stuff wanted. Send on approval with lowest cash offer. Immediate returns guaranteed. HOWARD C. BECK, City Controller's Office, Detroit, Mich. [51]

Pre-cancels not in my collection wanted. Best cash or trade price. E. R. ALDRICH, Benson, Minn. [47]

Try an Ad in this Column. It Pays.

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 ERA:

Since the sale of the 1887 precancelled "Burlington, Vt." for over \$3.00 at a sale in Boston, I have seen many copies which differ from any I have seen before. The print is clear "BURLINGTON, VT." (large B and large V) whereas all I have seen before were not so good impression of the type and had B and V same size as the other letters. Can anyone say whether the former are recently printed to order?

J. F. DODGE.

HANOVER, PA., July 27, '03.

THAT REVENUE ALBUM.

We hear many laments over the non-existence of an album for private revenues—the familiar match and medicine stamps of our two wars. Such a book might or might not pay, but it is doubtful if there is any publisher who is willing to risk the expense necessary to put such a work on the market. It would double the value of this class of stamps, but no dealer has a stock to amount to anything, even if doubled. The entire issue is in the hands of private parties, hence it is no one's interest to put up the price. It is the stocks that are closely held that advance in value. It takes more than rarity to command high prices. Properly advertised and exploited, there are match stamps worth \$5,000 each, if we are to take postage stamps of an equal rarity as a criterion. If collectors wish to get the full value for their holdings, they should start a subscription for the publication of a U. S. revenue stamp album, or by ordering, say, ten copies each, they could probably induce the publishers of the "Best Album" to prepare pages for match and medicine stamp, which would do more to popularize these stamps than any other method that could be devised.—
Editorial in *Metropolitan Philatelist*.

IF YOU WISH TO

BUY, SELL OR EXCHANGE

Stamps, Desired Results can be had through

AN AD IN THE WEEKLY ERA

American Philatelic Association.

(INCORPORATED.)

THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA—OFFICIAL JOURNAL.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

ALEXANDER HOLLAND, President,
40 Grace Court, Brooklyn, N. Y.

H. E. DEATS, Secretary,
Flemington, N. J.

Board of Vice-Presidents.

FRANK H. BURT, Chairman,
Room 1046, Tremont Building, Boston, Mass.

E. DOEBLIN, International Secretary,
Box 736, Pittsburg, Pa.

GORDON IRELAND, Secretary,
Holyoke House 21, Cambridge, Mass.

C. L. ANNAN, Treasurer,
Dept. Public Works, St. Paul, Minn.

EDWIN F. SAWYER,
101 Washington St., Brighton, Mass.

H. B. PHILLIPS,
1311 Grove St., Berkeley, Cal.

F. W. CONING,
350 George St., New Brunswick, N. J.

RESIDENT VICE-PRESIDENTS.

BOSTON, MASS.—M. H. LOMBARD, Winchester, Mass.
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.—W. E. LOV, 2431 Ellsworth St., Berkeley, Cal.
NEW YORK CITY.—W. F. GREGORY, 71 Nassau St.
PITTSBURG, PA.—E. DOEBLIN, Box 736.
CHICAGO, ILL.—A. F. MERRELL, 432 Marquette Building.
MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.—EVEN S. MARTIN, 3344 First Avenue, South.
WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS—ROBERT D. MAYNARD, 36 Oak Grove Ave., Springfield.

APPOINTEE OFFICERS.

E. H. ANDERSON, Librarian,
Carnegie Library, Pittsburg, Pa.

H. E. DEATS, Assistant Librarian,
Flemington, N. J.

H. D. WATSON, Collecting Agent,
64 Cedar St., New York City.

W. F. GREGORY, Auction Purchasing Agent,
71 Nassau St., New York City.

JOHN J. OESCH, Superintendent of Sales Dept.,
34 Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill.

P. M. WOLSIEFFER, Auction Purchasing Agent,
1009 Atwood Bldg., Chicago, Ill.

A. W. BATCHELDER, Auction Purchasing Agent,
21 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass.

EXPERT COMMITTEE.

JOHN N. LUFF, Chairman, 18 East 23rd St., New York, N. Y.

J. M. ANDREINI.

REPORT OF SECRETARY
For the Week Ending August 8, 1903.

New Stockholder.

1823. JENSEN, J. C., Box 100, St. Paul, Minnesota.

Change of Address.

1458. ARMSTRONG, HERBERT, from Iron Mountain, Mich., to Box 644, Sioux Falls, So. Dakota.

Membership Summary.

Total Membership August 1st..... 559
New Stockholder..... 1

Total Membership August 8th..... 560

H. E. DEATS, Secretary.

REPORT OF ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN.

Since my last report we have received the following:

From Lieut. E. T. Pollock, 500 miscellaneous journals.

From Mr. B. G. Butler, 800 miscellaneous journals.

From the Scott Stamp and Coin Co., Ltd., Volumes 13, 14 and 15 of the *American Journal of Philately*, bound in cloth.

H. E. DEATS, Assistant Librarian.
August 3, 1903.



EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION
AT CLAYTON, NEW YORK,
AUGUST 11, 1903.

Committee on Credentials.

P. M. Wolsieffer, Chicago, Ill., Chairman.
D. T. Eaton, Muscatine, Iowa.
G. W. Rode, Pittsburgh, Pa.
W. F. Gregory, New York, N. Y.
Geo. L. Toppan, Racine, Wis.

Committee of Arrangements.

I also appoint the following members as Committee of Arrangements:

Dr. J. H. Stebbins, Jr., New York, N. Y.
John N. Luff, New York, N. Y.
P. F. Bruner, New York, N. Y.

NOMINATIONS.

For President: Alexander Holland, of New York.

For Board of Vice-Presidents: F. H. Burt, Boston, Gordon Ireland, Boston, Willard O. Wylie.

For Treasurer: C.L. Annan, Houghton, Mich.

For International Secretary: E. Doeblin.

For Secretary: E. R. Aldrich, Benson, Minn.

For Directors: F. W. Coning, New Jersey, H. B. Phillips, California.

The Boston Philatelic Society.

M. H. LOMBARD, President, Winchester, Mass.
C. F. ROHFUCHS, Vice-President, Boston.
C. A. HOWES, Secretary, 55 Kilby St., Boston.
L. H. GREEN, Treasurer, 47 Tremont St., Boston.
J. H. LYONS, Supt. of Auctions, 9 Bromfield St., Boston.
J. H. LYONS, Supt. of Sales, 9 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass.
THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA, Official Journal.

Stray Notes on Sheets of Stamps.

R. R. THIELE.

Paraguay used to be fairly plain sailing for the collector, but of late it has entered on the devious paths of surcharging. Nevertheless it may still be commended for specializing. Its sheets also offer some peculiarities. Unfortunately I cannot at this writing state the number of stamps in the sheets of the first issues; I hope to obtain the information later on. The first issue, that of 1870, was lithographed at the establishment of Sr. Roberto Lange at Buenos Aires, whose lithography establishment also plays a prominent part in the production of the early Argentine issues. The 1879 issue also came from this establishment; it is well known to collectors how the lithographer at first made the two values of this issue read 5 and 10 "reales," instead of "centavos;" the error was discovered and rectified before issue and new supplies printed, the errors being sold to dealers with the consent of the Paraguayan authorities. For some reason or other perhaps because of this error, the next issue, that of 1881, was entrusted to the lithographing establishment of Senor Goumand, also at Buenos Aires. In 1884 another change was made and the 1, 2 and 5 centavos of this year were lithographed by Sr. Guillermo Kraft of Buenos Aires; his firm has produced a large number of the Argentine fiscal stamps. These three values were all printed in sheets of 105 stamps, arranged in 7 horizontal rows of 15 each. I have no idea why the sheets contained such an odd number; perhaps this shape of sheet was convenient for a lithographic stone then in use. The 5c to be sure, also occurs in smaller sheets of 50 stamps, also 10 horizontal rows of 5. These were all on thin, so-called pelure paper. In 1885 another printing of these values was made, but this time on a thicker wove paper. The sheets were also different; they now contained 100 stamps, 10x10. Still another printing of the 5c was made in 1886, but on a thin yellowish paper; the sheets were like the last. It seems odd that none of the catalogues take any notice of these clearly distinguishable printings, except in so far as the perforation varies. In 1887 a new type appeared: the 5c with very large numeral of value (Scott type A12) and from 1887 to 1889 the other values of this type up to 20c made their appearance. These were made by the celebrated printing firm of Giesecke & Devrient of Leipzig, Germany (other stamp products of this firm are the last issue of Saxony and the Prince Henry, the Navigator, set of Portugal). If I am correctly informed, this issue was in sheets of 100, 10x10. The next issue, that of 1892, the portrait gallery, was made by the same firm and the sheets show the same arrangement. The issue of this set was connected with some curious circumstances, by the way. The

STAMP CAT. \$1.25 FREE!

If you send at once for my 1933 20-page price list and agree to make a purchase of at least fifty (50) cents on receipt of list I will give you free a copy of Tobago 1879, 1p rose, cat. by Scott at \$1.25. I make this liberal offer to boom trade during the fall. My prices are just as low as other dealers and you get this premium besides. You are also entitled to premiums on premium list which will be sent you. Write at once. [if

W. C. PHILLIPS, GLASTONBURY, CT.

call for bids by the Post Office Department specified steel engraving; two bids were made, one by Giesecke & Devrient, the other by the Campana Sud-America de Billetes de Banco (or South American Bank Note Co.) of Buenos Aires, the celebrated firm which is now printing the Argentine stamps. Both bids were made for "taille-douce" or "recess" engraving (the same as used for our own stamps). The Giesecke & Devrient bid was accepted, but when the stamps arrived at Asuncion, it was found that they were engraved not in taille-douce, but in epargne, or what is usually called typographed.

The Campana Sud-America de Billetes de Banco made what they call in Chicago a "howl", claiming that Giesecke & Devrient had not lived up to the terms of their contract, but it did not avail them. I do not know how the German firm satisfied the Paraguayan officials; at all events the stamps were accepted and issued. I might as well bring in here a rearguard of this issue in the shape of the 1 peso fuerte of 1900 (or 1901) with portrait of General Egusquiza (Scott type A26), printed by the same firm after the contract for the other values had already passed to another firm. This 1 peso stamp was issued in sheets of 50, 5 horizontal rows of 10.

The Campana Sud-America de Billetes de Banco got its work in later. In 1900 the contract was relet and this time the Buenos Aires firm secured it. Under it they issued the very finely engraved set of 1900 (Scott type A25). All of them came in sheets of 100, 10x10. But Paraguay is too deep in financial difficulties just now to pay for good work and therefore the contract with the C. S. A. de B. de B. was cancelled and the production of the stamps of Paraguay given to a home firm, the Talleres Nacionales de H. Krause, a lithographing establishment at Asuncion. Its work looks as cheap as it presumably is; it is a poor lithographic imitation of the splendid engraving of the foregoing issue. Most of the values are printed in sheets of 200 in two panes of 100 each, 10x10. The only exception I am aware of at this writing is that the 40c is said to have been issued at first in sheets of 100 only, 10x10.

The new issue which has just appeared is from the same establishment, but cannot say as yet whether the sheets are in the same arrangement or not. The late surcharges are of local make, pending the preparation of the new issue. Some, at least, of them were set up in stereotype forms of 50, 10 horizontal rows of 5, so that the form had to be impressed four times to cover the sheet (the 5 on 8c is in this arrangement).

As I have above mentioned the Campana Sud-America de Billetes de Banco, I shall embrace the opportunity of adding to my notes on Argentine sheets their latest production, the 5c issued in 1902 by the Argentine authorities in honor of the completion of the harbor at Rosario. This prettily engraved label came in sheets of 50, 10 horizontal rows of only 5, owing to its great length. The official set of 1901 also came in sheets of 50, but as these stamps have their greatest length vertically, the sheets were arranged in 5 horizontal rows of 10.

The first issue of Sweden (as you will observe, these are "stray" notes and make nothing of a jump from Argentine to Sweden) were contracted for by Count Sparre, but the actual printing was done by P. A. Nyman's printing office at Stockholm. They were printed in sheets of 200, in two panes of 100 each, 10x10, but the panes were divided before issue and half sheets issued to the postoffices. Since then all Swedish stamps have been printed, as far as I know, in sheets of 100, 10x10. The only exceptions of which I am aware are the Official and the Postage-Due stamps. The official stamps were printed in sheets of approximately the same size as the regular stamps, but as one of the official stamps covers as much space as two ordinary ones, the sheets contained only 50 stamps, arranged in 10 horizontal rows of 5 each. The same arrangement was used for the "Losen" or Postage Due stamps, they being of the same size.

The sheets of Greece have already been described in former notes. It remains to add the new set now current. The sheets of the 1 lepta values contain 100 stamps, 10x10. The higher values in drachmai are of larger size, hence the sheets are smaller, containing only 50 stamps in 5 horizontal rows of 10. This issue was contracted for by a mercantile firm in London whose name I have not been able to learn. They had designs made by the well known firm of Perkins, Bacon & Co., but the dies were engraved by someone else—I do not know whom. Perkins, Bacon & Co. produced the plates from these dies and printed the stamps from the plates. The plates were engraved in "taille douce," but at least the high values—perhaps the lower ones also—were not printed from them, but from lithographic transfers.—*The Adhesive.*

The Weekly Philatelic Era

A PAPER DEVOTED TO STAMP NEWS.

50c PER YEAR.

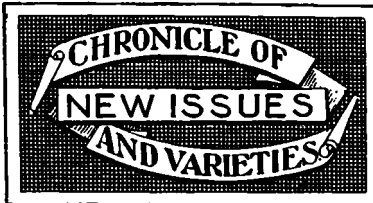
ENTERED AT PORTLAND POST OFFICE AS SECOND CLASS MATTER JAN. 10, 1890.

2c PER COPY.

VOL. XVII. No. 47.

PORTLAND, ME., SATURDAY, AUGUST 15, 1903.

WHOLE No. 535.



BY HENRY A. KIDDER.

Friends of the ERA are invited to send to the editor of this department any information regarding new issues or varieties that may prove of interest. Such information will be suitably acknowledged. Address, HENRY A. KIDDER, 17 Addison Street, Arlington, Mass.

Exchanges will please send Mr. Kidder a copy of each issue to the foregoing address, and an extra copy of the ERA will be gladly sent whenever desired.

AUSTRALIA.—Regarding the new Federal stamp chronicled last week, it is said the illustration showing "Victoria" in the tablet, was only of a trial essay. For the present the new stamp will only be issued for New South Wales and Queensland. Nine-penny stamps have never been issued in those states, and as they are required in large numbers for telegrams the Federal stamp will probably be useful. Victoria has a large stock of stamps of all denominations on hand, so none of the new stamps will be issued in that state for the present. The stamps are to be in two colors, the 9d being in brown, with the value in blue. A critic rudely but graphically describes the design as "Britannia seated on a barrel, on the end of which is printed a large '9d,' under an arch labelled 'Commonwealth,' the pillars of which are formed of biscuit tins labelled 'VIC. 1851,' 'S. A. 1856,' etc.

ABYSSINIA.—Mr. Edward de Z. Kelley has the $\frac{1}{2}$ g, $\frac{1}{2}$ g, 1g, 2g and 4g used on covers, with the new inscription in Amharic characters.

BOSNIA.—*Der Philatelist* chronicles the 40 heller with black figures of value.

Adhesive (Regular):
40h orange and black.

DANISH WEST INDIES.—Mr. A. W. Dunning informs us that his correspondent in the D. W. I. states on the authority of an official in the St. Thomas post office that "there is every possibility of Jubilee stamps being issued in the Danish West Indies to celebrate the 40th anniversary

of the H. M. the King of Denmark's reign. The issue is to take place on Nov. 15, 1903, the 8c and 2c being the values to be issued."

FRANCE.—The following regarding a change in the stamps of the Republic is taken from the *London Morning Advertiser*. "For some time now the postage stamps have been subjected to a deal of hostile criticism. The drawing of the sower is not to the liking of stamp collectors and others. Considering that France is an artistic nation, it is urged that the postage stamps of the country should be more attractive. Mr. Sandier, director of the art works of Sevres, is among the critics of the poor 'sower', and has essayed to furnish a substitute for her. He has therefore designed a new stamp in case 'La Semeuse' is definitely condemned. It shows a charming figure of a young woman with Phrygian cap. An oak branch serves as a collarette, and a garter, like that of the English arms, encases it, with regulation inscription, 'Republique Francaise.' Marianne is, therefore, prettily clothed. At one corner of the vignette is the value of the stamp set forth in large figures. At the other corners are the dates of the three Republics,—1792, 1848, 1870."

The 20c and 30c "La Semeuse" were first issued June 20.

GERMANY.—Mr. W. C. Stone calls our attention to the fact that there are many varieties of the Official stamp now in use. It seems that the "Nr. 21" which appears at the bottom of the central inscription is the number for the Government of Prussia, and that there are at least twenty-five other governments and institutions that have the privilege of using these stamps. As Prussia is the most important, its stamps are most common, which accounts for the others being practically unknown on this side. It has already been predicted that the 3, 40 and 50 pf of the "Nr. 21" variety would be scarce, but imagination fails when applied to the twenty-five other numbers. By the way, these stamps are denied a place in the legitimate list by some dealers and collectors. However, they are used to frank legitimate mail matter, though undoubtedly issued for a special purpose and for a limited time.

PHILIPPINES.—Mr. A. W. Dunning sends us for examination some interesting broken type varieties of the current 1c on

U. S. stamps. Parts of the various letters are missing the first "P", the first "I" and the "H" and the "N" especially showing only one-half the letter.

Mr. Dunning also shows us what appears to be a Philippine revenue stamps. It is poorly printed in red brown on white, perf., and numbered 19347 outside the design at the bottom. The numbering was evidently done afterwards in red ink by a numbering machine. The design is so wretchedly executed as to be quite impossible to be described, except by one gifted with an exceedingly lively imagination. The only inscription is at the top and reads "Trans. de Ganados."

SERVIA.—The foreign philatelic journals have illustrations of the new provisional Servian stamps. As stated in the ERA last week they are overprinted on a new set of stamps prepared for use but never issued in an uncharged state, that is as far as known now. They are of large size and printed in two colors, the portrait of the deceased King being in gray black on all. The set as originally printed would have been by far the handsomest issue of the country. The head of the King is larger than in previous issues, the oval containing the portrait being surrounded by a graceful wreath. The value appears at the bottom in white on colored ground, the figures in circles in the corner, and in words on a tablet between. In the following list the last color is that in which the arms are overprinted.

Adhesives (Provisional):

- 1p claret, black and blue.
- 5p yellow green, black and blue.
- 10p carmine, black and black.
- 15p olive, black and black.
- 20p orange, black and black.
- 25p blue, black and black.
- 50p grey, black and red.
- 1d green, black and brown.
- 3d violet, black and red brown.
- 5d brown, black and blue.

Ewen's Weekly says: "It is reported that orders to the amount of over £4000 have already been sent in by dealers to the Belgrade post office, and that there is little immediate prospect of attention being given them, as the temperature at Belgrade on the eve of issue of the new stamps to the public was 100 in the shade, and the whole work of supplying 4000 provincial post offices and 39 offices in Belgrade devolved on two officials!

"The stamps were placed on sale to the public July 8 and the 1 para stamps had all been bought up the afternoon of the following day, and were offered by specula-

CHAPTER XLVIII.

Steady Growth

in all directions characterizes

OSGOOD'S FAMOUS BIG SELECTIONS.

Each new book is better than its predecessor. References.
20c olive Canada Queen's Head..... 10c
Precancels bought and sold.

D. W. OSGOOD,
ALAMOSA, Conejos Co., COLO.
[To be Continued.]

FOUR BARGAINS FOR \$2.00.

- (1) 12 unused, 0. g., foreign postage stamps, all different, cat. \$3.27 only 50c, *post free.*
 - (2) 48 varieties foreign envelopes, cut square, cat. \$3.37, only 79c, *post free.*
 - (3) 21 varieties of Civil War, perforated revenues, cat. 82c only 27c, *post free.*
 - (4) 12 varieties U. S. envelopes unused, cut square, cat. \$2.23 only 52c, *post free.*
- All four big bargains, cat. \$9.69, for \$2.00 *post free.* If buying write us. We can save you money.

HOLTON STAMP CO.,
60 Devonshire St., Boston, Mass.

Please mention ERA when answering ads.

tors at 2 or 3 francs each, 200 or 300 times their face value.

"The arms overprint is lithographed in original sheets of 150, and the stamps are issued as they come from the printers. Large quantities cannot be bought even on the spot. Fifty times as many 5 paras as 1 para stamps were issued, but a new 1 para provisional may be made by surcharging remainders of a previous issue, as the value is required for use on printed matter. Orders for 70,000 or more of the 1 para are on hand in Belgrade. The lowest retail quotation is 1sh 6d each."

SEYCHELLES.—The 15c King's head has already been surcharged "3 cents" in black, with the old value obliterated by two short parallel lines. They were issued July 3, and 34,800 are reported printed. The issue is said to have been practically all bought up by speculators. From a statement in *Ewen's Weekly* it appears that speculators bought up all the available supply of 3c King's head stamps, 25,000 stamps or thereabouts, out of a total issue of 40,000. This necessitated the issue of a provisional, which has also been taken by speculators, presumably the same parties. How long this process will be continued is not known but the post office is at the mercy of speculators, as £100 would be sufficient to buy up all the usual issue of the 3c stamps.

Adhesive (Provisional):
3c on 15 ultramarine and black.

SIRMOOR.—It is reported that the 3 ples green, "On S.S.S.," has been seen with surcharge in red inverted.

WEST AUSTRALIA.—Mr. J. H. Lyons of the New England Stamp Co. has shown us the new 5sh stamp. It is of Victoria A50 type, with the name of the colony and the denomination changed.

Adhesive (Regular):
5sh Emerald green.

Eighteenth Annual Convention of the American Philatelic Association.

FIRST DAY.

CLAYTON, August 11, 1903.

The Convention was called to order at 11 o'clock by President Holland who, after calling Mr. Toppan to the chair, delivered his Annual Address. He reviewed the new issues of the year, condemning especially the recent issues of the Republic of Colombia on account of their trashy nature. The small increase in the membership of the Association was regretted. The work of the Expert Committee was very highly praised and members were urged to make use of their services.

The Committee on Credentials reported the result of the election as follows:

Gordon Ireland,	243
Alex. Holland,	242
E. Doebelin,	242
H. B. Phillips,	242
F. H. Burt,	240
W. O. Wylie,	240
F. W. Coning,	239
C. L. Annan,	160
D. T. Eaton,	122
E. R. Aldrich,	122
C. E. Severn,	62
W. H. Barnum,	11
Scattering,	23

The first nine were declared elected. Mr. Aldrich, although being tied with Mr. Eaton, not being eligible as Mr. Annan from the same state, had polled more votes.

The preliminary report on proxies was presented, 243 having been approved and 16 rejected. A large number brought by members who came this morning not having been acted upon, I will omit detailed report until later.

The President then appointed the standing committees.

The reports from the various officers were then read and referred.

The Board of Vice-Presidents reported having considered 11 cases of which 5 had been satisfactorily settled.

Secretary Deats reported as follows:

Secretary's Report.

CLAYTON, N. Y., Aug. 11, 1903.
To the President and Members of the American Philatelic Association:

GENTLEMEN: I take pleasure in presenting my fourth and final annual report as Secretary. We close the year with a net increase in membership, since the last Convention of five.

Fifty-seven new stockholders have been elected during the year, and sixteen members previously dropped for non-payment of dues have been reinstated.

On November first last, the time limit set for the payment of dues, forty-nine were dropped for failure to pay and one was expelled in compliance with terms set at the last convention.

Fourteen resignations have been accepted during the year and three are now pending. There are also twelve applications for membership now pending.

All the above is more clearly set forth in

the following statement:

Membership at date of last Convention,	555
New Stockholders,	57
Reinstated,	16
	— 73
	628
Dropped for non-payment of dues,	49
Died,	4
Resigned,	14
Expelled by last Convention,	1
	— 68

Total membership Aug. 11, 1903, 560

During the year it has been my duty to chronicle the deaths of four members:

- No. 1256. Richard P. Mayer.
- No. 1049. Frank E. Keilbach.
- No. 574. J. F. Johnson.
- No. 321. H. G. O. Ramborger.

The first two having passed away during the preceding year, were included in the report of the Obituary Committee in the Year Book of 1902. Mr. Ramborger died February 23, 1902, and hence should have been reported last year also, but I did not learn of his death in time.

After consultation with the Treasurer, I have adopted a new form of order or warrant, which is signed by the President and Secretary, and then goes to the Treasurer for his signature, when it becomes an accepted draft, payable at the bank where the Treasurer's account is kept.

The file of the *American Philatelist* for the Minnesota Historical Society (see page 18 of Year Book of 1902) was sent them soon after the last convention.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE.

At the convention of 1902, the draft for \$34.25 turned in by the Membership Committee was left in my hands. As no committee was appointed this year, I placed the draft in my Association bank account, and present herewith a draft for that amount, which properly goes to the membership committee for the coming year.

I recommend that the new committee adopt the "follow up" system with those inquiring after the Association. I also recommend that investigation of applicants be made by the Membership Committee instead of by the Secretary, and that it be done before the first publication of the application.

BRANCH SOCIETIES.

The Pittsburg and Chicago Branches are still in existence and their reports have appeared regularly in the official journal. The New York and St. Paul Branches have not reported to me during the year. The Minneapolis Branch is a new one, organized during the year, largely through the efforts of Mr. E. S. Martin.

CASH RECEIPTS.

From August 1, 1902, to July 31, 1903, I have received cash as follows:

Stock,	\$65.00
Dues, new members,	39.50
Dues, new members for 1904,	
in advance,	7.20
Dues,	129.00
Year Books,	2.50
Duplicate stock certificates,	.50
	— \$243.70

I have remitted to the Treasurer as follows:

1902.		
Sept. 18, Cash to Treas.,	Aug.,	57.60
Oct. 27, " " " "	Sept.,	8.70
Nov. 29, " " " "	Oct.,	16.80
Dec. 5, " " " "	Nov.,	41.25
1903.		
Jan. 20, " " " "	Dec.,	49.05
July 22, " " " "	Jan.,	7.85
" 22, " " " "	Feb.,	11.70
" 22, " " " "	Mar.,	12.65
" 22, " " " "	April,	5.40

Special Summer Bargains.
U. S. STAMPED ENVELOPES.

Cat. No.	CUT SQUARE.	Price.	1st.	2d.	3rd.	My Price for
1377	1870, 1c blue on amber.	\$1.50	\$0.45	\$0.35	\$0.15	
1378	" 2c brown on amber	.50	.35	.20	.05	
1379	" 2c used	.15	.15	.07	.03	
1379	" 3c green	.15	.10	.07	.03	
1379	" 3c used	.03	.03	.02	.01	
1380	" 6c carmine	.50	.30	.20	.05	
1380	" 6c used	.40	.15	.15	.05	
1381	" 7c vermilion	1.50	.75	.50	.25	
1381	" 10c brown	2.50	1.75	1.00	.50	
1384	" 12c plum	3.50	2.00	1.25	.75	
1384	" 12c used	3.00	1.50	1.00	.50	
1385	" 15c orange	4.00	3.00	2.75	.75	
1386	" 24c purple	4.00	2.50	2.00	.75	
1387	" 30c black	6.00	3.50	3.00	.75	
1388	" 90c carmine	5.00	3.50	3.00	.75	

All are unused unless described as U or used.
1st are extra fine copies with large margins
2nd are in good condition with fair margins, but not large enough to cover the whole space in the latest International Album, but as large as the envelopes in most collections.
3rd are cut round or to shape.

Postage extra on orders under \$1.00.
Please remit by Bills or Money Order.
Special! Any envelope not entirely satisfactory can be returned within two days after receipt and money will be promptly refunded if so desired.

C. F. ROTHFUCHS 38 Munroe St., ROXBURY, MASS.

July 22, Cash to Treas.,	May, 5.10
" 22, " " "	June, 7.20
Aug. 1, " " "	July, 20.40
	\$243.70

The following is a statement of the expenses of my office for the year amounting to \$73.15.

Vouchers for all items except postage accompany the report.

THE AMERICAN PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION,
To H. E. DEATS, SECRETARY, DR.

1902.		
Sept. 2,	Postage for August,	\$3.11
30,	Postage for Sept.,	1.63
Oct. 31,	Postage for October,	4.18
Nov. 3,	Express bills, 1.50,	
	.10, .15, .18,	1.93
28,	Brower Bros., Letter Files,	2.20
29,	Postage for Nov.,	5.64
		\$18.69
Dec. 1,	Express on Member-Cards,	.25
	Postal Telegraph Co.,	
	.50, .60,	1.10
1903.		
Jan. 1,	Postage for December,	4.60
" 6,	Postage on 530 Year Books at 5c,	26.50
		\$32.45
" 10,	P. R. P., Freight on Year Books,	.42
" 10,	C. E. Connet, rubber stamps, .50, .30,	.80
" 31,	Postage for January,	3.11
Feb. 2,	Adams Express, .30,	
	.50, .25, .30, .45,	1.80
28,	Postage for February,	1.86
Mar. 31,	Postage for March,	2.23
Apr. 30,	Postage for April,	1.48
May 30,	Postage for May,	2.24
June 30,	Postage for June,	8.07
		22.01
		\$73.15

During the year I have drawn thirty orders on the Treasurer, amounting to \$674 93, as follows:

Date.	No.	Name and Purpose.	Amount-1902.
Aug. 20.	73,	C. L. Annan, Treas., Lib'n's dues,	\$1.20
	74,	H. E. Deats, Sec'y, Expenses to Convention,	31.40
Sept. 2.	75,	Arkansas Dem. Co., Treas. Ptg.,	3.50
	76,	Kihn Bros., Membership Cards,	10.50

Sept. 4.	77,	H. G. Smith, Supt. Insurance Fund,	5.67
15.	78,	Arkansas Dem. Co., Treas. Printing,	8.25
	79,	C. L. Annan, postage,	10.70
26.	80,	E. Doebelin, In. Sec'y, Sub. to V. K. B.,	5.00
Oct. 20.	81,	C. E. Severn, Expenses of Board of Vice-Pres.,	2.20
	27.	82, Frank H. Burt, Convention Report,	45.00
Nov. 10.	83,	Gordon Ireland, Expenses of Board of Vice-Pres.,	9.85
	29.	84, W. W. Jewett, acct. Official Journal,	100.00
Dec. 1.	85,	H. G. Smith, Supt. Insurance Fund,	7.15
	86,	Gordon Ireland, Expenses of Board of Vice-Pres.,	2.07
	87,	H. E. Deats, Sec'y Expenses,	18.69
	2.	88, Wm. M. Carson, Agt., Treas. Bond,	20.00
	18.	89, C. L. MacFarland, Insurance Fund,	3.20
1903.			
Jan. 6.	90,	MacCrellish & Quigley, ptg Year Book,	182.23
	91,	MacCrellish & Quigley, ptg By-Laws,	6.00
	13.	92, H. E. Deats, Sec'y expenses,	32.45
	28.	93, Anthony Killgore, printing,	30.50
Feb. 7.	94,	C. H. Fox, binding,	3.75
	16.	95, C. L. Annan, Treas. expenses,	5.24
June 11.	96,	Alexander Holland, Pres. expenses,	14.10
	97,	Anthony Killgore, ptg. ballots etc.,	10.88
	7.	98, Gordon Ireland, expenses of Board of Vice-Pres.,	2.76
	99,	John J. Oesch, Insurance,	25.63
	20.	100, A. Killgore, printing,	5.00
	101,	H. E. Deats, Secretary's expenses,	22.01
	27.	102, W. W. Jewett, acct. Official Journal,	50.00
			\$674.93

All of which is respectfully submitted,
H. E. DEATS, Secretary.

Reports from the Resident Vice-Presidents reported on the condition of matters in their districts as generally satisfactory. The Librarian reported 258 volumes in the Library.

Mr. Doebelin's report on our international relations announced a peaceful state of affairs generally.

The Treasurer's report follows in full.

Danish West Indies.
2c Carmine and 8c Brown

JUST ISSUED!

Both Stamps for 15 Cents.
Postage Extra.

COLUMBIAN STAMP CO.,
ARLINGTON, MASS.

POSTAL CARD CATALOGUE, 1903.
The only catalogue for Card Collectors, to be issued this Fall, is Senf's (German), and I will have them in stock as soon as issued.
PRICE 35c POSTPAID.
As the issue will be limited, I would advise collectors to send me their order, accompanied by remittance, without delay.
ADOLPH LOHMEYER,
922 N. Gilmor Street, Baltimore, Md.

Treasurer's Report.
ST. PAUL, MINN., August 4, 1903.
To the President and Members of the American Philatelic Association:
GENTLEMEN: I present herewith a statement of the financial affairs of the Association for the past twelve months.

GENERAL FUND.

Receipts.

Amount on hand August 8, 1902,	\$27.87
Dues received in August,	61.20
" " " September,	272.40
" " " October,	118.40
" " " November,	88.40
" " " December,	51.00
" " " January,	40.30
" " " March,	12.00
" " " June,	1.20
" " " July,	22.90
" " " August,	8.40
Two duplicate certificates,	.50
Ten Year Books,	2.50
Interest on certificate of deposit,	30.00
	\$726.27

Disbursements.

1902		
73	Aug. 30, C. L. Annan, Treas., Librarian's dues,	\$1.20
74	Aug. 30, H. E. Deats, Sec'y, expenses to Convention,	31.40
75	Sept. 8, Arkansas Dem. Co., Notice Cards,	3.50
76	Sept. 10, Kohn Bros., Membership Cards,	10.50
78	Sept. 19, Arkansas Dem. Co., Postal Cards, etc.,	8.25
79	Sept. 18, C. L. Annan, Treas., Stamped envelopes,	10.70
80	Oct. 3, E. Doebelin, Int. Sec'y, Subscription V. K. B.,	5.00
81	Nov. 11, C. E. Severn, expenses Board of V. P.,	2.20
82	Nov. 12, Frank H. Burt, Convention report,	45.00
83	Nov. 24, Gordon Ireland, expenses Board of V. P.,	9.85
84	Dec. 8, W. W. Jewett, acct. Official Journal,	100.00
86	Dec. 10, Gordon Ireland, expenses Board of V. P.,	2.07
87	Dec. 10, H. E. Deats, Sec'y, exp.,	18.69
88	" 8, Wm. H. Carson, agt. Treas. Bond,	20.00
1903		
90	Jan. 14, McCrellish & Quigley, printing Year Book,	182.23
91	Jan. 14, McCrellish & Quigley, printing By-Laws,	6.00
92	Jan. 24, H. E. Deats, Sec'y, exp.,	32.45
93	Feb. 3, Anthony Killgore, ptg.,	30.50
94	" 18, C. H. Fox, binding,	3.75
95	" 20, C. L. Annan, Treas., exp.,	5.24
96	June 19, Alex. Holland, Pres., exp.,	14.10
97	" 19, Anthony Killgore, printing ballots, etc.,	10.88
98	June 19, Gordon Ireland, expenses Board of V. P.,	2.76
100	Anthony Killgore, ptg.,	5.00
101	H. E. Deats, Sec'y, exp.,	22.00
102	W. W. Jewett, account Official Journal,	50.00
		\$638.28
	Balance,	\$92.99

(Continued on page 396.)

THE Weekly Philatelic Era.

W. W. JEWETT, Editor and Publisher.

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

U. S., Canada or Mexico, 50c per year. To other countries in Postal Union, \$1.00 per year. All subscriptions MUST commence with current number. Back numbers cannot be supplied at subscription rates.

ADVERTISING RATES:

60c per inch on Transient Advertisements. 100 inches to be used within one year, 50c per inch. Special Rates quoted on application on 200 inches or over; also on large ads of a page or more.

PUBLICATION OFFICE,

502 Congress St., Portland, Me.

YOUR SUBSCRIPTION EXPIRES with this issue if a (X) appears in the margin opposite this paragraph. The paper is not abruptly discontinued on the expiration of subscriptions, unless expressly so ordered. We shall highly appreciate an early renewal from you, or an order to have your paper discontinued. CHANGE OF ADDRESS. In notifying us of any change of address subscribers should be sure to give their old as well as new address

Notes and Comment.

Conditions have changed and the customary dread of subject matter of summer time is past and this week finds us with an over-abundance. It seems necessary to hold over till next week much that we should like to present to our readers in this issue. The balance of the report of the American Philatelic Association Convention will not reach us until after the forms are on the press and will also appear in next week's paper.

We publish elsewhere in this issue, practically in toto as received, a somewhat lengthy dissertation on "higher philatelics." The article speaks quite plainly on several matters and being by a well informed and quite well known philatelist we feel that it is only justice to let him express his free and unhampered views, and think no one will harbor any feelings for the publication, even if they feel that some reflections are slightly personal. We have the best of reasons to believe the writer treats the matter without personal interests or prejudices and at the severest "Some Things" should be considered only in the light of criticism—which we should ever welcome and none are too perfect to escape.

Mauritius, 1900,

4c on 16c Orange Brown,
Cat. No. 101,

Unused and Fine,

45 CENTS.

This stamp brought \$2.35 at a recent auction sale.

NEW ENGLAND STAMP CO.,

9 and 21 Bromfield St., BOSTON, MASS.

COMING AUCTION SALES.

Chicago.—The Chicago Philatelic Society's sale No. 23, will be held Saturday evening, August 22, in Room 6, Merchants' Building, 151 Washington St., at 7.45 o'clock. 617 lots. F. N. Massoth, Auction Manager.

New York City.—The 197th sale of Bogert & Durbin Co., at 116 Nassau St., Saturday, August 22, at 2 p. m. 517 lots.

Boston Bits • •

BY HENRY A. KIDDER.

The Boston contingent left Monday afternoon to attend the annual convention of the American Philatelic Association at Clayton. The route was by the Fitchburg Division of the Boston & Maine Railroad, and thence by New York Central to Clayton. The party had a special car and included the following: Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Batchelder, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Carpenter, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin F. Sawyer, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Stone (who joined the party at Greenfield), and Messrs. Willard O. Wylie, J. M. Bartels, Harry W. Legg, Gordon Ireland and Frank H. Burt. Mr. George L. Toppa and Secretary Deats left Boston for Clayton Sunday afternoon, and were joined in Albany by President Holland who had recovered sufficiently from his recent accident to be able to attend the Convention. After the close of the Convention Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter and Mr. and Mrs. Sawyer and Mr. Bartels will make a side trip to Montreal and Quebec.

Mr. H. F. Lamb, of New York, was in Boston Monday and called upon several friends.

Secretary Wilson gave so interesting and graphic an account of the annual convention of the N. E. P. A. at Bass Point, Nahant, August 1st, that nothing more remains to be said. We understand, however, that it was a congenial and convivial party, though whether anything else in the "original covers" besides the steamed clams was discussed "deponent saith not."

Miss Bessie Gaffney, with the J. M. Bartels Co., has returned from her vacation much refreshed and benefitted. Miss Gaffney, by the way, is a neighbor of the Governor's in the Noddle Island district.

Messrs. Charles H. Stone & Co. request the correction of an impression unfortunately made by a recent item in this column. The J. M. Bartels Co. has purchased the stock of entire envelopes belonging to the former firm, and the

ADS that I always hear from are those of CUBA, PORTUGUESE and the PHILIPPINES, all because of their fine condition and at prices which correspond to their condition. However this is true with all of my stamps.

CUBA.

No. 3	2 rp carmine, used.....	\$0.35
4	2p orange red, ".....	.15
10	1 rp green, used.....	.45
11	2 rp orange red, used.....	.40
13b	1 rp pale green, ".....	.10
13b	1 rp " block of 4, used.....	.40
14	2 rp dull rose, used.....	.12
24	2 rp " block of 4, used.....	.50
27	3/4 rp black, o. g.....	.50
17	3/4 rp " block of 4, o. g.....	2.00
19	1/2 rp green, new, (Cat. \$1.00).....	.25
21	2 rp vermilion, used.....	.35
21a	2 rp " o. g.....	.75
21a	2 rp " " pair.....	1.50

Send for a selection on approval.

D. T. EATON,

MUSCATINE, IOWA.

FINE SPECIMEN

VANCOUVER ISLAND,

Catalogue \$100.00,

British Columbia, U. S. and others. Approvals against reference.

NEW CENTURY STAMP CO.,

113 28th Avenue, SEATTLE, WASH.

60% DISCOUNT.

U. S. Postage, Revs., etc. and Foreign Postage on approval. Ref. required. Cash paid for Unused U. S. Postage. [if C. B. MERRILL, 102 E. 90th St., New York.

Are you thinking of Selling your stamps at Auctions? If so write us.

Now is the time to make dates for next season.

CHAS. H. STONE & CO.,

19 Washington St., BOSTON, MASS.

60% Discount.

Fill Your Spaces while you have the chance.

Send For Our Large List.

E. F. GAMBS CO.,

P. O. Box 2631, SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

DEFECTIVE STAMPS.

We put no damaged stamps in any of our approval books, and consequently we have a quantity of defective stamps to dispose of.

We are prepared to send out selections of defective stamps cataloguing from 15c to \$25.00 each at from 80 to 90% discount.

If unknown to us, send references and state what country you desire to fill up.

SPECIAL!

Assorted lot damaged stamps (no refund), Cat. \$20.00, for \$1.00 Net.

HOLTON STAMP CO.,

60 Devonshire St., Boston, Mass.

GUATEMALA.
Complete Sets, Used, 1902 Issue.
1c to \$2.00 Postally Cancelled,
ONLY \$1.00.

PERRIN & CO.,
108 East 23rd St., NEW YORK, N. Y.
Headquarters for Unused Current Guate-
malas at wholesale.



I have several thousand approval sheets that have been returned from customers. Rather than remount the stamps or place them in stock I will sell:

30 cents worth (catalog value) of stamps for	10 cents.
50 " " " " " " " "	15 " "
\$1.00 " " " " " " " "	25 " "
\$2.25 " " " " " " " "	50 " "
\$4.65 " " " " " " " "	\$1.00.

No two stamps are alike in a lot and no two lots are alike. The stamps range in price from 1c to \$1.00 each.

CASH! Always ready to hand you for your duplicates or for large or small lots of U. S. Revenues, Depts. or Postage. Also, for general collections of U. S. or Foreign. Write us stating particulars and your price. **WESTERN STAMP CO., 708 N. Y. Life Bldg., Omaha, Nebr.**

L. N. HERBERT,
1520 Washington Ave., NEW YORK.

Want Lists in U. S. and Br. Colonies a Speciality.

Highest prices paid for collections; the larger the better. Address as above.

\$1.65 THE BEST \$1.65
500 VARIETY PACKET
ever offered for the price, is my packet No. 25. It contains 500 choice stamps from all over the world, and is the greatest bargain ever offered at the price, \$1.65.

It contains stamps from Austria, Bavaria, Belgium, British Colonies, Luxemburg, Mexico, Russia, Roumania, Sweden and many others. Satisfaction guaranteed.

Theo. Mainhart, Johnstown, Pa.

WHEN YOU THINK OF SELLING

WRITE TO

B. L. DREW & CO.,

7 WATER ST., (Room 501), BOSTON, MASS.

[1c0t

The Leading Auction Firm in America.

PEELABLE HINGES

NOT ENGLISH 1000 12c.



NOT GERMAN 5000 50c.

POST FREE

POST FREE

STRONG PAPER—TASTELESS GUM

W. F. GREGORY, 68 NASSAU ST., NEW YORK.

good will of its envelope trade. This does not affect its adhesive, revenue and auction business.

Mr. Louis G. Barrett is making a careful study of the various shades and printings of the new U. S. envelopes and wrappers. For convenience he makes two broad divisions into "earlier" and "later" printings. In the former he has found the 1c envelope in olive green on white, amber, buff and blue papers, and in dark green on white. The 2c appears in the earlier copies in orange red, red and brick red on white and in red on buff and blue papers. In the same printing, the 5c is found in blue on white and amber. In the later printing, the 1c envelope appears in emerald green on white, amber, buff, blue and manila papers; the 2c in pink, rose and carmine on white, in rose and carmine on amber, in rose and carmine on buff, and in rose and carmine on blue; the 4c in chocolate on white and amber, and the 5c in indigo on white and amber. The wrappers are all on manila paper. In the earlier printings, the colors are 1c olive green, 2c red and 2c brick red. In the later printing, the colors are 1c emerald green, 2c carmine and 4c chocolate.

Among the new things shown us this week by Mr. J. H. Lyons of the New England Stamp Co. are the following: Orange River Colony, 1/4d green, 1d carmine, 2d brown, 2 1/2d blue, 3d lilac, and 4d olive and carmine; India, 4a olive green; and the full set of the Guatemala type set Officials including the new 25c vermilion. All these have previously been chronicled in the ERA.

The Postal Card Society of America.

Officers for 1902-3.

President, HORACE E. CARPENTER, JR., Care N. B. Bradley & Sons, Bay City, Mich.
Vice-President, J. T. ALBERT HOSBACH, 1422 North 53rd St., Philadelphia, Pa.
Secretary, W. P. AGEE, Hope, Ark.
Treasurer, JOHN N. MOSE, 105 Devonshire St., Boston, Mass.
Executive Committee, GUY A. BRYANT, Princeton, Ill.; W. D. ARNOLD, The Portland, Broadway, St. Paul, Minn.; N. HASKELL WITMER, 230 S. 9th St., La Crosse, Wis.
Exchange Superintendent, J. T. A. HOSBACH, 1422 No. 53rd St., Phila., Pa.
Purchasing Agent, ADOLPH LOHMEYER, 922 N. Gilmore St., Baltimore, Md.
International Secretary, E. DORBLIN, P. O. Box 736, Pittsburg, Pa.
Official Journal, THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA.

NEXT AUCTION.

The next C. P. S. Auction Sale will be held during the Convention week of the P. S. A., August 22nd.

If not on our list send a postal card for a copy of the catalogue.

UNITED STAMP CO., 1149 Marquette, Chicago.

WE WISH TO BUY

U. S. Postage and Revenues of the better grade.

Chili No. 6, Cat. 10c..... \$0.05
" " 7, " 25c..... .14

J. T. STARR STAMP COMPANY,
COLDWATER, MICH.

Mr. Abraham sends us the following which may be of some interest to our readers:

At a meeting of the British Guiana Philatelic Society, held at the house of the Honorable B. Howell Jones the President, on 23rd July, a paper was read by Mr. E. A. V. Abraham on "Early Reminiscences of Stamp Collecting in British Guiana." In the course of the reading he pointed out that the stamps of 1862 which were printed locally, should bear the initials of the Postmaster to be genuine. He stated that when the boom took place in British Guiana stamps the proprietor of the establishment where they were printed hunted up his old corners and found some sheets of the stamps therein and he sent them on to his son in England who sold them to dealers. That these stamps never passed over the counter of the Post Office nor were they issued legally by the Post Office and the fact that they bore no initials was corroborative of what he urged. He knew of the incident at the time it occurred.

Among the stamps shown during the evening was a twelve cents British Guiana lilac, of the 1860 type, issued in 1869. The stamp was trisected and used as one-third of twelve cents. It was in fine condition on the original envelope and genuine. There was also an unused oblong blue British Guiana on the original envelope which was found amongst some old papers on a letter-envelope dated 1859, and but for a little rubbing in the centre in perfect condition. Several two and four cents British Guiana, used as one and two cents, of the 1860 type were also shown, also the blue 1862 with initials of Postmaster in white.

Advertisers and correspondents will please have their copy in promptly on the first of the week to ensure appearance in issue of same week.

Mekeel's Stamp Collector

PUBLISHED WEEKLY.

FULL of information and news valuable to stamp collectors. Once a month large magazine editions are issued. Over one thousand pages guaranteed during the year.

Subscription \$1.00 per year. (On trial for three months, 25 cents.) No stamp man can afford to be without it. Volume sixteen commenced January 1, 1903.

C. H. Mekeel Stamp and Publishing Co.
St. Louis, Mo.

Some Things.

Now that the battle is over—fought on a bloodless field and finally won by both participants—owing to the honorable withdrawal of one party; the respective editors have placed their thoughts and ideas into the art preservative in fairly pleasant but none the less dignified language, and as these "things" probably will not have gone into print ere the tribunal of decision shall have acted, a layman, though not a member, may say a few things of the American Philatelic Association and the question of its "official organ," a topic that has more or less had the boards for some weeks.

The objects and aims of the Association as presented in its legal formative warrant are quite all that would be expected from any organization of similar import and contain the usual margin of safety of preventing its ever outgrowing the enunciations relative thereto.

It is not an altogether happy retrospect to glance at the past nor at the present to note how tremendously short of reaching these objectives the Association has found and does find itself. We perhaps can best speculate, mentally, as to these conditions when we recall that the history and actions of the Association indicate that almost from its inception—if not indeed actually in the period of gestation—it has been used, bent and warped to accomplish or aid the selfish ends of interested individuals or coteries. At the periods of transition from one interest to another, there has been much bitterness inserted into the contests, and at times the need of a fresh wet nurse has, to an outsider at least, seemed imminent. These conditions as they have come along, have been fought out and disposed of.

The lengthened period of "soreheadedness" following all such events stand not only to the discredit of the Association itself and its so often near-sighted manipulators, but also throws a cloud over the entire body of American collectors from a world's point of view.

It is usually admitted that the lines of collecting in America have not as yet reached the same high plane of our cousins in the "rest of the world" and elsewhere, and it can hardly be gainsaid that there need be any hope whatever that the standard will be raised until an entirely new movement is adopted and carried rigidly and rigorously through without reference to the interests or selfishness of individuals or coteries.

Whether the conditions could be improved by the exclusion of all individuals and associations engaged in dealing in stamps and the affiliated lines, as does the premier society of London (claimed at least) is the most serious question perhaps to be dealt with inasmuch as in many ways it looks as though that would be the better way to crush the selfishness that has

such vital sway in the organization. At the immediate moment, a glance at the names of the intended visitors to this year's convention shows beyond question that such a rule would disband the Association through lack of practical interest on the part of its "Simon pure" collectors.

The writer recalls at one time within the past two years, of putting this question to the financial officer of one of our then junior and undoubtedly at that time most popular organization of stamp dealers we had, coupling with it the suggestion of the rule of the London Society. The query was met with the immediate rejoinder that while that was the rule and undoubtedly the strict practice of that Society, he did not see the practical difference inasmuch as the Vice-President of that Society was, in effect, one of the biggest dealers in the world, as he was continually disposing of collections and forming new ones, always having in view no doubt their disposition or disposal at his pleasure, whim or convenience. This "begging the question" was true, a partial answer and most certainly a considerative element. Upon reflection, however, one can only realize that in fact and in practice, this defense, if such it may be termed, was invalid, for were it otherwise no doubt 80% of our American collectors, at least, and I am told by some of our older dealers that this percentage is too low, would be classed as dealers, as sooner or later their collections come upon the market and are either slaughtered at the auction mart (notwithstanding the "front" page of the auction catalogues dwell heavily upon the point that the auctioning of an accumulation is the "life" opportunity of securing copies cheaply—whilst the "back" page of the same identical auction catalogue dwells as heavily upon the diametrical statement that the auctioning of an accumulation is the only real way to realize the maximum amount of cash therefrom) or the remorseless paw of the "buyers of collections intact." In short, sooner or later the abattoir awaits the results of our ceaseless efforts of accumulation.

It is therefore reasonably certain that not only Mr. Castle, but alike all his brother collectors cannot be considered as a dealer, for during the period of accumulation he is a collector and has no axes to grind or specialties to push onto the collecting public. He is a dealer for that short period that he—or any collector—is engaged in parting with his collection of which easily 99% is done in bulk—few, very few collectors disperse their collections by units. It is too bad that they do not for if they did that spirit of the true collector would assert itself and the dispersal cease almost at its inception—unless certain exigencies left no choice or in cases of collections belonging to estates, where the owner having passed beyond, had no interest therein.

On another hand how can sufficient interest be awakened among true collec-

tors to take an active and participating part in the organization and conducting of such an association? A decidedly hard question to answer. We Americans are a queer people, being as we are, a conglomeration collected or descended from practically all the nations of the world and its peoples, civilized, uncivilized and aboriginal. We have an extremely strong and indeed wonderful cementation of patriotism when our country is involved as against any other but in an interior and amongst ourselves way, we no longer profit as a whole by the sacrifices and high treason of the boys of '76. This statement is well exemplified by the fact that we have—growing stronger and larger every day—a sect or cult who devote essentially their whole time to politics and its practices. This sect or cult is now well defined sociologically amongst us as to personnel with the most remarkable result that we are governed by organizations of tax

TRADE COLUMN.

Under this head we will print exchange, want and for sale notices, business announcements, 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.

One four-line notice free with each subscription, providing copy accompanies the subscription.

THREE Consecutive Insertions of SAME ad in this Column for PRICE OF TWO.

1500 mixed Mexico, postage or revenue, only \$1.00 in U. S. Bank Note, and 8c in stamps. FELIPE NAVEDA, Uribina 8, Toluca City, Mexico. [37]

100 var. stamps, perfect copies, only 6c. WM. E. AULT, Jeffersonville, Ind. [37]

I have good medium priced stamps, mostly foreign current issues, which I wish to exchange. Send yours and receive mine. A. L. Norton, U. S. Custom House, San Francisco, Cal.

I will buy good collection of stamps for spot cash. JOHN M. HUBBARD, Rochester, N. H. References: Bradstreet, Dun, Amer. Boot & Shoe Reporting Co. [35]

Stamps at 1-7th Catalogue, the biggest bargain ever offered. 100 diff. foreign stamps, cat. at \$5.25, for only 75 cents, regular price \$2.00. If you get a packet you will never regret it. POSTAL STAMP CO., 15 Lake St., White Plains, N. Y. [35]

Is your collection for sale? Get your dealer to make a price on it, add 20% to his offer, and send book to me. It's to to 1 I buy it. F. W. PICKARD, 2427 Ingleside, Cincinnati, O. [11*]

Cuba 1899, 5 var., 1 set, 8c; 10 sets, 42c. Cuba 1899, (U. S.) 16 var., 1 set, 20c; 10 sets, \$1.35. 100 well assorted foreign, including Salvador, Nicaragua, etc., cat. 2 to 8c each, \$1.00. CARL YOUNG, 112 N. 5th St., Phila., Pa. [35]

Harris celebrated 100 varieties Packages of used and unused postage stamps; every stamp in fine condition, cataloguing over \$4.00, for \$1.00 cash. LOUIS HARRIS, Belfast, Maine. [35]

Approval sheets 60¢ discnt. Net sheets for advanced collectors at equally low prices. 9000 var. in stock. F. W. PICKARD, 2427 Ingleside, Cincinnati, O. [11*]

U. S. Pre-Cancelled postage stamps. I will pay a good price in cash or exchange for any not in my collection. F. L. SMITH, 40 Exchange Pl., N. Y. [47]

Is your collection for sale? I will buy it or any odd lots of good stamps. No cheap stuff wanted. Send on approval with lowest cash offer. Immediate returns guaranteed. HOWARD C. BECK, City Controller's Office, Detroit, Mich. [51*]

Pre-cancels not in my collection wanted. Best cash or trade price. E. R. ALDRICH, Benson, Minn. [11*]

Try an Ad in this Column. It Pays.

eaters—in maximum minority as to numbers and substance—whilst the actual body-politic goes along simply as tax-payers with little regard as to whom are selected from the other coterie to govern us and conduct for us our own affairs. We do in truth, if we vote at all, cast our ballot very, very often for individuals who will handle in one way and another, or participate in naming our tax rate, individuals whom we would not in our own affairs entrust with the handling of a \$5 bill, either owing to lack of experience, or worse, doubt of his honesty or integrity. As a mass we do not take charge of that which is really nothing but a great copartnership, of which we are members.

The conditions are not closely analagous, but the foregoing condition is advanced to show in a way an element of disinterestedness in really our own affairs, which in turn goes into our sociological associations to greater (mostly) or lesser degree. There are exceptions, personnel of course, and now and then there are those in whom selfishness is a wholly unknown quantity in their honest and earnest endeavor to help along. When they are "discovered," for they never are individuals who forward their personnel, they are availed of for "thankless" jobs accepting, they are not long in being imposed upon owing to their good nature, interest, desire, one, both or all. Such a case is fancied is immediately in view. The acquaintanceship of the present Secretary of the American Philatelic Association is, unhappily, not one of the possessions of the writer; but it is thought none will disagree with the ventured statement that no one person has ever more cheerfully and unselfishly given his time, and more substantial things likewise indirect if not otherwise, to the cause than has Mr. Deats. He now, it is understood, declines re-election. In this a most valuable pillar is lost in the to-be-hoped sometime Association that is not a misnomer.

But as we cannot rebuild the Association, if it needs rebuilding, which no doubt the now dominating spirits would lustily combat, and not being able to discern what particular benefits are available to the actual collectors' membership therein at this time other than a one-half dollar's cost of reading 52 times per year, worth many times that in actual value in either case, of the "organ" and a year book, inasmuch as the "Sales Department" is one of more value to dealers than collectors by very force of the present characterization of membership.

Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News is a "class" publication that is absolutely unique, and it is believed stands alone. 52 and sometimes 53 times a year the "little" paper comes to us, and it represents no doubt people in most of the civilized countries of the world. This visit costs about one-half cent per visit. The ratio of actual worth is too great to try to illustrate. Started originally to assist in

the upbuilding of a stamp concern, it was found later to be available for invaluable assistance in the upbuilding of the American Philatelic Association. Prosperity maddens some brains and leads to waste destruction and recklessness; to others it brings apparently the idea that under its cloak chicanery, duplicity and other equally disreputable things can be carried to a reaching almost without limit; while to the properly balanced and geared the principle of following the line of action only widening the rut as circumstances dictate.

Unhappily the intermediate came to the publishers of *Mekeel's*, and when the trapeze and acrobatic members got mixed up by inability to no longer keep them under the cloak, the paper was rescued by one of the former membership and also provided the opening of the schism in the Association that deprived it of being the "official" organ.

The rescuer set to work as time rolled on to build the *Weekly* up independent of its "house organ" confines. He may perhaps have received some light upon that immediate point from some suggestions and it has been claimed threats from other dealers as to discontinuance of advertising patronage or limiting thereof. In any event we have before us the successful results and a monument in stamp journalism that has no approach in its class. It is true in some respects, and sorrowfully so, that it is in a measure now a "houses" organ, owing to conditions existing in one locality whereby a certain coterie do in no small way, not only furnish week by week many of its reading columns for which in turn it very properly receives more advertising from these dealers. The same coterie seems to be likewise dominating the affairs of the A. P. A. There is therefore nothing more natural than centralization, being that much easier directed, and hence resulting in again making it the official organ, not alone of the Association but also continuing the "houses organ" of Bostonia. There is no room in *Mekeel's* for the space necessary for the "officialism" week by week. Every inch of its space is needed now and henceforth as it has been, at least to those who value the *Weekly* as they should. It is certainly inconceivable to the layman why the *Weekly* ever considered, welcomed and has consented to accept the trust. It surely cannot increase its subscription list and to a small extent it would seem decrease that list—it being assumed that a membership in the A. P. A. carries with it a copy of its own organ. It can only seem that the *Weekly*, having been built up, and anchored independently is now taking a step backward in placing itself, ostensibly at least, subservient to influences it has demonstrated it can get along without.

For reasons unknown and in any event personal to its publisher, the ERA has apparently neglected to take advantage of the opening that was laid at its feet to

STAMPS

AT

One-Half and One Cent Each.

A postal card with your name will bring you the lists by return mail.

COLUMBIAN STAMP CO.,
ARLINGTON, MASS.

upbuild itself and have become a greater force in the stampic press. It would appear between the lines from the editorial announcing the retirement from the field of strife that there had been some sort of dream that in time, as it should be, the Association would conduct and own its own Official Journal and the ERA would then be available for that long unfilled want. The loss of the "organship" should carry some increase in subscription—which however is simply the heart but not the life blood of journalism—which, while perhaps not equal numerically to the membership of the A. P. A., will financially exceed the receipts from the Association. The ERA has none the less its place in stampic journalism and it is to be hoped that it will enlarge that space and fill it by—amongst other things appearing punctually at one and the same time each week, instead of some time—a regularity that no doubt has held so firmly the patronage to the *Metropolitan Philatelist*, notwithstanding that aside from its "Washington Letter" the utterances of the dean of stampism in this country covers its principal contents.

It is to be hoped, however, that out of it all may yet come an American Collectors' Association that will stand in fact as well as in name representative of the multitude of collectors in America, transient though most of them may be, and that that Association may find it possible to maintain its own journal, presided over by its own members and published under, by and with its authority.

The writer is not unmindful of the never ending shame and lack of support by collectors of publications dealing exclusively with the affairs of their fad, fancy, pleasure or science as it may be, yet on the other hand the publishers must not be unmindful of the fact that one misrepresentation or one opportunity to bare some questionable condition or occurrence when once known, weakens if not actually prohibits their otherwise very just claim upon them for moral and financial support. Reputable dealers will not object to such a course fully lived up to during all time, and others together with their gold are a dangerous asset in any business.

When shall the stampic millenium arrive in American stampic journalism and when shall America have an association her collectors can point to with the same pride and affection they do the Stars and Stripes and

Where is their Moses?

WE HAVE MONEY

To Buy Collections, Rarities and Stocks.

We buy unused 1c and 2c stamps for mercantile use at a discount from 3 to 5 per cent. according to quantities. Higher denominations at a greater discount. [112]

UNITED STAMP COMPANY, Incorporated,
1149 Marquette Bldg., CHICAGO, ILL.

Wm. v. d. Wettern, Jr.,

WHOLESALE DEALER IN

★ **POSTAGE + STAMPS.** ★

411 W. Saratoga St., Baltimore, Md.

New special list just issued, sent free on application to dealers only.

Please mention ERA when answering ads.

Eighteenth Annual Convention of the American Philatelic Association.

(Continued from page 391.)

STOCK FUND.

Amt. in fund Aug. 8, '02,	\$1762.00
Subscriptions rec'd in Sept.,	6.00
" " " Oct.,	2.00
" " " Nov.,	7.00
" " " Dec.,	5.00
" " " Jan., '03,	8.00
" " " July,	25.00
" " " Aug.,	12.00
	<hr/> \$1827.00

INSURANCE FUND.

Receipts.

Total in fund Aug. 8, '02,	\$879.37
Deposited July 3, 1903,	126.50
" " " 14, "	27.02
	<hr/> \$1032.89

Disbursements.

1902	
77	Sept. 9, H. G. Smith, Supt. Sales Dept., \$5.67
85	Dec. 11, H. G. Smith, Supt. Sales Dept., 7.15
1903	
89	Jan. 3, C. J. McFarland, Losses, 3.20
99	John J. Oesch, Supt. Sales Dept., 25.63
	<hr/> \$41.65

Balance unexpended of amts. paid by check in excess of dues for cost of collecting such checks, \$5.60

Total in all funds, \$2916.83
Respectfully submitted,
C. L. ANNAN, Treasurer.

The Collecting Agent reported having had 6 cases reported to him of which he had collected 3.

The report of the Sales Department showed that 1182 books had been sent in and 309 had been retired. The sales for the year were \$5437.

The Boston Philatelic Society.

M. H. LOMBARD, President, Winchester, Mass.
C. F. ROTHFUCHS, Vice-President, Boston.
C. A. HOWES, Secretary, 55 Kilby St., Boston.
L. L. GREEN, Treasurer, 47 Tremont St., Boston.
J. H. LYONS, Supt. of Auctions, 9 Bromfield St., Boston.
J. H. LYONS, Supt. of Sales, 9 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass.
THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA, Official Journal.

American Philatelic Association.
(INCORPORATED.)

THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA—OFFICIAL JOURNAL

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

ALEXANDER HOLLAND, President, 40 Grace Court, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Board of Vice-Presidents.
FRANK H. BURT, Chairman, Room 1046, Tremont Building, Boston, Mass.
GORDON IRELAND, Secretary, Holyoke House st, Cambridge, Mass.
EDWIN F. SAWYER, 107 Washington St., Brighton, Mass.
H. E. DEATS, Secretary, Flemington, N. J.
E. DOEBLIN, International Secretary, Box 730, Pittsburg, Pa.
C. L. ANNAN, Treasurer, Dept. Public Works, St. Paul, Minn.
H. B. PHILLIPS, 1311 Grove St., Berkeley, Cal.
F. W. CONING, 350 George St., New Brunswick, N. J.

RESIDENT VICE-PRESIDENTS.

BOSTON, MASS.—M. H. LOMBARD, Winchester, Mass.
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.—W. E. LOY, 4432 Ellsworth St., Berkeley, Cal.
NEW YORK CITY.—W. F. GREGORY, 71 Nassau St.
PITTSBURG, PA.—E. DOEBLIN, Box 730.
CHICAGO, ILL.—A. F. MERRELL, 432 Marquette Building.
MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.—EBEN S. MARTIN, 3244 First Avenue, South.
WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS—ROBERT D. MAYNARD, 36 Oak Grove Ave., Springfield.

APPOINTEE OFFICERS.

E. H. ANDERSON, Librarian, Carnegie Library, Pittsburg, Pa.
H. D. WATSON, Collecting Agent, 64 Cedar St., New York City.
JOHN J. OESCH, Superintendent of Sales Dept., 34 Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill.
H. E. DEATS, Assistant Librarian, Flemington, N. J.
W. F. GREGORY, Auction Purchasing Agent, 71 Nassau St., New York City.
P. M. WOLSIEFFER, Auction Purchasing Agent, 1009 Atwood Bldg., Chicago, Ill.
A. W. BATCHELDER, Auction Purchasing Agent, 21 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass.

EXPERT COMMITTEE.

JOHN N. LUFF, Chairman, 18 East 23rd St., New York, N. Y.
J. M. ANDREINI, J. C. MORGENTHAU.



CLAYTON, N. Y., Aug. 11, 1903.

To the Members of the American Philatelic Association:

Your sixth Board of Vice-Presidents, elected at the Eighteenth Convention, August 11, 1903, beg leave to report that they have organized with Mr. Frank H. Burt 1st Vice-President, and Mr. Gordon Ireland as Secretary of the Board for the ensuing year.

Very respectfully,
GORDON IRELAND.

REPORT OF SECRETARY

For the Week Ending August 15, 1903.

New Stockholders.

- 1824. CONVERSE, WM. P., 44 South 12th St., Minneapolis, Minn.
- 1825. FRICK, GEORGE, 513 Sheridan Ave., Pittsburg, Pa.
- 1826. WIRTH, FRED., 2408 Bryant Ave., South, Minneapolis, Minn.
- 1827. ZUGSMITH, JOS. L., 2113 Webster Ave., Pittsburg, Pa.

Resignation Accepted.

1759. BARTELS, WALTER, Hamburg, Germany.

Change of Address.

1807. ANDERSON, J. M., from Riverside Station to 715 Seventeenth Avenue, South, Minneapolis, Minn.

Membership Summary.

Total Membership August 8th..... 560
New Stockholders..... 4

Total Membership August 15th..... 564
H. E. DEATS, Secretary.

IF YOU WISH TO

BUY, SELL OR EXCHANGE

Stamps, Desired Results can be had through

AN AD IN THE WEEKLY ERA.

The New England Philatelic Association.

Organized February, 1895.

Board of Officers:

President, CHARLES H. SMITH, Dedham, Mass.
Vice President, J. FAVILL CAPRON, 22 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass.
Secretary and Treasurer, H. W. LEGG, 26 Hancock St., Boston, Mass.
Sales Department, CHARLES H. STONE, 91 Antrim St., Cambridgeport, Mass.
Information Bureau, MRS. WALLACE DANA SMITH, 20 Wibold St., Portsmouth, N. H.
Counterfeit Detector, WILLIS D. KING, Nashua, N.H.
Attorney, HORACE S. BACON, 107 Stevens St., Lowell, Mass.
Governing Board, CHARLES H. STONE, Chairman, 91 Antrim St., Cambridgeport, Mass., JOHN J. CONE, New Dorchester, Mass., FRANK A. WILSON, 185 Highland Ave., Somerville, Mass.
Official Organ, THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA.

Please mention the ERA when writing advertisers.

The Weekly Philatelic Era

A PAPER DEVOTED TO STAMP NEWS.

50c PER YEAR.

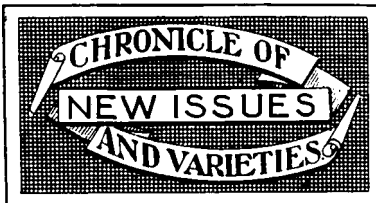
ENTERED AT PORTLAND POST OFFICE AS SECOND CLASS MATTER JAN. 10, 1890.

2c PER COPY.

VOL. XVII. No. 48.

PORTLAND, ME., SATURDAY, AUGUST 22, 1903.

WHOLE No. 536.



BY HENRY A. KIDDER.

Friends of the ERA are invited to send to the editor of this department any information regarding new issues or varieties that may prove of interest. Such information will be suitably acknowledged. Address, HENRY A. KIDDER, 17 Addison Street, Arlington, Mass.

Exchanges will please send Mr. Kidder a copy of each issue to the foregoing address, and an extra copy of the ERA will be gladly sent whenever desired.

UNITED STATES.—The Washington correspondent of the *Metropolitan Philatelist* has some interesting gossip regarding the new 2c stamp, which he says may be expected soon. He is informed that the face of Washington upon the new stamp will be Stuart's portrait facing practically full front, but with the tint lines in the engraving not so close together. The effect of a coarser engraving will be to produce a less artistic effect, but the print will be cleaner.

Mr. Franklin in *Meeke's Weekly* says the new stamp is about ready to be put upon the presses.

AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH.—The Royal Victorian Institute of Architects has adopted resolutions recording "its deep regret that the first Commonwealth postage stamps should be so utterly weak in artistic design," and also expressing "the hope that they will be withdrawn from issue, in order to prevent Australian designers being held up to ridicule."

ANTIGUA.—The 2sh 6d of the new set is in the same design as the lower values as chronicled in No. 534. The 5sh has a portrait of King Edward in the center with a crown above and surrounded by a shield shaped device and palm-leaves. All the stamps are watermarked Crown and C.C.

Adhesives (Regular):
2sh 6d red violet and black.
5sh purple and gray green.

BERMUDA.—The *Philatelic Record* is informed by a correspondent that all the remainders of the Queen's Head 1d carmine have been burned.

CANADA.—The *Philatelic Record* says the ½c stamp is to be abolished.

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.—The *American Journal of Philately* chronicles the 3d King's head stamp.

Adhesive (Regular):
3d red.

DANISH WEST INDIES.—Mr. Lohmeyer reports a new set of permanent cards, consisting of 1 and 2c, single and double, has been issued for this colony. The 1c card bears the stamp of type A5, and the inscriptions on this card are in Danish and English, a new departure, "BREVKORT. (POSTCARD.) in the first line, "(Paa denne Side skrives kun Adressen.)" in the second, and "(The address only to be written on this side.)" in the third line. The double card has the following instruction in the lower left corner of the first half, in four lines: "Vedhaengende Kort er—bestemdt til Svaret." "(The annexed card is intended—for the answer.)" and on the reply half as a second line "Svar—Reply." The border (Greek pattern) and the coat-of-arms are the same as on other Danish cards. The 2c card is a reprint of the former issue, except that the card board has been changed to a pure white.

Post Cards (Regular):
1c green on white, 90x140mm.
12xc green on white, T. 3, 90x140mm.
2c blue on white, 90x140mm.
22xc blue on white, T. 3, 90x140mm.

FRANCE.—*La Cote Reele* says that the report that it is proposed to replace the "La Semeuse" stamps by a different type is incorrect. On the contrary, the Minister of Commerce and the sub-Secretary of State for Posts and Telegraphs announces that with the briefest delay possible, all the postal bureaux in France will be supplied with stamps of the "Semeuse" type. Thus far the printers in Boulevard Brune have been able to turn out the following stamps of that type:

10c, 28,200,000 stamps.
15c, 69,900,000 stamps.
20c, 7,300,000 stamps.
25c, 30,000,000 stamps.
30c, 6,000,000 stamps.

The quantity of the reserve of the old stamps was about 242,000,000 stamps. It was expected that the old stock of 30c stamps would be exhausted early in August, of the 10c and 25c at the end of September, and of the 15c and 20c at the end of October.

GERMANY.—In continuation of our note of last week regarding varieties of the current Official stamps we are now able to give the names and numbers of 26 of the different states and institutions privileged to use these stamps. As stated last week they are 26 in number, as far as known, as follows:

- No. 1—The Duchy of Saxe-Meinnigen.
 - No. 2—The Administration of the large military orphanage at Potsdam.
 - No. 3—The Grand Duchy of Mecklenburg-Schwerin.
 - No. 4—The Grand Duchy of Mecklenburg-Strelitz.
 - No. 5—The Grand Duchy of Hesse.
 - No. 6—The Principality of Lippe-Detmold.
 - No. 7—The Principality of Schwarzburg-Rudolstadt.
 - No. 8—The Principality of Schaumburg-Lippe.
 - No. 9—The Duchy of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha.
 - No. 10—The Principality of Waldeck and Pyrmont.
 - No. 11—The Principality of Reuss, younger line.
 - No. 12—The Duchy of Anhalt-Dessau.
 - No. 13—The General Administration of the Thuringian Association of Customs and Taxes at Erfurt.
 - No. 14—The Principality of Reuss, elder line.
 - No. 15—The Grand Duchy of Saxe-Weimar.
 - No. 16—The Grand Duchy of Bade.
 - No. 17—The Thuringian Provincial Court at Jena.
 - No. 18—The Solicitor-General's office at this Court (No. 17).
 - No. 19—The Officers of the Governor of Alsace-Lorraine.
 - No. 20—The Committee of the Grand Ducal and Ducal Saxon University at Jena.
 - No. 21—The Kingdom of Prussia.
 - No. 22—The Principality of Schwarzburg-Vonderhausen.
 - No. 23—The Grand Duchy of Oldenburg.
 - No. 24—The State of Bremen.
 - No. 25—The Duchy of Saxe-Altenburg.
 - No. 26—The Duchy of Brunswick.
- Possibly there are others also. The Columbian Stamp Co., Arlington, Mass., has shown us copies of the 25pf No. 21, with different colored centres from deep orange to yellow. The difference is quite striking in some cases.

CHAPTER XLIX.

Steady Growth

in all directions characterizes

OSGOOD'S FAMOUS BIG SELECTIONS.

Each new book is better than its predecessor.
References.
20c olive Canada Queen's Head..... 10c
Precancels bought and sold.

D. W. OSGOOD,
ALAMOSA, Conejos Co., COLO.
[To be Continued.]

L. N. HERBERT,

1520 Washington Ave., NEW YORK.

Want Lists in U. S. and
Br. Colonies a Specialty.

Highest prices paid for collections; the larger the
better. Address as above.

Are you thinking of Sell-
ing your stamps at Auctions?
If so write us.

Now is the time to make dates
for next season.

CHAS. H. STONE & CO.,

19 Washington St., BOSTON, MASS.

Since writing the above we learn from the *Philatelic Record* that there are 30 different numbers in the official states, though no additional names are given.

HUNGARY.—*Der Philatelist* states that a set of Unpaid letter stamps for the kingdom was put in circulation Aug. 1. The denominations are 3, 5, 10, 20 and 50 filler. The shape is the same as the Italian Unpaid letter stamps, the frame being in green and the centre in red on white. We will allow the more formal chronicle to await more definite information.

HONG KONG.—Mr. F. P. Brown has received the 2, 4, 5, 10 and 20c of the new set.

INDIA.—Mr. Lohmeyer reports having received the new King's head type Inland cards of quarter anna, single and double.

Post Cards (Regular):

½ anna, brown on cream, 74x121mm.
¼x½ a brown on cream, T. 3, 74x121mm.

ITALY.—Mr. Charles de Grave Sells sends us a copy of the new Official card, chronicled by Mr. Lohmeyer in No. 531.

Der Philatelist chronicles a new surcharge for use in Albania, the 5c current stamp being overprinted "10 Para 10" in black. To this the *Monthly Journal* adds the 35 paras and 40 paras, both surcharged in black.

Adhesives (Regular):

Italian Offices in Albania.
10 paras on 5c green.
35p on 20c orange.
40p on 25c blue.

LEEWARD ISLANDS.—The following is abridged from the *Leeward Islands Gazette* of July 2, 1903:

At a meeting of the Executive Council

of the Leeward Islands, held at Government House, Antigua, June 29, 1903, in accordance with Section 3, of the Leeward Islands General Stamp Act of 1890, providing for a uniform stamp or stamps for use throughout the colony, and also providing at the same time that the Governor may from time to time direct that a special stamp or stamps may be used in each or any Presidency concurrently with the uniform stamp or stamps aforesaid, if ordered by the Governor in Council:

That on and after July 3, 1903, special stamps may be used in the Presidencies of Antigua, St. Christopher-Nevis, Dominica and Montserrat, concurrently with the uniform stamps now in use throughout the colony of the Leeward Islands.

The values of these special stamps shall be ½d, 1d, 2d, 2½d, 3d, 6d, 1sh, 2sh, 2sh 6d and 5sh adhesive stamps; ½d and 1d single and 2d reply post cards; ½d and 1d wrappers, and 1d, 2½d and registration envelopes large and small.

The design for the special stamps for Antigua shall be the same as on the public seal of the Presidency, except the 5sh which shall bear the portrait of King Edward.

The design of the special stamps of St. Christopher-Nevis shall be: For the ½d, 2d, 2½d, 6d, 1sh and 2sh 6d values the picture of Columbus sighting land, from the public seal of the Presidency. For the 1d, 3d, 2sh and 5sh values the design shall be the group emblematic of the Sulphur Bath of Nevis, also taken from the public seal of the Presidency.

The design of the special stamps for Dominica shall show a view of Dominica from the sea, except the 5sh which shall bear a portrait of King Edward.

The design of the special stamps of Montserrat shall be the central figure from the public seal of the Presidency, except the 5sh, which shall bear a portrait of King Edward.

The post cards, wrappers and envelopes shall bear designs similar to those of the minor values of postage stamps.

Ewen's Weekly says that a circular letter has been issued by the Crown Agents, asking for bids before Aug. 10, 1903, for the remainders of all Victorian postage and revenue stamps, post cards, wrappers and envelopes, remaining in the hands of the Leeward Islands Government. The stamps have not been demonetized and could not be sold at less than their face value. The stamps were in the Colony, and as the dies from which they were manufactured have been destroyed, no further supplies can be printed. All the postage stamps are watermarked Crown and C.A. The number and variety offered were as follows:

111,073	½d stamps, green and mauve.
13,267	1d stamps, carmine and mauve.
7,523	2½d stamps, blue and mauve.
55,165	4d stamps, orange and mauve.
21,850	6d stamps, brown and mauve.
27,927	7d stamps, gray and mauve.

Straits Settlements \$5 Queen, mint, (a scarce stamp)	\$3.60
New Zealand 2sh on Laid paper, (1903)	1.40
Ceylon, Queen, 1½r rose . . . . .	.70
2¼r blue	1.05
Persia 1901, 5kr on 50, No. 166, (used) . . . . .	.62
1901, 5kr on 50, No. 182, used	1.05
1902, set cancelled, Nos. 167 to 179, only	5.60
1903, set of 10, 1ch to 5kr, used	1.40

FRANK P. BROWN,

339 Washington St., BOSTON, MASS.

STAMPS

AT

One-Half and One Cent Each.

A postal card with your name will bring you the lists by return mail.

COLUMBIAN STAMP CO.,
ARLINGTON, MASS.

28,163	1sh stamps, carmine and green.
13,171	5sh stamps, blue and green.
1,831	1d post cards, carmine.
1,082	1½d post cards, brown.
839	2d reply cards, carmine.
1,294	3d reply cards, brown.
240	½d wrappers, green.
12,987	1d wrappers, carmine.
18,509	1d envelopes, embossed pink.
17,804	2½d envelopes, embossed light blue.
383	2½d registration envelopes.
398	3d registration envelopes.

NORWAY.—Mr. Lohmeyer has received a set of 3 and 5 ore single and double cards with the instructions, "(Paa denne Side skrives kun Adresen.);" changed to "(Paa denne side skrives kun adressen:)" with only one capital letter, "P".

Post Cards (Regular):

3 ore, orange on white, 90x140mm.
3x3 ore, orange on white, T. 3, 90x140mm.
5 ore, green on white, 90x140mm.
5x5 ore, green on white, T. 3, 90x140mm.

RHODESIA.—Mr. Lohmeyer reports having received a half-penny postal card, issued July 1, for use in Rhodesia, to the Cape Colony, Transvaal, Orange River Colony and the Bechuanaland Protectorate. It is printed in blue green on a thick white cardboard. The stamp, in the upper right corner, resembles type Ag, and the inscriptions in the upper center are "RHODESIA," on a slightly curved tablet, and under this a design, consisting of "POST (Arms) CARD", the words being on a ribbon scroll. Below this design are the usual instructions "THE ADDRESS TO BE WRITTEN ON THIS SIDE."

Post Cards (Regular):

½d blue-green on white, 85x140mm.

SERVIA.—We are indebted to Mr. William B. Hale for a clipping giving an illustration and description of the new stamps which thus far have only been issued in a surcharged condition. This illustration confirms the opinion that the

Special Summer Bargains.

U. S. STAMPED ENVELOPES.

Cat. No.	CUT SQUARE.	Cat. Price.	My Price for 1.17.	2. d.	3rd.
1389	3c green on cream	\$0.20	\$0.15	\$0.07	\$0.03
1389	1c used "	.05	.05	.03	.01
1397	6c carm. "	.75	.50	.75	..
1397	12c plum "	4.00	1.75	..	..
1397	15c orange "	6.00	3.25	..	..
1393	24c purple "	5.00	2.75	..	..
1394	3c black "	7.50	4.00	..	..
1395	90c carm. "	5.00	2.40	..	..
1396	1c blue on orange	.50	.20	.15	..
1396	1c used "	.10	.07	.05	.03
1397	2c brown on orange	.25	.25	.05	.04
1398	1874, 1c blue on white	3.50	2.00	1.75	.75
1398	1c, die A, used, white	3.00	1.75	1.00	..
1399	1c dark blue, die B	2.50	1.00	..	..

All are unused unless described as U or used. 1st are extra fine copies with large margins. 2nd are in good condition with fair margins, but not large enough to cover the whole space in the latest International Album, but as large as the envelopes in most collections. 3rd are cut round or to shape.

Postage extra on orders under \$1.00. Please remit by Bills or Money Order. Special! Any envelope not entirely satisfactory can be returned within two days after receipt and money will be promptly refunded if so desired.

G. F. ROTHFUCHS 38 Monroe St., ROXBURY, MASS.

PEELABLE HINGES

NOT ENGLISH		NOT GERMAN
1000 12c.		5000 50c.
POST FREE		POST FREE
STRONG PAPER—TASTELESS GUM		
W. F. GREGORY, 66 NASSAU ST., NEW YORK.		

new set would have been the handsomest set ever issued by that unhappy country.

Mr. William E. Ault of Jeffersonville, Ind., informs us that he has Scott's No. 44, 10p rose, 1894-96, a horizontal pair, imperforate between.

Mr. Lohmeyer reports having received the 10 para letter card, overprinted with the Servian arms in blue, completing the provisional set.

Letter Card (Provisional):
10 para, carmine and blue on pale rose, perf. T. III, 80x130mm.

SIERRA LEONE.—We are now able to chronicle the 1d King's head announced in No. 528, as issued in May. It is of the usual colonial type.

Adhesive (Regular):
1d purple and rose.

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.—The 1c cards of the King's head type have come to hand, new Colonial type.

Post Cards (Regular):
1c green on cream, 74x121mm.
12c green on cream, T. 3, 74x121mm.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.—Mr. Lohmeyer is indebted to Mr. Foulon for a copy of a new 1d card, printed, locally, from the 1879 plate, type P.C. 2, in dark blue on a cream colored card board. By the same mail which brought this card from Brussels he received from his regular correspondents at Perth, W. Australia, the following message, written on the 1/2d, brown on white, card: "This card, with a 1/2d stamp attached by the post office, is used at present for a 1d card. At the same time we do not think the 1d blue is withdrawn, and could be obtained at some of the post offices. The 1 1/2d on 3d green is still obtainable. We know nothing of a 1 1/2d brown."

Post Card (Regular):
1d dark blue on cream, 73x120mm.

Eighteenth Annual Convention of the American Philatelic Association.

(Continued from page 396.)

SECOND DAY.

The second session of the Convention opened Wednesday morning. The Index Committee presented their first annual report which brought out considerable discussion. A copy of the report will appear later.

The Secretary reported that the Directors had organized with the choice of the following officers:

- President—Alex. Holland.
- Vice-Presidents—F. H. Burt, W. O. Wylie, Gordon Ireland.
- Secretary—D. T. Eaton.
- Treasurer—C. L. Annan.
- International Secretary—E. Doebelin.
- Directors—H. B. Phillips, F. W. Coning.

The Committee on Official Journal reported that they had received three offers from publishers; the *Perforator* offering to send the paper to all members for the lump sum of \$100 per year; the *Philatelic World* offering to publish reports free and to give twenty copies to the Secretary, or to charge 25 cents per running inch for all official matter published and to send the paper free to all members; and from *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News* offering to furnish the paper for the sum of 25 cents for each member and 50 cents for each foreign member. The Committee recommended the acceptance of the latter offer and it was unanimously voted to adopt their report. This will take effect Sept. 1.

Nominations for the place of the next Convention resulted in the naming of numerous cities scattered from Portland, Maine, to San Francisco, Cal. The roll call resulted as follows:

Pittsburgh,	252
Minneapolis,	87
Saint Louis,	8
Chicago,	1

On motion of Mr. Martin of Minneapolis, Pittsburgh was made the unanimous choice. The date was fixed as the second Tuesday in August.

Numerous changes in the By-Laws were reported by that Committee and adopted by the Convention. It was found that the article defining the duties of officers was sadly in need of revision and a general rearrangement of the sections was made together with additions of several new ones defining the duties of the various standing committees, which, while they have been in existence for some time, have never had their functions formally defined by the By-Laws.

The office of Counterfeit Detector was restored to the list and he is entitled to make a charge of five cents for each specimen submitted to him for his opinion, a minimum charge of 25 cents being made if

POSTAL CARD CATALOGUE, 1903.

The only catalogue for Card Collectors, to be issued this Fall, is Senf's (German), and I will have them in stock as soon as issued.

PRICE 35c POSTPAID. As the issue will be limited, I would advise collectors to send me their order, accompanied by remittance, without delay.

ADOLPH LOHMEYER, 922 N. Gilmor Street, Baltimore, Md.

THE JUNIOR

BETHLEHEM, PENNSYLVANIA, wants 10,000 more subscribers and to secure them quickly offers a trial subscription of one full year for 25 cents, and to each new subscriber who will send the names and addresses of two or more stamp collectors there will be sent a number of unused stamps to the catalogue value of 25 cents. THE JUNIOR has an excellent Stamp Department.

less than five stamps are submitted at any one time. He is not required to express his opinion on stamps that can be plated, nor on surcharges, or in extremely doubtful cases which in his opinion should be referred to the Expert Committee.

The Directors announced the following appointments of officers and committees: Librarian—E. H. Anderson, Pittsburg. Assistant Librarian—H. E. Deats, Flemington, N. J. Attorney - H. D. Watson, New York. Sales Superintendent—J. J. Oesch, Chicago.

Examiner Sales Books—H. D. Wolseley, Chicago. Auction Purchasing Agents—W. F. Gregory, New York; W. O. Staab, Chicago; A. W. Batchelder, Boston.

Index Committee—Wm. C. Stone, J. W. Prevost, J. D. Bartlett, Springfield, Mass. Obituary Committee—F. H. Burt, E. M. Carpenter, L. L. Green, Boston, Mass. Expert Committee—J. N. Luff, J. M. Andreini, J. M. Morgenthau, New York. Literature Committee—Wm. C. Stone, E. R. Aldrich, W. E. Loy.

Membership Committee—Eben S. Martin, W. L. Downing, J. W. Smith, Minneapolis.

As will be seen by the above list the title of the Collecting Agent was changed to Attorney, as he is now charged with more or less legal work in connection with collecting evidence of frauds and counterfeiters.

The Committee on Standing Rules was stricken from the list as its duties have been purely nominal and its functions are completely covered by the By-Laws Committee. Suitable resolutions were adopted thanking the officers of the past year and especially the retiring Secretary, H. E. Deats.

Appropriations were made for the use of the Index and Membership Committees and the Directors were instructed to ascertain the cost of a die for striking an Association medal for awards at exhibitions and competitions.

The motion for the final adjournment was made as usual by the writer who hopes the readers of the ERA will pardon the scrappy appearance of this report which has been compiled between times and with only scanty notes.

WILLIAM C. STONE.

THE Weekly Philatelic Era.

W. W. JEWETT, - Editor and Publisher.

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

U. S., Canada or Mexico, 50c. per year.
To other countries in Postal Union, \$1.00 per year.

All subscriptions MUST commence with current number. Back numbers cannot be supplied at subscription rates.

ADVERTISING RATES:

60c per inch on Transient Advertisements.
100 inches to be used within one year, 50c per inch.

Special Rates quoted on application on 200 inches or over; also on large ads of a page or more.

PUBLICATION OFFICE,

502 Congress St., Portland, Me.

YOUR SUBSCRIPTION EXPIRES with this issue if a (X) appears in the margin opposite this paragraph. The paper is not *absolutely* discontinued on the expiration of subscriptions, unless expressly so ordered. We shall highly appreciate an early renewal from you, or an order to have your paper discontinued.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS. In notifying us of any change of address subscribers should be sure to give their *old* as well as *new* address

Notes and Comment.

Mr. F. W. Coning, a Director of the American Philatelic Association, informs us of the loss by death of his father on the 11th inst. at Maryville, Tenn. Mr. Coning was called to Maryville by the illness of his parent before the date of the Clayton Convention, which made it impossible for him to attend as intended. He will return to New Jersey about Sept. 1, and will then attend to his accumulated correspondence.

Mr. Coning has the sympathy of a wide circle of friends in his hour of affliction.

Mr. "Will" Stone called on "the editor in his sanctum" on Thursday afternoon of this week. He is returning home from the Clayton Convention, after visiting in Montreal, via Portland. On the same train into this city were Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Bogert of Brooklyn with their two daughters, Miss Helen Bogert and Miss Charlotte Bogert, who are likewise returning from Clayton via Montreal, Quebec, the White Mountains and Portland by rail and from here by steamer to New York.

Our attention was called at a late moment last week to the advertisement of

IF YOU CAN'T AFFORD

to buy the high value U. S. Columbian stamps, why not buy a set of

CARD-BOARD PROOFS?

Complete Columbian Set, 1c to \$5.00,

Fine and Beautiful,

ONLY \$5.00.

NEW ENGLAND STAMP CO.,

9 and 21 Bromfield St., BOSTON, MASS.

W. C. Phillips which had been appearing in the ERA and other papers. It was asserted that the "Stamp Cat. \$1.25" offered free was not the No. 1 Tobago advertised but a pen cancelled fiscal of same type but on paper with C. A. watermark. Mr. Phillips writes us that he was misled in the matter having bought a quantity of them for the No. 1 stamp. He regrets the occasion and releases all who answered the ad from their agreement as per offer.

* * *

Mr. Frank P. Brown favors the ERA with specimens of the new Montserrat stamps, the values of the series he reports are the same as Nevis and Antigua, all of a new design (which we will illustrate next week) except the 5sh which is of large size and with portrait of King Edward.

Chicago Notes.

Mr. L. T. Brodstone dropped into town last week, where he will stay till the Convention is over.

The next meeting of the C. P. S. promises to be an unusually large one. Messrs. Allin, Oesch, Arndt, L. Michael and Dodd, who have been enjoying vacations away from the city have all returned. Mr. Wolsieffer is still in the East, where he will remain for a short time.

While the writer was in the offices of the United Stamp Co. last week, Mr. Masoth showed the new set of Aitutaki, which consists of six stamps, surcharged on New Zealand similar to the stamps of Niue and Penrhyn.

The chief feature of the last meeting of the C. P. S. was the exhibition of the fine unused collection of Mr. Otto von Schaezler, which was arranged in linen stock books, according to the countries he collects. Every stamp in his collection has the original gum, while a large proportion are unacquainted with a hinge.

E. C. Dodd shows beautiful copies of the 5 and 10 cent 1851-56, also a pair of 10c 1847, all with full gum, which were in a U. S. collection he recently acquired.

CLIFFORD.

The Boston Philatelic Society.

M. H. LOMBARD, President, Winchester, Mass.
C. F. ROTHFUCHS, Vice-President, Boston.
C. A. HOWES, Secretary, 55 Kilby St., Boston.
L. L. GREEN, Treasurer, 47 Tremont St., Boston.
J. H. LYONS, Supt. of Auctions, 9 Bromfield St., Boston.
J. H. LYONS, Supt. of Sales, 9 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass.
THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA, Official Journal.

BRITISH NEW GUINEA.

No. 1	½p green and black, new.....	\$0.22
2	1p carmine " " ".....	.04
3	2p violet " " ".....	.07
4	2½p blue " " ".....	.08
5	4p brown " " ".....	.12
6	6p green " " ".....	.15
7	1sh vermilion and black, new.....	.35

CEYLON.

87	4c lilac rose, new.....	.10
89	8c orange, " ".....	.15
140	2c on 4c rose, " ".....	.04
145	3c on 28c gray, new.....	.08

CYPRUS.

18	½pi green, new.....	.03
20	30pa violet, new.....	.06
31	½pi green and carmine, new.....	.03

DOMINICA.

13	½p on 6p green, new.....	.47
15	1p on 1sh lilac rose, new.....	.30
17	½p green, new.....	.05
18	1p violet, " ".....	.08
19	1p carmine, " ".....	.08
21	2½p ultramarine, new.....	.23
22	4p gray, new.....	.35

D. T. EATON, MUSCATINE, IOWA.

I really prefer to send stamps on approval—then the customer sees just what he is buying and is sure to be satisfied. I have sent out recently:

Antigua sets to 5sh.
Nevis sets to 5sh.
Orange River sets to 1sh.
Hong Kong 2, 4, 5, 10c.
Aitutaki sets to 1sh.
New Zealand, perf. 11 (including the very rare 2sh on laid).

On most of these I was FIRST.

I want YOU for a customer, too!

WHY NOT WRITE ME!

FRANK P. BROWN,
339 Washington St., BOSTON, MASS.

P. S. If you want Zanzibar, cancelled sets, I have them as cheap as anybody.
W. N. W. M.!

Please mention ERA when answering ads.

60% Discount.

Fill Your Spaces
while you have
the chance.

Send For Our Large List.

E. F. GAMBS CO.,

P. O. Box 2631, SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

FOUR BARGAINS FOR \$2.00.

(1) 12 unused, o. g., foreign postage stamps, all different, cat. \$3.27 only 50c, *post free*.

(2) 48 varieties foreign envelopes, cut square, cat. \$3.37, only 79c, *post free*.

(3) 21 varieties of Civil War, perforated revenues, cat. 82c only 27c, *post free*.

(4) 12 varieties U. S. envelopes unused, cut square, cat. \$2.23 only 52c, *post free*.

All four big bargains, cat. \$9.69, for \$2.00 *post free*. If buying write us. We can save you money.

HOLTON STAMP CO.,
60 Devonshire St., Boston, Mass.

"A WORD TO YOU."

Are you collecting stamps from the British Colonies? If so, would you like to add quite a lot to your collection without paying big prices for same? If you do, then here is your chance. My

PACKET No. 33

contains 500 different postage stamps, collected from British Colonies only, many rare ones included. It catalogues many times the price, - \$15.00.

Positively the biggest value for the money.
THEO. MAINHART, JOHNSTOWN, PA.

**HAVE YOUR CHOICE
AT
2c Each.**

Numbers Refer to Scott's 62nd Catalogue.

Argentine Rep. 100, 139; Austria 62, 83, 240, 251; Austria Levant 1050, 1024; Barbados 79; Belgium 59, 61, 206; Bermuda 22; Bolivia 49, 50; Brazil 23, 90, 123; Br.-Guiana 148; Br. Honduras 38, 43; Bulgaria 38, 45; Cape Good Hope 48, 49, 55; Cape Verde 4, 12; Ceylon 129, 149, 309, 312; Chill 27, 28, 434; China 68; Col. Rep. 153, 200, 274, 307, 414; Antioquia 133, 134, 135, 136; Panama 15; Congo 26; Corea 6, 7; Costa Rica 46; Cuba 59, 91, 140, 227, 231; D. W. Indies 5; Dom. Rep. 91, 98, 103, 129; Dutch Indies 28, 29, 32; Curaçoa 2; Ecuador 27; Finland 67; France 118; Levant 1201, 1202; Colony 5; Germany 57, 61, 64, 75; So. District 61; Gt. Britain 11, 31, 117, 120, 137, 138, 1108; Greece 20, 174; Hawaii 47, 59, 57, 74, 75, 81, 82; Hayti 14, 59, 66; Honduras 98, 156; Hong Kong 43; Hungary 58; India 47, 43; Italy 64; Japan 83, 104; Mauritius 84, 108; Mexico 61, 219, 220, 245, 246, 251, 252, 299, 301; Morocco-German 710; Mozambique Co. 4, 5, 6; Natal 82; New Brunswick 11; New South Wales 82; Netherlands 82, 84, 118, 119; Newfoundland 63; Nicaragua 101, 101a, 104, 114, 115, 116; Norway 21; Nyassa 28; Paraguay 58; Persia 87, 93, 110, 124; Peru 145; Porto Rico 26, 58, 59, 155; Roumania 126, 211; Reunion 17, 32; St. Pierre Miquelon 46, 49; St. Vincent 40, 42, 62; Sarawak 21; Saxony 15, 19; St. Settlements 75, 90; Malay 15; Sweden 26; Togo 1; Transvaal 216; Turkey 74; Venezuela 39, 40, 41, 42, 76, 90, 118; Western Australia 74, 75; Zanzibar 50.

ECONOMIST STAMP CO.,

2113 Third Ave., NEW YORK CITY.

GUATEMALA.

Complete Sets, Used, 1902 Issue.
1c to \$2.00 Postally Cancelled,
ONLY \$1.00.

PERRIN & CO.,

106 East 23rd St., NEW YORK, N. Y.
Headquarters for Unused Current Guatemala at wholesale.

**ICELAND
100 aur I GILDI**

THE RARE ONE!

A few Fine Mint Copies, \$2.00 Each.

Remittance returned if sold.

J. M. BARTELS CO., BOSTON, MASS.

Boston Bits • •

BY HENRY A. KIDDER.

Two more signatures of the advance sheets of the new catalogue have come to hand bringing the list down to the opening of British Honduras. By omitting all foreign envelopes and wrappers there has been a saving in the four signatures thus far issued of over six pages. The advisability of the omission may be questioned, but in this the cataloguers are following the example of Kohl and others. Stanley Gibbons and Senf have already separated the stamps from the stationery. In the Confederate States the only changes in either locals or general issue are slight advances in unused copies of Nos. 205 and 212. Afghanistan is unchanged throughout but in Abyssinia the 4g, 8g and 16g Unpaid, without surcharge, are given a place. In Angola there have been changes both ways, in some cases the price is cut in halves; but 40r blue, No. 5, is raised to \$1.75; the 300r orange, No. 24, is priced \$1.25 used or unused, and No. 37 unpriced in the 62nd is put at \$5 unused and \$3.75 used. The 1902 surcharges are given a place in full at about the usual prices, except the 400r on 20r rose of the issue of 1886, which is priced at \$6 unused. Some of the low values of Angra 1892-93 are advanced, but otherwise that country, Anjouan and Annam and Tonkin are unchanged. The same is true of Antigua except that No. 1 is priced \$8 instead of \$7. In early Argentine the most striking change is the advance of No. 17 to \$10 unused and \$8 used, just double its former price. Most of the rarer stamps are raised somewhat in price, while Nos. 47 and 48 are priced used for the first time, 35c and 75c respectively. The 1p deep blue of 1891 is deemed worth double, or \$3 in unused state against \$1.50 a year ago. Other changes are not so marked but almost invariably upwards. The 5p dark blue, No. 105, is priced unused at \$6. "Australian Commonwealth" is a new title in the book but the only stamps appearing thereunder, are the two sets of postage due stamps in the N. S. W. type, the last

A FEW BARGAINS.

Scott No.		Cat. Price.	Our Price
104	Grenada, 1p on 2 bistre.....	\$0.70	\$0.45
3	Guatemala 1871, 1cc blue, new....	.35	.17
14	" 1878, 1p, unused.....	.30	.14
20	Hamburg 45 green, unused.....	.25	.11
53	Hong Kong 1897, \$1 on 96c black..	.35	.16
25	" 1876, 10c on 12c.....	.75	.35
20	" 1863, 96c gray.....	1.00	.45
5	Horta 1892, 50r blue, unused.....	.25	.12
7	" 75r carmine, unused ..	.25	.13

UNITED STAMP CO., 1149 Marquette, Chicago.

N. B. Our Bargain List No. 6 is now out.

UNUSED ICELAND.

No. 1	25 ultramarine, well centered	\$2.00
1	25 " " fairly "	1.60
5	35 gray.....	.85
2	45 dark carmine.....	.12
6	45 carmine, perf. 12½.....	1.50
3	85 brown.....	.60
7	165 yellow, perf. 12½.....	.50
4	10s.....	2.00
9	5a blue.....	1.00
13	20a dark violet.....	.40
14	40a yellow green.....	.70
52	45 green, Official.....	.15
53	85 red lilac.....	1.90
1902	3 light orange.....	.15
"	" " ".....	.45
"	" " ".....	.12
"	" " ".....	.40
"	" " ".....	.12
"	" " ".....	.12
"	" " ".....	.40
No. 7	Imperf. on 16.....	1.60

Also just received some Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Finland, used Iceland, etc., etc.

**J. T. STARR STAMP COMPANY,
COLDWATER, MICH.**

with the white space at the bottom filled in. In Austria there is evidently an effort to make catalogue values compare more nearly to market values than has hitherto been the case. Therefore in the early years the cheaper stamps are advanced in many cases, sometimes for used and often for unused copies. The 50kr light brown of 1877, No. 40, jumps from 75c to \$2 for an unused copy, while in small type appears a variety in pale red brown, priced at \$2 and 50c. In the 1890 and 1891 sets nearly all the kreuzer values are priced higher for unused copies. The 1900 Unpaid letter stamps are priced in used form throughout. Under Azores, No. 16 is raised to \$10 and Nos. 26, 27, 28 and 29 are also much higher, the latter being now priced at \$8 either used or unused. In Bahamas, No. 6, hitherto unpriced unused, is put at \$35 and No. 18 is raised to \$15 in the same condition. No. 38 Barbados is now priced at \$10 and \$5, against \$7.50 and \$4.50 last year. No. 43, used, is raised to \$13, ominous number, and there are several stamps priced at \$11 or \$14,—pretty close figuring! The 1m Bavaria, No. 44, is raised 20 per cent. to \$60 and 30c, this being the principal change in this country though slight advances are made in the cheaper used stamps. British Bechuanaland, Bechuanaland Protectorate and British Protectorate are united, a great improvement. Prices are little changed. No. 8 Belgium, unused, is raised to \$30; No. 28 to \$12, also unused, and No. 31a is priced for the first time, \$4 and 15c. Nos. 204 and 205 of the Postal Packet stamps are also now

Mekeel's Stamp Collector

PUBLISHED WEEKLY.

FULL of information and news valuable to stamp collectors.

Once a month large magazine editions are issued. Over one thousand pages guaranteed during the year.

Subscription \$1.00 per year. (On trial for three months, 25 cents.) No stamp man can afford to be without it. Volume sixteen commenced January 1, 1903.

C. H. Mekeel Stamp and Publishing Co.

St. Louis, Mo.

Twentieth Century Stamps.

Packet No. 1

25 UNUSED STAMPS

from Bermuda, Finland, Hong Kong, Etc.

Price 25c. Postage Extra.

This is the first of a series of packets containing only unused stamps issued since January 1, 1901, and excellent value for the money.

COLUMBIAN STAMP CO.,
ARLINGTON, MASS.

Warning!

We have just received notice that the American Collectors Co., owner of the Scott Stamp and Coin Co. and the New England Stamp Co. have issued advance sheets of their 63rd Catalogue in which the prices on U. S. Envelopes have been materially reduced. No dealer in the country, as far as we can learn, knew of the proposed cut in Envelopes except the above mentioned firms, who have of late advertised U. S. Envelopes at what seemed to be attractive prices as they called attention to the 62nd Catalogue.

How can a catalogue be "Standard" if made up without the consultation of principal dealers?

U. S. Envelopes are worth as much as last year and the demand is better and we believe the reduction in prices to be unwarranted and injurious to both collector and dealer. Send for selections on approval marked at new prices. Now is the time to buy.

Holton Stamp Co., 62 Devonshire St., Boston.

Stamps at Vacation Prices.

Germany 1900, 30, 40,		Tunis Nos. 1 and 2, \$0.03	
50, 80p,	\$0.04	No. 3,	.07
1900, 1 mark,	.06	" 4,	.05
" 2 "	.08	" 5, 0. g.,	.13
" 3 "	.15	" 6,	.15
" 4 "	.20	" 7,	.15
Netherlands 1888, 12,	.05	" 9, 10, 11, 12, 13,	.05
1896, 50c,	.08	" 14,	.02
" 1g,	.07	" 15,	.05
1898, 1g,	.07	" 16,	.25
1899, 25 and 50c,	.02	" 18,	.12
Bavaria 1862, 12kr,	.17	" 19,	.75
1864, 18kr,	.37	" 23, 24, 25,	.06
1900, 30pf,	.02	Port. Indies 1882, set	
" 40pf,	.02	of 7, 0. g.,	.15
Satisfaction guaranteed.		Postage extra.	

E. C. DODD,

259 So. Hermitage Ave., CHICAGO, ILL.

priced unused at \$2 and \$3 respectively. The 1899 surcharges of Bolivia, Nos. 55 to 59, are priced at good figures unused and the 5c and 10c at 50c each used. Under Bosnia the most striking advance is No. 102, 25n dark purple raised to \$2 unused. There are many advances in early Brazil, both used and unused being affected. No. 49 British Central Africa is now priced unused at \$5, and the unused \$1 green, No. 13, of British Columbia appears priced for the first time at \$50. The most marked changes under British East Africa is the pricing of the rupee values of 1898 for the first time, each rupee value being given \$1 catalogue value for Nos. 103 to 106. On the whole the tendency of prices is upwards, and this fact will no doubt be agreeable to those collectors who get rich each time a new catalogue is issued by marking up their stamps.

The July number of the *Philatelic Journal of Great Britain* has a fine portrait

and appreciative sketch of Mr. John N. Luff, a recognized authority on philatelic matters on both sides of the ocean.

English dealers and collectors are agitating the establishment of a "white list" which shall include only the names of such people as have been rigidly investigated and found worthy. This is the suggestion of the *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly*. The *World's Work* goes a step further and suggests copying in effect the system of the French *couturiers* who have a "white list" for prompt paying customers of assured fortune; a "yellow list" for less fortunate clients who need dunning from time to time, and a black list for insolvents and beats.

Mr. H. E. Deats, the retiring Secretary of the American Philatelic Association, was in Boston the first half of the week, having returned from Clayton, Sunday, with Mr. and Mrs. Batchelder, by whom he was entertained at their summer home at Marblehead. Mr. Deats expressed himself as very well satisfied with the Convention and the work accomplished. Two important matters upon which action were taken was the examination of counterfeits and the better regulation of the Sales Department. The office of Counterfeit Detector was re-established, and it was provided that stamps should be examined for 5c each, the minimum fee being 25c. Mr. George L. Toppan was appointed to the office. Hereafter the Superintendent of Sales Department will have full power to conduct the department, and to refuse books or to send selections to members. An Examiner of Sales Books will pass upon books before they are placed in the Sales Department, and members will no longer be allowed to write their personal opinions upon the books, often mistaken, and to the pecuniary injury of members.

Mr. Deats is particularly interested as a collector in Telegraph stamps, but as side issues is also looking after Carrier's, Postmasters' and Confederate stamps. With Mr. Luff he is plating the 5c New York, and with the same gentleman is preparing a work on Confederate stamps. He obtained some choice specimens in Boston, before he returned to New York, Wednesday night.

Mr. Harry W. Legg returned from Clayton Sunday and agrees with the other pilgrims that it was one of the most social and enjoyable conventions on record.

Mr. and Mrs. Sawyer, Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter, Mr. and Mrs. Bogert and the Misses Bogert, Mr. Luff, Mr. Bartels and Mr. Ireland went from Clayton to Quebec and were to spend several days there and in the White Mountains.

Mr. B. L. Drew was also in attendance

at the Convention though he did not go with the Boston party. He will take a trip to Chicago and the West before returning.

Boston was better represented than any other section at the Convention.

Mr. Frank P. Brown has returned from his vacation well tanned by sun and wind, and Miss Ellinwood, his assistant, is now taking her vacation in Maine.

Mr. H. S. Hernan, formerly with the Boston Stamp Co., will hereafter be with the New England Stamp Co. By mistake Mr. Hernan was reported suspended from the A. P. A. in No. 534 of the ERA.

Mr. F. Putney, Jr., and Mr. W. H. Colson of the New England Stamp Co. are taking their vacations this week. Misses Lord, Hamilton, Lyman, Marston and Olive Norton are also enjoying summer outings, while Miss Wilson, Miss E. Norton and Miss Hoppy have returned to their duties. Miss Stearns, the efficient assistant in the Bromfield street store, has returned from a pleasant fortnight spent at Green Harbor, on the Marshfield shore.

TRADE COLUMN.

Under this head we will print exchange, want and for sale notices, business announcements, 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.

One-four-line notice free with each subscription, providing copy accompanies the subscription.

THREE Consecutive Insertions of SAME ad in this Column for PRICE OF TWO.

\$1.50 in fine stamps for tags. \$1.00 in stamps or 30 cents cash for 100 Am. Cigar bands. ED M. VOSS, Bloomington, Ind. [40]

Rock Bottom Prices, U. S. Revenue and Postage. Wholesale rates. Price list free. KING, 141 East 19th St., New York City. [38]

1500 mixed Mexico, postage or revenue, only \$1.00 in U. S. Bank Note, and 8c in stamps. FELIPE NAVEDA, Urbina 8, Toluca City, Mexico. [37]

100 var. stamps, perfect copies, only 6c. WM. E. AULT, Jeffersonville, Ind. [37]

Is your collection for sale? Get your dealer to make a price on it, add 20c to his offer, and send book to me. It's to to 1 buy it. F. W. PICKARD, 2427 Ingleside, Cincinnati, O. [17]

Harris celebrated 100 varieties Packages of used and unused postage stamps: every stamp in fine condition, cataloguing over \$4.00, for \$1.00 cash. LOUIS HARRIS, Belfast, Maine. [36]

Approval sheets 60¢ disc. Net sheets for advanced collectors at equally low prices. 1000 var. in stock. F. W. PICKARD, 2427 Ingleside, Cincinnati, O. [17]

U. S. Pre-Cancelled postage stamps. I will pay a good price in cash or exchange for any not in my collection. F. L. SMITH, 40 Exchange Pl., N. Y. [47]

Is your collection for sale? I will buy it or any odd lots of good stamps. No cheap stuff wanted. Send on approval with lowest cash offer. Immediate returns guaranteed. HOWARD C. BECK, City Controller's Office, Detroit, Mich. [51]

Pre-cancels not in my collection wanted. Best cash or trade price. E. R. ALDRICH, Benson, Minn. [17]

Try an Ad in this Column. It Pays.

American Philatelic Association.

(INCORPORATED.)

THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA—OFFICIAL JOURNAL.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

ALEXANDER HOLLAND, President,
40 Grace Court, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Board of Vice-Presidents.
FRANK H. BURT, Chairman,
Room 1046, Tremont Building, Boston, Mass.
GORDON IRELAND, Secretary,
Holyoke House 21, Cambridge, Mass.
EDWIN F. SAWYER,
101 Washington St., Brighton, Mass.

H. E. DEATS, Secretary,
Flemington, N. J.
E. DOEBLIN, International Secretary,
Box 736, Pittsburg, Pa.
C. L. ANNAN, Treasurer,
Dept. Public Works, St. Paul, Minn.
H. B. PHILLIPS,
1311 Grove St., Berkeley, Cal.
F. W. CONING,
350 George St., New Brunswick, N. J.

RESIDENT VICE-PRESIDENTS.

BOSTON, MASS.—M. H. LOMBARD, Winchester, Mass.
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.—W. E. LOV, 2431 Ellsworth St., Berkeley, Cal.
NEW YORK CITY.—W. F. GREGORY, 71 Nassau St.
PITTSBURG, PA.—E. DOEBLIN, Box 736.
CHICAGO, ILL.—A. F. MERRELL, 432 Marquette Building.
MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.—EBEN S. MARTIN, 3344 First Avenue, South.
WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS—ROBERT D. MAYNARD, 36 Oak Grove Ave., Springfield.

APPOINTEE OFFICERS.

E. H. ANDERSON, Librarian,
Carnegie Library, Pittsburg, Pa.
H. D. WATSON, Collecting Agent,
64 Cedar St., New York City.
JOHN J. OESCH, Superintendent of Sales Dept.,
34 Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill.

H. E. DEATS, Assistant Librarian,
Flemington, N. J.
W. F. GREGORY, Auction Purchasing Agent,
71 Nassau St., New York City.
P. M. WOLSIEFFER, Auction Purchasing Agent,
1009 Atwood Bldg., Chicago, Ill.
A. W. BATCHELDER, Auction Purchasing Agent,
21 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass.

EXPERT COMMITTEE.

JOHN N. LUFF, Chairman, 18 East 23rd St., New York, N. Y.
J. M. ANDREINI.
J. C. MORGENTHAU.

REPORT OF SECRETARY

For the Week Ending August 22, 1903.

Application for Membership.

GRIFFITH, F. B., JR., 1049 Elmwood Ave.,
Buffalo, N. Y.; age, 25; Lawyer, Vice-
President Raynor Hubbell Stamp Co.,
Ltd. References: Raynor Hubbell, H.
E. Deats.

New Stockholders.

1828. DAUM, ADAM E., 421 Wood St.,
Pittsburg, Pa.

Buffalo Notes.

The Raynor Hubbell Stamp Company has been incorporated with a capital of \$10,000. The directors are two Buffalo gentlemen and one from Niagara Falls. That a company with such a capital has been organized in a city where has been so little philatelic activity and news of interest, recently, may surprise some of my readers. This firm has been doing a rushing business since January. Up to then there were two dealers in the city, but it is believed that Hubbell & Co. with their nicely equipped offices, prepared to do counter trade as well as mail order, which neither of the others had attempted to do, made a decided "hit."

It became necessary for the Editors of the *Journal of the B. P. S.* to consolidate the July and August numbers, in consequence of absence and illness of three of their number. H. D. Munger, president of the M. P. A., contributed the leading article.

Some collectors in the middle of the state have it in mind to hold a grand phi-

1829. KIRCHENBOWER, WM. G., 6744
Simon Ave., Pittsburg, Pa.
1830. LORING, GEORGE F., 53 State
St., Boston, Mass.
1831. WILSON, J. HULL, 6807 Thomas
St., Pittsburg, Pa.

Membership Summary.

Total Membership August 15th 564
New Stockholders 4

Total Membership August 15th 568

H. E. DEATS, Secretary.

latelic revival at Lake Keuka, near Bath and Hammondport, about the last of August or beginning of September. It is planned to hire a neat cottage on the lake, capable of accommodating nearly 20, and give it up entirely to the "brother-phils." Every collector, dealer or publisher is cordially invited by the directors of the scheme (who are A. D. Blair, Elmira, H. D. Munger, Corning, and J. D. Park, Buffalo) to spend their outing, whether it be a day or week, on Lake Keuka, and become acquainted with other collectors. A more beautiful spot could not be imagined. Grapes (and wines!) will then be in season and it is generally conceded that Keuka is the most famous place for them in the world. Come one, come all!! It is planned to make the charges as low as can be consistent with good service.

P.

Wm. v. d. Wettern, Jr.,
WHOLESALE DEALER IN
* POSTAGE & STAMPS, *
411 W. Saratoga St., Baltimore, Md.

New special list just issued, sent free on application to dealers only.

SUMMER BARGAINS!

NEW BRUNSWICK
1c, 2c, 5c, 10c, unused, set \$0.20
NEWFOUNDLAND
1899, 1c, 2c, 3c, 5c, used, set10
BRAZIL
1843, 3or black, Scott's No. 1, very fine used
copies, each 2.25
NEW SOUTH WALES
6d green, Scott's No. 105, unused, scarce
stamp, each 3.50
DANISH WEST INDIES
2c carmine and 8c brown, unused, both15
ABYSSINIA
Postage 1894, 7 varieties, unused, set35
Unpaid 1896, 7 varieties, unused, set35
Both sets65
NORTH BORNEO
Surcharged British Protectorate 1c to 24c,
10 varieties, cancelled, set35
FOREIGN ENVELOPES AND
WRAPPERS
25 varieties used and unused, cut square,
catalogue over \$1.25

Postage Extra on All Orders.

COLUMBIAN STAMP CO.,
ARLINGTON, MASS.

Official Decree.

A copy of the following Official Decree has been kindly sent us by Mr. Adolph Lohmeyer.

DEPARTMENT OF POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS, RHODESIA.

Postal Notice No. 15 of 1903.

HALFPENNY POSTCARDS.

It is hereby notified for public information that postcards bearing a postage of one halfpenny will be available for circulation within Southern Rhodesia, and from Southern Rhodesia to North Eastern Rhodesia, North Western Rhodesia, the Cape Colony, the Transvaal, Natal, the Orange River Colony and the Bechuana-land Protectorate, on and after the 1st of July, 1903.

G. H. EYRE, Postmaster General.
G. P. O., Salisbury, 24th June, 1903.
(2322-03).

The New England Philatelic Association.

Organized February, 1893.

Board of Officers:

President, CHARLES H. SMITH, Dedham, Mass.
Vice President, J. FAVILL CAPRON, 22 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass.
Secretary and Treasurer, H. W. LEGG, 26 Hancock St., Boston, Mass.
Sales Department, CHARLES H. STONE, 91 Antrim St., Cambridgeport, Mass.
Information Bureau, MRS. WALLACE DANA SMITH, 20 Wibur St., Portsmouth, N. H.
Counterfeit Detector, WILLIS D. KING, Nashua, N.H.
Attorney, HORACE S. BACON, 107 Stevens St., Lowell, Mass.
Governing Board, CHARLES H. STONE, Chairman, 91 Antrim St., Cambridgeport, Mass., JOHN J. CORNE, New Dorchester, Mass., FRANK A. WILSON, 185 Highland Ave., Somerville, Mass.
Official Organ, THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA.

A Newspaper Clipping.

STAMPS NOT INTERCHANGEABLE.

WASHINGTON, August 17.—The post office department has ordered that on and after October 1st, United States postage stamps over printed "Philippine" shall not be accepted for postage on matter mailed within the United States and United States postage stamps without the Philippine over-print shall not be accepted in the Philippine Islands.

The Postal Card Society of America.

Officers for 1902-3.

President, HORACE E. CARPENTER, JR., Care N. B. Bradley & Sons, Bay City, Mich.
 Vice-President, J. T. ALBERT HOSBACH, 1422 North 53rd St., Philadelphia, Pa.
 Secretary, W. P. AGEE, Hope, Ark.
 Treasurer, JOHN N. MORSE, 105 Devonshire St., Boston, Mass.
 Executive Committee, GUY A. BRYANT, Princeton, Ill.; W. D. ARNOLD, The Portland, Broadway, St. Paul, Minn.; N. HASKELL WITHEE, 230 S. 9th St., La Crosse, Wis.
 Exchange Superintendent, J. T. A. HOSBACH, 1422 No. 53rd St., Phila., Pa.
 Purchasing Agent, ADOLPH LOHMEYER, 922 N. Gilmer St., Baltimore, Md.
 International Secretary, E. DOEBLIN, P. O. Box 736, Pittsburg, Pa.
 Official Journal, THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Applications for Membership.

THOS. R. JOHNSTON, Saltsburg, Pa.;
 References: J. B. Johnston, Saltsburg, Pa.,
 F. H. Williams, Parnassus, Pa., A. P. A.
 1647.

WALTON I. MITCHELL, M. D., 534 Summit Ave., St. Paul, Minn.; Referen-
 ces: W. D. Arnold, St. Paul, Minn.;
 Adolph Lohmeyer, Baltimore, Md.

I wish to call attention to the magnifi-
 cent array of new issues in our last distri-
 bution and extend an invitation to those
 who are not members of our Society to
 join us. To pick up separately the cards
 of this last distribution alone would cost
 you more than our annual dues. Our
 Society places you in touch with noted
 card collectors all over the world, helps
 you to dispose of your duplicates and
 offers you material benefits which cannot
 be obtained elsewhere. Every card collec-
 tor should give us his hearty aid and
 support. In so doing you not only
 advance your own interests but you enable
 us as an organization to do more effective
 work in advancing our particular branch
 of Philately. "In union there is strength."
 You should join us.

Respectfully submitted,
 W. P. AGEE, Sec'y.

PURCHASING DEPARTMENT.

I have received the following renewals
 and one new subscription since my last
 report: H. E. Deats, \$10.00; Edward H.
 Buehler, \$3.29; P. Lazarus, \$3.29; Walter
 Dormitzer, \$3.29; John N. Morse, \$4.36;
 W. P. Agee, \$6.00; Nicholas Adler,
 \$3.29; N. H. Withee, \$5.07; Rudolph
 Neeser, \$3.29; J. Oakley Hobby, \$3.29;
 W. D. Arnold, \$6.21; Siegfried Schachne,
 \$3.29; Guy A. Bryant, \$6.15 and Dr.
 Walton I. Mitchell, (new) \$5.00.

Distribution No. 69 was sent out to all
 subscribers on July 9th, containing the
 following new issues: Argentine, 5c Mem-
 orandum Postal, 5c Commemorative of
 May 1 and of May 23; Jamaica, 1/4 x 1/2 d
 (King); Servia, 10 para, L. C.; Eritrea,
 5, 10, 7 1/2 x 7 1/2 and 20c; Bavaria, "03" 2x2,
 5x5, 10 pfennig and no value; Monaco,
 10 and 15c; France, 10, 10x10 and 15c;
 Seychelles, 3x3 on 4x4c, 6 on 8c and 6x6
 on 8x8c; Italy, 5c L. C.; and the follow-
 ing Portuguese Colonials: Angola, Cape
 Verde, Guinea, Mozambique and St.
 Thomas and Prince, 7 varieties for each;
 Macau, 10 varieties; Timor, 9 varieties,
 and Portuguese Indies, 12 varieties, mak-
 ing a total of 88 varieties in this distribu-
 tion, forming a very desirable addition to
 the collections of the members of this
 department.

The next distribution will contain cards
 from Straits Settlements, Norway, Tas-
 mania, Costa Rica Provisionals, Hungary,
 Italy, Bulgaria and the recent Provisionals
 of Servia, besides others to arrive.

Respectfully submitted,
 ADOLPH LOHMEYER,
 Purchasing Agent.

BALTIMORE, August 7th, 1903.

Eighth Annual Convention of the Dominion Phila- telic Association.

The Eighth Annual Convention of the
 Dominion Philatelic Association, held in
 London, Ontario, on July 1st, was called
 to order at 2 p. m. by Vice-President L. S.
 Holmes, in the City Hall, with the follow-
 ing members registered: Vice-President
 L. S. Holmes, London; Librarian R. F.
 Wrigley, Toronto; John Ely, New Lisgard,
 New Ontario; D. P. Duggan and A. M.
 Muirhead of Toronto; Geo. E. Anderson
 and A. Grigg of Exeter, Ont.; and the fol-
 lowing of London, Dr. S. Woolverton, A.
 Dale, H. P. Bock, R. E. Holmes, M. S.
 Dale, T. S. Clark, A. G. Chisholm, R.
 Blandford, W. C. Benson, R. A. Millar
 and R. Gray.

In the absence of Secretary-Treasurer
 C. W. N. Ussher, Mr. M. S. Dale was
 elected Secretary pro tem.

Dr. S. Woolverton delivered a well
 worded address of welcome to the members
 present, which was replied to by Mr. A.
 M. Muirhead.

In the absence of the President, Mr. W.
 Young, Vice-President L. S. Holmes
 gave an address in which he reviewed the
 year's business and brought forward many
 suggestions which were discussed later.

A vote of censure was passed upon the
 President, Sales Superintendent, Secretary-
 Treasurer and Trustees for dereliction of
 official duty.

At 5:30 p. m. the Convention adjourned
 to allow the Credential Committee to make
 up their report.

At 7 o'clock the members met again at
 the City Hall and took the electric cars to
 the residence of Dr. S. Woolverton, where
 they sat down to a sumptuous banquet.

The evening session was called to order
 at 9 o'clock by Vice-President L. S.
 Holmes. Several more matters of import-
 ance were discussed. The Credential
 Committee then handed in their report
 which was read and adopted. It showed
 that the officers for the ensuing year were:

President—L. S. Holmes, London, Ont.

Vice-President—W. K. Hall, Peterbor-
 ough, Ont.

Vice-President (U. S.)—O. B. Douglas,
 Toledo, Ohio.

Secretary-Treasurer—C. W. N. Ussher,
 Toronto, Ont.

Sales Superintendent—D. P. Duggan,
 Toronto, Ont.

Counterfeit Detector—H. E. Tuttle,
 Osage, Iowa.

Librarian—R. F. Wrigley, Toronto, Ont.

Trustees—R. G. Widdicombe, Peter-
 borough, Ont.; Dr. S. Woolverton, Lon-
 don, Ont.; J. A. D. Park, Buffalo, N. Y.

Official Organ—The *Canada Stamp
 Sheet*.

60% DISCOUNT.

U. S. Postage, Revs., etc. and Foreign Postage on
 approval. Ref. required.
 Cash paid for Unused U. S. Postage. [if
 C. B. MERRILL, 102 E. 90th St., New York.

Sixth Annual Convention Empire State Philatelic Society.

The Empire State Philatelic Society held
 its Sixth Annual Convention in the rooms
 of the Brooklyn Stamp Club, August 7
 and 8. The first session was called at 9 p.
 m., August 7, with Mr. John D. Carberry
 in the chair.

The report of the Committee on Creden-
 tials showed the following officers elected:
 President—A. M. Trujillo.

Vice-President—W. W. Dewing.

Secretary-Treasurer—A. Herbst.

Exchange Superintendent—Geo. W.
 Ring.

Librarian—H. A. Jeffery.

Attorney—Chas. F. Bridge.

Supt. Branch Societies—Wm. J. Cole-
 man.

Advertising and Subscription Agent—C.
 E. Cooley.

Auction Manager—A. D. Blair, Jr.

Counterfeit Detector—Geo. J. Carter.

Supt. Bureau of Information—J. H.
 Petersen.

Trustees—Wm. A. McDonnell, M.
 Tausig, F. P. Lothrop.

A number of reports of officers were read
 and Mr. Carberry resigned the chair in
 favor of Mr. Trujillo, the newly elected
 President. The chairman appointed the
 various standing committees and after
 discussion the session adjourned to meet
 again on the evening following.

The second session was called to order
 at 9:30 p. m., August 9, by Geo. W. Ring,
 who officiated in the absence of the chair-
 man. The reports of Standing Commit-
 tees were read and discussions were heard
 on various subjects. The vote for 1904
 Convention Seat was then taken. New
 York City, Niagara Falls and Rockaway
 Beach were nominated. The matter was
 put to a vote resulting as follows:

New York City,	23
Niagara Falls,	20
Rockaway Beach,	1

The *Perforator* was again selected as
 Official Journal.

Among those present were:

Geo. W. Ring, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Wm. Haack, " "

Wm. J. Coleman, " "

H. A. Feaster, " "

John D. Carberry, " "

O. H. Williams, " "

J. D. Cox, " "

A. J. Wagner, " "

E. R. Goud, " "

J. F. Minaldi, " "

L. F. C. Smidt, " "

A. Herbst, New York City.

F. P. Lothrop, " "

A. M. Trujillo, " "

Jas. Saymon, " "

R. Wilcox, " "

Wm. Halper, " "

H. A. Chapman, Rocky Hill, Conn.

A. R. Talbot, Wallingford, Conn.

The Weekly Philatelic Era

A PAPER DEVOTED TO STAMP NEWS.

50c PER YEAR.

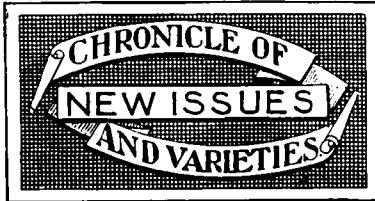
ENTERED AT PORTLAND POST OFFICE AS SECOND CLASS MATTER JAN. 10, 1890.

2c PER COPY.

VOL. XVII. No. 49.

PORTLAND, ME., SATURDAY, AUGUST 29, 1903.

WHOLE No. 537.



BY HENRY A. KIDDER.

Friends of the ERA are invited to send to the editor of this department any information regarding new issues or varieties that may prove of interest. Such information will be suitably acknowledged. Address, HENRY A. KIDDER, 17 Addison Street, Arlington, Mass.

Exchanges will please send Mr. Kidder a copy of each issue to the foregoing address, and an extra copy of the ERA will be gladly sent whenever desired.

UNITED STATES.—Rumors are again rife regarding proposed changes in the colors of certain stamps in the current series, notably the 8c and 13c.

AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH.—The agitation against the new Federal stamp continues, being especially bitter in New South Wales. Among other objections made is the position of "N. S. W." on the last stone of the pillars instead of the first. As New South Wales was the earliest organized colony, it is claimed she should head the list. Another grievance is that the new stamp, though nominally a Federal stamp, does not bear the words "Australia" or "Commonwealth", or anything else to indicate its national character. Moreover the stamps issued for Queensland and New South Wales are printed on paper watermarked V and Crown.

BOYACA.—Regarding the new set of stamps chronicled in No. 534 the *Illustriertes Briefmarken Journal* gives the following quantities printed of various colors: 10c gray, 68,000 perf., 2000 imperf. 20c red, 58,000 perf., 2000 imperf. 50c green (?), 48,000 perf., 1500 imperf. 1p red brown (?), 38,000 perf., 1500 imperf.

CAVALLE.—Alfred Smith's *Monthly Circular* reports having seen the 5c deep green with vermilion overprint.

COLOMBIA—For convenience we chronicle together several issues more or less new, among the flood of trash from this country.

Barranquilla.—Stamps previously issued in new colors.

Adhesives (Regular):

2c rose.
20c rose.

Bolivar.—New stamps for this state of a long upright form with portrait of "Bolivar" and inscription all in white on colored ground. All come imperforate and the 10 and 50c are also found with sewing machine perforation. All are on laid paper, but the 50c has been also seen on wove paper.

Adhesives (Regular):

10c dark blue on greenish blue.
5c blue on pink.
50c blue on bluish.
5c purple on brown.
50c purple.
5p, scarlet on yellow.

Adhesive (Registration):

20c orange on rose.

Adhesive (Registration Return Receipt):

20c dark blue on yellow.

Adhesives (Too Late):

20c purple on yellow.
20c purple on lilac.

Cauca.—Type set with much fancy border work. The inscription reads "Correos—de la—Republica de—Colombia." with the value in words in two lines at the bottom.

Adhesives (Regular):

10c black on red.
20c black on orange brown.

CURACAO.—The 2½c blue chronicled in No. 533 should have read 12½c blue.

DANISH WEST INDIES.—Mr. J. M. Bartels has shown us the new 1c card reported by Mr. Lohmeyer in No. 536. His correspondent in the Islands confirms the statement reported to us by Mr. Dunning in No. 535 regarding the issue of a Jubilee set, to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the accession of King Christian. The date of issue, however, is given as Nov. 10 and the denominations to be issued, 1c, 2c, 4c, 5c, 8c, 12c and 50c.

EGYPT.—Mr. Frank P. Brown has received the current 1m, 2m and 5m stamps with Crescent and Star watermark, surcharged "O. S. G. S." for official use.

HONG KONG.—Mr. Frank P. Brown shows the \$1, \$2, \$3 and \$10 of the current set. The colors were correctly given in No. 523.

ICELAND.—Mr. J. M. Bartels has shown us a recent consignment of surcharges in which the following new varieties appear. The 16a carmine official with double surcharge; 3a and 5a regular with inverted

surcharges. Among the stamps are also the following with 14x13½ perforations:

Regular—3a yellow, first type, 5a green, 6a gray, 10a brown, 20a blue, 40a violet and 50a carmine and blue.

Official—3a yellow, 5a brown and 10a blue.

INDIA.—We have chronicled the King's head set as issued but now for convenience give the regular set and officials as far as issued. The latest to appear is the 3a with overprint "On H. M. S."

Adhesives (Regular):

3p gray.
½a light green.
2a carmine.
2a violet.
2½a blue.
3a orange brown.
4a olive green.
8a violet.

Adhesives (Official):

½a light green and black.
2a carmine and black.
2a violet and black.
2½a blue and black.
3a orange brown and black.
4a orange green and black.
8a violet and black.

Gwalior.—The *London Philatelist* reports having seen the 3p carmine, Queen's head surcharged with "Service" overprint for this state.

Adhesive (Official):

3p carmine and black.

Jhind.—The ½a Queen's head has been surcharged for use in this state.

Adhesive (Regular):

½a light green and black.

Nabha.—In addition to the regular surcharged stamps chronicled in No. 530, the following have also received the "Service" overprint.

Adhesives (Official):

½a light green and black.
2a carmine and black.
2a violet and black.

MONTERRAT.—Mr. Frank P. Brown has shown us the new set for the Presidency, the low values being of the usual



size for British colonials, and of a pleasing design. Most of them are in two colors. The 5sh is large size and of striking design, with carmine frame and portrait of the King in black. Others have also shown us parts of the set. The second color is that in which the King's head is

CHAPTER L.

Steady Growth

in all directions characterizes

OSGOOD'S FAMOUS BIG SELECTIONS.

Each new book is better than its predecessor. References.
20c olive Canada Queen's Head..... 10c
Precancels bought and sold.

D. W. OSGOOD,
ALAMOSA, Conejos Co., COLO.
(To be Continued.)

THE JUNIOR

BETHLEHEM, PENNSYLVANIA.

wants 10,000 more subscribers and to secure them quickly offers a trial subscription of one full year for 25 cents, and to each new subscriber who will send the names and addresses of two or more stamp collectors there will be sent a number of unused stamps to the catalogue value of 25 cents.
THE JUNIOR has an excellent Stamp Department.

printed. The design of the low values is from the seal of the Presidency, and we give illustration.

Adhesives (Regular):

- ½d green.
- 1d carmine and black.
- 2d brown and black.
- 2½d ultramarine and black.
- 3d violet brown and orange brown.
- 6d olive green and lilac.
- 1sh violet and green.
- 2sh orange brown and green.
- 2sh 6d slate and green.
- 5sh carmine and black.

ORANGE RIVER COLONY.—Mr. L. G. Barrett calls our attention to the fact that all the bi-colored stamps of the current issue, lack the dot each side of the crown, which is so prominent a feature of the stamps printed in a single color.

PHILIPPINES.—Mr. C. A. Howes sends us the following interesting note in regard to the Philippine revenue submitted by Mr. Dunning, and noted in No. 535 of the ERA:

"I note what you say in the chronicle of the last ERA about the Philippine revenue stamp that Mr. Dunning showed you. About two or three years ago, when the other insurgent stamps appeared in this country, the one you describe was among the number. The central design on my copy is rather vague but there seems to be a pick-axe among other things. At the top is a star and at the left of the central group an oak branch crossed with a palm branch at the right.

"This may be a revenue stamp, but the fact that it shows no value and bears a serial number would seem to indicate rather a control stamp or label. Then the inscription at the top, *TRANS. DE GANADOS*, is rather vague—*Ganados* is cattle in Spanish, and the *trans.* may be for *transportacion* or possibly *transacciones*, the meaning of the former word being evident and of the latter being barter or sale—business in fact. Cannot some of our soldier philatelists enlighten us on the use of this label?"

SERVIA.—Mr. Harry W. Legg calls our attention to the fact that the 3 and 5 dinars of the current surcharged set are perforated 11, while all the other values are perforated 14. *Ewen's Weekly* says 11½ and 13½ respectively.

Mr. Frank P. Brown has shown us the

first of the surcharges on the recently issued set with King's head obliterated by arms. The surcharge is in red "1 Para 1" in one line across the bottom. This was made necessary by the "scooping" of the whole issue of 1 para stamps as reported in No. 535. The original stamps of this value were all sold on the day of issue.

Adhesive (Provisional):

1 para on 5 dinar bistre brown and red.

SEYCHELLES.—Mr. E. M. Carpenter of the New England Stamp Co. has shown us the second of the surcharges on the King's head stamps, the first being the 3c on 15c chronicled in No. 535. To avoid the troubles detailed in that number, and to prevent the purchase of the whole issue by speculators, the new surcharges were limited in sale to 5 copies to each purchaser.

Adhesive (Provisional):

3c on brown and carmine and black.

SIAM.—The Bangkok *Tennis* says: "The recent change in Siam's postal tariff involves naturally a re-arrangement of the set of Siamese stamps, a fact of interest to the collector. This country has been too much given to obtaining new stamps by surcharging old ones, but that expedient is not to be resorted to in this instance. The new stamps have been ordered and may be expected here soon. Three of the present set will be abolished, viz., those of the 10, 12 and 24 atts; and three new ones will be introduced of the value of 6, 14 and 28 atts. The following will then be the postage stamps in use in Siam: 1 att, 2 atts, 3 atts, 4 atts, 6 atts, 8 atts, 14 atts, 28 atts and 64 atts. New post cards of the value of 6 and 12 atts are also being prepared in place of the present 4 and 8 atts."

The *American Journal of Philately* reports having seen the 24 atts lilac and blue, surcharged "4 atts" in the same style as the 1898 surcharge, Scott's No. 38.

SURINAM.—A new stamp has appeared of the same type of low values of the Dutch Indies, previously chronicled, with change of name.

Adhesive (Regular):

5c red.

WEST AUSTRALIA.—Mr. L. G. Barrett, Boston, who has been making an exhaustive study of recently issued stamps from this distant but ever interesting colony sends us the following notes:

"Through the kindness of Mr. Frank P. Brown I have been permitted to look through his stock of the recently issued values for West Australia, and found the following varieties in the position of the "V over crown" watermark, in all cases looking at the watermark from the front of the stamp.

"On the 1d red, I found the watermark reading upright, (of which more hereafter) also sideways with the V on the left and crown on the right.

"On the 2d yellow, 8d green and 9d orange, I found the watermarks sideways in all cases, reading both from the right and from the left.

Twentieth Century Stamps.

Packet No. 1

25 UNUSED STAMPS

from Bermuda, Finland, Hong Kong, Etc.

Packet No. 2

25 UNUSED STAMPS

From Sarawak, Malay States, Straits Settlements, Etc.

Price 25c Each.

Postage Extra.

These packets contain only unused stamps issued since Jan. 1, 1901, and excellent value for the money. The success already achieved by Packet No. 1 makes it certain that No. 2 will be equally popular.

COLUMBIAN STAMP CO.,
ARLINGTON, MASS.

"On the 4d brown, I only found one variety, namely with crown on the right, and on the ten pence vermilion, only one variety, with crown on the left.

"All of the above with the exception of the one penny with upright watermark may be called normal varieties, as the watermarks are simply reversed and not inverted; that is, are printed on the same side of the sheets in relation to the watermarks, but the sheets have been fed to the presses either end first, and according to *Ewen's Weekly*, one way is as common as the other.

"The one penny with upright watermark is interesting; for of course the watermarks do not fit the stamps in this position, some stamps having more than one watermark showing, and it opens up the question as to whether there would not be some marginal stamps in this printing without any watermarks at all. The periodical before mentioned also states that the 2d yellow is to be found with the upright watermark, and that both being abnormal, will probably be scarce, and can hardly fail to be recognized in the catalogues of the future. If two values have been printed in this way, is it not reasonable to assume that the others may have been also, through the same carelessness of the printers?

"While the above may not be news to all the readers of the ERA, yet I hope it will stimulate research and bring to light the varieties I have suggested; for who can tell what jewels of the first water may not be right in our hands now, as regards the changing Australian issues, and it will be well to be on the lookout while they are current for the present opportunity will never come again.

"While on this subject of watermarks, I happened to think of the various Queensland and Victoria stamps of the same oblong form as the West Australia; where

Special Summer Bargains.
U. S. STAMPED ENVELOPES.

Cat. No.	CUT SQUARE.	Cat. Price.	My Price for
		1. 1. 2. d. 3rd.	
1400	1874, 1c blue on white.	\$0.8	\$0.03 \$0.02 \$0.01
1401	" 2c brown, die A.	" 3.00	2.50 1.35
1402	" " " B.	" 1.25	.75 .60 .25
1403	" 2c used, " B.	" 1.25	.65 — .10
1405	" 2c brown, " C.	" 3.00	2.25 1.25 —
1406	" 3c green, used.	" .15	.10 .05 .02
1407	" 3c " die B.	" .10	.04 .03 .01
1408	" 6c carmine	" .40	.17 .15 —
1408	" 6c used,	" .15	.07 .05 .02
1410	" 1cc brown, A.	" 3.00	2.00 1.25 —
1411	" 2c " B.	" .30	.14 .12 —
1413	" 25c orange	" 1.50	1.00 .60 —
1413	" 25c used,	" 1.50	.75 .50 .25
1414	" 24c purple	" 7.50	5.00 — —
1415	" 30c black	" 1.50	.75 .50 —
1416	" 30c carmine	" 2.00	1.00 .90 —
1416	" 30c used,	" 2.00	.90 — —
1417	" 2c vermilion	" .15	.10 — —
1417	" 2c used,	" .10	.05 .03 .01
1418	" 2: pink, used,	" 5.00	2.00 1.00 —
1419	" 5c blue, die A.	" .40	.25 .15 .05
1422	" 5c " B.	" .25	.20 .07 —
1421	1876, 3: red	" .60	.20 .18 .10
1421	" 3c " used,	" .50	— .15 .05
1422	" 3c green, used,	" .25	.12 .08 .05
1423	" 3c " "	" .25	.20 .10 .05
1426	1882, 5c brown,	" .20	.08 .06 —

All are unused unless described as U or used.
1st are extra fine copies with large margins.
2nd are in good condition with fair margins, but not large enough to cover the whole space in the latest International Album, but as large as the envelopes in most collections.

3rd are cut round or to shape.
Postage extra on orders under \$10.
Please remit by Bills or Money Order.
Special! Any envelope not entirely satisfactory can be returned within two days after receipt and money will be promptly refunded if so desired.

G. F. ROTHFUCHS 28 Munroe St., ROXBURY, MASS.

U. S. That You Don't See in Blocks.

No. 34, 0. g.,	\$23.50	No. 113, "	\$0.40
34, used,	4.00	114, "	.37
35, 0. g.,	6.75	115, "	1.65
35, used,	.30	116, used,	.37
28, "	.35	118, "	1.70
28, 0. g.,	3.00	120, "	.75
29, "	10.00	121, "	1.50
29, used,	1.85	119, 0. g.,	2.80
43, 0. g.,	3.50	1c State, "	.95
33, "	.50	102, "	1.25
47, used,	1.50	15c " "	1.85
49, 0. g.,	1.00	90c " "	4.00
50, 0. g.,	1.05	15c Just, "	1.25
51, un'd, no gum,	1.05	30: " "	7.50
36, used,	1.00	12c Navy, "	.65
52, un'd, no gum,	2.30	24c " "	2.15
53, 0. g.,	4.00	New Orleans, No.	
67, used,	3.00	1c9, used,	1.25
76, 0. g.,	1.45	Prop. 5c black, 1878,	.95
86, used,	.55	\$20.00 Conveyance,	.65
112, 0. g.,	.55		

Patrons satisfied or money back.
E. C. Dodd, 259 So. Hermitage Av., Chicago.

the watermarks are found sideways, and right here I found one item that is news. If prominence has been given to the upright watermarks of the two before-mentioned West Australias what then, if upright watermarks should be found in Queensland and Victoria? I looked up the following Queensland stamps numbered 133 to 134A, 149, 150 and 163 by Gibbons, but was not rewarded by any upright watermarks in the crown and Q. In Victoria I examined stamps numbered 214, 217, 219, 220, 227, 243 to 246, 250, 252 and 267 by Gibbons, but found nothing unusual until reaching number 267, which is the 1 1/2 red on yellow of the "Postage" set. I found, as I had suspected, that if there had been carelessness with the West Australias there might have been also with the Victorias, for here were specimens with the watermark sideways in its normal position, and also upright as in the 1d West Australia. I have never seen this mentioned before, and I now believe that others of the above numbers will be found with the watermark in upright position. Who will find the next one?

Chicago Notes.

Mr. Schultz of Milwaukee dropped into town last week, and was in attendance at Massoth's sale.

The past week was an unusually lively one for most of the members of the local society, who entertained the out-of-town visitors. It was one continual round of pleasure, and more of drinks during the wee sma' hours.

The large party of delegates, expected to be in attendance at the convention, was not in evidence. L. T. Brodstone, S. E. Moisan, W. H. Zulhe, of Appleton, Wis., and W. P. Kelley, Kansas City, were the only out-of-town members to make their appearance.

Mr. C. Johanser has returned from his two weeks' vacation in northern Indiana.

At the last meeting of the C. P. S., Mr. W. F. E. Gurley resigned his position as a member of the Board of Directors. Mr. C. E. Severn was elected to fill the vacancy.

During the past week the club room of the C. P. S. was kept open for the benefit of the visitors, and all of the local members, who could conveniently do so, dropped in for an hour or so, to become further acquainted with the out-of-town collectors, and to indulge in stamp chats.

Only a small crowd was present at the "Mid-summer Sale" of the Chicago Philatelic Society, the torrid evening accounting for the small attendance.

The floor bidding was extremely slight, the bulk of the lots leaving the city.

The following are some of the prices realized:

	Cat. price.	Sale price.
U. S. 10c, '47,	\$4.00	\$2.00
\$100 black and yellow brown revenue, cut,	?	3.50
\$20.00 Conveyance,	1.10	.70
\$50.00 2nd issue,	12.00	5.30
Pair 2c black, No. 93, 0. g.,	2.50	1.80
" 3c green, No. 147, "	4.00	1.50
10c green, No. 188, "	3.00	1.75
\$3.00 Columbian, "	3.75	2.75
\$4.00 " "	5.00	3.75
New-paper, 1895,	?	2.35
\$2.00, No. 277,	1.50	1.20
\$5.00, No. 278,	1.75	1.55
1894, 6c imp., No. 271a,	?	.70
New Orleans 5c, No. 109,	2.75	1.35
Finland, 5 pen, No. 6a, 0. g.,	—	1.60
German China, Tsingtan issue,		
5pf on 10 car., No. 11,	—	10.55

The large number of wholesale lots brought prices somewhat above the average.

CLIFFORD.

POSTAL CARD CATALOGUE, 1903.

The only catalogue for Card Collectors, to be issued this Fall, is Senf's (German), and I will have them in stock as soon as issued.

PRICE 35c POSTPAID.

As the issue will be limited, I would advise collectors to send me their order, accompanied by remittance, without delay.

ADOLPH LOHMEYER,
922 N. Gilmor Street, Baltimore, Md.

Hong Kong, King,

30 and 50c mint.....	\$0.55
\$1.00 and \$2.00 mint.....	1.85
\$3.00, mint.....	1.85

Soudan, "O. S. G. S." 5 mil., 1, 2, 5 pi, mint, (very rare unused) 4 only..... 1.65

Fiji, 1 King, mint..... 6.30
5sh " "..... 1.65

Aitutaki, 1/2, 1, 2 1/2, 3, 6, 16h .. .72
(blocks of 4 and pairs.)

Perak and Selangor \$25.00 values.
Pahang \$50.00 surcharged on Perak.

FRANK P. BROWN,
339 Washington St., BOSTON, MASS.

WILL PAY CASH.

I want from 10 to 50 good used copies of the following U. S. and Canadian stamps and will pay cash for them. I cannot "make offers" however, so prices per 10 or 50 must be quoted. No torn, clipped, skinned, heavily cancelled or straight edge stamps wanted at any price. Numbers by Scott's 1903 Catalogue.

U. S. Nos. 42, 63, 65, 60, 73, 76, 53, 113, 117, 149, 162, 213, 215, 217, 218, 221, 227, 228, 229, 235, 236, 238, 276, 277, 278, 284, 287, 288, 289, 290, 296, 297, 298, 299, and Series of 1902 3, 4c, 5c, 6, 8c, 10, 13c, 15c, 50c, 1 dol.

Canada. Nos. 14, 15, 19, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 37, 39, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 50 thro' 60, 71, 72, 73, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 87, 151, 153, 16c, and King's head 1903 issue 5c, 7c, 1. c.

Address:

A. W. DUNNING,
WILTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE.

FINE STAMP FREE!

Send for my 1903 20-page price list, agree to make a purchase from same on receipt and will send you a fine unused copy of

VENEZUELA 1896 1b Map Stamp,

Cat. at 20c Each.

You don't lose anything on this offer. My prices are as low and stamps in good condition as other dealers. Why not get above stamp and try my goods?

	Cat.	Net.
New So. Wales 1888, 5sh.....	\$3.00	\$1.10
U. S. 3rd Issue Rev., 6c.....	1.00	.45
1 obago 1879, 3d P. C.....	2.50	.50
Canada Jub., \$4.00 purple.....	3.00	1.20
" \$3.00 olive.....	4.00	1.40
" \$2.00 purple.....	1.50	.60
Gold Coast 1900, 2sh.....	—	.60
" 5 h.....	—	1.10
Queensland 1875, 2sh blue.....	3.00	1.25
Tasmania 1855, 6d.....	.50	.18

If you are a buyer perhaps you would like to see some app. books of above class.

W. C. PHILLIPS, GLASTONBURY, CT.

STAMPS

AT

One-Half and One Cent Each.

A postal card with your name will bring you the lists by return mail.

COLUMBIAN STAMP CO.,
ARLINGTON, MASS.

Please mention the ERA when writing advertisers.

THE Weekly Philatelic Era.

W. W. JEWETT, - Editor and Publisher.

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

U. S., Canada or Mexico, 50c. per year. To other countries in Postal Union, \$1.00 per year. All subscriptions MUST commence with current number. Back numbers cannot be supplied at subscription rates.

ADVERTISING RATES:

60c per inch on Transient Advertisements. 100 inches to be used within one year, 50c per inch. Special Rates quoted on application on 200 inches or over; also on large ads of a page or more.

PUBLICATION OFFICE.

502 Congress St., Portland, Me.

YOUR SUBSCRIPTION EXPIRES with this issue if a (X) appears in the margin opposite this paragraph. The paper is not abruptly discontinued on the expiration of subscriptions, unless expressly so ordered. We shall highly appreciate an early renewal from you, or an order to have your paper discontinued. CHANGE OF ADDRESS. In notifying us of any change of address subscribers should be sure to give their old as well as new address

Notes and Comment.

With this issue the ERA completes its contract with the American Philatelic Association and yields up the honor and labor to another. It is not without some loss that this is done—loss more in feelings than material. The absence of the Association matter henceforth will give increased space which will be filled with matter of interest to all our readers. We have already received unsolicited subscriptions direct from several of the members and shall be pleased to have their example emulated by many others. Extra effort will be made this season to make the ERA of especial interest and value to collectors, and members who continue to be regular readers will certainly lose nothing by it.

A contemporary announces the sudden death by lightning stroke of Mr. W. Ledyard Scott at Point Clear, Ala., on August 2. Mr. Scott was at one time a collector and dealer. He has been a subscriber to the ERA for many years and a few years ago his name was quite frequently seen in our advertising columns.

HONG KONG AGAIN!

Last March we advertised 3 Hong Kong Stamps and had more replies in proportion to amount advertised than to any other inserted this year. We have another lot of

THIS POPULAR COUNTRY and can offer good used copies of the following, some of which are sure to increase in price in the new catalogue.

No. 4	18c unvat	.....	\$0.55
8	2c brown, C.C.	.....	.18
9	4c slate,	"	.10
11	8c orange,	"	.10
12	12c blue,	"	.09
17	20c violet,	"	.05
18	48c rose,	"	.32
19	96c bistre,	"	5.50
20	96c gray,	"	.75

We also have a few seconds (that is, copies somewhat off center or perforated on three sides, or some other slight imperfection) of most of these that we can supply at one-half the above prices. If none of these interest you send us your Want List.

We can please you.
NEW ENGLAND STAMP CO.,
9 and 21 Bromfield St., BOSTON, MASS.

The United Stamp Co. report that they have had a wonderful summer business, in fact 25 per cent. better than last winter. They are certainly to be congratulated, and it augurs well for a successful season for 1903-04.

Advertisers and correspondents will please have their copy in promptly on the first of the week to ensure appearance in issue of same week.

Boston Bits • •

BY HENRY A. KIDDER.

Mr. John N. Luff made a brief visit to Boston last week on his return from Clayton, Quebec and the White Mountains.

The issue of the advance sheets of the new Catalogue goes on apace. The signatures thus far issued bring it down to French Colonies. Continuing our notes of last week, British Honduras No. 37 is now priced 25c the same as unused. No. 47 is advanced to \$2. The British Somaliland stamps are unpriced either used or unused, though they are being sold freely. Higher prices are evidently expected. Under Brunswick, Nos. 1 and 20 are priced higher in used form. Some of the early Buenos Ayres, used, are advanced, and in Bulgaria, higher prices are asked for Nos. 2 and 3. Two sets are now catalogued of the 1884-85 surcharges—typographed and lithographed. Prices are substantially the same as old set, though some are higher. The unused Boris stamps are all advanced, the same being true of the 1884 Unpaid. The lack of necessity for the German colony stamps is shown by the fact that those for Cameroons and Caroline Islands are still unpriced in used state. Canada shows surprisingly few changes. Used copies of 1859-64 and No. 23 are higher, and No. 27 red lilac shows a remarkable jump to \$1.50 unused and 25c used. The lilac remains unchanged. There are slight advances in the used Jubilee stamps and in 1898, the 6c and 8c are each advanced to 10c used, and the 20c 1901 is priced used for the first time at 15c. The 7c Queen's head is unpriced used, though it is selling at 5c each for good copies. Under Cape of Good Hope and Ceylon also there are a few changes. In the former country, No. 20 is now \$6 unused, No. 22 is \$2 and Nos. 27 and 28 are \$1 each. The Mafeking Siege stamps are still given a place but unpriced. Ceylon No. 59 is raised to \$6 and \$3, while the 2c pale brown, 1883-84, is jumped from 25c to \$3.50 for unused copies. The 4c rose, No. 88, has gone from 15c to 50c unused, while strange to

If you are interested in U. S. entire wrappers it will be to your interest to look over these. Numbers are by the National Philatelic Society.

No.		Cat.	Price.
1860	1906 1c blue on buff.....	\$2.00	\$0.75
1863	1926 1c black on straw.....	.60	.30
1870	1932 1c blue on manila.....	.35	.12
1870	1933 2c brown ".....	.75	.25
1874	1938 2c " ".....	2.00	.75
1874	1939 2c " ".....	1.50	.75
1874	1942 2c red ".....	.15	.06
1878	1944 2c " ".....	.35	.12
1879	1945 1c blue ".....	.60	.20
1879	1946 2c red ".....	.10	.05
1882	1948 1c blue ".....	.15	.05
1883	1950 2c red ".....	.90	.18
1884	1951 2c ch.c. ".....	.30	.12
1884	1952 2c " ".....	.50	.20
1884	1954 2c " ".....	.15	.06
1886	1957 2c brown ".....	.10	.05
1875	2857 1c red " (War) ..	.15	.05
1875	2991 1c " " ..	.15	.05
1875	2992 1c " " ..	.15	.05

The above lot catalogued over \$20.00 mailed flat for \$4.00. With the first five orders for above lot I will give an entire unused P. O. Department envelope catalogued \$1.50. Complete set 1903 entire envelopes for \$2.00.

D. T. EATON,
MUSCATINE, IOWA.

CARDBOARD PROOFS.

Columbian, full set, (1c to \$5.00) ..	\$2.50
1869, 1c to 90c.....	2.00
1851, 1c to 90c.....	2.25
State Dept., \$2.00, \$5.00, \$10.00,	
\$20.00, four for.....	3.50
Periodicals, 2c to \$60.00.....	3.75

Most of the others too, at proportionate prices.

FRANK P. BROWN,
339 Washington St., BOSTON, MASS.

DON'T OVERLOOK

This offer—it means dollars saved. 500 stamps from Central and South American countries for only \$10.00. Send for my packet No. 68 and get the above bargain lot. This packet contains many rare stamps and old issues generally not found in approval selections and is for this reason eagerly bought by all classes of collectors. Buy packet No. 68 and get your money's worth. 500 Varieties, \$10.00.

THEO. MAINHART, JOHNSTOWN, PA.

60% DISCOUNT.

U. S. Postage, Revs., etc. and Foreign Postage on approval. Ref. required. Cash paid for Unused U. S. Postage. [if C. B. MERRILL, 102 E. 90th St., New York.

Please mention ERA when answering ads.

60% Discount.

Fill Your Spaces while you have the chance.

Send For Our Large List.

E. F. GAMBS CO.,
P. O. Box 2631, SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

FOUR BARGAINS FOR \$2.00.

(1) 12 unused, 0. g., foreign postage stamps, all different, cat. \$3.27 only 50c, post free.

(2) 48 varieties foreign envelopes, cut square, cat. \$3.37, only 79c, post free.

(3) 21 varieties of Civil War, perforated revenues, cat. 82c only 27c, post free.

(4) 12 varieties U. S. envelopes unused, cut square, cat. \$2.23 only 52c, post free.

All four big bargains, cat. \$9.69, for \$2.00 post free. If buying write us. We can save you money.

HOLTON STAMP CO.,
60 Devonshire St., Boston, Mass.

BARGAINS!

U. S. 1895, 50c orange.....	\$0.06
" " Dues, 30 and 50c, the two.....	.40
" " Omaha, 50c sage green.....	.48
Hawaii, 1874, 18c rose, unused, cat. \$1.25	.40
Canada, Jubilee, 50c blue, cat. 30c.....	.72
Mexico, 1899, 50c lilac and black.....	.72
Peru, 1883, 50c brown, No. 226.....	.72

L. N. HERBERT,

1520 Washington Ave., NEW YORK.

Are you thinking of Selling your stamps at Auctions? If so write us.

Now is the time to make dates for next season.

CHAS. H. STONE & CO.,

19 Washington St., BOSTON, MASS.

GUATEMALA.

Complete Sets, Used, 1902 Issue.

1c to \$2.00 Postally Cancelled, ONLY \$1.00.

PERRIN & CO.,

106 East 23rd St., NEW YORK, N. Y. Headquarters for Unused Current Guatemalas at wholesale.

SUMMER BARGAINS!

NEW BRUNSWICK 1c, 2c, 5c, 10c, unused, set.....	\$0.20
NEWFOUNDLAND 1899, 1c, 2c, 3c, 5c, used, set.....	.10
BRAZIL 1843, 30r black, Scott's No. 1, very fine used copies, each.....	2.25
NEW SOUTH WALES 6d green, Scott's No. 105, unused, scarce stamp, each.....	3.50
DANISH WEST INDIES 2c carmine and 8c brown, unused, both ...	.15
ABYSSINIA Postage 1894, 7 varieties, unused, set.....	.35
Unpaid 1896, 7 varieties, unused, set.....	.35
Both sets.....	.65
NORTH BORNEO Surcharged British Protectorate 1c to 24c, 70 varieties, cancelled, set.....	.35
FOREIGN ENVELOPES AND WRAPPERS 25 varieties used and unused, cut square, catalogue over \$1.....	.25

Postage Extra on All Orders.

COLUMBIAN STAMP CO.,
ARLINGTON, MASS.

PEELABLE HINGES

NOT ENGLISH 1000 12c. POST FREE.		NOT GERMAN 5000 50c. POST FREE.
STRONG PAPER—TASTELESS GUM		
W. F. GREGORY, 65 NASSAU ST., NEW YORK.		

say the King's head issue are unpriced either used or unused. The 40r Cape Verde, 1877, is priced at \$1.25 used or unused, but the only stamps of the 1898 set priced used are the 25r and 50r. Chili No. 1 has gone to \$10 unused, while No. 39 is quoted at \$1.50 for inverted surcharge. China shows little change though the high values of 1894 are priced used the same as unused and the same is true of some of the surcharges of 1897, and of the Cochon Chine surcharges on French Colony stamps. The treaty ports are practically unchanged. Under Colombia very few marked changes are made though the tendency here, as in all the sheets thus far seen, is upward. The new issues, high values are priced at about 6c American money to the peso, which seems very low, but is probably more than double the actual face value of the stamps actual money.

Mr. R. F. Burns, a well known member of the Boston Philatelic Society, is slowly recovering from the effects of an accident which happened some time since.

Mr. A. W. Batchelder of the New England Stamp Co. says that the new Catalogue will be ready for issue by November. The proof is corrected to R and of the advance sheets 8 signatures out of 24 have been issued.

Mr. C. A. Howes is spending his vacation in New Hampshire, where he is storing up energy for another active philatelic campaign.

Mr. Harry W. Legg of the J. M. Bartels Co. is away for a month's vacation

Mr. Kennedy, with the Holton Stamp Co., has just returned from a vacation trip to New York and alongshore.

Among the new things shown us this week by Mr. J. H. Lyons of the New England Stamp Co. are the Nyassa picture stamps, surcharged the 15r and 25r with the word "Provisorio" and also 65r on 80r, 115r on 150a and 130r on 300r; Ceylon 4c, 5c and 15c.

Plating Hawaiian Numerals.

is popular among specialists in that country. Our next

Wolsieffer Auction Sale

to be held soon will contain a number of them, each one accurately described as to its correct position in the Plate.

This sale will also contain many other desirable stamps the properties of several owners. If you buy at auction get your name on our card index of auction buyers. The catalogues are free.

UNITED STAMP CO., 1149 Marquette, Chicago.

N. B.—Now is the time to apply for open dates for future sales. Do not let it go too long. We have several choice dates left open having purchased the properties outright. Apply at once for terms.

UNUSED ICELAND.

No. 1	2s ultramarine, well centered.....	\$2.00
1	2s " " fairly ".....	1.60
5	3s gray.....	.85
2	4s dark carmine.....	.12
6	4s carmine, perf. 12½.....	1.50
3	8s brown.....	.60
7	16s yellow, perf. 12½.....	.50
4	16s " ".....	2.00
9	5a blue.....	1.00
13	20a dark violet.....	.40
14	40a yellow green.....	.70
51	4s green, Official.....	.15
52	8s red lilac.....	1.90
1902-03	1 gildi on 3.....	.15
"	" " " 4.....	.45
"	" " " 5.....	.12
"	" " " 16.....	.42
"	" " " 3, Official.....	.12
"	" " " 4.....	.12
"	" " " 16.....	.40
No. 7	Imperf. on 1 side.....	1.60

Also just received some Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Finland, used Iceland, etc., etc.

J. T. STARR STAMP COMPANY,
COLDWATER, MICH.

IF YOU WISH TO

BUY, SELL OR EXCHANGE

Stamps, Desired Results can be had through

AN AD IN THE WEEKLY ERA.

According to the *Philatelic Journal of Great Britain* "the *Monthly Record* reports having seen a 2d Zululand stamp of 1888 issue with the overprint inverted, which appears to have been unknown to collectors all these years." As this stamp was catalogued by Scott as far back as 1898, it would be interesting to know what "collector" has been thus left in the dark.

A Newspaper Clipping.

GIVES COLONIES STAMPS.

PARIS, Saturday.—Philatelists will shortly have a chance to add considerably to their collections, as the French government has decided to introduce a special stamp for each colony, instead of having as hitherto a single stamp for the colonial service.

Each stamp will be ornamented with a characteristic design, very different from the commonplace thing which has hitherto existed. The first has already been issued for Somaliland.

Mekeel's Stamp Collector

PUBLISHED WEEKLY.

FULL of information and news valuable to stamp collectors. Once a month large magazine editions are issued. Over one thousand pages guaranteed during the year.

Subscription \$1.00 per year. (On trial for three months, 25 cents.) No stamp man can afford to be without it. Volume sixteen commenced January 1, 1903.

C. H. Mekeel Stamp and Publishing Co.
St. Louis, Mo.

WHEN YOU THINK OF SELLING

WRITE TO

B. L. DREW & CO.,

7 WATER ST., (Room 501), BOSTON, MASS.

[1000

The Leading Auction Firm in America.

Newspaper Clippings.

STAMPS CAUSE A GOAT'S DEATH.

MEMPHIS, Aug. 12.—The stomach of a goat is to be analyzed by expert chemists in an effort to account for the disappearance of a number of United States revenue stamps, involving several hundred dollars. A wholesale whiskey firm sold five barrels of whiskey to a saloonkeeper, the whiskey being left on the pavement in front of the store.

The proprietor's pet goat ate the revenue stamps off the heads of the barrels, and soon after a government inspector inspected the whiskey and found the necessary stamps missing. He thereupon confiscated the liquor.

The inspector declined to accept the proprietor's explanation that the goat ate the stamps, and it was agreed to kill the goat and examine its stomach in the hope of finding the missing stamps and protecting the saloon man from a heavy fine.

LOUIS XVI PICTURE POST CARDS.

M. John Grand-Carteret has made a discovery which proves that the picture post card is not the modern invention it has hitherto been believed to be. In the "Almanach de la Petite Poste de Paris" for the year 1777 he has found a statement that "people are sending by post to convey congratulations or compliments, cards engraved and often annotated, which are sent open for all the world to see." The "Almanach" goes on to say that this innovation, invented by an engraver named Desmaisons, is being much discussed, some people disliking it on the ground that it enables servants to learn too much of their masters' secrets. It would be interesting to know whether any specimens of these primeval post cards are yet lying hidden in the cabinets of collectors or among faded and forgotten bundles of letters.—*London Graphic.*

The Postal Card Society of America.

Officers for 1902-3.

President, HORACE E. CARPENTER, JR., Care N. B. Bradley & Sons, Bay City, Mich.
 Vice-President, J. T. ALBERT HOSBACH, 1422 North 53rd St., Philadelphia, Pa.
 Secretary, W. P. AGNE, Hope, Ark.
 Treasurer, JOHN N. MORSE, 105 Devonshire St., Boston, Mass.
 Executive Committee, GUY A. BRYANT, Princeton, Ill.; W. D. ARNOLD, The Portland, Broadway, St. Paul, Minn.; N. HASKELL WITNER, 230 S. 9th St., La Crosse, Wis.
 Exchange Superintendent, J. T. A. HOSBACH, 1422 No. 53rd St., Phila., Pa.
 Purchasing Agent, ADOLPH LOHMEYER, 922 N. Gilmer St., Baltimore, Md.
 International Secretary, E. DOEBLIN, P. O. Box 736, Pittsburg, Pa.
 Official Journal, THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA.

The New England Philatelic Association.

Organized February, 1895.

Board of Officers:

President, CHARLES H. SMITH, Dedham, Mass.
 Vice President, J. FAVILL CAPRON, 22 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass.
 Secretary and Treasurer, H. W. LEGG, 26 Hancock St., Boston, Mass.
 Sales Department, CHARLES H. STONE, 91 Antrim St., Cambridgeport, Mass.
 Information Bureau, MRS. WALLACE DANA SMITH, 20 Wibird St., Portsmouth, N. H.
 Counterfeit Detector, WILLIS D. KING, Nashua, N.H.
 Attorney, HORACE S. BACON, 107 Stevens St., Lowell, Mass.
 Governing Board, CHARLES H. STONE, Chairman, 91 Antrim St., Cambridgeport, Mass., JOHN J. CONE, New Dorchester, Mass., FRANK A. WILSON, 185 Highland Ave., Somerville, Mass.
 Official Organ, THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA.

NOTICE!

The first meeting of the N. E. P. A. season of 1903-1904 will be held at the American House, Boston, Tuesday evening, Sept. 1st, at 8 o'clock. Several members have promised exhibits of interest at this meeting consisting of new issues, newly discovered errors, freaks, etc.

The Exhibition Committee have prepared the following program of competitive exhibits for the coming season.

SEASON OF 1903-1904.

Program of Competitive Exhibits.

SILVER MEDAL SERIES.

The best exhibit in each case, in the opinion of the judges, to be awarded a silver medal. Condition, rarity, arrangement, etc., all to count.

September 1, 1903—Exhibits of stamps of interest by members. Not for competition.

October 6, 1903—Best collection of United States Adhesives.

November 3, 1903—Best collection of Canada. Postage only.

December 1, 1903—Best specialized collection of any country.

January 5, 1904—Twenty-five rarest stamps.

February 4, 1904—Best exhibit of United States Colonies.

March 1, 1904—Best exhibit of uncatalogued varieties.

April 5, 1904—Twenty-five rarest Adhesives to catalogue fifty cents or under, postally used.

May 3, 1904—United States Revenues.

June 7, 1904—Best exhibition of stamps of the twentieth century.

At all meetings members are invited to bring stamps for a general open exchange.

All exhibits for competition should be sent to H. W. Legg, 320 Washington Street, Boston, or to Gardner R. Kennedy, 60 Devonshire Street, Boston, and should be in the hands of the above before 12 o'clock on the day of meeting.

H. W. LEGG,

G. R. KENNEDY,

Exhibition Committee.

Copies of the above have been sent all members by the Secretary, together with application blanks. The Secretary will be glad to furnish more of either upon request.

FRANK A. WILSON, Sec'y.

TRADE COLUMN.

Under this head we will print exchange, want and for sale notices, business announcements, 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.

One four-line notice free with each subscription, providing copy accompanies the subscription.

THREE Consecutive Insertions of SAME ad in this Column for PRICE OF TWO.

Season 1903-1904. Specialty: Highest class British and British Colonial, unused and used at 15 to 50 per cent. below Scott's and Gibbons' quotations, on approval with pleasure. Serious collectors and large buyers in the United States and Canada will do well to communicate with FREDERICK R. GINN, 143 Strand, London, England.

The greatest rarities are offered in stock at very low prices. Every stamp sold is guaranteed genuine.

£10.00 or \$50.00.00 always ready for the purchase of rarities and large collections. FREDERICK R. GINN, 143 Strand, London, England. N. B.—Established 1880. Silver medal for finest United States Collection, London, 1897. [54]

Bargains! 3 North or South Carolina "Shipmasters" 6c. \$5 or \$10 C. S. A. Bill, 3c \$100 Bill 7c. \$500 '64 C. S. A., 30c. 15 var. of Old Paper Money, 28c. 50c Confederate Bill 3c. 100 var. U. S. and Confederates. None damaged. Mailed with an arrowhead, 37c. Post extra. A. C. McDONALD, Box 1440, Butte, Mont.

\$1.00 worth of stamps for 10c. Send 10c and get a pack of stamps catalogued at \$1.00. Be quick. Only a few packs at this price.

W. L. BROWN, Anderson, S. C.

Is your collection for sale? Get your dealer to make a price on it, add 20% to his offer, and send book to me. It's 10 to 1 I buy it. F. W. PICKARD, 2427 Ingleside, Cincinnati, O. [11]

\$1.50 in fine stamps for tags. \$1.00 in stamps or 30 cents cash for 100 Am. Cigar bands. ED M. VOSS, Bloomington, Ind. [40]

Rock Bottom Prices, U. S. Revenue and Postage. Wholesale rates. Price list free. KING, 141 East 19th St., New York City. [38]

1500 mixed Mexico, postage or revenue, only \$1.00 in U. S. Bank Note, and 8c in stamps. FELIPE NAVEDA, Urbina 8, Toluca City, Mexico. [37]

100 var. stamps, perfect copies, only 6c. WM. E. AULT, Jeffersonville, Ind. [37]

To complete your United States: Fine perfect copies, 1837 6c, 90 cents, unused, \$12.00 each; 1869, 24 cents, \$3.00 each; 90 cents, \$8.50 each; 1895, \$5 green, \$1.35 each; \$2 blue, \$1.25 each.

To complete your Hawaii: 1899-65 type-set series, Scott's Nos. 10 to 26. Nearly all varieties at 30 to 50 per cent. below Scott's quotations. All later issues at extremely low prices. Selections sent.

Thousands of bargains in old United States, British and Colonial stamps. Fine approval selections at 25 to 50% discount. No common rubbish but only fine copies of desirable stamps sent out. Write stating wants and send reference. I can save you hundreds of dollars. Established 1880. [54] FREDERICK GINN, 143 Strand, London, England.

Approval sheets 60% disc. Net sheets for advanced collectors at equally low prices. 9000 var. in stock. F. W. PICKARD, 2427 Ingleside, Cincinnati, O. [11]

U. S. Pre-Cancelled postage stamps. I will pay a good price in cash or exchange for any not in my collection. F. L. SMITH, 40 Exchange Pl., N. Y. [47]

Is your collection for sale? I will buy it or any odd lots of good stamps. No cheap stuff wanted. Send on approval with lowest cash offer. Immediate returns guaranteed. HOWARD C. BECK, City Controller's Office, Detroit, Mich. [31]

Pre-cancels not in my collection wanted. Best cash or trade price. E. R. ALDRICH, Benson, Minn. [11]

Try an Ad in this Column. It Pays.

Wm. v. d. Wettern, Jr.,

WHOLESALE DEALER IN

POSTAGE & STAMPS.

411 W. Saratoga St., Baltimore, Md.

New special list just issued, sent free on application to dealers only.

American Philatelic Association.

(INCORPORATED.)

THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA—OFFICIAL JOURNAL.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

ALEXANDER HOLLAND, President,
40 Grace Court, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Board of Vice-Presidents.

FRANK H. BURT, Chairman,
Room 1046, Tremont Building, Boston, Mass.GORDON IRELAND, Secretary,
Holyoke House 21, Cambridge, Mass.EDWIN F. SAWYER,
101 Washington St., Brighton, Mass.

H. E. DEATS, Secretary,

Flemington, N. J.

E. DOEBLIN, International Secretary,
Box 736, Pittsburg, Pa.C. L. ANNAN, Treasurer,
Dept. Public Works, St. Paul, Minn.H. B. PHILLIPS,
1311 Grove St., Berkeley, Cal.F. W. CONING,
350 George St., New Brunswick, N. J.

RESIDENT VICE-PRESIDENTS.

BOSTON, MASS.—M. H. LOMBARD, Winchester, Mass.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.—W. E. LOV, 2431 Ellsworth St., Berkeley, Cal.

NEW YORK CITY.—W. F. GREGORY, 71 Nassau St.

PITTSBURG, PA.—E. DOEBLIN, Box 736.

CHICAGO, ILL.—A. F. MERRILL, 432 Marquette Building.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.—EDMUND S. MARTIN, 3344 First Avenue, South.

WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS—ROBERT D. MAYNARD, 36 Oak Grove Ave., Springfield.

APPOINTEE OFFICERS.

E. H. ANDERSON, Librarian,
Carnegie Library, Pittsburg, Pa.H. D. WATSON, Collecting Agent,
64 Cedar St., New York City.JOHN J. OESCH, Superintendent of Sales Dept.,
34 Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill.

JOHN N. LUFF, Chairman, 18 East 23rd St., New York, N. Y.

J. M. ANDREINI.

H. E. DEATS, Assistant Librarian,
Flemington, N. J.W. F. GREGORY, Auction Purchasing Agent,
71 Nassau St., New York City.P. M. WOLSEFFER, Auction Purchasing Agent,
1009 Atwood Bldg., Chicago, Ill.A. W. BATCHELDER, Auction Purchasing Agent,
51 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass.

EXPERT COMMITTEE.

JOHN N. LUFF, Chairman, 18 East 23rd St., New York, N. Y.

J. M. ANDREINI.

J. C. MORGENTHAU.

REPORT OF SECRETARY

For the Week Ending August 29, 1903.

The contract of the Association with the WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA expires with this issue. The next report will appear in *Mekel's Weekly Stamp News* which was selected at the recent convention. Mr. D. T. Eaton of Muscatine, Iowa, who was elected Secretary has asked me to prepare this and the next report for him.

Applications for Membership.

ELLIOTT, HOWARD H., Fairhaven, Mass.; age, 28; Asst. Treas. Atlas Tack Co. References: A. J. Kirby, F. Putney, Jr. NAST, CHARLES A., Box 14, Denver, Colorado; Photographer, (Nast & Co.). References, J. E. Zahn, H. E. Deats.

New Stockholders.

1832. BLAIR, A. D., Jr., 600 West Church St., Elmira, New York.
1833. SAXBY, S. VALENTINE, Rockford, Illinois.

Change of Address.

1713. HEMPHILL, W. A., from Hammon, N. J., to 210 Fourth Ave., Pittsburg, Pa.

Membership Summary.

Total Membership August 22nd.....	568
New Stockholders.....	2
Total Membership August 29th.....	570

H. E. DEATS, Secretary.

Report of the Committee on An Index of Philatelic Literature.

August 8, 1903.

To the American Philatelic Association:

In submitting this first report the Committee can do but little more than report progress and, as the parliamentary expres-

sion runs, ask leave to sit again.

The only limitations placed upon this Committee by the last Convention was in the size of the appropriation made for expenses, twenty-five dollars. The only expense incurred by the Committee, however, during the year has been for slips for indexing which have cost the enormous sum of thirty cents, for which however no claim for reimbursement will be made. During the coming year however the expenses will probably be larger and the appropriation will be needed for postage etc.

Soon after our appointment your Committee met and considered what papers should be included in the index. We took considerable time to settle this and first of all decided that for the preliminary work at least, we would only index American magazines. Later on as the work grows we propose to include the leading English and foreign papers. Our first list upon which we have been working during the past winter consisted of the following magazines:

American Journal of Philately (Second series).

Philatelic Journal of America.

Metropolitan Philatelist.

American Philatelist.

Mekel's Weekly Stamp News.

WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA.

Boston Stamp Book.

Post Office.

As it seemed advisable to the Committee to have the work where it could be done under their personal supervision at first, we did not call upon outsiders for help but divided the work for the first year among volunteers from the Springfield Stamp Club who offered their services. Opportunity was thus given for frequent consultations with the Committee concerning doubtful points and for comparisons to secure uniformity.

We think now that we may safely say that we are ready for outside assistance and we appeal to those members who are interested in our literature to give us their aid. The fact that one has no library need not stand in the way. If you will agree to index a magazine the committee will see that you are supplied with it. Several of our members have very kindly offered the loan of such volumes as we may need.

The following broad instructions have been formulated to act as a guide and to ensure uniformity.

Index by *subjects* and not by titles. Each article must be examined closely enough to determine what is really its subject. Thus, the valuable series of articles being published under the title "Stray Notes on Sheets of Stamps" should be indexed somewhat as follows:

BRITISH GUIANA.

Notes on Sheets of Stamps.

together with the proper references to the volume and page of the magazine in which the article is found.

Articles referring to more than one country should be indexed under the name of each country included therein.

Items in the chronicle of new issues need not be indexed unless they contain some matter of real value such as size of sheets, official decrees etc. or quantities issued. Translations of oriental inscriptions and the like are well worth noting.

As the index is intended to cover articles about stamps etc., miscellaneous articles need not be indexed unless in the judgment of the indexer it contains some matter of real value.

Make the abbreviations of titles of magazines clear enough to be understood without referring to a list. Met. Phil. is better than M. P. for *Metropolitan Philatelist*. Volume and page should be written with a colon between thus 15:236., meaning volume 15 page 236. Where the article is copied from some other paper or is translated, write the name of the original source in the lower left corner of the slip in brackets.

Slips of a uniform size and quality will be supplied by the Committee. Sample slips will be supplied each worker who joins us. Make your entries brief but clear. Authors very often pad the titles of their articles until the real subject is almost lost to view.

Slips concerning which you have any doubts should be sent to the Committee for their opinion and advice.

And now in closing we desire to say that the index can be completed only by the united efforts of a large number of workers. Send us in your names and we will set you at work. Should the number of workers warrant it we shall add to the above list of papers accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,
WILLIAM C. STONE, Chairman,
384 Union St., Springfield, Mass.
JOHN W. PREVOST.

J. DELANO BARTLETT.

NOTICE!

Last week on page 402 of this paper we gave our views on the change in prices of U. S. Envelopes in the 63rd Catalogue. We are not the only dealers who believe the new prices to be inconsistent with the rest of the Catalogue.

We still believe the best time to buy U. S. Envelopes is at present when the prices are low. We are sending out selections to *buyers* and will give the new prices whenever requested by those buying from us, as we don't wish to have any misunderstanding when you purchase any goods from us.

Want lists of U. S. Envelopes supplied at *net* prices. On some envelopes we can give as high as 65% discount from the new prices and on others we shall charge full catalogue or more. We charge you what we think is right and treat everybody alike.

HOLTON STAMP CO., 60 Devonshire St., BOSTON, MASS.

Stray Items.

The revival at Lake Keuka, N. Y., promises to be a big affair. All philatelists are cordially invited. Mr. Munger manages the arrangements and he has reported that a neat little cottage can be secured for about \$15 a week, which is indeed remarkably cheap. Collectors not knowing the district should purchase a ticket to Corning and go through with the rest of the crowd. A fine time on the Lake is of course assured, in addition to meeting a few brother "phil's." Members of the Union Philatelic Society, Metropolitan Philatelic Association and Empire State Philatelic Society are especially invited, though persons of any society will be given a rousing good welcome!

The result of the D. P. A. election is now generally known but it seems likely that a new election will be called by the erratic ex-president, who, in a most indignantly worded letter loudly calls everybody's attention to alleged "certain grave irregularities." It occurs to me that before thus exciting one, the writer should cite proofs of his statement in his letter. Not a word about proof! A wholesale vote of censure was passed upon a group of leading officers for neglect of duty. Certainly the issuance of the official organ has been very much delayed all along.

A new field for the collector never opened up before, is the Isle of Pines ("Islade de Pinos") which the Metropolitan Association has penetrated, finding a representative in the Isle in the person of Otto Harrington. There are few countries in which the Metropolitan has not found a representative. And, this territory of Uncle Sam's is by no means out of the way. It is now the subject of a dispute between Cuba and U. S., promising to grow to be quite bitter, as the island consists of rich, fine, fertile land, one of the very best fields for tobacco etc. known. The writer knows whereof he speaks, as he has stopped at Nueva Gerona (the capital). Of course Cuban stamps are used.

J. A. D. PARK.

The Boston Philatelic Society.

M. H. LOMBARD, President, Winchester, Mass.
C. F. ROTHFUCHS, Vice-President, Boston.
C. A. HOWES, Secretary, 55 Kilby St., Boston.
L. L. GREEN, Treasurer, 47 Tremont St., Boston.
J. H. LYONS, Supt. of Auctions, 9 Bromfield St., Boston.
J. H. LYONS, Supt. of Sales, 9 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass.
THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA, Official Journal.

BOSTON, Sept. 8, 1903.

The one hundred and twenty-eighth regular meeting of the Society will be held in Elks' Hall, 24 Hayward Place, Boston, on Tuesday evening, September 15th, at 8 o'clock sharp.

Order of Business.

1. Reading of Minutes of Last Meeting.
2. Reports of Committees.
3. Communications.
4. Election of Candidates.
5. Unfinished Business.
6. New Business.
7. Informal Auction Sale.

Entertainment.

The seventh exhibition of the present series takes us to the region which has caused so much philatelic guesswork for the past few years. Throughout their stamp issuing periods the Australian colonies have furnished abundant material for the deepest searchers after philatelic information, and Victoria has proved not the least prolific in this line. Nor is the end yet, for the Commonwealth, instead of simplifying matters as was expected, has proved a fruitful source of new varieties in which the printing department of the Victorian postal administration has had no small share. This is early in the season for exhibitions but there is plenty of material in Victoria to make a most interesting display.

N. B.—Intending exhibitors may send their collections to or leave them with Mr. J. H. Lyons of the Exhibition Committee at 27 Bromfield St., Boston.

Coming Exhibitions.

- Sept. 15—Victoria.
Oct. 20—United States, Adhesives only. (For members who have never taken a prize. Blocks, strips and *pairs* to count as single stamps only.)
Nov. 17—Commemorative stamps of the world.
Dec. 15—Original essays. Uncatalogued varieties.

Special Notice.

The Exhibition Committee announce that the Silver Cup offered by Mr. A. H. Weber will be competed for at the December meeting. This is to be an exhibition of Uncatalogued Varieties, such as very many collectors run across, the condition being that they be not listed in Scott, Gibbons or Senf. This exhibition is open to ALL PHILATELISTS. The cup will be competed for annually and will remain in the winner's possession for the succeeding year, his name and the date being engraved upon it. This year's competition occurs December 15th. Exhibits may be sent to C. A. Howes, Sec'y, 55 Kilby St., Boston, U. S. A.

NOTE.—Philatelic papers please copy.

Precancelled Stamp Club.

Officers until July 1st, 1903.

President, CLARENCE G. DALTON, Stillwater, Okla.
Vice-President, C. C. LEWIS, Northampton, Mass.
Sec'y-Treasurer, E. R. ALDRICH, Benson, Minn.
Sales Superintendent, THOS. F. BEST, 374 4th Ave., Room 35, Pittsburg, Pa.
Auction Manager, H. E. WILSON, 314 Fitzsimmons Bldg., Pittsburg, Pa.
Librarian, CLARENCE HALE, Stillwater, Okla.
Counterfeit Detector, THOS. F. BEST, 374 4th Ave., Pittsburg, Pa.
Attorney, H. BOWEN, Detroit, Mich.
Dues 25c per annum. Entrance fee 10c.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Fellow Members, Greeting:—

As President of the Precancelled Stamp Club I herewith appoint the WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA as O. O. for the year to end July 1st, 1904. The reason for my making this selection is because, for some reason unknown to me I can get no reply to letters sent to the Sec'y-Treas. This puts me in a rather embarrassing position, as I had already wrote to him and asked him to get out ballots, but after waiting due time I have not received either ballots or replies to my letters, so after receiving very good terms from the ERA and a promise, by two members of paying \$6.00 on the expenses of the O. O., I have decided that this was the only thing to do. Therefore, should ballots be gotten out by the Secretary I hereby cancel the same. And with the power vested in me I herewith call for nominations for officers. Nominations are to be closed two weeks after the appearance of this issue of the ERA. At that time an election will be held, and the Club will be put into running order as quickly as possible. I herewith appoint Mr. Thos. F. Best, Geo. F. Duck and H. E. Wilson as an election board, with Mr. Duck as chairman. All nominations etc. relating to election should be forwarded at once to Mr. Geo. F. Duck, Room 602 Keystone Bld'g, Pittsburg, Pa. This is very important and to make a success of the Club all members should have something to do with the election.

After the election is over the different offices will be put into running order at once. Trusting the members will take an interest in this and help me along in getting the Club into running order again, I am,

Yours fraternally,
CLARENCE G. DALTON,
Pres. Precancelled Stamp Club.

The Weekly Philatelic Era

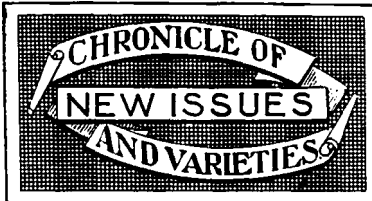
A PAPER DEVOTED TO STAMP NEWS.

50c PER YEAR.

ENTERED AT PORTLAND POST OFFICE AS SECOND CLASS MATTER JAN. 10, 1890.

2c PER COPY.

VOL. XVII. No. 50. PORTLAND, ME., SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 1903. WHOLE No. 538.



BY HENRY A. KIDDER.

Friends of the ERA are invited to send to the editor of this department any information regarding new issues or varieties that may prove of interest. Such information will be suitably acknowledged. Address, HENRY A. KIDDER, 17 Addison Street, Arlington, Mass.

Exchanges will please send Mr. Kidder a copy of each issue to the foregoing address, and an extra copy of the ERA will be gladly sent whenever desired.

AITUTAKI.—A correspondent of *Ewen's Weekly* says the new stamps did not reach the Islands until June 29, and that very few had thus far been used. There was no dating stamps at Aitutaki, but the stamps were affixed and cancelled at Rarotonga. The Aitutaki stamps were sold at the Auckland, N. Z., post office from June 1.

AUSTRALIA.—We were in error last week in stating that the new Federal stamp did not bear the word Commonwealth. Simply a lapse of memory!

BRITISH SOMALILAND.—*Mekeel's Weekly* quotes a correspondent as to the effect that the surcharged "stamps are not likely to last much longer, and that the new stamps, which will not be surcharged on Indian, may be expected very shortly."

BULGARIA.—Mr. Lohmeyer reports having received another 5 stotinki card, this time printed on pale green card board, making the fifth variety of the new Ferdinand type.

Post Card (Regular):
5c green on pale green, 62x140mm.

CEYLON.—Mr. J. H. Lyons shows us the 2c Ceylon, orange brown, previously listed.

Ewen's Weekly chronicles a new wrapper with King's head stamp.

Wrapper (Regular):
2c violet on buff.

INDO-CHINE.—*La Cote Reelle* reports that the series of stamps for Indo-Chine

have been surcharged in black, with the name of the office in French and the value in Chinese, for the cities of Hoi-Hao, Mongtye, Packhoi, Tchong-King and Yunnansen. The French spelling is given. Hoi-Hao and Packhoi have previously been chronicled.

Adhesives (Regular):

1c black on azure.
2c brown.
4c violet.
5c yellow green.
10c red.
15c gray.
20c red on green.
25c blue.
30c brown.
40c red.
50c rose.
75c black on yellow.
1f olive.

ITALY, Albania.—The Italian (902) card, with the oval stamp of the Humbert type, has been surcharged for use in Albania "20 Para 20", in a curve, below the stamp, and without the word "ALBANIA" above, as it appeared on the first issue. Mr. Lohmeyer is indebted to Mr. Foulon for a copy of this new card.

Post Card (Regular):

20 para on 10c black and carmine on cream,
82x140mm.

SERVIA.—Mr. Edward de Z. Kelley shows us both the 1 para with obliterated head, and the 1 para surcharged on 5 dinars. The last is an entirely new printing, both the value and the arms being in red. The 5 dinars was obliterated in blue originally.

SEYCHELLES.—The new 3c surcharge chronicled last week should have been given as on the 45c brown and carmine.

Adhesive (Provisional):

3c on brown and carmine and black.

SIERRA LEONE.—Mr. W. L. Aldrich has shown us the 1½d surcharged "Half Penny" in Roman capitals, of which the "Y" does not appear. It evidently escaped inking as the impression of the letter can be seen with a magnifying glass.

Mr. J. H. Lyons has shown us the new 1d chronicled previously. The color is lilac and carmine instead of purple and carmine as stated before.

Advertisers and correspondents will please have their copy in promptly on the first of the week to ensure appearance in issue of same week.

Aitutaki.

The *New Zealand Graphic*, of 13-6-03, in an article headed "Our Parliamentarians in the Pacific" gives an interesting account of a visit to Aitutaki. There are also a large number of interesting photographs of the Cook Islands.

Back again after six weeks through summer seas, and although the change of climate is not one that any of us altogether relish, I suppose no one is sorry to be once more on New Zealand soil. When I last wrote we had just arrived at Aitutaki, after calling at Rarotonga and some of the smaller islands of the Cook Group.

Aitutaki differs from any of the other islands we have visited, in having the reef much further from the shore, the width of the lagoon varying from three to four or five miles.

The island is not very large and has no high peaks, although the land is more elevated than Mauke. We landed about nine o'clock in the morning, and word was passed round among the natives that a meeting would be held in the meeting house at Arotangi, where we had landed, at 10 o'clock.

After the usual salutation the Minister explained the interest which the members of Parliament took in the natives, and which had induced them to undertake such a long voyage to see the people and to try to find out what was best to be done in their interest.

They have no great chiefs in Aitutaki, so the talk which followed was of a general kind; in fact, you could easily have mistaken the gathering for a deputation of New Zealand settlers (except for the colour) pushing the claims of some road or bridge in their own district.

They wanted money to open up their island, better means of communication, and they thought the Government ought to appoint an agent in Auckland to see that their fruit got into the best markets.

The Government agent here is named Large, and is not very popular with many of the natives. No doubt he has ruled them with great firmness; but whether his administration has always been judicious is at least open to question.

On one point, at any rate, he has striven to protect them from themselves, and has succeeded in keeping the island freer from drink than probably any other island we have yet visited.

JONES' BARGAINS!

Baltimore Local, error "Sent", on cover, fine..... \$7.00
 1c 1851, Type II, 3 on cover, fine..... 1.50
 5c 1857, Type I, brown, fine..... 1.50
 I will be glad to hear from you about the U. S. you need.

FRED G. JONES 2013 Brook St.,
 LOUISVILLE, KY.

CHAPTER LI.**Steady Growth**

in all directions characterizes

OSGOOD'S FAMOUS BIG SELECTIONS.

Each new book is better than its predecessor. References.
 20c olive Canada Queen's Head..... 10c
 Precancels bought and sold.

D. W. OSGOOD,
 ALAMOSA, Conejos Co., COLO.
 [To be Continued.]

FINE STAMP FREE!

Send for my 1903 20-page price list, agree to make a purchase from same on receipt and will send you a fine unused copy of

VENEZUELA 1896 1b Map Stamp,

Cat. at 20c Each.

You don't lose anything on this offer. My prices are as low and stamps in good condition as other dealers. Why not get above stamp and try my goods?

This Week I Offer:		Cat.	Net.
New So. Wales 1888, 5sh.....		\$3.00	\$1.10
U. S. 3rd Issue Rev., 6c.....		1.00	.45
Tobago 1879, 3d P. C.....		2.50	.50
Canada Jub., \$4.00 purple.....		3.00	1.20
" \$5.00 olive.....		4.00	1.40
" \$2.00 purple.....		1.50	.60
Gold Coast 1900, 2sh.....		—	.60
" 5h.....		—	1.10
Queensland 1875, 2sh blue.....		3.50	1.25
Tasmania 1855, 6d.....		.50	.18

If you are a buyer perhaps you would like to see some app. books of above class.

W. C. PHILIPS, GLASTONBURY, CT.

Please mention the ERA when writing advertisers.

Some amusing stories are told of the tricks played by the dusky maidens of Aitutaki on their sweethearts in connection with the liquor traffic. The drink is mostly got from the ships, which have to lie outside the reef, and when the young man comes ashore in his boat after having had a nip or two on the ship, his loving Hinemoa is waiting to embrace him, and smells the nectar from his breath. A quiet hint is then dropped to the policeman, who takes a similar method of investigation. Next morning the youth is tried and fined five shillings, or two days' work for somebody willing to pay the authorities a small sum for his labour. Hinemoa then gets her father to engage the young swain, and she has the pleasure of sitting round and bossing him at his work. Poor thing, it is her only chance; she might as well enjoy it now, for he will lord it over her by-and-bye when he gets her as his own.

Aitutaki may be considered the Democratic Republic of the Pacific—a curious exception to the Kings and minutely graded aristocracy of most of the surrounding islands. Many years ago they abolished all forms of aristocratic rule, and are rather proud in telling visitors that they are all equal; in fact, they appear to have carried their democracy to such an extreme that they had no executive at all, the missionary probably acting for them to some extent before the advent of New Zealand's representative.

The native custom in connection with the land has also been harmonious with the democratic principles, each family having its own land, and a fresh apportionment being made whenever a marriage takes place, both bride and bridegroom's father contributing a portion, according to their several stations.

The Aitutakians have been great sailors, many of them going long voyages in the old whaling days in American and British ships. Quite a number of them could talk freely about New Zealand ports which they had visited.

One of the stories which every voyager in the South Seas hears is about the Aitutaki people catching sharks in the lagoon by diving down under the coral reefs and lassoing the sharks' tails. Three boatloads set out after the meeting to see the verification of the story. Unfortunately, none of the boats succeeded in landing a shark, but the diving of the natives was a revelation to everybody. They actually disappeared for what seemed minutes into cavernous holes in the reef, and with sticks in their hands tickled the shark into position to get his tail into the noose. In several cases they got the rope over the shark's tail, but it invariably slipped before the monster could be landed in the boat.

In the lagoon were seen some most beautiful coloured fish; one especially, a very bright blue, was much admired. Where the water was shallow enough the bottom could be seen strewn with bech de mer, which forms an article of export from several of the islands, and which might very easily be largely increased.

The products of Aitutaki are very much the same as the other islands of the group, and, like the rest, it is capable of producing from five to ten times as much as it is doing at the present time.

After loading themselves with curios, many of them imported from New Guinea, the party returned on board the steamer about six o'clock, after having spent a most enjoyable day.

One feature about Aitutaki should not be omitted. Right round the island they have fenced off a strip about 20 or 30 yards wide, which is used as a pig, cattle and fowl run, and while there is room for the application of any quantity of sanitary science, there can be no doubt that this provision must be more healthy than having the pigs and poultry all round and even in the houses, as is the case at some of the other islands.

Mangaia, the other Republican island of the group, is fast falling under the dictatorship of Daniela and his co-operative company. The aristocratic system of Rarotonga, with its Ariki, Matiapos, Kiatos, Rangatiras, Komonos and Ungas may have many drawbacks, but for many years to come they will remain a force which no Government Resident can ignore, and their influence in most cases will be exerted for the good of their people.—*Ewen's Weekly Stamp News.*

Twentieth Century Stamps.

Packet No. 1

25 UNUSED STAMPS

from Bermuda, Finland, Hong Kong, Etc.

Packet No. 2

25 UNUSED STAMPS

From Sarawak, Malay States, Straits Settlements, Etc.

Price 25c Each.

Postage Extra.

These packets contain only unused stamps issued since Jan. 1, 1901, and excellent value for the money. The success already achieved by Packet No. 1 makes it certain that No. 2 will be equally popular.

UGANDA, 1902
 Surcharged on Br. East Africa, ½ anna and 2½ annas, the pair, unused..... .15

SERVIA
 1903, 5 paras, surcharged Arms, unused .. .04

DUTCH INDIES
 1902, ¼c on 2c and 2½c on 3c, unused, the pair..... .05

COLUMBIAN STAMP CO.,
ARLINGTON, MASS.

D. S. of A. Convention.

A small delegation of this once numerically strong representative national juvenile organization of stamp collectors convened in the room of the Chicago Philatelic Society in Chicago, on August 19th. Messrs. Zuehlke, Brodstone and Moisant were the only out-of-town members present, and Mr. Kelley of Kansas City attended as a visitor.

The following Chicago members were present: Messrs. Lefever, Massoth, Oesch, Severn and Wolsieffer. Visitors: Messrs. Crosby, Hancock, Dodd, Boehm, Warner, Staab, Johansen and Dickinson.

Mr. John J. Oesch called the convention to order, in the absence of President Wilkinson.

The following committees were appointed:

By-Laws—Messrs. Oesch, Wolsieffer, Severn, Moisant and Zuehlke.

Credentials—Messrs. Wolsieffer, Severn and Lefever.

Finance—Messrs. Brodstone, Massoth and Moisant.

Official Organ—Messrs. Lefever, Brodstone and Massoth.

Sales and Purchasing Department—Messrs. Massoth, Wolsieffer and Zuehlke.

The President's address was read, and the Secretary's report was filed and various of its sections were referred to different committees. It showed a membership of 162, but was not to be accepted as thoroughly reliable. Measures that had

BARGAINS! U. S. ENVELOPES.

Cat. No.	CUT SQUARE.	Cat. Price.	My Price for 1-t.	and 3rd.
1429	1874, 1c blue on amber..	\$0.08	\$0.03	\$0.02 \$0.01
1429	1c used	..	.03	.02 .01
1430	2c brown	..	3.00	2.00 1.45 .50
1430	2c used	..	3.00	.. 1.95 .40
1431	2c brown	..	1.00	.85 ..
1432	2c die B, U.	..	?	.. 3.95 ..
1435	3c green, U.	..	.20	.07 .05 .02
1436	3c green	..	.10	.04 .03 .01
1437	6c carmine	..	.50	.30 .20 ..
1437	6c used	..	.50	.25 .15 .10
1438	7c vermilion	..	4.00	3.75 1.75 ..
1439	10c brown	..	3.50	3.75 1.25 ..
1440	10c used	..	.30	.14 .12 ..
1440	10c used	..	.30	.10 ..
1444	30c black	..	3.50	1.65 1.50 ..
1446	1875, 2c vermilion	..	.20	.08 ..
1446	2c used	..	.15	.06 .04 ..
1447	5c blue	..	.40	.20 .15 ..
1448	5c blue	..	.25	.08 .07 ..
1448	5c used	..	.25	.07 .05 ..
1451	1882, 5c brown	..	.20	.07 .06 ..

All are unused unless described as U or used. 1st are extra fine with very large margins. 2nd are in good condition with fair margins. 3rd are cut round or to shape; with no margins. Envelopes can be returned within two days after receipt and money will be promptly refunded. Please remit by bills or money order.

C. F. ROTHFUCHS, 38 Munroe St., ROXBURY, MASS.

THE JUNIOR

BETHLEHEM, PENNSYLVANIA,

wants 10,000 more subscribers and to secure them quickly offers a trial subscription of one full year for 25 cents, and to each new subscriber who will send the names and addresses of two or more stamp collectors there will be sent a number of unused stamps to the catalogue value of 25 cents. THE JUNIOR has an excellent Stamp Department.

been adopted by the Secretary for stimulating interest in the Association had not met with a hearty response.

The reports of the different committees were read and duly disposed of.

The Finance Committee approved the report of the Treasurer, which showed a balance of \$32.08 in the treasury. A committee was appointed to audit the books and take note of the condition of affairs of the Sales and Purchasing Department.

A lengthy discussion was held on the status of the Society, and hope of re-establishing the Society was abandoned. The following resolution was carried unanimously:

"WHEREAS, It has become all too apparent to the members of the Philatelic Sons of America in convention assembled that the position of the Philatelic Sons of America has become untenable as a body claiming incorporate powers; and,

"WHEREAS, Complications that seemingly defy adjustment confront any attempt to re-arrange conditions and rehabilitate the Philatelic Sons of America; and,

"WHEREAS, All intelligent effort has been expended in striving to improve the situation; therefore be it

"Resolved, That the lease of life of the Philatelic Sons of America be considered expired."

It is intended to meet all just bills against the defunct Association.

It is to be regretted that after an existence of some ten years, which, during the earlier ones particularly, the future appeared so promising, that the end has come to the Philatelic Society of America.

New York Notes.

BY METROPOLIS.

Now that the conventions are over and most of the collectors have returned from their vacations the local dealers look forward to an early season of philatelic activity. Several of the dealers here say that they were well pleased with their summer trade and report it as having been better this season than in former years. It is expected that the coming season will be a lively one from the very start, and the dealers are beginning to predict all sorts of booms. The early appearance of the Standard Catalogue is looked upon with favor here and will aid materially in adding to the collectors' interest and the dealers' trade.

J. F. Dodge, Secretary-Treasurer of the Sons of Philatelia, was in town last week. He informed the writer that he intended to wheel from Albany to Clayton to attend the S. of P. Convention, but had met with a very painful accident which compelled him to give up the trip. He tells us that he shipped all books and other data to Clayton, but he is not aware that an S. of P. session had been called.

The Brooklyn Stamp Club, Branch No. 1, of the Empire State Philatelic Society, will resume its meetings Sept. 21st.

Geo. Tuttle will hold an afternoon sale Saturday, Sept. 19th, at his offices in the Morton Building, 116 Nassau St.

Our local paper, the *Perforator*, continues to improve. The "cover" illustrations taken from Mr. Seybold's collection are attracting attention everywhere and the publishers inform the writer that their publication is becoming more popular every day.

Some of the local members of the now defunct Philatelic Sons of America were somewhat surprised when they read that the Convention at Chicago had decided to put the Society out of its misery. We wonder what Kissinger's thoughts were when he heard that his former pet society had received its death warrant.

Saymore's Magazine is the title of a new aspirant for philatelic honors in the journalistic field. The publisher announces that the initial number will appear during the first week in September.

The writer is informed that H. S. Vanderburgh of Lithgow, N. Y., who is well known among dealers and collectors, has been ill for many months and unable to leave his bed. His correspondents who are awaiting replies to their letters will now learn the cause of Mr. Vanderburgh's failure to answer communications.

POSTAL CARD CATALOGUE, 1903.

The only catalogue for Card Collectors, to be issued this Fall, is Senf's (German), and I will have them in stock as soon as issued.

PRICE 35c POSTPAID. As the issue will be limited, I would advise collectors to send me their order, accompanied by remittance, without delay.

ADOLPH LOHMEYER, Baltimore, Md. 922 N. Gilmer Street.

STAMPS

AT

One-Half and One Cent Each.

A postal card with your name will bring you the lists by return mail.

COLUMBIAN STAMP CO., ARLINGTON, MASS.

CHARITY BEGINS AT HOME!

That is why I sell so low, instead of quoting at high prices, and sending the difference to the heathens at Zanzibar, Zululand or Newport.

U. S. Rev., \$1 Man., \$0.24	3c, 2nd issue,	\$0.15
\$1 Mortgage,	4c "	.22
\$2 Probate,	6c "	.90
5c "	40c "	.24
\$1.30 F. Exch.,	\$2.00 "	.27
\$5 Manifest,	\$2.50 "	.16
\$5 Mortgage,	\$3.00 "	.55
\$5 Probate,	\$5.00 "	.33
\$20 Charter Party,	\$10.00 "	1.35
\$10 Conveyance,	\$5.00, 3rd issue,	.33
\$10 Mortgage,	\$3.00 "	.65
\$20 Probate,	\$2.50 "	.22
\$20 Conveyance,	6c blue, 1878,	.20

Satisfaction guaranteed. Postage extra.

E. C. DODD,

259 So. Hermitage Ave., CHICAGO, ILL.

Chicago Notes.

Several of the local dealers received requests for rare stamps on approval from H. Schneiders, Riga, Russia, the fraud whose methods were exposed recently in some of the stamp journals. None of the local dealers responded to his letter and are now congratulating themselves.

During the last meeting of the Chicago Philatelic Society, Pres. Wolsieffer called upon the several visitors present for a speech, to which they responded in an able manner, after which several stories (mostly fiction), were told by some of the local members.

Messrs. Wolsieffer and Oesch regaled those present with glowing accounts of the convention at Clayton. P. M. also showed a photograph of the crowd seated on the piazza of the hotel.

P. M. Wolsieffer is working upon an auction sale, the date of which will be announced later.

A special from Memphis, Tenn., says: The stomach of a goat is to be analyzed by expert chemists in an effort to account for the disappearance from several whiskey barrels of a number of U. S. revenue stamps involving several hundred dollars.

Question: Was the goat a philatelist or a tippler? Possibly both.

CLIFFORD.

THE Weekly Philatelic Era.

W. W. JEWETT, - Editor and Publisher.

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

U. S., Canada or Mexico, 50c. per year. To other countries in Postal Union, \$1.00 per year. All subscriptions MUST commence with current number. Back numbers cannot be supplied at subscription rates.

ADVERTISING RATES:

60c per inch on Transient Advertisements. 100 inches to be used within one year, 50c per inch. Special Rates quoted on application on 200 inches or over; also on large ads of a page or more.

PUBLICATION OFFICE,

802 Congress St., Portland, Me.

YOUR SUBSCRIPTION EXPIRES with this issue if a (X) appears in the margin opposite this paragraph. The paper is not abruptly discontinued on the expiration of subscriptions, unless expressly so ordered. We shall highly appreciate an early renewal from you, or an order to have your paper discontinued.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS. In notifying us of any change of address subscribers should be sure to give their old as well as new address

Notes and Comment.

As another philatelic "season" is rapidly dawning it behooves the enterprising dealers to attend to the placing of their advertising. It attracts attention to be among the first, and once attract the collector's eye to your announcements and it will invariably follow them for months. If he isn't ready to buy today, he may be very soon; but many are already turning to their collections with renewed zest after a few months neglect.

In placing your contracts we hope the ERA will receive due consideration and a share of your favors. We have a good substantial subscription list of active collectors, and especial effort will be made this season to have the paper appear promptly and regularly.

Date and further particulars will be published shortly of the first "Special" of this season. It is the intention this year to have these editions eclipse all similar ones in the past. Watch out for date and engage space promptly.

HONG KONG AGAIN!

Last March we advertised 3 Hong Kong Stamps and had more replies in proportion to amount advertised than to any other inserted this year. We have another lot of

THIS POPULAR COUNTRY

and can offer good used copies of the following, some of which are sure to increase in price in the new catalogue.

No. 4	18c unwat	.....	\$0.55
8	2c brown, C.C.	.....	.18
9	4c slate, "	.....	.10
11	8c orange, "	.....	.10
12	12c blue, "	.....	.09
17	20c violet, "	.....	.05
18	48c rose, "	.....	.32
19	90c bistre, "	.....	5.50
20	90c gray, "	.....	.75

We also have a few seconds (that is, copies somewhat off center or perforated on three sides, or some other slight imperfection) of most of these that we can supply at one-half the above prices. If none of these interest you send us your Want List. We can please you.

NEW ENGLAND STAMP CO.,
9 and 21 Bromfield St., BOSTON, MASS.

The Post Office authorities notify us under date of August 26th of the decease of J. B. Brevoort, late of Johnsonburg, Pa., at one time located in New York State, and for many years a prominent dealer and collector. Particulars as to date etc. are lacking. We have also received news of the death of J. V. Painter of Cleveland, Ohio, another well known and prominent philatelist and member of the American Philatelic Association.

The following from the Cleveland Leader of August 14th gives much of interest of Mr. Painter's life and death.

John Vickers Painter, one of the best known of Cleveland's business men, died last evening at his home, 704 Euclid avenue, after a brief illness.

He was first taken ill about five weeks ago, but soon grew better and was able to be out and attend to important business affairs. About a week ago he was again taken seriously ill, however, and his death resulted last night about 9.30 o'clock. The cause of his death was heart disease. He was aged 68 years and is survived by Mrs. Painter and one son, Kenyon V. Painter, who resides at 696 Euclid avenue. Mrs. Painter was at her husband's bedside and is prostrated over his death.

John Vickers Painter was born in West Chester, Pa., July 20, 1835. His parents, Samuel Marshall Painter and Ann Vickers Painter, were descendants of people of the Quaker State who accompanied William Penn from England. In his boyhood and youth Mr. Painter received the Quaker training.

He was educated at Haverford College, Pennsylvania, and early in his career came West and embarked in business in this city, where he has since resided. He first engaged in railroading in the employ of the Cleveland & Toledo Railroad Company, which is now a part of the Lake Shore system. In this capacity he acquired the business habits which exhibited to some extent his executive ability as a man of prompt and shrewd judgment. Later Mr. Painter went into the banking business, in which he continued until June 1, 1873, when he retired because of failing health.

After spending some years abroad he became interested in manufacturing and iron mining and in the organization of the Cleveland Stone Company, of which he was Vice-President. Mr. Painter was also Vice-President of the Cleveland & Pittsburg Railway and was a Director in the following companies: the Cleveland Trust Company, the Citizens' Savings and Trust Company, the Republic Iron Company and the Springsteen Medicine Company. He was also a Trustee of the Cleveland Museum of Art and Treasurer and Trustee of the John Huntington Benevolent Trust. He was also a member of the Chamber of Commerce and of the Union, Roadside, Country and Euclid clubs.

We acknowledge receipt of a copy of the Springfield Homestead of August 29th, containing a lengthy write-up, illustrated by two half-tone cuts, of Mr. John W. Provost's new stamp-den, described elsewhere in this issue.

COMING AUCTION SALES.

New York City.—The 62nd sale of Geo. R. Tuttle, Saturday afternoon, Sept. 19th, at 2 o'clock, at 116 Nassau St. 607 lots.

Do you want to become a member of the AMERICAN PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION, without costing you a cent? Then write me for particulars, and read carefully the following ad.

1894	\$1.00 black, no wmkd., used	.....	\$0.65
1894	\$2.00 sapphire, " " "	.....	2.00
1894	\$5.00 green, " " "	.....	8.50
1895	50c orange, wmkd., " " "	.....	.80
1895	\$1.00 black, " " "	.....	.25
1895	\$2.00 sapphire, " " "	.....	1.25
1895	\$5.00 green, " " "	.....	1.35
1898	5c sage green, " " "	.....	.18
1898	\$1.00 black, " " "	.....	.60
1898	\$2.00 orange brown, " " "	.....	1.25
1901	1c to 10c complete, " new	.....	.45
1901	1c to 10c block of four, " "	.....	1.75

REVENUES, 1898-1902.

1898	\$3.00 dark brown, used	.....	\$0.10
1898	\$3.00 " " pair, used	.....	.20
1900	\$1.00 carmine, " " "	.....	.15
1900	\$1.00 " " pair, " " "	.....	.30
1900	\$1.00 & \$2 gray & black (s), " " "	.....	.05
1900	\$5.00 " " " " "	.....	.18
1902	\$3.00 green & black, " " "	.....	.12

Above are all uncut and very fine.

D. T. EATON,
MUSCATINE, IOWA.

French Crete, 1902 (Unsurcharged)

"L'Echo Timbrologie" is authority for the statement that only 450 of the 5 fr were issued unsurcharged for Crete. Parisian dealers ask \$18.00 for the set.

1 fr, 2 fr and 5 fr, unused, fine... **\$6.00**

HAYTI, UNPAID, (Suroh. May, 1902),
2c, 2c, 5c, 10c and 50c (5 var.)... **1.50**

Parisian dealers ask 12 fr for 50c value. Order quickly for supply is very limited.

HOME CITY STAMP CO.,
Box 1352, SPRINGFIELD, MASS.

60% DISCOUNT.

U. S. Postage, Revs., etc. and Foreign Postage on approval. Ref. required. Cash paid for Unused U. S. Postage. [if C. B. MERRILL, 102 E. 90th St., New York.

MUST BE SOLD!
STAMPS.

Hundreds of the scarcer stamps you need. The accumulation of 20 years. Rich in old German, Br. Colonies, old European, South American and U. S. Postage, Revenue and Envelopes.

FINE APPROVAL BOOKS

At 50% Off Scott's Catalogue. Selections sent on approval on receipt of first class references. State size of collection and class of stamps wanted.

Bargains!

U. S. Executive Dept. complete, marked "Specimen", 5 var., fine condition..... **\$4.50**
Roumania 1869, 25b, mint, cat. \$1.25..... **.50**
Tuscany 1833, 1q black, white paper..... **1.00**


W. H. PLANK,
DECATUR, ARKANSAS.

60% Discount.
Fill Your Spaces
while you have
the chance.

Send For Our Large List.

E. F. GAMBS CO.,
P. O. Box 2631, SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

PEELABLE HINGES

NOT ENGLISH		NOT GERMAN
1000 12c.		5000 50c.
POST FREE		POST FREE

STRONG PAPER—TASTELESS GUM
W. F. GREGORY, 65 NASSAU ST., NEW YORK.

BARGAINS!

U. S. 1895, 50c orange.....	\$0.46
" " Due, 30 and 50c, the two.....	.40
" " Omaha, 50c sage green.....	.18
Hawaii, 1874, 18c rose, unused, cat. \$1.25.....	.40
Canada, Jubilee, 50c blue, cat. 30c.....	.12
Mexico, 1899, 50c lilac and black.....	.12
Peru, 1883, 50c brown, No. 226.....	.12

L. N. HERBERT,

1520 Washington Ave., NEW YORK.

SPECIAL OFFER!

1902, Germany, 5 Marks, at only 50c

A few nice copies at the above price. Enough to go around, so be sure to get one of them. That's all for the present. Other bargains will follow.

Theo. Mainhart, Johnstown, Pa.

NICARAGUA OFFICIAL

1890, ultramarine, 5, 10, 20 and 50c, 1, 2, 5 and 10p, 8 var., cat. 64c, 1 set 20c post free; 10 sets \$1.00.

Bolivia, finely assorted, 62c per 100. Nicaragua, finely assorted, 62c per 100. Salvador, finely assorted, \$1.00 per 100.

Retail.—Large assortment at 50% discount. Store open from 8.30 A. M. to 6 P. M. [39

CARL YOUNG, 112 N. 5th St., Phila., Pa.

GUATEMALA.

Complete Sets, Used, 1902 Issue.

1c to \$2.00 Postally Cancelled, ONLY \$1.00.

PERRIN & CO.,

106 East 23rd St., NEW YORK, N. Y. Headquarters for Unused Current Guatemalas at wholesale.

Are you thinking of Selling your stamps at Auctions? If so write us.

Now is the time to make dates for next season.

CHAS. H. STONE & CO.,

19 Washington St., BOSTON, MASS.

IF YOU WISH TO

BUY, SELL OR EXCHANGE

Stamps, Desired Results can be had through

AN AD IN THE WEEKLY ERA.

Boston Bits • •

BY HENRY A. KIDDER.

The sections of the advance sheets of the new Catalogue from Congo to French Offices in the Levant, show the same general advancing tendency as those noticed previously. In Congo No. 51 Postal Packet is priced at \$15 used, and the postal issues are generally advanced. In Cook Islands No. 22, the 1d brown, surcharged "crown" is priced unused at \$4. There is practically no change in Corea, and Costa Rica remains about as last quoted until 1901, where the colon values are raised in used form. Crete 1900 surcharged are all advanced, and the 1901, 50l violet is priced 50c unused and 15c used. Considering the number of stamps under Cuba, there are surprisingly few changes. The most marked change is the dropping out of the second retouch and the putting of the third retouch as second. Curacao, 1900, Nos. 27 and 28 are now priced unused. In Danish West Indies No. 12 is priced at \$15 used and No. 26, \$20 in the same condition. The Postage Due stamps are generally priced used. Denmark No. 1 is advanced from \$20 to \$22, and Nos. 11, 12 and 13 are higher unused. In 1874-79 No. 26, b and c are quoted unused at \$1.50 and \$1.00 respectively. No. 27a is priced at \$2 unused. No. 75, Official, hitherto unquoted, is now priced at \$4 unused and \$1 used. The 1890 Diego Suarez stamps are now priced both used and unused with the unused prices generally higher. Dominica and Dominican Republic are practically unchanged. Dutch Indies No. 24 is raised unused from 12c to 40c. Under Postage Due Nos. 151 and 152 are priced at \$1 and 30c and 75c and 75c respectively. The 1883 and following are now priced used, with a general advance in all. Early Eastern Roumelia are advanced, while No. 19 is now priced unused and at \$12.50 at that. In Ecuador, No. 7 is raised to \$5 either used or unused. No. 152, unused, is priced at \$4.50. The long list of surcharges issued late in 1902 and early this year appear but all unpriced. The Postage Due stamps of Egypt, 1884, are all priced used and the unused prices are ad-

A CUT SQUARE NOT CUT.

The exciting cut on "Cut Squares" did not affect the 1882, 3c Die C, No. 1476, Blue Paper.

It is listed at \$25.00 and we offer a very good used copy, Entire better than cut square, for only..... \$75.00
\$1.00 Passage Ticket, fine, No. 2873..... 3.00
Nyassa 1891, 13 var. complete, fine bi-colored camel set..... .80

The next Wolsieffer Auction will interest every dealer and collector. It will contain many fine stamps as well as combination lots, wholesale, etc. It will also contain the James C. Mills Collection. All catalogues are free.

UNITED STAMP CO., 1149 Marquette, Chicago.

N. B.—It will pay you to correspond with us if you intend to sell your collection at auction.

FINLAND.

	1904 Cat.	
1 mark, 1875-81.....	\$0.50	\$0.25
1 " " 1882.....	.75	.07
1 " " 1889-92.....	.06	.03
8 var. Prince Edward Is.....		1.00

J. T. STARR STAMP COMPANY, COLDWATER, MICH.

vanced. Early Soudan prices are advanced, also the 1898 series and the unused Postage Due. Elobey, Annobon and Corisco appears as a new heading, the 1903 stamps being catalogued but not priced. Nos. 1 and 2 are raised to \$4 and \$4 and \$15 and \$4 respectively. Fernando Po, Nos. 11 and 11a, are now priced used, the new prices being \$1 and \$1 and \$2.50 and \$2.50. No. 24, double surcharge, is quoted unused at \$4, and No. 29 at \$1.25, No. 33 at \$1 used, and Nos. 35 and 36 at \$3 and \$4 respectively, unused. Nos. 38 and 39 are quoted at \$5 and \$4.50 unused. Nos. 86 and 88 are quoted at \$3 and \$2 and \$10 and \$6 respectively. Fiji, Nos. 21, 22 and 23, hitherto unpriced, are now quoted at \$25, \$30 and \$30 respectively unused. Nos. 33 and 34 are now priced alike used and unused, at the old unused prices. In 1890, No. 47 is quoted at \$1 unused. Nos. 50 and 51 are priced used 50c and \$1.50 respectively. Early Finlands are generally advanced, and 5k blue of 1858 is priced at \$60 unused. Prices are generally higher in later Finland, No. 37 being raised from \$12.50 to \$20. France, Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4 are advanced, especially for unused. No. 8, used, is advanced to \$50. All the re-issues of 1862 are priced unused, except the 20c blue. In 1852 there is a general advance, especially in unused. The 20c of 1870 is advanced, the unused prices being \$60, \$2.50 and \$5, and the used, \$1.50, 4c and 6c. Strange to say the 75c carmine of 1876 is dropped from \$3 to \$2, unused. The Postage Due, No. 204 is raised to \$5 used, while those of 1871-78 are generally advanced.

Mr. J. M. Bartels is spending a few weeks' vacation in Montclair, N. J.

Miss Gimán, of the New England Stamp Co., is away on a vacation. The last of the office force to be thus favored.

The J. M. Bartels Co. will hold their 1st auction sale about Oct. 1.

Mekeel's Stamp Collector

PUBLISHED WEEKLY.

FULL of information and news valuable to stamp collectors. Once a month large magazine editions are issued. Over one thousand pages guaranteed during the year.

Subscription \$1.00 per year. (On trial for three months, 25 cents.) No stamp man can afford to be without it. Volume sixteen commenced January 1, 1903.

C. H. Mekeel Stamp and Publishing Co.

St. Louis, Mo.

SUMMER BARGAINS!

NEW BRUNSWICK 1c, 2c, 5c, 10c, unused, set.....	\$0.20
NEWFOUNDLAND 1899, 1c, 2c, 3c, 5c, used, set.....	.10
BRAZIL 1843, 3or black, Scott's No. 1, very fine used copies, each.....	2.25
NEW SOUTH WALES 6d green, Scott's No. 105, unused, scarce stamp, each.....	3.50
DANISH WEST INDIES 2c carmine and 8c brown, unused, both ...	.15
ABYSSINIA Postage 1894, 7 varieties, unused, set.....	.35
Unpaid 1896, 7 varieties, unused, set.....	.35
Both sets.....	.65
NORTH BORNEO Surcharged British Protectorate 1c to 24c, 10 varieties, cancelled, set.....	.35
FOREIGN ENVELOPES AND WRAPPERS 25 varieties used and unused, cut square, catalogue over \$1.....	.25
BRITISH EAST AFRICA Large Size, Unused 1898, 2 rupees, orange.....	1.50
3 rupees, dark violet.....	2.25
STANDARD CATALOGUE, 1904 Ready in November. Orders may be filed now, and catalogues will be forwarded at earliest possible moment. Price each, postpaid.....	.58
Postage Extra on All Orders.	

**COLUMBIAN STAMP CO.,
ARLINGTON, MASS.**

President M. H. Lombard of the Boston Philatelic Society has returned from his summer residence at Hyannisport.

Mr. J. S. Rich, treasurer of the American Collectors' Company, was in Boston early in the week en route to spend a vacation in the White Mountains.

George H. Worthington of Cleveland, Ohio, has just made a flying visit to Boston on his way to New Hampshire.

Mr. C. A. Bird of Elgin, Ill., was also a visitor at the local stamp shops this week.

Mr. Berthold of the J. M. Bartels Co. has returned from his vacation.

Messrs. Putney and Colson of the New England Stamp Co. are back at their desks, after pleasant vacation trips. It is rumored that Mr. Colson thinks the Portland boat rolls pretty badly, but the rumor may not be true.

Among new things seen this week was a full set of the Servian surcharges, except the 1p on 5d, shown us by Miss Gaffney of the J. M. Bartels Co.

Mr. Nathan Cobe has returned home from his summer's vacation in England, full of stamps and stamp lore. He had a good time, and thinks London is all right—but then, it isn't Boston!

Prominent New York dealers say that Boston leads when it comes to early receipt of new issues. "Thanks, awfully!" But then this is only a re-statement of a well known proposition. Boston dealers lead in this as well as in other particulars.

Federal Prospects.**THE NEW FEDERAL STAMPS.**

The all-absorbing topic of conversation in local philatelic circles during the past month has been the projected issue of the new Federal stamps. Up to the present the 9d value for use in Queensland has made its appearance. A supply of the same value for use in New South Wales has been received at the Sydney office, and were issued to the public on the 15th July, the writer being privileged to purchase the first sheet.

It was stated at first that the design was by an Australian artist, but Senator Drake informed Senator Pulsford that "the design for the new Commonwealth stamp was taken from a medal in his possession," and has not, therefore, the merit of even being original. At a recent meeting of the Council of the Royal Victorian Institute of Architects, the following resolution was passed:

"That this Council, representing the members of the Royal Victorian Institute of Architects, desires to place on record its deep regret that the first Commonwealth postage stamp should be so utterly weak and inartistic in design; and also to express the hope that it will be withdrawn from issue, to prevent our Australian designers being held up to ridicule; and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Postmaster-General and to the press."

Generally speaking, the design has been severely condemned, the absence of the word "Australia" being considered a fatal omission. Senator Drake's apology for placing the names of the Federating States on the pillars of the arch in such an "upside-down" fashion, is that "they were so arranged as to place the oldest State nearest the mother earth from which the arch rears." It is very easy to get an excuse for any procedure, but the fact remains that Queensland, the youngest State of all, is put in the position of greatest prominence.

A long article on the subject, by "Censor," appeared in a recent issue of the *Evening News*. The writer comments on the fact that Messrs. Drake, Scott, and Oxenham (Mr. Drake's private secretary), are all Queenslanders, and hints that their provincial tendencies have probably influenced the adoption of such a plan whereby Queensland is brought out on top.

We have no desire to make our journal a medium for airing political opinions, our aim and object being to see that everything bearing on philately is done consistently; but New South Wales is the parent State, and is certainly entitled to premier position; in the present instance it would appear that such a right is being denied her.

The two stamps referred to above have been printed in Melbourne; both are on V and Crown paper, and, although it was announced upwards of a month ago that estimates were being invited from the Government Printers in the various States as to the cost of printing, no communication whatever on the subject has, so far as we

TRADE COLUMN.

Under this head we will print exchange, want and for sale notices, business announcements, 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.

One four-line notice free with each subscription, providing copy accompanies the subscription.

THREE Consecutive Insertions of SAME ad in this Column for PRICE OF TWO.

\$1.00 Manifest, perf., 10c (silver). A. HILL, 8 Hobart St., Meriden, Conn.

50 var., 250 hinges, 1 mill. scale, all 10c; stamps on app. 50%. List free. Sunflower Stamp Co., Lawrence, Kan. [40]

3 varieties 1898 China, 3c. 1000 small size English imported Hinges, 10c. 12c North Borneo, 1893, 6c. Postage 2c extra. A. P. LEARNED, 739 Ala. St., Lawrence, Kan.

Free, 12 varieties of unused stamps for the names and addresses of three collectors and a 2c stamp.
M. L. HART,
503 Fairfield Avenue, Akron Ohio.

One American and one World Typewriter for sale cheap. C. W. ABBOTT, Upper Montclair, N. J. [40]

Season 1902-1904. Specialty: Highest class British and British Colonial, unused and used at 25 to 50 per cent. below Scott's and Gibbons' quotations, on approval with pleasure. Serious collectors and large buyers in the United States and Canada will do well to communicate with FREDERICK R. GINN, 143 Strand, London, England.

The greatest rarities are offered in stock at very low prices. Every stamp sold is guaranteed genuine. \$10,000 or \$50,000.00 always ready for the purchase of rarities and large collections. FREDERICK R. GINN, 143 Strand, London, England. N. B.—Established 1880. Silver medal for finest United States Collection, London, 1897. [54*]

Is your collection for sale? Get your dealer to make a price on it, add 20% to his offer, and send book to me. It's 10 to 1 I buy it. F. W. PICKARD, 2427 Ingleside, Cincinnati, O. [40]

\$1.50 in fine stamps for tags. \$1.00 in stamps or 30 cents cash for 100 Am. Cigar bands. ED M. VOSS, Bloomington, Ind. [40]

Rock Bottom Prices. U. S. Revenue and Postage. Wholesale rates. Price list free. KING, 141 East 19th St., New York City. [38]

To complete your United States: Fine perfect copies, 1857-62, 90 cents, unused, \$12.00 each; 1869, 24 cents, \$3.00 each; 90 cents, \$8.50 each; 1895, \$5 green, \$1.35 each; \$2 blue, \$1.25 each.

To complete your Hawaii: 1859-65 type-set series, Scott's Nos. 10 to 25. Nearly all varieties at 30 to 50 per cent. below Scott's quotations. All later issues at extremely low prices. Selections sent.

Thousands of bargains in old United States, British and Colonial stamps. Fine approved selections at 25 to 50% discount. No common rubbish but only fine copies of desirable stamps sent out. Write stating wants and send reference. I can save you hundreds of dollars. Established 1880. [54*]
FREDERICK GINN, 143 Strand, London, England.

Approval sheets 60¢ disc. Net sheets for advanced collectors at equally low prices. 9000 var. in stock. F. W. PICKARD, 2427 Ingleside, Cincinnati, O. [40]

U. S. Pre-Cancelled postage stamps. I will pay a good price in cash or exchange for any not in my collection. F. L. SMITH, 40 Exchange Pl., N. Y. [47]

Is your collection for sale? I will buy it or any odd lots of good stamps. No cheap stuff wanted. Send on approval with lowest cash offer. Immediate returns guaranteed. HOWARD C. BECK, City Controller's Office, Detroit, Mich. [51*]

Pre-cancels not in my collection wanted. Best cash or trade price. E. R. ALDRICH, Benson, Minn. [47]

Try an Ad in this Column. It Pays.

Wm. v. d. Weytern, Jr.,
WHOLESALE DEALER IN
* **POSTAGE + STAMPS.** *
411 W. Saratoga St., Baltimore, Md.

New special list just issued, sent free on application to dealers only.

Springfield, Mass., Notes.

J. Delano Bartlett is in Western New York State, where he was called some two weeks ago by the serious illness of his wife. At last accounts Mrs. Bartlett was in quite a critical condition.

At the last meeting of the Springfield Stamp Club John W. Provost sprung a genuine surprise on most of the members when he ushered us into his new den. It is completely papered with stamps and will stand as a monument to the perseverance of those who helped him to do the work. An illustrated account of the room appeared in one of the local papers Saturday.

Several of our members are awaiting the answer to an order sent to a correspondent in Manila for some of the high value surcharges. Mr. Brainerd showed the set he has recently received from a friend and the rest of us are hoping that we shall be fortunate enough to get them also. Owing to the limited number issued of the \$5.00 value it ought to be a good stamp.

The reading of papers on philatelic subjects is to be resumed at the last meeting of the Club in September. Members are at liberty to select their own subjects.

All the local members of the American Philatelic Association have, or will renew their membership, and one who dropped out a while since has applied for re-instatement.

We are very fortunate in having a most obliging clerk at the stamp window of our local post office. Both Mr. Connor and Mr. Gaffney the cashier, are very kind in assisting collectors to obtain well centered specimens etc. A full line of all values of the adhesives is generally carried in stock. S.

There has been something doing here in the good old summer time. Mr. J. W. Provost, one of the best informed collectors and a strong specialist in the stamps of France and Colonies, built himself a new house, and of course he had to have a stamp den, and it's an ideal one. A good sized room about 15 foot square and the walls and ceiling are papered with stamps, all put on separately and in handsome designs, dado, frieze, and a ceiling which everyone says is beautiful.

The work was done by Mr. Provost, Mr. Champagne and the writer, with the help of our wives. We each had a panel or two to do as we wished with. Some of the panels are: The word "France", blue stamps, orange background, the date "1903", same. "Cuba" in black, background green, all unused Cuba stamps. A large anchor, Mal-

OUR APPROVAL DEPARTMENT.

On November 19, 1901, we bought out MR. E. A. HOLTON and since that time we have done one of the largest, if not the largest, "cash with order" business in the United States.

In response to repeated requests from our customers we have decided to establish an "approval department" and are now prepared to send out selections at very reasonable prices.

These selections will all be made up from our own stock. They will be entirely different from the ordinary "approval sheets" sent out by some dealers and our 50% sheets will be equal if not far superior to those offered by other dealers at 25% discount.

The classification of our sheets and books is below and if you desire a selection on approval we shall be pleased to forward one upon request. Satisfactory reference required if you are not known to us.

1. U. S. Adhesives,	- - - - -	50%
2. U. S. Departments,	- - - - -	50%
3. U. S. Dues and Periodicals,	- - - - -	50%
4. U. S. Revenues,	- - - - -	50%
5. U. S. Envelopes,	- - - - -	Net to 50%
6. Foreign Envelopes,	- - - - -	50%
7. Books by countries, including all varieties in stock, both used and unused, excepting rarities,	- - - - -	Net
8. Foreign sheets of "face" and new issues, (Blocks of four included if desired),	- - - - -	Net
9. Foreign books and sheets arranged by countries, both used and unused,	- - - - -	50%
10. Mixed sheets from all countries, both used and unused,	- - - - -	50%

All our prices from which the above discounts are given are based on the latest standard catalogue. When sending your order please let us know what countries you would like to see and how high priced stamps you are buying.

HOLTON STAMP CO., 60 Devonshire St., (Est'd 1861) BOSTON, MASS.

Successors to E. A. Holton,
60 Devonshire St., (Est'd 1861) BOSTON, MASS.

tese Cross, "S. S. C." and "2", John's Club number, large diamonds. "Mexico" blue letters, red background, etc. You would be surprised to see what a pleasing effect the whole thing gives. The stamps used were mostly 2 cent reds U. S., and 15c blue France, but on the four walls and ceiling there is a good general collection.

There are 35,000 stamps in the ceiling and it is estimated that the walls contain 105,000, a total of 140,000 stamps. It took about a month working about four evenings a week and one or two whole days.

John, Phil and I have a panel of which our initials are the principal feature. The ladies have another panel for their initials, that explains why you see I. M. P. as you come in the door.

C.

The following "Communication" appearing in the last issue of *Meeke's News* is reprinted here in order to further vindicate Mr. Boers, who has contributed Detroit notes to the ERA for some time past, and may reach some who read the item in *Meeke's* and otherwise would not see the correction:

To the Editor:

In your issue of August 8th, "In a Few Lines" column, there appeared an article by your Canadian correspondent roasting me for calling attention to his error in stating the color of the 2c King Edward stamp of Canada should have been red instead of purple, and finishing with the paragraph: "Isn't it about time he knew it?" This seemed to hit him very hard. He says I excited myself so needlessly and ridiculously in the issue of the ERA of July 18th, being about three weeks behind time in making the correction.

Now, let me just have "a few lines" and explain how it happened to be in the July 18th issue. On July 4th I went to Canada and bought two sets of King Edward stamps, one for the *Week-*ly and the other for the ERA, sending them

away from there. In course of four days they were returned to me, and then my attention was called to the error. As I was corresponding for the ERA, I made a note of it in my letter to the ERA on July 11th, as I always did send away notes on Saturday. The next issue of the ERA would be dated for the 18th. So, you see, I had it in the next issue, and I wasn't so far behind, as he says; he is poking away at random, and does not stop to figure.

He admits it was wrong and corrected in the issue of July 4th, but my paper does not reach me until some time after that, so it could not be reported otherwise. However it was an item of interest to collectors and many perhaps would not know what the correct color was until it was explained. Now, then, think it over.

Yours respectfully,

HERMAN W. BOERS.

DETROIT, Aug. 11th.

The Boston Philatelic Society.

M. H. LOMBARD, President, Winchester, Mass.
C. F. ROTHFUCHS, Vice-President, Boston.
C. A. HOWES, Secretary, 55 Kilby St., Boston.
L. L. GREEN, Treasurer, 47 Tremont St., Boston.
J. H. LYONS, Supt. of Auctions, 9 Bromfield St., Boston.
J. H. LYONS, Supt. of Sales, 9 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass.
THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA, Official Journal.

The Postal Card Society of America.

Officers for 1902-3.
President, HORACE E. CARPENTER, JR., Care N. B. Bradley & Sons, Bay City, Mich.
Vice-President, J. T. ALBERT HOSBACH, 1492 North 53rd St., Philadelphia, Pa.
Secretary, W. P. AGEE, Hope, Ark.
Treasurer, JOHN N. MOESE, 105 Devonshire St., Boston, Mass.
Executive Committee, GUY A. BRYANT, Princeton, Ill.; W. D. ARNOLD, The Portland, Broadway, St. Paul, Minn.; N. HASKELL WITMER, 230 S. 9th St., La Crosse, Wis.
Exchange Superintendent, J. T. A. HOSBACH, 1492 No. 53rd St., Phila., Pa.
Purchasing Agent, ADOLPH LOMMEYER, 922 N. Gilmer St., Baltimore, Md.
International Secretary, E. DOERBLIN, P. O. Box 736, Pittsburg, Pa.
Official Journal, THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA.

The Weekly Philatelic Era

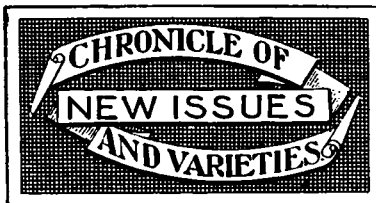
A PAPER DEVOTED TO STAMP NEWS.

50c PER YEAR.

ENTERED AT PORTLAND POST OFFICE AS SECOND CLASS MATTER JAN. 10, 1890.

2c PER COPY.

VOL. XVII. No. 51. PORTLAND, ME., SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 1903. WHOLE No. 539.



By HENRY A. KIDDER.

Friends of the ERA are invited to send to the editor of this department any information regarding new issues or varieties that may prove of interest. Such information will be suitably acknowledged. Address, HENRY A. KIDDER, 17 Addison Street, Arlington, Mass.

Exchanges will please send Mr. Kidder a copy of each issue to the foregoing address, and an extra copy of the ERA will be gladly sent whenever desired.

ANTIGUA.—Mr. J. H. Lyons of the New England Stamp Co. shows us the 5sh stamp of the new Antigua set. It is the same size as the lower values, but the design is different, closely resembling the 5sh Montserrat. The colors are purple for the frame and gray green for the vignette.

FIJI ISLANDS.—The ½d Queen's head stamps are reported entirely exhausted in the Islands.

FRENCH COLONIES.—A Paris dispatch to the New York Herald says that the French Government has decided to issue a special stamp for each colony instead of the stock stamps with only the name of the colony changed.

JOHORE.—Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal reports having seen the new surcharges, 3c on 4c and 3c on 10c without value cancelled.

MONG-TZE.—The *Illustriertes Briefmarken Zeitung* reports having seen the new surcharges upon Indo Chine stamps of the regular issue of French Colonies, as noted in the ERA last week.

Adhesives (Regular):

- 1c black on blue.
- 2c red brown on buff.
- 4c claret on lavender.
- 5c yellow green.
- 10c red.
- 15c gray on light gray.
- 20c red on yellow green.
- 25c blue.
- 30c brown on bistre.
- 40c red on straw.
- 50c carmine on rose.
- 75c deep violet on orange.
- 1f bronze-green on straw.
- 5f red lilac on lavender.

MOROCCO AGENCIES.—The *Deutsche Briefmarken Zeitung* has been shown new

stationery overprinted "Morocco Agencies" in black upon Gibraltar, with value changed to centimos.

Post Cards (Regular):

- 5c on ¼d green on cream, 115x89mm.
- 10c on 1d rose on cream, 140x89mm.

Wrappers (Regular):

- 5c on ¼d dark green on buff, 126x300mm.
- 10c on 1d rose on buff, 126x300mm.

NEW ZEALAND.—It is reported that all values in the series have now been issued on paper watermarked single-lined N. Z. and Star, the latest to appear being the 5d red brown, 9d red violet and 1sh blue green. All these will be issued as soon as the old stock is exhausted.

SEYCHELLES.—*Ewen's Weekly* says that another surcharge, 2c on 15c, has been issued, but as yet none have been seen.

VENEZUELA.—We find we have omitted to chronicle the stamps issued by the Revolutionists in their recent operations against Castro's government. The supply of government issues having become exhausted the revolutionists issued stamps for the various cities and states held by them. The stamps are type set, and of two sizes. The larger contains the arms of the country, with "Correos de Venezuela" at the top, "Estado" at the left and "Guayana" at the right. Both the side inscriptions read upwards. At the bottom appears the value thus, "1 Bolivar 1," also in caps. The whole is surrounded by a type border, and printed on colored paper, which is also true of the smaller stamps. The latter have the same type border but are very much smaller, the type in the inscription being condensed and that at top printed in lower case. The central figure is a three-masted side-wheel steamer, headed to the right. This was evidently furnished from the printer's stock.

Adhesives (Provisional):

Large Size, Inscribed "Estado Guayana."

- 5c black on rose.
- 10c black on red.
- 25c black on blue.
- 50c black on yellow.
- 1b black on gray.

Small Size, Inscribed "Estado Guayana."

- 5c black on gray.
- 10c black on red.
- 25c black on rose.
- 50c black on blue.
- 1b black on yellow.

Inscribed "Estado Maturib."

- 5c black on rose.
- 10c black on blue.
- 25c black on yellow.
- 50c black on red.
- 1b black on gray.

Inscribed "Distrito Marnio."

- 5c black on red.
- 10c black on yellow.
- 25c black on gray.
- 50c black on rose.
- 1b black on blue.

New York Notes.

BY METROPOLIS.

W. F. Gregory, the Nassau street dealer, has left for Europe.

The Nassau Stamp Company recently disposed of a thirty-cent 1869, flags inverted. It is said that the stamp sold for a figure very close to the catalogue quotation, which is \$600.00.

J. E. Handshaw, the wholesale dealer, recently purchased the entire stock of Postal Cards on hand at the Hamilton Bank Note Company. The stock consists of nearly all the "remainders" of the "Seebeck" issues and includes cards from Honduras, Nicaragua, Salvador, etc.

The American Fiscal Philatelic Society will hold a convention Sept. 15. I am informed that the meeting will be held in Brooklyn. Some of the members seem to favor a change in the Society's name and according to one of the prominent members of the organization the name will be changed at the convention. "The International Fiscal Society" will probably be adopted. It is said that the following ticket is favored and will be in the field as the favorite at the coming election: President, A. E. Lawrence; 1st Vice-President, A. G. Burgoyne; 2d Vice-President, E. A. Wood; Secretary, Raymond Wilcox; Treasurer, J. H. Petersen; Exchange Superintendent, Fred. Schoof; Auction Manager, Geo. W. Ring; Librarian, H. N. Terrett; Trustees, F. P. Lothrop, A. B. Kay, Wm. J. Salva, C. N. Eagle, T. O. Young and A. G. Bishop.

The daily papers here have printed accounts of the goat who removed the Revenue stamps from several whiskey barrels and devoured them (the stamps, not the barrels) with evident relish. The *World* remarks editorially that this goat "has shown himself to be a successful stamp collector."

JUST A WORD

with you about the U. S. Postage and Revenues you need.

Why don't you write me ?

FRED G. JONES 2013 Brook St.,
LOUISVILLE, KY.

CHAPTER LII.

A Big Book

neatly arranged, having just the moderate priced varieties you lack would please you wouldn't it? Well, then, try

Osgood's Famous Big Selections.

References.
Precancels sent on approval. 25 var. for 25c. 50 var. for \$1.00. 100 var., \$2.50.

D. W. OSGOOD,
ALAMOSA, Conejos Co., COLO.
[To be Continued.]

THE JUNIOR

BETHLEHEM, PENNSYLVANIA,

wants 10,000 more subscribers and to secure them quickly offers a trial subscription of one full year for 25 cents, and to each new subscriber who will send the names and addresses of two or more stamp collectors there will be sent a number of unused stamps to the catalogue value of 25 cents.

THE JUNIOR has an excellent Stamp Department. [17c]

SUMMER BARGAINS!

- NEW BRUNSWICK**
1c, 2c, 5c, 10c, unused, set..... \$0.20
- NEWFOUNDLAND**
1899, 1c, 2, 3c, 5c, used, set..... .10
- BRAZIL**
1843, 3or black, Scott's No. 1, very fine used copies, each..... 2.25
- NEW SOUTH WALES**
6d green, Scott's No. 105, unused, scarce stamp, each..... 3.50
- DANISH WEST INDIES**
2c carmine and 8c brown, unused, both15
- ABYSSINIA**
Postage 1894, 7 varieties, unused, set..... .35
Unpaid 1896, 7 varieties, unused, set..... .35
Both sets..... .65
- NORTH BORNEO**
Surcharged British Protectorate 1c to 24c, 70 varieties, cancelled, set..... .35
- FOREIGN ENVELOPES AND WRAPPERS**
25 varieties used and unused, cut square, catalogue over \$1..... .25
- BRITISH EAST AFRICA**
Large Size, Unused
18, 8, 9 rupees, orange..... 1.50
3 rupees, dark violet..... 2.25
- STANDARD CATALOGUE, 1904**
Ready in November. Orders may be filed now, and catalogues will be forwarded at earliest possible moment. Price each, postpaid..... .58

Postage Extra on All Orders.

COLUMBIAN STAMP CO.,
ARLINGTON, MASS.

Your Liver is Out of Order!

If you don't believe that 12 issues of the **Perforator** are worth thirty cents, better see a Doctor.

THE PERFORATOR,
106 E. 111th St., NEW YORK.

WHEN YOU THINK OF SELLING

WRITE TO

B. L. DREW & CO.,
7 WATER ST., (Room 501), BOSTON, MASS.

[100c]

The Leading Auction Firm in America.

Please mention **BRA** when answering ads.

Boston Bits • •

BY HENRY A. KIDDER.

The issue of the new catalogue advance sheets continues regularly. The last two issued brings the list down to Hayti. Continuing our somewhat desultory review of the prices, etc. French Offices in China, No. 994, 75c is now valued unused at \$1.50. There is a general advance in Canton, and in accordance with previous information, the stamps of Hoi Hao show a very marked advance. The 1894 issue, French Offices in Zanzibar have been generally raised, and are now quoted the same used or unused, except No. 1410, which is only priced unused. No. 1422 is priced \$12 unused, 1423, \$25; 1424, \$18; 1425, \$12; 1426, \$25. No used prices given. French Colonies, 1876, is advanced to \$6 and is priced the same used or unused, and No. 21 is advanced from \$25 to \$35 unused. There is generally very little change in the French Colony sets with allegorical group of Commerce and Navigation. In Thurn and Taxis, Southern District, No. 43 unused is raised from \$15 to \$25, and No. 44 from \$30 to \$40. Nos. 45 and 46 are now priced unused at \$25 and \$20 respectively. In Germany the current Official stamps are given place, but are not priced. The variety illustrated is No. 21, and strange to say no other number is mentioned. Gold Coast, Nos. 33 and 34 unused have been advanced to \$3 and \$6 respectively. The 1902, 2d lilac and carmine, unused is priced \$1.25. The German Colonies are re-arranged, but show little change in prices. Early Great Britain shows very little change. The 1½d of 1860, No. 32, has been advanced from \$7.50 to \$10. No. 110, £1 brown violet, unused, has been advanced from \$35 to \$37.50, while the £1 of 1888, No. 123 is now priced used at \$7.00, no price being given for unused copies. I. R. Official, No. 305, 6d gray is quoted at \$10 unused. Nos. 54 and 62 are quoted at \$2 and \$3 respectively. Some very high prices are quoted for O. W. Officials, and R. H. Official, 1902, ½d and 1d are quoted at \$5 each unused. The "A. M." surcharges on Greek stamps are now priced used the same as unused, except Nos. 163 and 164, while strange to say No. 156 has been dropped to \$1.25. The Greece used stamps of 1901 have been generally lowered in price. Grenada No. 11 is given a price of \$1.50 for used copies, while the 1886 issue is priced the same used as unused. No. 33, hitherto unpriced, is now quoted at \$40 for unused copies. No. 36 is quoted at \$5 used, the same as unused. The 1902 set is still unpriced in used state. The Unpaid stamps of Grenada show a slight general advance. In Guadeloupe, Nos. 12 and 13 of 1891 have been advanced to \$2.25 and \$8 respectively, either used or unused, and the Unpaid, No. 105,

TRADE COLUMN.

Under this head we will print exchange, want and for sale notices, business announcements, 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.

One four-line notice free with each subscription, providing copy accompanies the subscription.

THREE Consecutive Insertions of SAME ad in this Column for PRICE OF TWO.

Season 1903-1904. Specialty: Highest class British and British Colonials, unused and used at 25 to 50 per cent. below Scott's and Gibbons' quotations, on approval with pleasure. Serious collectors and large buyers in the United States and Canada will do well to communicate with **FREDERICK R. GINN**, 143 Strand, London, England.

The greatest rarities are offered in stock at very low prices. Every stamp sold is guaranteed genuine. \$10,000 or \$50,000 always ready for the purchase of rarities and large collections. **FREDERICK R. GINN**, 143 Strand, London, England. N. B.—Established 1880. Silver medal for finest United States Collection, London, 1897. [54c]

Two rare French stamps and a fine present for 5c. **H. S. HANDLER**, Weymouth, Mass.

3 var. China 1898, 3c; 1000 small size English imported hinges, 10c. Approval Sheets 50¢. Postage 2c extra. **A. P. Learned**, 739 Ala. St., Lawrence, Kans. [42]

\$1 P. Ticket, \$1 Mortgage, \$1.25 the pair. \$3, 3rd, 2c. \$5 black and green, 15c. Satisfaction guaranteed. Price list free. **KING**, 141 East 19th St., N. Y. City. [42]

One pound of unsorted U. S. and foreign stamps sent post paid for 30 cents. Fine stamps on approval at 60% discount. Send reference for a trial selection. **LEON V. CASS**, New Oxford, Pa.

Examine your mail each day and notice how few evenly centered stamps you find. My business is to sell unused U. S. postage stamps and entire envelopes in fine condition; can supply many stamps in pairs and blocks of four. Write me for what you need. **WALTER C. ODIORNE**, Huntingdon, Pa., U. S. A. [42]

Wanted in large or small quantities, unused United States Current stamps, one to ten cent values. Discount 3% to 5%. Cash immediately forwarded on receipt of stamps. References: Dun or Bradstreet's Agency. Write to **ST. LOUIS COMMISSION CO.**, 315-17 N. Main St., St. Louis, Mo. [50c]

I want a \$4.00 Columbian stamp, used. Best price gets order. **H. W. BOERS**, 322 Erskine St., Detroit, Mich. [42]

50 var., 250 hinges, 1 mill. scale, all 10c; stamps on approval. List free. **Sunflower Stamp Co.**, Lawrence, Kan. [40]

One American and one World Typewriter for sale cheap. **C. W. ABBOTT**, Upper Montclair, N. J. [40]

Is your collection for sale? Get your dealer to make a price on it, add 20% to his offer, and send book to me. It's 10 to 1 I buy it. **F. W. PICKARD**, 2427 Ingleside, Cincinnati, O. [11c]

\$1.50 in fine stamps for tags. \$1.00 in stamps or 30 cents cash for 100 Am. Cigar bands. **ED M. VOSS**, Bloomington, Ind. [40]

To complete your United States: Fine perfect copies, 1857-60, 90 cents, unused, \$12.00 each; 1869, 24 cents, \$3.00 each; 90 cents, \$8.50 each; 1895, \$5 green, \$1.35 each; \$2 blue, \$1.25 each.

To complete your Hawaii: 1859-65 type-set series, Scott's Nos. 10 to 26. Nearly all varieties at 30 to 50 per cent. below Scott's quotations. All later issues at extremely low prices. Selections sent.

Thousands of bargains in old United States, British and Colonial stamps. Fine approval selections at 25 to 50% discount. No common rubbish but only fine copies of desirable stamps sent out. Write stating wants and send reference. I can save you hundreds of dollars. Established 1880. [54c] **FREDERICK GINN**, 143 Strand, London, England.

Approval sheets 60¢ disc. Net sheets for advanced collectors at equally low prices. 9000 var. in stock. **F. W. PICKARD**, 2427 Ingleside, Cincinnati, O. [11c]

U. S. Pre-Cancelled postage stamps. I will pay a good price in cash or exchange for any not in my collection. **F. L. SMITH**, 40 Exchange Pl., N. Y. [47]

Is your collection for sale? I will buy it or any odd lots of good stamps. No cheap stuff wanted. Send on approval with lowest cash offer. Immediate returns guaranteed. **HOWARD C. BECK**, City Controller's Office, Detroit, Mich. [51c]

Pre-cancels not in my collection wanted. Best cash or trade price. **E. R. ALDRICH**, Benson, Minn. [11c]

BARGAINS! U. S. ENVELOPES.

Cat. No.	CUT SQUARE.	Cat. Price.	My Price for 100.	1000.	5000.	10000.
1454	1874, 3c green on cream	\$1.00	\$0.75	\$0.40	\$0.20	\$0.10
1455	" 3c, die B,	".25	".15	".08	".04	".02
1456	" 3c used,	".05	".03	".02	".01	".01
1457	" 5c carmine,	1.00	.60	.50	.40	.30
1458	" 5c plum,	4.00	2.50	2.00	1.50	1.00
1459	" 2c purple,	6.00	5.00	4.00	3.00	2.00
1460	1875, 1c blue,	".30	".08	".07	".06	".05
1461	" 1c used	".10	".05	".03	".02	".01
1462	1880, 2c vermilion,	1.50	.90	.75	.60	.45
1463	" 2c used,	1.00	.75	.60	.45	.30
1464	" 5c blue,	3.00	1.50	1.35	1.20	1.05
1465	1874, 1c blue on orange	.35	.25	.20	.15	.10
1466	" 1c used	1.00	.50	.40	.30	.20
1467	" 1c used	.15	.10	.05	.02	.01
1468	" 1c blue	.10	.03	.02	.01	.01
1469	" 1c used	.05	.02	.01	.01	.01
1470	" 2c brown	1.50	.90	.75	.60	.45
1471	1875, 3c green on blue	.15	.07	.05	.04	.03
1472	" 3c used	.05	.03	.02	.01	.01
1473	" 5c blue	.50	.35	.30	.25	.20
1474	1880, 1c blue	.30	.15	.10	.08	.06

All are unused unless described as U or used.
 1st are extra fine with very large margins.
 2nd are in good condition with fair margins.
 3rd are cut round or to shape; with no margins.
 Envelopes can be returned within two days after receipt and money will be promptly refunded.
 Please remit by bills or money order.

G. F. ROTHFUCHS 28 Monroe St., ROXBURY, MASS.

A LIVING SUICIDE

is a cinch in comparison to a collector who attempts to collect without reading the Perforator regularly. 30c a year.

THE PERFORATOR,
 106 East 111th St., NEW YORK CITY.

hitherto unpriced is now quoted at \$20 unused. There has been very little change made in Guatemala. Guinea, 1879-84, the 5 reis unused is priced at 50c, the 10 reis at \$3 either used or unused. This is a drop in the unused price from \$6. The 40 reis has been dropped from \$4 to \$3 and the 50 reis from \$6 to \$4, both unused. In the issues of 1886-89 and 1893-94 prices are practically the same used as unused, except on the higher values. The 1898 issue is still unpriced unused. Hamburg is unchanged practically. Hanover No. 17, 3d green without network has been raised to \$8 and \$7, from \$5 and \$5.50. Considering the interest in Hawaiian stamps and the real importance of this country, there have been surprisingly few changes made. No. 7, hitherto unpriced, is now quoted at \$35 used. No. 21 has been raised to \$30 unused, No. 39 from 40 cents to 60 cents unused, and No. 53 from 4 cents to 5 cents used. These are substantially all the changes in Hawaii. The Officials are still unpriced either used or unused. In Hayti No. 19 is now quoted at \$4 and 50 cents, and slight advances have been made in the 1c, 2c and 3c of 1887. The surcharges of 1902 have been generally raised in unused state. The only used stamp priced is the 1c yellow green, which is quoted at 3c either way.

The Rev. E. E. Small was a visitor at the New England Stamp Co.'s office this week.

The vacation season is now about finished, though several of our friends were away over Labor Day.

Business was rather slack the week be-

fore Labor Day, but with the return of vacationists and the opening of the public schools the counter trade will undoubtedly pick up again.

We await with some curiosity the new Australian Commonwealth stamp. Two different illustrations are extant, one showing the larger circle with figures of value with white background and the figures in color, and vice versa. As all the descriptions unite in saying that the general color is pale brown, with the figures in the two upper corners in deep blue on white ground and that beneath the female in white on blue.

Servia continues to be the country most talked about. It is said that the new King has to be constantly guarded to prevent assassination. Has anyone been able to obtain a set of the stamps just issued, without the arms surcharge?

Correspondents in New Zealand are calling attention to the fact that the 4d on watermarked paper, perforated 11, is a scarce stamp. The 2sh on laid paper is also well worth securing as the next issue will undoubtedly be on watermarked paper.

Sons of Philatelia Convention.

CLAYTON, N. Y., AUGUST 12 AND 13.

The President and Secretary being absent Mr. John J. Oesch was chosen as Chairman and J. De'ano Bartlett as Acting Secretary.

The convention was called to order at 12.30, August 12, on the veranda of the Hubbard House with the following members present: John J. Oesch, Geo. W. Rode, E. Doebelin, J. M. Bartels, W. C. Stone, F. H. Burt and J. Delano Bartlett.

Mr. W. C. Stone read a telegram and letter from Secretary Dodge stating that he had met with an accident on his wheel and was laid up at Amsterdam, N. Y., which would make it impossible for him to be at the convention.

The Committee on Credentials reported that a protest had been received against counting the ballots as cast on blanks sent out by the Secretary as same were not prescribed by the President, and the ballot was declared illegal. The committee recommended that a new election be called.

They also reported that 89 were represented by proxy, held as follows: W. C. Stone, 47, J. D. Bartlett, 16, J. F. Dodge, 15, Geo. W. Rode, 10, J. A. D. Parks, 1.

Reports of the Secretary and Treasurer were read and referred to a committee of three to audit the accounts. The following committee was appointed: W. C. Stone, J. D. Bartlett and T. J. Champagne.

Considerable comment was made on the Secretary's report as it did not contain or show anything in regards to the standing

NOW READY and in STOCK.
SENF'S POSTAL CARD CATALOGUE, 1903-04.
 The only "up to date" work available. 435 pages, flexible blue cloth binding, stamped in black.
Price 35c Postpaid.
ADOLPH LOHMEYER,
 922 N. Gilmer Street. Baltimore, Md.

STAMPS
 AT
One-Half and One Cent Each.
 A postal card with your name will bring you the lists by return mail.
COLUMBIAN STAMP CO.,
 ARLINGTON, MASS.

of the membership or condition of the society. The Treasurer's report showed that there was \$46.63 in his hands.

The *Philatelic West* was chosen as the Official Journal for one year under the terms mentioned in a proposition from the publishers, which was 1c per month for each member.

It was voted that the Official Journal shall be selected each year at the annual convention, and that the following clause be inserted in the By-laws, under Article 10, section 2, "That the publishers shall receive such sums as may be agreed upon by the association and the publishers."

It was voted that the office of Secretary and the office of Treasurer shall not be held by the same person and that the By-laws be amended and corrected to coincide.

It was voted that a committee of three be appointed by President Miller for the purpose of revising and correcting the By-laws. Also voted that the work on and the publication of the Hand-book be dispensed with until the report of the By-law Committee is made and accepted by the President and Trustees.

It was voted that a call be made for an election of officers and that the nominations close Oct. 21, 1903, and the polls close Dec. 1, 1903, at noon, and that the President appoint a Committee on Credentials to count said ballots.

Pittsburg was chosen as the convention seat for 1904, to be held on the 2nd Wednesday in August.

J. DELANO BARTLETT,
 Acting Secretary.

The Postal Card Society of America.
 Officers for 1902-3.
 President, HORACE E. CARPENTER, Jr., Care N. B. Bradley & Sons, Bay City, Mich.
 Vice-President, J. T. ALBERT HOSBACH, 1422 North 53rd St., Philadelphia, Pa.
 Secretary, W. P. AGEE, Hope, Ark.
 Treasurer, JOHN N. MORSE, 105 Devonshire St., Boston, Mass.
 Executive Committee, GUY A. BRYANT, Princeton, Ill.; W. D. ARNOLD, The Portland, Broadway, St. Paul, Minn.; N. HASKELL WITMER, 230 S. 9th St., La Crosse, Wis.
 Exchange Superintendent, J. T. A. HOSBACH, 1422 No. 53rd St., Phila., Pa.
 Purchasing Agent, ADOLPH LOHMEYER, 922 N. Gilmer St., Baltimore, Md.
 International Secretary, E. DOEBELIN, P. O. Box 736, Pittsburg, Pa.
 Official Journal, THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA.

THE Weekly Philatelic Era.

W. W. JEWETT. • Editor and Publisher.

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

U. S., Canada or Mexico, 50c. per year.
To other countries in Postal Union, \$1.00 per year.
All subscriptions MUST commence with current number. Back numbers cannot be supplied at subscription rates.

ADVERTISING RATES:

60c per inch on Transient Advertisements.
100 inches to be used within one year, 50c per inch.
Special Rates quoted on application on 200 inches or over; also on large ads of a page or more.

PUBLICATION OFFICE,

502 Congress St., Portland, Me.

YOUR SUBSCRIPTION EXPIRES with this issue if a (X) appears in the margin opposite this paragraph. The paper is not abruptly discontinued on the expiration of subscriptions, unless expressly so ordered. We shall highly appreciate an early renewal from you, or an order to have your paper discontinued.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS. In notifying us of any change of address subscribers should be sure to give their old as well as new address

Notes and Comment.

In the installment of the valuable contribution on "Stray Notes on Sheets of Stamps," which appeared on page 388 of this volume, occurs an error which Mr. Thiele the writer has called attention to. The Due stamps of Sweden come 100 to the sheet, instead of 50 as stated.

If you don't happen to possess a copy of the 1903 (62nd edition) of Scott's Catalogue we offer you an excellent chance to obtain one. It will be useful for reference and comparison after the new Catalogue is out.

Send One Dollar for a two years' subscription (either new or renewal) to the ERA and eight cents for postage on the Catalogue and a copy will be promptly sent you.

RECEIVED:

A copy of J. H. Smyth & Co.'s 1903 Illustrated Priced Catalogue of Australasian Stamps, 5th edition, 56 pages and cover. Price 3d, post free, of the publishers at 88 King St., Sydney, N. S. W.

A 20-page and cover price list from Jose Monge of Barcelona, Spain.

SPECIAL OFFER IN

UNUSED GUAM!

- 5c blue, (cat. 50c), fine..... \$0.30
- Copies not so well centered, or with straight edges..... .25
- 10c brown, (cat. \$1.00), fine..... .60
- Not so fine, or straight edge50
- Special Delivery, (cat. \$1.25), fine .75
- Not so fine, or straight edge..... .60

These prices good for a limited time only. We can also supply complete sets of Guam at prices varying with condition.

NEW ENGLAND STAMP CO.,
9 and 21 Bromfield St., BOSTON, MASS.

We are informed that Mr. George F. Waldron, a Somerville, Mass., reader, was married on Wednesday of the current week, to Miss Myra Day of Newton, N. H. The ERA extends congratulations and best wishes.

Advertisers are reminded that the first "Special" ERA of the season will be issued in a few weeks. It will be a "Season Opener" and every stamp dealer ought to address its audience. Engage space promptly. Date and further particulars will be given next week.

Through the medium of the ERA advertising columns Mr. Lewis Robie made his name well known to stamp people all over America and to quite an extent throughout the rest of the world. This was several years ago, for during the past couple of years or more he has been almost completely lost track of.

We now learn that he was obliged to give up his business and his attempted trip around the world on account of being afflicted with an almost incurable disease, which he has been undauntedly fighting against for months past. He is at present camping in Texas and sleeping out of doors, which is giving some relief but he is well nigh discouraged of any ultimate recovery. Mr. Robie made a host of friends among the druggists of this country also, being for a number of years the travelling representative of large houses supplying this trade.

The editor feels that he but voices the sentiments of all his readers who knew Mr. Robie, when he extends sincere words of sympathy and the wish that he may successfully combat and conquer the malady.

Well, it's another one on us. Last week's paper was incorrectly dated, due to the haste the forms were rushed to press. The date should have read "Saturday, September 5th." Might be well to correct it on your copy if you preserved it, and possibly avoid confusion later.

A printed announcement of an exhibition of rare stamps on Wednesday evening, September 9th, in Parlor F of the Hotel Nicollet, Minneapolis, Minn., and an invitation to be present has been received by the writer from the newly appointed Membership Committee of the American Philatelic Association. We regret inability to accept for obvious reasons, but are pleased to note that the Committee, composed of Messrs. Eben S. Martin, W. L. Downing and J. Watson Smith, have thus early taken up some line of work and feel sure that they will be heard from frequently during the coming year.

We have received from Mr. A. Lohmeyer of Baltimore, Md., with his com-

I have a few of the following U. S. Revenues to offer which are surely bargains. The \$1.00 Mortgage is not perfectly centered, but otherwise fine, but not perforated into the "effigy."

	Cat.	Price
5c Playing Cards, beauties.....	\$0.75	\$0.30
\$1.00 Mortgage, not centered.....	3.00	.75
\$1.00 Foreign Exchange.....	1.00	.50
\$2.00 Mortgage, red.....	.15	.08
\$2.00 Conveyance, red.....	.10	.05
\$2.00 Probate of Will.....	1.00	.50
\$3.50 Inland Exchange.....	1.50	.75
\$5.00 Charter Party, red.....	.25	.12
\$5.00 Conveyance, ".....	.15	.08
\$5.00 Manifest, not centered.....	2.50	1.00
\$5.00 Manifest.....	2.50	1.25
\$5.00 Mortgage, red.....	.40	.45
\$5.00 Probate of Will.....	.85	.45
\$10.00 Charter Party, green.....	1.00	.50
\$10.00 Mortgage, green.....	1.00	.50
\$10.00 Probate of Will.....	.85	.45

Postage extra on orders less than 50c.

D. T. EATON,
MUSCATINE, IOWA.

GUATEMALA.
Complete Sets, Used, 1902 Issue.
1c to \$2.00 Postally Cancelled,
ONLY \$1.00.

PERRIN & CO.,
106 East 23rd St., NEW YORK, N. Y.
Headquarters for Unused Current Guatemalas at wholesale.

60% DISCOUNT.

U. S. Postage, Revs., etc. and Foreign Postage on approval. Ref. required.
Cash paid for Unused U. S. Postage. [if
C. B. MERRILL, 102 E. 90th St., New York.

60% Discount.
Fill Your Spaces
while you have
the chance.
Send For Our Large List.

E. F. GAMBS CO.,
P. O. Box 2631, SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

"EVERYBODY'S FAVORITE."
It's yours too.
THE PERFORATOR pleases particular people.
106 E. 111th St., New York City.

SPECIAL BARGAINS!

- COSTA RICA.**
- No. 104, 10c blue, used, Cat. \$1.50, only \$0.37
- HONDURAS.**
- 18 varieties Honduras envelopes, cut square, unused and fine, only..... .30
- 6 unused entire Honduras postal cards, very pretty, only..... .08
- All post free. Unused 1c and 2c stamps taken.

STAMPS ON APPROVAL.

50% discount allowed from our sheets which will equal 25% sheets of many dealers. Reference required if unknown to us.

HOLTON STAMP CO.,
62 Devonshire St., BOSTON, MASS.

pliments, our first specimen of the new 1c King Edward postal card. The design and color of stamp is similar to the adhesive of same value, while the usual inscription lines are in black.

COMING AUCTION SALES.

Boston.—The 115th sale of B. L. Drew & Co., Elks' Hall, Thursday evening, Sept. 24, at 7.30 o'clock. Over 750 lots.

J. M. BARTELS CO., 230 Washington St., BOSTON, MASS.

... Price List of Sets of Stamps ...

Collectors will find it preferable to buy their stamps in sets whenever possible, it being less expensive than from Approval Sheets with a discount of 50 or 60 %. There are many bargains to be found among the following. Remittances can be made in 1c to 10c U. S. postage stamps at face value, others incl. Canadian at 50 % discount. Orders under 50c must include postage, over \$5.00 will be sent registered at our expense. Let us have the names of your friends who would like to receive this list.

No set contains duplicates, damaged specimens or any stamps for which spaces are not provided in the International Album, except the few sets of foreign revenues.

Sets marked * contain unused specimens only.

UNITED STATES.		Price Per Var.	Set.	Price Per Var.	Set.	Price Per Var.	Set.
1	1851-57, 1, 3, 1, 3c	7	\$c.20	75	Canada, 1869-98	10	\$0.05
2	1861-63, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 12, 30	7	.05	76	" 1897, Maple Leaf, 1/2, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 10c	8	.30
3	1869, 1, 2, 3, 6, 10, 12, 15	7	.25	77	Cape of Good Hope	4	.03
4	1870-71, 1, 2, 3, 6, 10, 30c	6	.50	78	"	5	.03
5	1873-79, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 15, 30c	12	.50	79	"	8	.12
6	1881-86, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10c	15	.25	80	*Central American Steamship Co., complete	5	.40
7	1890, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 15c	9	.20	81	Chile, 1852-77	10	.20
8	*1893, Columbus, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10c	8	.60	82	Telegraph Stamps, 2, 10, 20c	3	.03
9	*1893, Columbus, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 15, 30c	11	2.00	83	China, Shanghai, 1893	4	.05
10	*1893, Columbus, 1c to \$5.00, complete	16	17.50	84	" 1893-96, 1/2 to 10c	9	.35
11	1893, Columbus, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10c	8	.20	85	" 1893, Unpaid, 1/2 to 20c	7	.35
12	1895-99, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 10, 15, 15c	15	.12	86	*Colombian Republic, 1900, Insurgent Stamps	10	.25
13	1895-99, 1c to \$1.00	17	.55	86a	Congo 1896-99, 5, 10, 15, 25c	4	.22
14	*1898, Omaha, 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 10c	6	.45	86b	*Corea 1895, 5, 10, 25, 50c	4	.15
15	1898, Omaha, 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 10c	6	.15	87	*Costa Rica, 1889, 1, 2, 5, 10c	4	.04
16	1898, Omaha, 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 10, 50c	7	.50	88	" 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c	6	.06
17	1901, Buffalo, 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 10c	6	.50	88a	" 1901	5	.15
18	1901, Buffalo, 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 10c	6	.15	89	* Official, 1892, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20	5	.15
19	1891-99, including Columbus, Omaha & Buffalo	40	.18	90	Crete	5	.15
20	*Interior Department, 1, 2, 3, 6c	5	.35	90a	Cuba	5	.95
21	*War Department, 1, 2, 3, 6, 10, 12, 15, 24, 30c complete	11	2.90	91	Cuba, Porto Rico & Philippines	60	.90
22	Special Delivery, 1881-95	4	.22	92	" 1855-71	10	.35
23	Newspaper stamps, 1895, 1, 2, 5, 10c	4	.50	93	" 1866, 5, 10, 20, 40c	4	1.25
24	" 1895, 1, 2, 5, 10, 25, 50c	6	1.00	94	" 1871, 12, 25, 50c, 1p, complete	4	.75
25	" 1895, 1c to \$100.00 complete, all originals	12	20.50	95	" 1873, 12 1/2, 25, 50c	3	.23
26	" Same used	9	9.00	96	" 1874, 12 1/2, 25, 50c, 1p	4	1.30
27	" 1895, 1c to \$100.00 complete, reprint \$5.00	12	6.50	97	" 1875, 12 1/2, 25, 50c, 1p, complete	4	.32
28	" 1895, 1c to \$100.00 complete, reprints of 500, 10,000, 20,000, 50,000 and \$100.00	12	5.00	98	" 1876, 12 1/2, 25, 50c, 1p	4	.28
29	Unpaid Letter stamps, 1891-95	10	.95	99	" 1877, 12 1/2, 25, 50c, 1p	4	.40
30	Envelopes, 1883-93, including Columbus	15	.15	100	" 1878, 5, 12 1/2, 25, 50c, 1p	5	1.00
31	Baltimore & Ohio, 1886, 1, 2, 5, 10c	3	.10	101	" 1879, 5, 12 1/2, 25, 50c, 1p	5	.35
32	Revenue stamps, 1st, 2nd and 3rd issues	19	.15	102	" 1879-83	12	.50
33	" 1st issue, 1c to \$5.00	45	1.20	103	" 1880, 5, 10 1/2, 25, 50c, 1p	5	.50
34	" 1898, War Issue, Proprietary and Documentary	19	.15	104	" 1880, 1, 2, 5, 10c	5	.25
35	" 1898, War Issue, Documentary, 1/2 c to \$1.00	10	.10	105	" 1880, 1c to 20c	5	.18
36	Argentine Republic, 1888, 1/2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 50c, cat. 77c	9	.35	106	" 1880, 1m to 5m	4	.06
37	" 1892-96, 1/2 c to 1p, cat. 79c	13	.35	107	" 1880, surcharged on U.S., 1 to 10c	6	.45
38	" 1897-99, cat. 46c	11	.20	108	" 1890, 1 to 10c & Special Delivery	6	.45
39	" 1877-96	10	.06	109	" 1890, 1, 2, 5, 10c	4	.07
40	Austria, 1850, 3, 6, 9kr	3	.03	110	" 1890, Unpaid Letter Stamps, 1, 2, 5, 10c	4	.35
41	" 1858-59, 5, 10, 15kr	3	.04	110a	Cuban Revenues	5	.08
42	" 1861, 5, 10, 15kr	3	.03	111	Danish West Indies	5	.18
43	" 1864, 5, 10, 15kr	3	.03	112	"	10	.50
44	" 1864, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15kr	5	.08	113	Denmark	15	.08
45	" 1860-64	9	.08	114	"	9	.06
46	" 1867, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15kr	5	.03	115	"	25	.18
47	" 1896-1900	8	.05	116	Dominican Rep. 1900, 1/2, 1, 2c	4	.15
48	" 1900, Newspaper, 2, 6, 10, 20h	4	.15	117	Dutch Indies	3	.04
49	" 1850-91	6	.08	118	"	7	.12
50	" Levant, 1867, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15 al	5	.13	119	"	3	.02
51	" 1890	4	.18	120	" 1870-97	8	.10
52	" Lombardy, Venice, 1850, 15, 30, 45c	3	.04	121	"	4	.05
53	" 1858-59, 5, 10, 15c	3	.06	122	Ecuador, Jubilee set, complete	7	.25
54	" 1850-63	5	.05	123	" " " small	6	.15
55	Australia	10	.04	124	"	3	.08
56	*Baden, Rural stamps, 1, 3, 3kr	3	.12	125	Egypt	5	.04
57	Bardados, 1882-96	4	.04	126	"	8	.06
58	Bavaria, 1849-62	4	.07	127	Egyptian, large Salt Stamps	2	.05
59	" 1849-62, 3, 9, 3, 9kr	4	.07	128	Egyptian Soudan, 1897, 1, 2, 3, 5m	4	.18
60	Belgium, 1825, Unpaid, 5, 10, 20c	3	.07	129	Finland, 1885-92	10	.08
61	Bolivia, 1894, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50, 100c	7	.15	130	" 1889-99, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 1m	6	.06
62	Bosnia, 1897-94, 1/2 to 25m	9	.07	131	"	20	.25
63	Brazil, 1860-77	20	.08	132	*France, Revenue Stamps	10	.10
64	" 1890-100	7	.08	133	" Unpaid	4	.05
65	Bulgaria	20	.15	134	" Colonies	20	.15
66	" 1889-92	20	.15	135	" Offices in Morocco	2	.02
67	" Unpaid Letter Stamps, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50, 100, 200, 500, 1000c	2	.05	136	German China	3	.15
68	" 1896, 5, 10, 30c	3	.12	137	German Empire	7	.10
69	" 1896, 5, 10, 30c	3	.12	138	" 1, 2m	2	.12
70	" 1896, 5, 10, 30c	3	.12	139	" 10 2m	7	.04
71	" 1896, 5, 10, 30c	3	.12	140	" 1900, sp to 10m	12	.28
72	" 1896, 5, 10, 30c	3	.12	141	" Offices in Morocco, 3, 5, 10c	3	.10
73	" 1896, 5, 10, 30c	3	.12	142	" Colonies, a var. surcharges	2	.06
74	" 1896, 5, 10, 30c	3	.12	143	Great Britain, 1840-80	9	.06
				144	" Official	3	.02
				145	Greece	10	.08
				146	"	20	.15
				147	"	30	.25
				148	" Olympic Games 1 to 25l	6	.08
				149	*Guadeloupe, 1c to 25c	7	.10
				150	"	11	.20
				151	*Guatemala, 1897, Exposition 1c to 500c	2	.25
				152	"	2	.25
				153	"	2	.25
				154	"	2	.25
				155	"	2	.25
				156	Hayti, 1896	5	\$0.15
				157	"	6	.20
				158	" 1898	2	.06
				158a	" 1898, surcharged	2	.12
				158b	*Honduras, 1898, 1/2, 1, 2	3	.05
				159	" 1890, 1c to 1p, complete	11	.40
				160	" 1891, 1c to 1p	11	.40
				161	" 1891-2, 5, 10p	3	.40
				162	" 1892, 1c to 1p, complete	11	.40
				163	" 1893, 1c to 1p	11	.40
				164	" 1895, 1c to 1p	11	.40
				165	" Official, 1890, 1c to 1p, complete	11	.40
				166	" 1891, 1c to 1p	11	.40
				167	Hong Kong	4	.05
				168	"	7	.12
				169	Hungary	13	.08
				170	"	17	.18
				171	Iceland	2	.03
				172	"	3	.05
				173	"	7	.15
				174	India	9	.06
				175	Indian Revenue	6	.08
				176	India Patiala State	2	.04
				177	*Italy, 1856-58, 5, 10, 20, 40, 80c, 1, 2, Newspaper	7	.10
				178	" 1862-65	12	.07
				179	" 1865-97	20	.08
				180	"	6	.10
				181	Jamaica	6	.05
				182	Japan	8	.02
				183	Labuan, 1894	3	.10
				184	" 1897	3	.08
				185	" 1901, Postage Due	6	.25
				186	Leeward Islands	4	.04
				187	Luxemburg	5	.04
				188	Martinique	4	.07
				189	"	5	.09
				190	Mexico, 1884-87	7	.12
				191	" 1886	6	.15
				192	" 1886-87	9	.35
				193	" 1886-87	4	.04
				194	Montenegro, 1874	4	.07
				195	" 1893	3	.07
				196	" 1898	5	.22
				197	"	10	.16
				198	Natal	4	.04
				199	Netherlands, 1872-75	7	.05
				200	" 1866, 50c, 1 gld.	2	.12
				201	" 1899, 3, 5, 10, 12 1/2, 25c	5	.05
				202	*New Brunswick	2	.07
				203	New South Wales	8	.06
				204	*Nicaragua, 1882, 1c to 20c	6	.20
				205	" 1882, 1c to 50c complete	7	.40
				206	" 1882, 1c to 50c	7	.40
				207	" 1890, 1c to 50c complete	10	.40
				208	" 1891, 1c to 10p	10	.40
				209	" 1892, 1c to 10p	10	.40
				210	" 1893, 1c to 10p	10	.40
	</						

Table listing philatelic items with columns for Price Per Var., Set., and item descriptions including Nyassa, Orange River Colony, Persia, Peru, Philippines, Porto Rico, and Russia.

Table listing philatelic items with columns for Price Per Var., Set., and item descriptions including Russia, St. Vincent, Salvador, Uruguay, Venezuela, Victoria, and Wurtemberg Official.

Table listing philatelic items with columns for Price Per Var., Set., and item descriptions including Uruguay, Venezuela, Victoria, and Wurtemberg Official.

Table titled 'VARIETY PACKETS' listing various foreign packets and their prices.

Table titled 'PHILATELIC SUPPLIES' listing various philatelic supplies like flags, coats of arms, stamps, and scales.

Text block containing information about International Albums, National Albums, and Approval Sheets.

J. M. BARTELS CO., 230 Washington St., BOSTON, MASS.

The Boston Philatelic Society. Precancelled Stamp Club.

Officers and members of The Boston Philatelic Society, including M. H. Lombard, C. F. Rothfuchs, and C. A. Howes.

Officers until July 1st, 1903, including Clarence G. Dalton, C. C. Lewis, and E. R. Aldrich.

The New England Philatelic Association.

Board of Officers for The New England Philatelic Association, including John J. Cohn and Gardner R. Kennedy.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Sept. 4, 1903. FELLOW MEMBERS, GREETING: In view of the fact that there has been many conflicts in my reports...

more books of pre-cancelled stamps in the Sales Department and he would be pleased to receive all of the stamps which you can send.

Fraternally yours, CLARENCE G. DALTON, Pres. P. S. C.

Advertisers and correspondents will please have their copy in promptly on the first of the week to ensure appearance in issue of same week.

Colombian Republic at 1-3 of Catalog.

Table listing items from the Colombian Republic catalog with columns for No. and price.

E. C. DODD, 259 So. Hermitage Ave., CHICAGO, ILL.

Wm. v. d. Wettern, Jr., WHOLESALE DEALER IN POSTAGE + STAMPS, 411 W. Saratoga St., Baltimore, Md.

Federal Prospects.

(Continued from page 419.)

At the annual meeting of the Sydney Philatelic Club, the following resolutions were carried unanimously: "That the members view with regret the action of the Postmaster-General in issuing the first Federal stamps without previously calling for public competitive designs. They also regret that he has favored one State to the disadvantage of the others by having stamps intended for use in New South Wales and Queensland printed in Victoria on paper watermarked V and Crown. They desire to express the opinion that the Postmaster-General's excuse for putting New South Wales last on the list of Federated States on the new stamp is not satisfactory, and they consider that the omission of the word "Australia" is a serious mistake. They further desire to say that the design adopted has not even the merit of being original, is quite unworthy of the occasion, inartistic, and crude. That these resolutions be communicated to the Postmaster-General and the Press." These have since appeared in both the local morning papers.

The only thing to do is to put up with the present state of affairs until such time as they can be remedied. "Other men have other manners." The present Postmaster-General may not always be head of the department; we can only hope that if he does not improve on his present procedure he will soon be superseded by someone better qualified to discharge the duties pertaining to his office as Ministerial Head of the Postal Department.

The *Daily Telegraph*, Sydney, in its issue of 17th July, has the following, under the heading "Federal Session":—"The administration of the Postal Department is the most conspicuous topic of every grievance-day discussion. In the House of Representatives feeling has become so pronounced over the intolerable incapacity displayed by the administrative forces that one or two members suggested that a searching inquiry should be instituted. * * * The department altogether received an extremely rough time. Unfortunately in the view of some members it has become so clogged with bureaucratic officialism that any hope of serious reform in the present administration is exceedingly remote."

The prospects of the adoption of decimal coinage were advanced a stage at a recent sitting of the Federal House of Representatives, a motion approving of the proposals of the committee being carried. These are to the effect that the decimal system should be introduced, but that pending steps which may be taken by the Imperial authorities in that direction no action be

taken by the Commonwealth for the present.

Quite recently the Federal postal authorities conceded permission to Canada to send letters into Australia at 1d per half-ounce without being taxed. New Zealand has the same privilege, but letters coming from Great Britain and other places with a less fee than 2½d per half-ounce are taxed double the deficiency. Letters cannot be sent to New Zealand from Australia under 2d per half-ounce, nor to any place abroad under 2½d per half-ounce, but a greater anomaly exists nearer home. Very shortly before the postal departments were taken over by the Commonwealth the Victorian authorities passed a Bill reducing the rate of postage to 1d per half-ounce throughout the State of Victoria. We could never understand why this was done, but our Victorian friends have got imbued with the idea that a penny will carry a letter anywhere throughout Australia, and correspondence coming to New South Wales is, in a very large number of instances, insufficiently stamped. The writers do not suffer, but those who receive the envelope do, and we should like to know which State gets the benefit of the 2d fine. If this is a State matter, and the want of uniformity in rates is allowed to continue, why should citizens outside Victoria be kept on a worse footing? Must the adoption of uniform rates of postage throughout Australia also stand over until the expiration of the book-keeping period? The thing is absurd.

We have received a communication from the Deputy Postmaster-General of W. A., in which he says that a set of obliterated postage dues, seven values, will cost 28h 9d, to which must be added the charge for registration, viz., 5d. He says further, "I may add that these stamps are similar in every respect to those used in New South Wales." May we add that they are not, several of the postage dues at present in use in this State being still those with N.S.W. at foot. We give the Deputy Postmaster-General of W. A. a free advertisement on this occasion. It is our intention, however, at a later period to go fully into the subject of the right of the postal department to sell obliterated postage-due stamps to the public, thereby entering into competition with stamp dealers who pay their proportion of revenue and taxes for the support of the Government.—*Australian Journal of Philately.*

Just Issued.

Send for my new 1903 Price List of U. S. and Foreign Stamps, Sets, Packets, Albums, etc.

Mailed free on application.

"Don't Miss It."

THEO. MAINHART, STAMP DEALER,

JOHNSTOWN, PA.

Twentieth Century Stamps.

Packet No. 1

25 UNUSED STAMPS

from Bermuda, Finland, Hong Kong, Etc.

Packet No. 2

25 UNUSED STAMPS

From Sarawak, Malay States, Straits Settlements, Etc.

Price 25c Each.

Postage Extra.

These packets contain only unused stamps issued since Jan. 1, 1901, and excellent value for the money. The success already achieved by Packet No. 1 makes it certain that No. 2 will be equally popular.

UGANDA, 1902

Surcharged on Br. East Africa, ½ anna and 2½ annas, the pair, unused..... .15

SERVIA

1903, 5 paras, surcharged Arms, unused .. .04

DUTCH INDIES

1902, ½c on 2c and 2½c on 3c, unused, the pair..... .05

COLUMBIAN STAMP CO.,
ARLINGTON, MASS.

LIVE ONES

know all about our paper. Dead ones are the fellows I want to bring into the game. Don't be a dead one, show us you're alive by subscribing for a live paper. THE PERFORATOR is a live one. 30c PER YEAR.

THE PERFORATOR,
106 E. 111th St., NEW YORK CITY.

FINE STAMP FREE!

Send for my 1903 20-page price list, agree to make a purchase from same on receipt and will send you a fine unused copy of

VENEZUELA 1896 1b Map Stamp,

Cat. at 20c Each.

You don't lose anything on this offer. My prices are as low and stamps in good condition as other dealers. Why not get above stamp and try my goods?

This Week I Offer: Cat. Net.
New So. Wales 1888, 5h..... \$3.00 \$1.10
U. S. 3rd Issue Rev., 6c..... 1.00 .45
Tobago 1879, 3d P. C..... 2.50 .50
Canada Jub., \$4.00 purple..... 3.00 1.20
" \$5.00 olive..... 4.00 1.20
" \$2.00 purple..... 1.50 .60
Gold Coast 1900, 2sh..... — .60
" 5sh..... — 1.10
Queensland 1875, 2sh blue..... 3.50 1.25
Tasmania 1855, 6d..... .50 .18
If you are a buyer perhaps you would like to see some app. books of above class.

W. C. PHILLIPS, GLASTONBURY, CT.

Please mention the ERA when writing advertisers.

The Weekly Philatelic Era

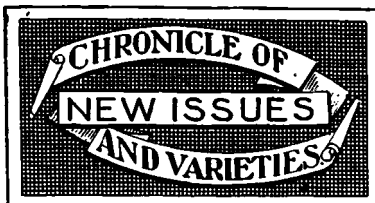
A PAPER DEVOTED TO STAMP NEWS.

50c PER YEAR.

ENTERED AT PORTLAND POST OFFICE AS SECOND CLASS MATTER JAN. 10, 1890.

2c PER COPY.

VOL. XVII. No. 52. PORTLAND, ME., SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1903. WHOLE No. 540.



By HENRY A. KIDDER.

Friends of the ERA are invited to send to the editor of this department any information regarding new issues or varieties that may prove of interest. Such information will be suitably acknowledged. Address, HENRY A. KIDDER, 17 Addison Street, Arlington, Mass.

Exchanges will please send Mr. Kidder a copy of each issue to the foregoing address, and an extra copy of the ERA will be gladly sent whenever desired.

AUSTRIAN POST OFFICES IN THE LEVANT.—Mr. J. H. Lyons has shown us the 20 paras on 10 hellers with new form of surcharge. Other values have also been issued. Heretofore these surcharges have had the figures denoting the heller values in the upper corners. The new surcharges have the new values at both top and bottom.

Adhesives (Regular):

- 10 paras on 5h dark green and black.
- 20 paras on 1ch rose and black.
- 1 piastre on 25h blue and black.
- 2 piastres on 10h grey blue and black.

CYPRUS—Mr. J. H. Lyons of the New England Stamp Co. has shown us the 45 piastres lilac and blue previously chronicled.

EAST AFRICA AND UGANDA PROTECTORATES.—These are now united as one postal administration, and the first stamp with above name surcharged has appeared with King's Head.

Adhesive (Regular):

- 22 violet and lilac.

FRENCH OFFICES IN MOROCCO.—The 30c stamp of retouched Mouchon type has been surcharged 30 centimos for use in these offices.

Adhesive (Regular):

- 3 c on 30c lilac.

GERMANY.—Regarding our recent statements regarding the varieties in the current Officials, Mr. C. A. Howes sends us the following:

"In the last issue of the ERA under 'Boston Bits' it is noted that of the new

German Official stamps only 'No. 21' is illustrated or noted in the advance sheets. May I submit that, although there are some thirty postal divisions of the German Empire of which the list has been given, and of which Prussia is No. 21, the latter government is the only one that has issued these stamps, which it did for a certain purpose already explained. The other divisions *may* do so if they desire, I suppose, but up to the present I am sure none has done so which explains the non-appearance of these official stamps with any other number except '21'."

GADELOUPE.—Mr. Frank P. Brown shows us some new surcharges for this colony. They are surcharged in black "G et D." in one line and value below.

Adhesives (Provisional):

- 5c on 30: brown on bistre.
- 10c on 40c red on straw.
- 15c on 50c carmine on rose.
- 40c on 1f bronze green on straw.
- 1fr on 75c violet on orange.

ITALY.—The express stamp, about which there has been some dispute in the past, has now appeared, according to *Ewen's Weekly*. It is oblong in shape, 41x23 mm. and perforated 9½.

Adhesive (Express):

- 25c carmine.

NEW SOUTH WALES.—*Ewen's Weekly* says the new 9d stamp printed for this state in Melbourne is the first instance of New South Wales stamps being printed outside the colony.

ST. LUCIA.—*Mekeel's Weekly* chronicles the new 1sh stamp of the King's Head type. The value is in black.

Adhesive (Regular):

- 1sh green and black.

URUGUAY.—Mr. A. W. Dunning sends us for inspection, Scott's Nos. 131 and 132, surcharged "Paz—1897"—and olive branch, with the surcharge inverted.

The Boston Philatelic Society.

M. H. LOMBARD, President, Winchester, Mass.
C. F. ROTHFUCHS, Vice-President, Boston.
C. A. HOWES, Secretary, 55 Kilby St., Boston.
L. L. GREEN, Treasurer, 47 Tremont St., Boston.
J. H. LYONS, Supt. of Auctions, 9 Bromfield St., Boston.
J. H. LYONS, Supt. of Sales, 9 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass.
THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA, Official Journal.

Springfield, Mass., Notes.

The write-up accompanied by photographs in the *Springfield Homestead* concerning the stamp den of Mr. J. W. Prevost has caused no small amount of interest and comment by local philatelists and non-collectors. The den is certainly a work of art as well as a curiosity, and is well worth going miles to see. It is very amusing to hear remarks from some non-collectors regarding the den. Some imagine the decorations consist of a collection of all different stamps, while others think Mr. Prevost must have the largest and most valuable collection in existence, and still others ask if his entire collection is pasted on the walls. All these questions properly answered, however, instruct and interest the non-collector and add adherents to philately.

Business has been quite brisk in the stamp line apparently. The boy dealers inform me that their business has continued right through the summer. It is quite an unusual thing for boy collectors, especially, to devote much interest to stamp collecting in the summer.

One new collector, who a year ago was exchanging only with school boys, has added over a hundred dollars' worth of stamps to his collection this summer. That shows a little interest certainly.

There is a well-founded rumor in circulation to the effect that the Stamp Club will hold another public auction sale in a few weeks.

I understand that an effort was made at the Stamp Club meeting to appoint a regular correspondent to a stamp paper, but that every member declined to serve, for the reason that the work was too arduous and the compensation (criticism) undesirable. It is unfortunate that such is the case. All collectors enjoy "knocking" and like to read personals of someone else, but a few dislike to see their own names mentioned or references made to them unless they are flattering notices. This city contains collectors enough and has proven itself a sufficiently important stamp center to entitle it to a regular correspondent, one

JONES' BARGAINS.

U. S. REVENUES PERFORATED.
 2c Certificate, blue..... \$0.30
 3c Playing Cards, green..... 3.00
 50c Probate of Will, blue..... .37
 \$1.00 Passage Ticket, red..... 3.00
 \$3.50 Inland Exchange, blue..... .75

Why not write me about the Revenues you need?

FRED G. JONES 2013 Brook St.,
 LOUISVILLE, KY.

CHAPTER LIII.

If You Are Thinking

of adding to your collection this winter it will be greatly to your advantage to get in touch with

Osgood's Famous Big Selections.

Reference required.
 Precancels bought and sold. Sent on approval.

D. W. OSGOOD,

ALAMOSA, Conejos Co., COLO.
 [To be Continued.]

"EVERYBODY'S FAVORITE."

It's yours too.

THE PERFORATOR pleases particular people.
 106 E. 111th St., New York City.

FINE STAMP FREE!

Send for my 1903 22-page price list, agree to make a purchase from same on receipt and will send you a fine unused copy of

VENEZUELA 1896 1b Map Stamp,

Cat. at 20c Each.

You don't lose anything on this offer. My prices are as low and stamps in good condition as other dealers. Why not get above stamp and try my goods?

This Week I Offer:		
	Cat.	Net.
New So. Wales 1886, 5sh.....	\$3.00	\$2.70
U. S. 3rd Issue Rev., 6c.....	1.00	.45
Tobago 1899, 3d P. C.....	2.50	.50
Canada Jub., \$4.00 purple.....	3.00	1.50
" " \$5.00 olive.....	4.00	1.50
" " \$2.00 purple.....	1.50	.60
Gold Coast 1900, 2sh.....	—	.60
" " 5-h.....	—	1.10
Queensland 1875, 2sh blue.....	3.50	1.25
Tasmania 1855, 6d.....	.50	.18

If you are a buyer perhaps you would like to see some app. books of above class.

W. C. PHILLIPS, GLASTONBURY, CT.

who possesses humor enough to make his items interesting and life enough to write, but *who* will accept the thankless job, furnish his own stationery, time and postage?

[The ERA stands ready to supply the stationery and postage and more too to the one volunteering.—E.D.]

A collector here who collects cut squares says he "cannot see why an envelope stamp on the entire is so much more valuable than a cut square, simply because it happens to have a few more inches of cheap stationery attached to it." There are many others who cannot see why, too.

The many friends of Mr. J. Delano Bartlett will be pleased to learn that Mrs. Bartlett, who has been dangerously ill for several weeks in Steamburg, N. Y., is somewhat better and improving.

The speculator-dealer-collectors seem to be doing a pretty good business here, too. One reports having sold over \$100 worth of stamps to one customer while another one received a \$50 check from a mail order sale.

OCCASIONAL.

New York Notes.

BY METROPOLIS.

It is reported that the 63rd edition of the Standard Catalogue will be ready for delivery about November 20th.

The first number of *Saymon's Magazine* has made its appearance, it contains twelve pages and a red cover. The publisher states that the journal will be devoted to "literature and philately." A photo of H. A. Chapman adorns the first page of the initial number.

I stated in last week's notes that a Convention of the American Fiscal Philatelic Society would be held Sept. 15. I have been informed since that the Convention will be held in October and that Sept. 15 is the date of the Society's meeting.

I am informed that Mr. C. W. Abbott who has served as editor of the *Perforator's* "Fraud Reporter" is now practicing law and has resigned his position as editor of the "Fraud Reporter." The publishers state that they have secured Mr. F. B. Stedman, of Warsaw, N. Y., to succeed Mr. Abbott.

Mr. A. M. Trujillo, President of the Empire State Philatelic Society, has shown the writer several blocks of the current 10 centavos violet Nicaragua surcharged 6 centavos, inverted, each sheet of twenty-five contains several errors, two of the surcharges reading "6 CONTAVOS" and "6 CENTOVOS."

Publishers of philatelic journals can now rejoice, they will no longer have to worry about the scarcity of manuscripts. A long felt want has at last been filled. Philately is going to have a veritable associated press service. News comes from Chicago to the effect that the "Philatelic Press Association" has been formed there and that the "Association" is prepared to furnish publishers with manuscripts of every description. If the publisher wants a philatelic "serial", a "scientific" article or a "sensational" story, he has only to make his wants known to the "philatelic press association" and the required manuscript will be supplied immediately. I learn that the *Perforator* was the first journal to make use of the association's service.

Wm. v. d. Wettern, Jr.,

WHOLESALE DEALER IN

✻ **POSTAGE + STAMPS.** ✻

411 W. Saratoga St., Baltimore, Md.

New special list just issued, sent free on application to dealers only.

SUMMER BARGAINS!

NEW BRUNSWICK
 1c, 2c, 5c, 10c, unused, set..... \$0.20

NEWFOUNDLAND
 1899, 1c, 2c, 3c, 5c, used, set..... .10

BRAZIL
 1843, 3or black, Scott's No. 1, very fine used copies, each..... 2.25

NEW SOUTH WALES
 6d green, Scott's No. 105, unused, scarce stamp, each..... 3.50

DANISH WEST INDIES
 2c carmine and 8c brown, unused, both15

ABYSSINIA
 Postage 1894, 7 varieties, unused, set..... .35
 Unpaid 1896, 7 varieties, unused, set..... .65
 Both sets..... .65

NORTH BORNEO
 Surcharged British Protectorate 1c to 24c, 10 varieties, cancelled, set..... .35

FOREIGN ENVELOPES AND WRAPPERS
 25 varieties used and unused, cut square, catalogue over \$1..... .25

BRITISH EAST AFRICA
 Large Size, Unused
 1898, 2 rupees, orange..... 1.50
 3 rupees, dark violet..... 2.25

STANDARD CATALOGUE, 1904
 Ready in November. Orders may be filed now, and catalogues will be forwarded at earliest possible moment. Price each, postpaid..... .58

Postage Extra on All Orders.

COLUMBIAN STAMP CO.,
 ARLINGTON, MASS.

IF YOU WISH TO

BUY, SELL OR EXCHANGE

Stamps, Desired Results can be had through

AN AD IN THE WEEKLY ERA.

Chicago Notes.

E. L. Warner, who is still making Chicago his home, recently bought the stock of two eastern dealers, who are retiring from business.

Local dealers all say the fall trade has started in very early this season. Counter trade will now be augmented by the thousand of school boy collectors who are returning to school duties this week. One dealer here sold three copies each of the 6c orange Proprietary, and the 3 cent green envelope on blue die C, cat. at \$125.00, inside of six days.

A small boy entered the office of a local dealer, and asked for a set of the "Dago swears" stamps. The dealer was "in the air" for a moment, till the youthful philatelist opened a catalogue and turned to Diego Suarez.

Stan Zajicek, who has been sojourning for a month in the country for his health, has returned to the city, feeling much better for his rest.

CLIFFORD.

BARGAINS! U. S. ENVELOPES.

Cat. No.	CUT SQUARE.	Cat. Price.	My Price for 1st.	2nd.	3rd.
1474	1880, 2c, die C on blue..	\$1.00	\$0.50	\$0.35	\$0.00
1475	" " 2c pink "	1.00	.75	.50	..
1477	1882, 5c brown "	5.00	1.75	1.50	..
1478	1875, 1c blue on fawn "	.50	.15	.10	..
1479	" " 2c vermilion on fawn "	.10	.08	.05	..
1479	" " 2c used "	.05	.03	.02	..
1480	" " 3c green "	.15	.07	.05	.03
1480	" " 3c used "	.05	.03	.02	.01
1481	" " 5c die A "	12.00	6.00	3.95	..
1482	" " 5c die B "	4.00	3.00	1.75	..
1483	" " 6c carmine "	2.00	1.25	.85	..
1486	Oct. 1883, 2c on white..	.10	.04	.03	..
1486	" " 2c used "	.03	.02	.01	..
1487	" " 2c on amber..	.15	.05	.06	..
1487	" " 2c used "	.08	.05	.03	.01
1488	" " 2c on fawn..	.25	.12	.07	..
1488	" " 2c used "	.25	.10	.05	.02
1489	" " 2c on blue..	.25	.12	.08	..
1489	" " 2c used on blue	.25	.12	.07	..
1490	Nov. 1883, 2c on white..	.10	.04	.03	..
1490	" " 2c used "	.03	.02	.01	..

All are unused unless described as U or used.
 1st are extra fine with very large margins.
 2nd are in good condition with fair margins.
 3rd are cut round or to shape; with no margins.
 Envelopes can be returned within two days after receipt and money will be promptly refunded.
 Please remit by bills or money order.

C. F. ROTHFUCHS 38 Munroe St., ROXBURY, MASS.

STAMPS

AT

One-Half and One Cent Each.

A postal card with your name will bring you the lists by return mail.

COLUMBIAN STAMP CO.,
 ARLINGTON, MASS.

Please mention ERA when answering ads.

Pre-cancelled Stamps.

The study of postage stamps to many is one of the greatest pleasures of collecting; and to those who find a new field welcome I would suggest the taking up of U. S. pre-cancelled postage stamps, which are now recognized by the Department and definite instructions given regarding their use. These stamps offer an opportunity for study that will amply repay anyone who will devote some of their time to the subject. Very little is yet known regarding the first issues, or the varieties of the present issues. Chicago has issued more stamps than any city, and lately two varieties have been found in their first issue, with and without dates. The scarcer variety has the horizontal lines closer together. A vertical pair, or better still a block of four, will show the variety occurs on the same sheet as the wide lines, and is therefore not a new setting of type. Attica, Indiana, is known to vary in this manner, so also Racine, type 2, no date, while Warren, Pa., has as many as four varieties. Whichever way one turns there is something for an enquiring mind to investigate. I invite all lovers of stamp work to join the Pre-cancelled Stamp Club, which is an organization of active collectors, with a first class weekly paper willing to record your doubts and discoveries. I repeat again. Join the Club. I think you will like it.

F. L. SMITH.

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, N. Y., Sept. 4, 1903.
 To the Publisher PHILATELIC ERA,
 Portland, Maine.

Dear Sir: The Holton Stamp Company, in a recent advertisement in your paper, speaks of the reduction in the prices of United States Envelopes made in the 63d Edition of the Standard Catalogue in a manner which makes it seem best for us to make an explanation in relation to these new prices.

The above mentioned stamp company and others have, for the past year or two, been offering these same envelope stamps at figures fully as low as those we quote.

The Standard Catalogue is intended to contain the prices at which stamps are sold and it is not issued as a list from which cuts and reductions are to be made. The very large cuts which have been made in the prices of fine specimens of envelopes have made it increasingly evident that our quotations were too high. We are disposed to wait, in the cases of any stamps, long enough to make it certain that our prices are too high before we make reductions.

The constant sale, year after year, at large discounts from the catalogue will surely result in the reduction of the prices of any stamps. We decided to make the present reduction and see whether, for the future, envelope stamps could be sold at or near these new prices. If so, they will prove to be standard prices. The prices were made after going through our stock and seeing what we had on hand to offer at these figures.

Changes in the prices of any stamps in the Standard Catalogue, whether they be in the way of advance or of reduction, are not made in an arbitrary manner, but merely because the market shows that they can be bought so that they can be sold with reasonable profit at the retail figures which we name.

Yours truly,
SCOTT STAMP & COIN CO.,
 CRAWFORD CAPEN, Pres.

The above communication was unavoidably crowded out of last week's paper at the last moment, and was not intentionally delayed.—Ed.

SPURIOUS PRE-CANCELLS.

Collectors of pre-cancelled stamps are warned not to buy any of the following pre-cancelled stamps at any price. They are said to be counterfeits and are reported to be on sale by a very prominent eastern collector. This information came from reliable source and can be depended upon.

"Binghamton—8-03": 1c blue, 1895 is-

NOW READY and in STOCK.
SENF'S POSTAL CARD CATALOGUE, 1903-04.
 The only "up to date" work available. 435 pages, flexible blue cloth binding, stamped in black,
Price 35c Postpaid.
ADOLPH LOHMEYER,
 922 N. Gilmor Street, Baltimore, Md.

DEFECTIVE STAMPS.

We put no damaged stamps in any of our approval books, and consequently we have a quantity of defective stamps to dispose of.
 We are prepared to send out selections of defective stamps cataloguing from 15c to \$25.00 each at from 80 to 90% discount.
 If unknown to us, send references and state what country you desire to fill up.

SPECIAL!
 Assorted lot damaged stamps (no refund),
 Cat. \$20.00, for \$1.00 Net.

HOLTON STAMP CO.,
 62 Devonshire St., Boston, Mass.

It's Naughty, But It's Nice

to buy good stamps for below 1/2 cat.	
S. Settle's No 9, used .45	Sts. Settle's No. 76. .15
" " 10, o. g., .13	" " 78. .03
" " 11, used, .07	" " 79. .05
" " 12, .05	" " 93, o. g., .01
" " 13, .05	Johore No. 27, o. g., .28
" " 14, .05	Perak No. 43, o. g., .09
" " 15, .05	" " 44. .04
" " 16, .05	" " 47. .02
" " 17, .05	Sciangor No. 25, o. g., .09
" " 18, .05	Sungei Ujong No. 33, o. g., .02
" " 19, .05	Venezuela No. 47. .03
" " 20, .05	" " 48. .04
" " 21, .05	" " 50. .12
" " 22, .05	" " 51. .12
" " 23, .05	" " 53. .24
" " 24, .05	Postage Extra.

Satisfaction guaranteed.
E. C. Dodd, 259 So. Hermitage Av., Chicago.

sue, 3c purple, 5c brown, 10c green and 15c olive, 1898 issue.

"Prov. R. I.": 5c brown, 1895, and 1c blue, 1887 issues.

"Philadelphia", inverted: 2c 1894, 3c 1890 and 5c 1898 issue.

Others are said to be in existence but cannot name them at present. All of the above are very cleverly executed and will defy an expert. More information later on.

A PRECANCELLED COLLECTOR.

Pre-cancelled Stamp Club.

Officers until July 1st, 1903.
 President, CLARENCE G. DALTON, Stillwater, Okla.
 Vice-President, C. C. LEWIS, Northampton, Mass.
 Sec'y-Treasurer, E. R. ALDRICH, Benson, Minn.
 Sales Superintendent, THOS. F. BEST, 314 4th Ave., Room 35, Pittsburg, Pa.
 Auction Manager, H. E. WILSON, 314 Fitzsimmons Bldg., Pittsburg, Pa.
 Librarian, CLARENCE HALE, Stillwater, Okla.
 Counterfeit Detector, THOS. F. BEST, 314 4th Ave., Pittsburg, Pa.
 Attorney, H. BOWEN, Detroit, Mich.
 Dues 25c per annum. Entrance fee 10c.

SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT.

New Members.
 54. Jasper Sprock, Peekskill, N. Y.
 55. Chas. Grattan, Lorain, O.
Changes in Address.
 4. K. Plympton, Huntington, Ind.
 18. Walter L. Gates, Box 546, Bellow Falls, Vt.

The receipt of dues for the current year from Nos. 1, 3, 4, 14, 16, 17, 18, 20, 22, 24, 30, 37, 41, 42, 43, 46, 50 is acknowledged. If your number is not here kindly attend to remitting.

E. R. ALDRICH.

THE Weekly Philatelic Era.

W. W. JEWETT, Editor and Publisher.

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

U. S., Canada or Mexico, 50c. per year. To other countries in Postal Union, \$1.00 per year. All subscriptions MUST commence with current number. Back numbers cannot be supplied at subscription rates.

ADVERTISING RATES:

60c per inch on Transient Advertisements. 100 inches to be used within one year, 50c per inch. Special Rates quoted on application on 200 inches or over; also on large ads of a page or more.

PUBLICATION OFFICE,

502 Congress St., Portland, Me.

YOUR SUBSCRIPTION EXPIRES with this issue if a (X) appears in the margin opposite this paragraph. The paper is not abruptly discontinued on the expiration of subscriptions, unless expressly so ordered. We shall highly appreciate an early renewal from you, or an order to have your paper discontinued.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS. In notifying us of any change of address subscribers should be sure to give their old as well as new address

Notes and Comment.

THE SEASON-OPENER SPECIAL.

The date of the first "Special" of this "season" will be October 10, and it will have an extra sample copy distribution of *Two Thousand Copies* which in addition to its regular list will make it a very desirable advertising medium, and it will appear at an exceptionally opportune time—just when collectors are turning to their collections and are determining *what* and *where* to buy.

It is none too early to engage space, and copy should be in on or before October 5th.

A "Skeleton Number" of the *Canada Stamp Sheet* has been issued for September, announcing that it suffered the loss of its subscription list, files, manuscript etc., by fire on August 10th. Addresses of its subscribers are desired by the publishers.

Advertisers and correspondents will please have their copy in promptly on the first of the week to ensure appearance in issue of same week.

3c TELEGRAPH, GREEN.

Imperforate, splendid margins, Cat. \$2.00,

Only 90 Cents.

A few copies creased (not badly).. 50c

3c Telegraph, perf. (cat. 25c)..... 12c

Send us your want list of U. S. Revenues.

NEW ENGLAND STAMP CO.,

9 and 21 Bromfield St., BOSTON, MASS.

COMING AUCTION SALES.

New York City.—The 198th sale of Bogert & Durbin Co., at 116 Nassau St., Saturday afternoon, September 26, at 2 o'clock. Over 500 lots.

Chicago.—Chicago Philatelic Society Auction Sale No. 24, in the Society's Club Room at 151 Washington St., Saturday evening, September 26, at 7.45. About 625 lots to be sold without reserve. Catalogues of F. N. Massoth, Auction Manager C. P. S., at 1149 Marquette Bldg., Chicago.

Boston.—The 116th sale of B. L. Drew & Co., in Elks' Hall, Wednesday and Thursday evenings, October 7 and 8, commencing at 7.30 o'clock. About 1300 lots.

If you don't happen to possess a copy of the 1903 (62nd edition) of Scott's Catalogue we offer you an excellent chance to obtain one. It will be useful for reference and comparison after the new Catalogue is out.

Send One Dollar for a two years' subscription (either new or renewal) to the ERA and eight cents for postage on the Catalogue and a copy will be promptly sent you.

Boston Bits • •

BY HENRY A. KIDDER.

It has already been stated in the ERA that the advance sheets of the new catalogue show sweeping reductions and but few if any advances. As there is considerable interest in the matter, an interview has been secured from the Holton Stamp Co., a firm which is recognized as well posted on United States envelopes, as to the justice and necessity of the reductions. The statement of the firm is as follows:

"As the catalogue, which is published by the Scott Stamp and Coin Co. is called "Standard," and in the past has been accepted as such by many collectors, we believe it would not have been inconsistent to obtain the views of the leading dealers upon prices. Yet we had no knowledge of the cut in United States envelopes until the advance sheets came out. We were astonished at such a horizontal cut, which seems to have been made without proper and careful consideration, for many envelopes have been reduced in price about 40 per cent. which the publishers cannot supply at the old prices. They claim that the new prices are intended to prevent "cutting" of prices. We understand that they also intend that their catalogue prices represent the net market value of each envelope or stamp, as the case may be. It seems hardly necessary to point out that the prices in all parts of the catalogue, except the new prices on United States envelopes will allow large discounts to be

If after reading this ad you feel the effects of the extract of "fat" don't blame me, but buy a cake of soap and send for some of Groovy pairs, and you will be happy.

GREECE, All O. G.

No. 38	40l salmon.....	\$0.40
49a	40l, horizontal pair.....	3.00
53b	2l, " imp. between.....	1.00
71	50l, " .....	.60
72	1dr gray, " .....	.85
125	1dr blue.....	.50
126	adr bistre.....	.30
127	5dr green.....	1.00
129e	20 on 25, Cat. \$6 00	3.00
129d	20 on 25, " 8 00	4.00
130c	horizontal pair, one with "A"	2.00
132b	" " " " " " " "	2.00
135	2dr on 40l, Cat. \$18.00.....	7.00
140c	20 on 25, double surcharge.....	2.50
140g	Imp. horizontal and vert. (block of four) .....	.75
141d	" " " " " " " " .....	.75
144a	" " " " " " " "	1.50
145	adr on 40l, Cat. \$18 00.....	7.00
154	adr on 5l green.....	.75
158	adr on 5l "	1.00
159a	5l on 1dr, double surcharge.....	3.00
164	50l on 25 on 40.....	2.00

Only one or two of some above, and will return money if sold.

D. T. EATON, MUSCATINE, IOWA.

IT'S WHAT YOU SAVE

that makes you rich. I can help you save and enlarge your collection, too.

Bulgaria, Set of 30.....	\$0.35
Cuba on U. S., 1c-10c, unused, (no 2½c) ....	.50
Greece, 1901, 1 lepta-1 drachma.....	.20
Egypt, Set of 10.....	.15
Soudan, 1897, Set of 5.....	.35
Italy, Postage Due, 1-60c.....	.10
Italy, Set of 30.....	.30
Hayti, Set of 6, unused.....	.25

SHALL WE SAVE TOGETHER? C. D. PIPER, Wolfboro, N. H.

Mailed Free!

My new Price List of U. S. and Foreign Postage Stamps, Sets, Packets, Albums, etc., will be mailed free to anyone for the asking. 40 pages, full of bargains. Send for one.

STAMPS ON APPROVAL AT 50% DISCOUNT.

Stamps mailed on approval to responsible parties. Parties not known to me, please send commercial reference.

Theo. Mainhart, Johnstown, Pa.

60% Discount.

Fill Your Spaces while you have the chance.

Send For Our Large List.

E. F. GAMBS CO., P. O. Box 2631, SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

UNITED STATES REVENUES

At 70% Discount!

We have a limited quantity of the rarer varieties of U. S. Revenues, which we can sell at the above discount. Each stamp has one or more rows of EXTRA Perforations running through it, but general condition is fine.

The lot includes 1c Playing Cards, \$15.00 and \$30.00 First Issue, and scarce \$1.30, \$1.60, \$1.90, \$3.50 etc. and Issue.

Write NOW before they are all gone. Sent ON APPROVAL!

HOLTON STAMP CO., 62 Devonshire St., BOSTON, MASS.

BARGAINS!

U. S. 1895, 50c orange.....	\$0.06
Dues, 30 and 50c, the two.....	.40
" Omaha, 20c sage green.....	.18
Hawaii, 1874, 18c rose, unused, cat. \$1.25 .....	.40
Canada, Jubilee, 50c blue, cat. 30c.....	.12
Mexico, 1899, 50c lilac and black.....	.12
Peru, 1889, 10c. brown, No. 226.....	.12

L. N. HERBERT,

1520 Washington Ave., NEW YORK.

SEPTEMBER SPECIAL!

To each new applicant for my 60¢ net approval books, who mentions this offer and paper, and states size of his collection, I will give

ABSOLUTELY FREE

7 varieties of Guadeloupe cataloguing 20c or over. Moreover each agent or customer is given an opportunity to add from 25c to \$2.00 worth of stamps to his collection without cost. Offer closes October 15th. Write today.

F. W. PICKARD,

2427 Ingleside, CINCINNATI, OHIO.

British Somaliland

3 rupee, mint.....	\$1.20
3 " ".....	1.70
5 " ".....	2.85

Compare these prices with recent New York prices!

Iceland, "Gildi"

3 aur, yellow.....	.25
4 " grey.....	.50
5 " green.....	.50
16 " brown.....	.65
3 " Official.....	.25
3 " ".....	.25
10 " ".....	.65
3 " the rare type II.....	2.20
50 " not surcharged, perf. 12½, a scarce stamp.....	1.85

Zanzibar 1896, 1-2 to 8

anna, multiple wmk., Scott Nos. 56 to 61b, all unused (not cancelled to order).....	1.70
---	------

WHY NOT WRITE ME.

FRANK P. BROWN,

339 Washington St., BOSTON, MASS.

Are you thinking of Selling your stamps at Auctions?

If so write us.

Now is the time to make dates for next season.

CHAS. H. STONE & CO.,

19 Washington St., BOSTON, MASS.

made by all dealers, and that the publishers themselves, and their allied companies, advertise stamps for sale at large discounts, and no attempt has been made to correct these prices to conform to these discounts.

"We realize that many collectors will be disposed at first to oppose our views upon this reduction, owing to the inborn desire of collectors to secure bargains. Yet we feel that we owe the readers of the ERA a plain statement, that we believe the publishers of the catalogue have made an error in this instance, which cannot fail to react upon them later.

"We have written the publishers but have obtained no satisfaction. We pointed out that in addition to reducing many envelopes far below their true value—taking into consideration the ration of prices for the rest of the catalogue—they had failed to reduce the prices on some envelopes where we believe a reduction would have been proper. They informed us they were willing to reduce the price of any envelope which we thought should be reduced—provided they agreed with us. This they said would be done in the *American Journal of Philately*, a paper enjoying second class rates, though devoted entirely to their interests and admitting no advertisements but their own. In that journal the publishers announce the changes in catalogue prices throughout the year. By subscribing to it collectors are supposed to have advance information in regard to reductions and advances in catalogue prices, yet on the back inside cover page of the July number the publishers advertise the advance sheets of the new catalogue, and just below a "bargain" in United States envelopes. The advance sheets were printed and in the hands of subscribers before the *Journal* was received. Yet the advertisement states that the catalogue value is \$13.83 and sold for \$5 cut square or \$5.50 entire, when by the advance sheets the new catalogue price was only \$8.01.

"United States envelopes are just as rare as last year, and while poor cataloguing is bound to injure the business as a whole, and spoil the temper of some collectors who have completed their collections, yet one result will be that collectors who have not yet completed their collections of United States envelopes, will be able to pick up many bargains on the basis of the

HAWAII AND U. S.

The next Wolsieffer Auction Sale to be held will contain a very fine lot of Hawaii and U. S. It will be of special interest to collectors that are plating the Hawaiian "Numerals." This sale will also contain the J. C. Mills collection and other fine properties. The catalogue is free.

We have just purchased two very fine collections containing rarities and many fine blocks of U. S. etc. If interested in such stamps as the 24c Imp. 1851, 3c scarlet, \$200.00 second issue revenue, \$1 Proprietary, etc., write us.

UNITED STAMP CO., 1149 Marquette, Chicago.

FINLAND.

	1904 Cat.	
1 mark, 1875-81.....	\$0.50	\$0.25
1 " 1882.....	.15	.07
1 " 1889-92.....	.06	.03
8 var. Prince Edward Is.....		1.00

J. T. STARR STAMP COMPANY,
COLDWATER, MICH.

PEELABLE HINGES

NOT ENGLISH		NOT GERMAN
1000		5000
12c.		50c.

POST FREE. STRONG PAPER—TASTELESS GUM
W. F. GREGORY, 65 NASSAU ST., NEW YORK.

"EVERYBODY'S FAVORITE."

It's yours too.
THE PERFORATOR pleases particular people.
106 E. 111th St., New York City.

new prices. As to the policy of reducing prices on envelopes not in stock, or which the publishers refuse to supply at higher prices than those quoted, we must leave it to the stamp public to determine whether it is good or bad for collectors and dealers in general.

Isn't it almost time for dealers and collectors to join in making a catalogue with really standard prices?

The J. M. Bartels Co. has shown us the new Senf and Kohl catalogues for 1903-1904. The Senf publication is on the old lines, but Kohl shows many improvements and is evidently one of the progressive publications of the day. It is published in two editions, one similar to the previous year's book and the other on very thin paper with the margins alphabetically indexed.

Mr. Harry W. Legg of the J. M. Bartels Co. has shown us some inverts and double strikes etc., of the 1902 Hayti surcharges, which appear to be all counterfeits. Comparison with stamps undoubtedly genuine show striking differences in the surcharges.

Mr. C. De Lacy Evans of Baltimore has been in Boston this week.

President Holland of the A. P. A. was in Boston the latter part of last week, on his way to Quebec by the sea route via Nova Scotia and the Gulf of St. Lawrence. He is recovering nicely from his recent accident. He now has his arm out of the sling, though there is still considerable

Mekeel's Stamp Collector

PUBLISHED WEEKLY.

FULL of information and news valuable to stamp collectors. Once a month large magazine editions are issued. Over one thousand pages guaranteed during the year.

Subscription \$1.00 per year. (On trial for three months, 25 cents.) No stamp man can afford to be without it. Volume sixteen commenced January 1, 1903.

C. H. Mekeel Stamp and Publishing Co.

St. Louis, Mo.

stiffness. He is encouraged to believe that there will be no permanent lameness.

Mr. George L. Toppan of New York, Mr. Fisher of Atlanta, Ga., and Mr. N. W. Chandler of Collinsville, Ill., have been recent visitors at the New England Stamp Co.'s office.

Mr. E. M. Carpenter of the New England Stamp Co. is taking a brief vacation in the mountains, and Mr. W. H. Colson of the same Company is away on a three weeks' business trip to New York, Philadelphia and elsewhere.

Mr. John A. Klemann of the Nassau Stamp Co., New York, was a recent visitor to Boston, and had a goodly number of valuable stamps with him.

We continue our random notes on the new catalogue: In Helligoland No. 20 hitherto priced at \$10 used is no longer priced in that state. Other changes are few in this country. In Honduras No. 7 is now priced \$5 used, heretofore unpriced. The 1878 and 1889 stamps are now all priced used as well as unused, while unused 1898 stamps are also given prices. The 20c of the latter year is priced 40c and 10c, the 50c, 60c and 80c, and the 1 peso, \$1.75 and \$1. There are many small advances in Hong Kong. No. 14, 18c lilac is advanced to \$6 used. Unused this stamp is catalogued for the first time, and is quoted at \$25. No. 45 is raised to 30c used and dropped from \$4.50 to \$3 unused. There are very few changes in Hungary. No. 1 used is advanced 50c to \$2.50, No. 4 unused advanced to \$18, No. 30 unused to \$1.25. In the 1898-99 set there are several advances especially in unused. As might be expected Iceland shows many changes. No. 1 is now quoted at \$3.75 unused, No. 2 at 20c and Nos. 3 and 7 at \$1 each. No. 8 hitherto unpriced used is now quoted at \$1.25 in either state. In 1876, all prices are raised except Nos. 10, 11 and 12, used. No. 13 is quoted at 85c used or unused. The 1897 surcharges are all advanced, the new prices being No. 21, \$3 and \$2.50; No. 22, \$3 and \$2; No. 23, \$4 and \$3.50; No. 24, \$5 and \$3.50. No. 31 is advanced to 50c in either state. There is little change in the early issues of British India, except slight advances in used here and there. In the protected states also, there is very little change, owing probably to the lack of interest in these stamps on the part of the general public since they were dropped out of the album. Nos. 11 and 12 Bhopaul are raised from 18c and 25c respectively for unused copies to \$1 and \$1.50. Nos. 21 and 23, unpriced in old book now quoted at 20c and 40c respectively, unused. In Chamba, the 1 rupee carmine and green Official, not priced heretofore, is now quoted at 60c unused. The Gwalior Officials of 1895 are all advanced a

little in unused state. The Nangaon Officials, the 1a brown and 1a blue are dropped out of the regular list and classed as reprints. Orcha is omitted entirely from the book. In Italy, No. 2 used is quoted at \$1 and the same change is made in No. 8. The higher values of 1889 are advanced unused, and is true of 1890-91 and 1891-95, except No. 48. There are generally slight advances in the Newspaper stamps of Italy. In the Postage Due stamps of 1869-74, the 1 lire and 10 lire blue and carmine are changed to blue and maroon, the 11 blue and maroon being priced at 35c unused and the 101 blue and maroon being raised unused from 3c to \$3. In 1874, Italian Levant, No. 502, is advanced to \$2.50 unused, and there are other slight advances in unused. There is a general advance in early Jamaica, except the 6d deep lilac, which is still priced at \$10 unused. No. 27 is advanced to 50c in either state, the 1897 shilling values are all higher. Early Japan are advanced, and No. 8 yellow green is now priced unused, the figure being \$3.50. No. 13, 4s rose, hitherto unpriced unused is now quoted at \$10 unused and \$2 used. No. 14 has been advanced unused from \$3 to \$4, while No. 20 has been dropped from \$8 and \$3 to \$2.50 and \$1. No. 21, 30s gray hitherto unpriced, is now quoted at \$75 and \$20. The ½s brown, No. 22, is dropped from \$10 to \$2 unused. No. 25

TRADE COLUMN.

Under this head we will print exchange, want and for sale notices, business announcements, 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.

One four-line notice free with each subscription, providing copy accompanies the subscription.

THREE Consecutive Insertions of SAME ad in this Column for PRICE OF TWO.

17 fine U. S. Revenues cat. over \$1, postpaid 21c. Special, uncut, 1898 Doc., \$1 gr'n, \$3 br'n \$5 or \$10 bl'k, only 37c. BEDFORD STAMP CO., 702 Duff St., Pittsburg, Pa.

Season 1903-1904. Specialty: Highest class British and British Colonials, unused and used at 15 to 50 per cent. below Scott's and Gibbons' quotations, on approval with pleasure. Serious collectors and large buyers in the United States and Canada will do well to communicate with FREDERICK R. GINN, 143 Strand, London, England.

The greatest rarities are offered in stock at very low prices. Every stamp sold is guaranteed genuine. £10,000 or \$50,000.00 always ready for the purchase of rarities and large collections. FREDERICK R. GINN, 143 Strand, London, England. N. B.—Established 1880. Silver medal for finest United States Collection, London, 1897. [154]

Fine approval sheets, 50% disc. Ref. required. Good stamps and collections wanted for cash. Ref. Stamp Col. Protective Ass. of America. W. S. Crittenden, 847 Jersey Ave., Elizabeth, N. J.

Three varieties Jamaica free to all sending for my approval sheets at 50%. W. M. GROVER, 119 Main St., East Orange, N. J.

Wanted: Unused postage stamps for my collection in exchange for real bronze figure, 25 inches high, worth several hundred dollars. JOHN R. MILLER, 230 West 75th St., N. Y. City.

Pure bred pedigreed Angora Cats for sale or exchange: I will exchange for good United States stamps, used or unused; but don't want any common stamps. WALTER C. ODIORNE, Huntingdon, Penn. [142]

U. S. Revenues, Cheap: 2c Pl. Cards, blue, .9c; 2c Certificate or, 20c; 2c Tel. q.; 5c Prop., 24c; 10c For. Ex., 16c; 50c Lease or For. Ex., 19c; \$20 Conveyance, 55c; \$3 brown 1898, 6c; \$5 orange, 9c; \$10 black, 24c; all uncut, fine; postage 2c extra under 50c. BEDFORD STAMP CO., 702 Duff St., Pittsburg, Pa.

Having accumulated a large number of duplicates of U. S. and Canadian stamps, Postage and Revenue, I invite correspondence with collectors of these countries, with a view to exchange. Will also buy U. S. and Canada in fine condition, if prices are right. W. MORTON WEBB, Mining Engineer, Leadville, Col. References given and required. [144]

Are you buying stamps? Try my approval sheets at 50%. Best and cheapest out. Send for my packet list. K. B. SQUIRES, 311 Waverly Av., Syracuse, N. Y. [142]

Make good use of your duplicate stamps. Send them to me I will allow you ¼ Cat. value for all I can use and give you good stamps for your collection. Over 5000 var. to select from. WM. G. KIRCHENBOWER, 6744 Simen Ave., Pittsburg, Penn.

Will exchange perfect arrow-points for same from your locality. If interested, send specimen. GEO. H. ANDERS, Norristown, Pa. [142]

5c Franklin on original cover, 32c postpaid; ¼c Documentary orange, 10 copies postpaid 23c. BEDFORD STAMP CO., 702 Duff St., Pittsburg, Pa.

3 var. China 1898, 3c; 1000 small size English imported hinges, 10c. Approval Sheets 50%. Postage 2c extra. A. P. Learned, 739 Ala. St., Lawrence, Kans. [141]

\$1 P. Ticket, \$1 Mortgage, \$1.25 the pair. \$3, 3rd, 20c. \$5 black and green, 15c. Satisfaction guaranteed. Price list free. KING, 141 East 19th St., N. Y. City. [141]

Examine your mail each day and notice how few evenly centered stamps you find. My business is to sell unused U. S. postage stamps and entire envelopes in fine condition; can supply many stamps in pairs and blocks of four. Write me for what you need. WALTER C. ODIORNE, Huntingdon, Pa., U. S. A. [141]

Wanted in large or small quantities, unused United States Current stamps, one to ten cent values. Discount 3% to 5%. Cash immediately forwarded on receipt of stamps. References: Dun or Bradstreet's Agency. Write to ST. LOUIS COMMISSION CO., 315-17 N. Main St., St. Louis, Mo. [150]

I want a \$4.00 Columbian stamp, used. Best price gets order. H. W. BOERS, 322 Erskine St., Detroit, Mich. [141]

50 var., 250 hinges, 1 mill. scale, all 10c; stamps on app. 50%. List free. Sun-flower Stamp Co., Lawrence, Kan. [140]

One American and one World Typewriter for sale cheap. C. W. ABBOTT, Upper Montclair, N. J. [140]

Is your collection for sale? Get your dealer to make a price on it, add 20% to his offer, and send book to me. It's 10 to 1 I buy it. F. W. PICKARD, 2427 Ingleside, Cincinnati, O. [149]

\$1.50 in fine stamps for tags. \$1.00 in stamps or 30 cents cash for 100 Am. Cigar bands. ED M. VOSN, Bloomington, Ind. [140]

To complete your United States: Fine perfect copies, 1857-60, 90 cents, unused, \$12.00 each; 1869, 24 cents, \$3.00 each; 90 cents, \$8.50 each; 1895, \$5 green, \$1.35 each; \$2 blue, \$1.25 each.

To complete your Hawaii: 1859-65 type-set series, Scott's Nos. 10 to 25. Nearly all varieties at 30 to 50 per cent. below Scott's quotations. All later issues at extremely low prices. Selections sent.

Thousands of bargains in old United States, British and Colonial stamps. Fine approval selections at 25 to 50% discount. No common rubbish but only fine copies of desirable stamps sent out. Write stating wants and send reference. I can save you hundreds of dollars. Established 1880. [154] FREDERICK GINN, 143 Strand, London, England.

Approval sheets 60% disc. Net sheets for advanced collectors at equally low prices. 2000 var. in stock. F. W. PICKARD, 2427 Ingleside, Cincinnati, O. [149]

U. S. Pre-Cancelled postage stamps. I will pay a good price in cash or exchange for any not in my collection. F. L. SMITH, 40 Exchange Pl., N. Y. [147]

Is your collection for sale? I will buy it or any odd lots of good stamps. No cheap stuff wanted. Send on approval with lowest cash offer. Immediate returns guaranteed. HOWARD C. BECK, City Controller's Office, Detroit, Mich. [151]

Pre-cancels not in my collection wanted. Best cash or trade price. E. R. ALDRICH, Benson, Minn. [147]

Try an Ad in this Column. It Pays.

has been advanced to \$5 and \$2.50, while No. 27 has been changed from \$15 and \$7 to \$10 in either state. No. 46 unused is 50c higher at \$2.50. In the later Japan there are many small changes, some of them difficult to understand. No. 61 is advanced to 50c either used or unused, No. 62 to \$1 and 50c, No. 68, 45c to \$5 used, while No. 83 50s brown is lowered to 5c used and the 1y carmine No. 84 to 10c used. Japan in Corea shows many advances with a number of the stamps now priced used.

The Boston Philatelic Society opened its season very successfully Tuesday night. Notwithstanding the great heat, which made all effort a burden, there were 20 members present. Four new members were elected and one proposition received. The competition of the evening was Victoria, the first prize being taken by Mr. John N. Luff of New York, and the second by Mr. F. B. Cook of Brighton, Mass. Mr. Luff's collection is a splendid gathering of the stamps of this colony; and included many varieties, perforated, imperforate and rouletted, varieties of paper, watermark and printing, as well as unused stamps in shades, arranged so as to show the variations to the best advantage.

Interesting Exhibit

POST OFFICE WILL HAVE AT ST. LOUIS.

The delivery division of the Washington post office was established temporarily on the sidewalk on the 11th street side of the building Saturday. It was not because of any accident in the building which prevented the utilization of the space allotted for this branch of the mail service nor because of any increase of work or crowding of the regular quarters.

It was done in order that kinetoscopic photographs might be made of the course of a letter through the regular mail, showing in actual operation the various departments through which it passes from the time the missive is dropped in the box until its delivery by the postman, special messenger or rural delivery carrier.

These pictures are being made to use as a part of the post office exhibit in the government building at the St. Louis exposition. A large canvas background was painted showing a section of the mailing room in the local office, the distributing cases, walls and windows, iron girders and glass roof. This was suspended on the wall outside the building. On the pavement in front of this were arranged several real distributing cases, assorting tables, one of the labor and time-saving canceling machines and a set of bag racks. A full set of operatives were brought out with a sufficient quantity of mail just in. The picture machine was mounted on the roof of one of the big mail wagons, where the

regular work of handling the mail was carried on. The interest of the operation attracted a large crowd, some members of which did not know fully what was doing even after they had witnessed the scene.

AN INTERESTING SERIES.

The first picture in the series shows a letter box into which several persons will be seen to drop mail. Then along comes the collector, who extracts the mail from the box and, placing it in his pouch, walks off. The collector is then seen as he dumps his mail on the assorting table, where it is "faced up" by a lightning-quick operator.

The letters are then run through the canceling machine, of which the local office has several of the very latest pattern. Next the letters are distributed, local mail being separated from that for outside cities and subdivided into little bunches for various sections. The work of tying up the little bundles of outgoing mail is shown and then the pouch distribution.

In the latter scene the distributor stands in front of a table, on the other side of which, arranged in a semi-circle, are rows of racks holding open bags, into which he throws the bundles with wonderful accuracy, each sack being destined for a different section of the country.

The pouches are then tied, loaded on trucks and shoved out to the platform at the rear of the building and there transferred to mail wagons to be carried to the railroad station. The bags are seen as they are taken into the postal car and there the mail again is sorted out for the various stations on the route of the car.

The scene when the bag is tossed off at some rural station or caught by a mail catcher from the train while at full speed will be depicted, and the manner of its distribution through the rural free delivery shown. Then, too, the handling of incoming mail in Major Bell's division of the Washington post office will be seen and its distribution by carriers illustrated.

These pictures will not merely show the course of a few letters in ideal fashion as they are handled in the various departments of the postal service, but those dropped in the box in the first pictures may be watched as they merge into and finally become separated from the gigantic bulk of the mail in its constant flow through the post office valve into the numerous channels reaching here and there and everywhere on earth.

MACHINES WILL BE BROUGHT HERE.

It will be gratifying to Washingtonians to learn that two of the kinetoscopic machines will be brought to Washington after the exposition and placed in the Post Office Museum, which, under the direction of Mr. Slack, is becoming a most important institution. The machines have large lenses fitted to them through which a large number of persons may view the pictures simultaneously.

Mr. Slack has been in charge of similar exhibits of the Post Office Department at various other expositions, including the

World's Columbian Exposition, the Paris Exposition, the South Carolina and Pan-American. It is probable that he will be ordered to St. Louis with the forthcoming exhibit.

The kinetoscopic display will also contain illustrations of the delivery of mail on the old stage coaches and the famous pony express of the western plains.—*Evening Star* (Washington).

The New England Philatelic Association.

Organized February, 1895.

Board of Officers:

President, JOHN J. CONN, New Dorchester, Mass.
Vice President, GARDNER R. KENNEDY, Boston, Mass.

Secretary and Treasurer, FRANK A. WILSON, 185 Highland Ave., Somerville, Mass.

Sales Department, CHARLES H. STONE, 38 Sacramento St., Cambridge, Mass.

Information Bureau, MRS. WALLACE DANA SMITH, 20 Wilbur St., Portsmouth, N. H.

Counterfeit Detector, H. W. LEGG, 26 Hancock St., Boston, Mass.

Attorney, HORACE S. BACON, 107 Stevens St., Lowell, Mass.

Governing Board, J. FAVILL CAPRON, Chairman, Boston, Mass.; GEO. M. FRAME, Boston, Mass.;

GEO. F. WALDRON, Somerville, Mass.
Official Organ, THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA.

BENEFITS DERIVED FROM MEMBERSHIP.

1. Members receive free of charge, a copy of the Official Journal (at present the WEEKLY ERA), in which paper the proceedings of the Society are published.

2. Members have the use of a fine Exchange Department. Books are furnished members by the Exchange Superintendent at a nominal cost. These books can be filled with duplicates and sent to the Exchange Superintendent, who will place them on circuit. By this exchange of books a collection can be very materially increased at a small expense.

3. Meetings are held in Boston on the first Tuesday of each month, except in July and August. Competitive exhibitions are held at most of these meetings and the best exhibit is awarded a silver medal or some other suitable prize. Auction sales are also held frequently and open exchanges at all meetings.

4. An expert Counterfeit Detector is elected yearly, who will gladly give his opinion as to the genuineness of any stamps belonging to members.

5. The Secretary will attend auctions, when possible or execute any commissions, in Boston, for members who reside at a distance.

6. A Bureau of Information is in charge of a competent Superintendent, whose services are always available to members to answer questions of Philatelic interest.

For application blanks, etc., apply to the Secretary as above.

The Postal Card Society of America.

Officers for 1902-3.

President, HORACE E. CARPENTER, JR., Care N. B. Bradley & Sons, Bay City, Mich.

Vice-President, J. T. ALBERT HOSSBACH, 1422 North 53rd St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Secretary, W. F. AGEE, Hope, Ark.

Treasurer, JOHN N. MORSE, 105 Devonshire St., Boston, Mass.

Executive Committee, GUY A. BRYANT, Princeton, Ill.; W. D. ARNOLD, The Portland, Broadway, St. Paul, Minn.; N. HASKELL WITMER, 230 S. 9th St., La Crosse, Wis.

Exchange Superintendent, J. T. A. HOSSBACH, 1422 No. 53rd St., Phila., Pa.

Purchasing Agent, ADOLPH LOHMEYER, 922 N. Gilmer St., Baltimore, Md.

International Secretary, E. DOEBLIN, P. O. Box 736, Pittsburg, Pa.

Official Journal, THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA.

Mr. W. D. Arnold has left St. Paul for England, where he will reside at 26 Listeria Park, Stoke Newington, London, N.

Stamp Collecting as an Investment.

Several weeks ago we reprinted in full in the ERA a quite lengthy but thoroughly interesting article on "Stamp Collecting as An Investment" written by Mr. C. J. Phillips, manager director of the Stanley Gibbons, Ltd., and which originally appeared in the number for May of the current year of their *Monthly Journal*. In the August issue of the same journal in the Editorial section Mr. Edward B. Evans shows that our pursuit has other sides than mere mercenary one and we reprint his observations in toto below.

We have nothing whatever to say against those collectors who regard their collections as an investment, and who do their best to make that investment a good one; it does not prevent them from being, in many cases, perfectly sound philatelists, and this method of collecting has enabled many an enthusiastic collector to do philatelic work which his circumstances might otherwise have prevented him from doing. No better exponent of this aspect of the question could well be found than our friend Mr. Phillips, who as a keen philatelist and a leading member of the stamp trade thoroughly understands both the scientific and the financial points of the case.

What we would wish, however, to impress upon our readers is the fact that there is another side to our hobby, a fact which even those who derive a great amount of pleasure from it are too apt at the present day to forget. It seems to have become an article of faith amongst collectors (and of course amongst non-collectors also) that anyone who collects stamps can make it pay, and pay well, and that if stamp collecting is made to pay it is not worth doing. We hope and believe that there is still a large body of collectors who limit themselves to devoting *spare* time and *spare* cash to their collections, and who, when they buy a stamp, do not ask themselves the question, Is this stamp likely to rise in value or not? but rather, Is it a variety that I want for my collection, and can I afford the price asked? We fear that collectors of this class are gradually decreasing in numbers, and we should be glad to do anything we can to encourage them.

One of the critics of Mr. Phillips' article objected that, in classifying the collectors to whom his advice was addressed, he began with too high an amount of annual expenditure (£50 to £200), and pointed out that there are many collectors who cannot spend so much as £50 a year upon their collections. Quite so, but then this criticism makes the mistake, to which we have alluded above, of supposing that every collector must necessarily be an investor. This mistake lies at the root of the whole matter. People seem to suppose that, because a philatelist of great ex-

perience and with a considerable amount of money to spend upon his collection can usually sell that collection to no little advantage, therefore a collector who is far less well situated both in experience and cash can collect equally profitably. In stamps, as in everything else, the large investor almost always has the advantage, and from that point of view £50 a year is as little as anyone can expect to invest profitably. But we need not all be investors.

We do not say that the collector who spends little or nothing upon his collection will never make a profit; indeed if he succeeds in making a collection without any expenditure of cash he can hardly fail to be on the right side in the end, but in that case he is certainly not an investor, and he may surely be content with the pleasure of pursuing an interesting and inexpensive hobby.

When we, personally, commenced collecting stamps, about the year 1860, the pursuit was regarded purely as an amusement, and indeed by most people as a childish and foolish one. Buying stamps was considered a complete waste of money, excusable perhaps in a schoolboy, but almost wicked in a grown-up person. Nevertheless, some of us who commenced as schoolboys continued to collect after we had, or should have, arrived at years of discretion; but the old ideas clung to us to a certain extent, and we are inclined to believe that those who have derived the greatest pleasure from their stamps, and the greatest amount of real advantage in the way of relaxation and recreation, are not the investors who have weighed every penny they have expended and regarded it as an investment that must be made to earn its due rate of interest, but the collectors who have merely spent what they could afford to spend upon a scientific amusement.

It is true that the collections of forty years ago were very different from those of the twentieth century. We were not then looking forward to winning Gold Medals at Exhibitions or to turning our accumulations into solid cash, neither did we trouble ourselves as to whether every variety we possessed was described and priced in the catalogues of the period. In point of fact the catalogues of that date which had any pretensions to completeness and accuracy eschewed prices altogether, and mere dealers' price lists were not expected to do much more than include the stamps which their publishers had for sale. In those days an uncatalogued variety was something in which its possessor took a proper pride, whereas nowadays some of our readers seem to be hardly satisfied that a variety is a variety until it has been duly inserted in the catalogue and (what is even more important) priced!

We do not for one moment deny that, to the great majority of the human race, and especially to the great majority of collectors of all kinds, there is infinite delight in

Twentieth Century Stamps.

Packet No. 1

25 UNUSED STAMPS

from Bermuda, Finland, Hong Kong, Etc.

Packet No. 2

25 UNUSED STAMPS

From Sarawak, Malay States, Straits Settlements, Etc.

Price 25c Each.

Postage Extra.

UGANDA, 1902	
Surcharged on Br. East Africa, ½ anna and 2½ annas, the pair, unused.....	.15
DUTCH INDIES	
1902, ½c on 2c and 2½c on 3c, unused, the pair.....	.05
SERVIA, 1903 Provisionals	
1p to 1d, 8 varieties, unused.....	.90
3d violet and black.....	1.10
3d light brown and black.....	1.60
Don't Forget the Postage.	

COLUMBIAN STAMP CO.,
ARLINGTON, MASS.

THE JUNIOR

BETHLEHEM, PENNSYLVANIA,

wants 10,000 more subscribers and to secure them quickly offers a trial subscription of one full year for 25 cents, and to each new subscriber who will send the names and addresses of two or more stamp collectors there will be sent a number of unused stamps to the catalogue value of 25 cents.
THE JUNIOR has an excellent Stamp Department.

picking up a bargain; we have done it ourselves occasionally, even of late years, when bargain-hunting is not what it used to be. We can point to a few little things, even in our collection of the issues of the Indian Native States, that would probably sell for more than we gave for them; but we can honestly say that these afford us little, if any, greater satisfaction than many other items, whose cost price we have forgotten, and whose selling price would probably be very small, but which would be extremely difficult to duplicate. The delight of the true collector is the possession of something which other people do not possess; it is the fault of the other people if they are foolish enough not to want it.

But speaking seriously and from experience, we can assure our readers that there is immense pleasure to be obtained by studying the stamps which most other people do not run after. We do not recommend our own specialties to our readers, from purely selfish motives, because we want to be able to afford to continue our collection. There are plenty of other stamps of small value among which a collector may find interesting subjects for study, if he will take the trouble to look for them; and whilst looking for unknown and unsought-for varieties he may now and again "pull out a plum," but this should not be the object, and it should be looked upon as a little extra reward.

